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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS FUND BOARD
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CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

June 13, 2016

2:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Present: CHAIR HOLMES and MEMBERS BORYSEWICH, CHRISTENSEN (excused until 2:24 p.m.), KIRK, SKILBRED, TOUSSAINT, MITCHELL, KILPONEN, SCHULTZ, NORERO, POWELL, KRAMAR (excused at 4:05 p.m.), KNUDSEN

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and ANGELA CROLLI, Deputy City Clerk

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

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None.

4. [Report on Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Grant Program Applications submitted by the Aviana Homeowners Association, Aventura Homeowners Association, Durango Estates, Desert Shores, Mariposa Community Association, Rancho Park Apartments, Scotch Eighty Neighbors, Inc., Smoke Ranch Villas, Stupak Neighborhood Success, Tuscany Hills Homeowners Association, West Huntridge Neighborhood Association and Whisper Creek](#)

NOTE: MEMBERS TOUSSAINT and BORYSEWICH disclosed that they reside in the Desert Shores community, and MEMBER TOUSSAINT sits on the associations board. Both members abstained relative to the associations request for funds.

NOTE: MEMBER KIRK disclosed that he is the President of the West Huntridge Neighborhood Association; therefore, he abstained relative to the associations request for funds.

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PATRICK TAYLOR and CAMILLA FULLER, President, Aviana Homeowners' Association, were present. MR. TAYLOR referred to a written presentation, submitted for the record, regarding their project to repair the drainage at the entrance way. Six homeowners are most impacted so any funding they receive will be appreciated. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified with MS. FULLER that the work will be done in phases, and they are pledging to use \$4,500 from their reserve funds. MEMBER BORYSEWICH pointed out the standing water is a public safety, and the wall appeared to be damaged. MS. FULLER added that the interior wall is the homeowners' responsibility; the homeowners association (HOA) is responsible for the exterior. A landscaper will assess the damage, and the water will recede. MEMBER POWELL referred to caliche and was informed that this has not been addressed yet; the homeowners have plants close to the walls. CHAIR HOLMES verified with the representatives that if the board is unable to fund the minimum amount, they will use any awarded funds to clean the culvert as part of the first phase.

FRANK BRUTON, President of the Aventura Homeowners Association, stated that this community is located in Summerlin. There is a lighting problem; they have had break ins, and the grant will provide lighting for another portion of the community to deter these types of crimes. He verified for MEMBER TOUSSAINT that the lighting is located near Alta Drive and Hualapai Way; this area has increased lighting with funds from last year, but the six street lights do not provide sufficient lighting. MR. BRUTON explained that the installation of lighting throughout the community will take about three years; coach lighting is preferred in the common areas. MR. BRUTON verified for MEMBER KIRK that they will be using the same electrical company they used for the first phase of the project. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. BRUTON that they will only do a portion of it in the event the Board cannot fund the minimum request.

TROY GEIGES, Durango Estates, stated there are 130 homes in the community, and the requested funding will be used specifically for stucco in repairing the signs; the residents will do the rest. He showed a photograph of the existing signs, which are falling apart, and indicated that there are two entrances. The entrances are for the Durango Estates and the Parade; both signs will say Durango Estates. The residents are excited about the project. MR. GEIGES also showed a photo of the proposed signs with stucco and noted that the letters will be painted. The new signs will promote pride within the community.

MEMBER SKILBRED referred to zero contributions from the HOA. She noted that the residents will take care of the plants/rocks, and the \$2,000 will be used for the sign and stucco. MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified that letters will be made out of wood which will last longer. MEMBER KIRK verified that this community has an HOA. MEMBER MITCHELL asked if they recently became an HOA with no monthly fees. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist, confirmed with MR. GEIGES that they are not an HOA, but rather a neighborhood association; they are registered with the city because they do not pay any fees. MEMBER TOUSSAINT wondered if there was an opportunity for them to become an HOA. MR. GEIGES responded that there are many people that rent homes within the community. CHAIR HOLMES verified with MR. GEIGES that if the Board cannot fund the minimum amount, the residents would have to review the project and funding.

GAIL QUALEY, Vice President, and ANN COPELAND, Desert Shores, were present. MS. QUALEY submitted photos for the record and stated that the request is for the Fishing Derby National Day Out events. The event is to be held on September 10, 2016 and is open to all residents. Volunteers provide service, and the Nevada Wildlife is participating in this event as well. Through this event, children learn how to respect nature and develop into volunteers as well. Another event will be held on October 4, 2016; partnerships include the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and Boy Scouts; these organizations will offer valuable information during this event. Also, the Veterans pancake breakfast event will be held on November 3, 2016.

MS. QUALEY referred to photos she submitted for the record of past events and stated that HOA budgets for these events are challenging; getting to know the neighbors is an important factor.

MEMBER MITCHELL stated that it is a beautiful community, and the HOA has done a wonderful job. He verified with MS. COPELAND that other communities are not invited but would not be turned away. MEMBER NORERO asked if the entry fee has not been contemplated as to make these events self-sufficient in the future, and MS. QUALEY replied that it

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had not been. CHAIR HOLMES verified that they will make the project work if the Board is unable to fund the minimum.

SAMUEL GALARZA, Mariposa Community Association, stated that the community is on Rainbow Boulevard and Gowan Road. They have been upgrading the community, and their main concern is safety. The requested funding will be used for signage. Efforts are being made to get the residents engaged, as more are now attending the neighborhood meetings. After MEMBER SCHULTZ commented on the reserved funds for use for the current fiscal year, MEMBER NORERO verified the signs are located throughout the community; street signs and stop signs are deteriorating. MEMBER BORYSEWICH verified that the street signs and stop signs will be replaced. MEMBER MITCHELL asked if the applicants had contacted the Public Works department regarding the signs. MR. GALARZA replied that this is a gated community and cannot get help from Public Works. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified that the streets are private, and the city does not maintain the streets. MEMBER SCHULTZ suggested MR. GALARZA look into this matter. MEMBER HOLMES verified with the applicant that they will move forward with the project in the event the Board is unable to award the minimum request. MR. GALARZA believes in investing in his community.

GAYLA BOYD, Rancho Park Apartments, True Christian Ministry, and RAY TURNER, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Northwest Area Command, believed that residents help create a safer community and pointed out how crime has decreased. One way they assist is with education as they have computers in the lobby for residents/students to use as well as they have started a food pantry and distribute food.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH inquired as to how the computers will be secured, and MS. BOYD replied they will not be left out at night; there are safeguards within the computer system, and the building has an alarm system. MEMBER MITCHELL remarked that they are doing a tremendous job, especially for the children, and it is a good model for the church to form a partnership with the community. He asked what the vision was behind the food pantry. MS. BOYD explained that they partnered with Three Square Food Bank who donated pallets of food; fruit, cereal and pallets of water were distributed to residents. MEMBER KNUDSEN verified that the computers will be very hands-on and are very much needed. MEMBER POWELL asked if company can donate USB cables, which would save on ink costs. She believed that the Clark County School District has a computer to donate.

MEMBER NORERO believed this was an opportunity for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police to connect with the community in a positive way. This project will assist and reward them. MEMBER SCHULTZ agreed that these types of projects leave a good feeling and are a positive impact. OFFICER TURNER was a resource officer in schools in California, and this project has been able to connect people with their neighbors and is especially beneficial for the children.

STEPHEN GROGAN and JESSICA SAYLOR, Scotch Eighty Neighbors, Inc., were present. MR. GROGAN stated that Scotch Eighty HOA has 320 homes, and this request will help to protect the integrity and future designation of historic neighborhoods. The area is deteriorating with Project Neon to the west and efforts are being made to mitigate sound noise; to the south is the Medical District which has encroached upon the area. The goal is to protect the single homes, and one way to is for the entryway monument sign will designate their neighborhood. MS. SAYLOR showed a photo depicting the signs location on Shadow Lane. They have Mayor Goodman and Councilwoman Tarkanian s support and are awaiting approval of permits. Funds have been raised for a professional engineer, design work; in addition, they have received a grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the Arts Commission for art design. One concern is that Project Neons construction will cause individuals to alter their course and drive through their neighborhood. They have committed to complete the project, and this is a tease for the rest of neighborhood to do more.

MEMBER KIRK verified that the Arts Commission grant will allow an artist to come in and do the design. MEMBER SKILBRED stated that the monument sign will be an enhancement with some type of artistic design. One neighbor who has a medical building is willing to provide a water line. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified that they will use these funds, if awarded, and the Arts Commission grant to fund this project. MEMBER TOUSSAINT verified that they are raising money to subsidize where a need is, and homeowners have volunteered to contribute as well. Although MR. GROGAN could not commit with certainty, he answered MEMBER MITCHELLS query by stating they do not foresee their area becoming a gated community. They are not a homeowners association, and 100 percent support from residents is needed to do so. The signage is indirectly to suggest this is a private neighborhood. He confirmed for CHAIR HOLMES that they would continue the project if the Board is unable to fund the entire project, but it will take them longer to complete.

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HERB HICKMORE, Smoke Ranch Villas, JOE TOPAICO were present. MR. HICKMORE stated there are 115 single family homes; there is a clubhouse, a pool and an array of plants. During the past year, many projects were completed in phases. The funds will replace exterior lighting. Currently there are different types of lights and bad fixtures, particularly on the north and east walls, and they have experienced break-ins because of the dark areas. Professionals will be hired to do the work and should render a savings of \$2,900 annually. They have volunteers to help with the project along with in-kind donations. Economic values of properties will increase as well. MR. HICKMORE was not certain on the number of lights needed, but MEMBER MITCHELL commented on how the new lighting will help alleviate the squatters. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified that the lights will be attached to the homeowners homes, and they will be responsible for maintaining the exterior lights. CHAIR HOLMES verified that in the event the Board cannot provide the minimum amount, they can continue with the project.

SHERRY ALEXANDER, Community Program Specialist, and CHRIS LEE, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Stupak Neighborhood Success, were present and accompanied by ANTHONY COLEMAN, FRANCISCO ORTIZ, DANIEL ORTIZ, DAMION ORTIZ, PRISCILLA JIMENEZ, JOCELYN TADEO, BRANDON TADEO and ALFONSO TADEO, who made the presentation. OFFICER LEE explained that the requested funding is needed for swimming supplies and entry fees for Wet N Wild. MS. ALEXANDER added that they have visited Moapa Valley and Stupak neighborhoods and participated in clean-ups. She indicated that the goal is to get kids involved in new programs and noted that some have gone into track clubs. MEMBER MITCHELL asked how do they get children excited and increase participation, and OFFICER LEE replied that it is by word of mouth. MS. ALEXANDER added that the children do get recognition. MEMBER BORYSEWICH commended the kids for publicly speaking. MS. NORERO asked how important activities are for this neighborhood, and OFFICER LEE replied that every child is at risk at one point in their lives; through their program, they are taught lifes coping skills with losing, and as a result, aggression goes away and replaced with confidence and defense skills.

MEMBER SCHULTZ asked how many students they are currently impacting, and MS. ALEXANDER replied that over 300 kids, homeless or foster, are being assisted. OFFICER LEE added that kids are also allowed to utilize the boxing gym at no charge. MS. ALEXANDER commented that the Positive Action for Children (PAC) program teaches positive action and the funding will touch 30 kids a month. OFFICER LEE was pleased to state that the first youth will be graduating this week. CHAIR HOLMES verified that they will continue with their programs in the event they cannot fund the minimum requested but the Wet N Wild component will be removed.

KEN HAMPAR, President, and EDDY PETRO, and EDDY WALDRON, Tuscany Hills HOA, were present. MR. HAMPAR stated that there are 29 homes in the community, and it is a small homeowners association. This is a one-time request and is needed to upgrade the lighting on six street lamps to improve illumination for security reasons. The community adjoins Boca Park and Tivoli. The older bulbs need to be replaced and will decrease energy costs. MR. PETRO helped with the proposal and added that they are going from 100 watts to a 40 LED watt, reducing electricity bills. The lighting will also be enhanced aesthetically and flush with what is on the city streets. MEMBER SCHULTZ asked if they have a capital budget, to which MR. HAMPAR replied that they have exceeded the longevity of the bulbs and recently changed the 18-year old gate motor system, which took a portion of the reserves. MR. WALDRON added that they can only utilize those funds for operating expenses. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked if the reserve study restricts specifically to those bulbs used for maintenance. MR. WALDRON disagreed that the reserve is not used for upgrading but rather for maintenance and existing lighting. He did not have the exact amount of the reserve for the current lights. MEMBER SKILBRED verified that their reserve had already been run-down by the gate repair and had not necessarily been anticipated at \$16,000. MR. PETRO indicated they have to go through audit and adjust their reserve budget. MR. WALDRON verified for CHAIR HOLMES that they will continue with the project if the board is unable to fund the minimum, but it will take longer.

DANIEL ROBERTS, West Huntridge N.A., submitted a flyer of the Cinema in the Circle and stated that the money will be used to pay the vendors, projectionist, licensing for the films and six movies through June 2017. This is an existing program that has been successful, and this past Friday over 100 people in the park watched Disneys Jungle Book. They have received a \$350 donation from the residents, \$1,500 from in-kind donations and other donations for printing costs. MEMBER NORERO asked about challenges, and MR. ROBERTS replied that the theater has had its challenges and closed after a murder in the park but was recently re-opened. This area is the only place with shade, and the new playground

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equipment has not been used because of the homeless. Having additional positive programming brought to this park will be good in the long run; the vast majority of the residents respect each other. MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked about past funding, and MR. ROBERTS replied that they have received public funding previous; this year, they have not been as successful, so this season only four films will be shown. MEMBER NORERO verified all neighbors around the park participate. MR. ROBERTS stated they are not charging an admission fee, and he verified that they would not be able to continue with the project if the Board is unable to award the minimum requested.

ROBERT ZANGGER and RICHARD RYCHTARIK, Whisper Creek, were present. MR. ZANGGER stated that the project for this year is for a much needed storage shed in the common area to store lighting fixtures and parts for repair of street lights, picnic tables and chairs and holiday decorations. MR. RYCHTARIK added that there are not enough chairs and tables for residents to use. MR. ZANGGER stated that the homeowners will have an opportunity to reserve the park and use the table and chairs and even become more acquainted with their neighbors.

MEMBER BORYSEWICH asked how the storage shed will be secured, to which MR. RYCHTARIK replied the shed is made of strong vinyl, which will be harder to break in to, and the combination lock will be reinforced. MEMBER SCHULTZ verified that this community is near the Floyd Lamb State Park. CHAIR HOLMES verified with the representatives that they will have to re-address the project if the Board is unable to fund the minimum amount, but they would like to move forward with the project.

5. [CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED](#)

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None.

6. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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