

City of Las Vegas

**YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP)
GRANT REVIEW BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov**

MINUTES

**January 17, 2013
3:30 P.M.**

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR SHATTLER called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR SHATTLER and MEMBERS WILLIAMS, REID, RUGGIERO (excused at 5:32 p.m.), THACKSTON, YTURRALDE, LOPEZ, REYES (excused until 4:05 p.m.), TOUSSAINT, ZIER, DAVIS, DOTO, DeWITTE, JUAREZ and BROWN

EXCUSED: MEMBER RODRIGUEZ

NOTE: MEMBER CHELSEA BLUMBERG resigned as of January 7, 2013

Also Present: LISA CAMPBELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT SYLVAIN and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

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.

3. [PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED](#)

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None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013](#)

Motion made by SHERRA D. WILLIAMS to Hold in abeyance to 1/30/2013

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Passed For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

KIMBERLY REID, ANTHONY RUGGIERO, MICHELLE THACKSTON, YDOLEENA YTURRALDE, DAVID ALEXANDER LOPEZ, DONNA TOUSSAINT, PAULA ZIER, KWIESI D. DAVIS, HEATHER DOTO, BRANDON DEWITTE, ZACHARY SHATTLER, SHERRA D. WILLIAMS, CAROLINA JUAREZ, ESTHER RODRIGUEZ-BROWN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-DEBORAH REYES, CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

5. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program \(YNAPP\) Grant Program applications submitted by Connie Malin - International Charter School of Nevada; Desiree Antos - St. Joseph School Student Council; Amy Carver - "Sew Happy"; Edwards Art of Giving; Edwards3 R's; Fostering Kids Little Gestures; West Las Vegas Arts Center; Kathleen Dye - CSNHS Student Council; Operation School Bell - CSNHS National Honor](#)

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CHAIR SHATTLER advised each of the presenters that they would be given ten minutes to present and the Board members would be given ten minutes to ask questions. Each application will be considered, and the groups would be receiving a letter regarding the Board's recommendations, which will be presented at a City Council meeting for approval.

Connie Malin - Innovations International Charter School of Nevada - Comforting Our Community - WESLEY TORRES, representing Innovations International Charter School of Nevada, described the project using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted as backup documentation. The project of making fleece blankets, which he demonstrated, for donation to cancer patients and the elderly at the Las Vegas Adult Day Care Center was inspired by a student that was diagnosed as having T-Cell pneumonia, which made it dangerous for her to attend school. Students will help in preparing the materials to make the blankets and will learn to manage a budget. He requested funding of \$1,000 to purchase materials and supplies necessary to put together the blankets, toward which students and staff members will donate a total of 600 hours. He went over last year's budget and how the awarded funding was used.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT regarded this as a great project that will really help cancer patients.

MEMBER LOPEZ suggested creating a Facebook Page to attract attention and educate people on this project. MR. TORRES replied that he would like media attention to spread the word in other cities.

MEMBER WILLIAMS discussed with MR. TORRES that there will be approximately five youth in each group, along with one leader per group, to help and make deliveries.

MEMBER YTURRALDE commended the group for finding a new group of people who may benefit from the donated blankets.

LEE HUDDY, Community Liaison at Innovations International Charter School of Nevada, indicated to MEMBER DAVIS that the goal is to have 30 blankets completed between February and the end of this school year.

MEMBER RUGGIERO commended MR. TORRES for an outstanding job on his presentation. It was captivating to hear him speak from his heart.

Diseree Antos - St. Joseph School Student Council - Operation Beneficial Health for Seniors - STEPHANIE MORIKAWA, PARKER MENZIE, EMILY ROACH and ADINA MORAGA were present. MS. MORIKAWA explained that this project will help seniors by providing them with goody bags containing hygiene items, such as shampoo and toothpaste. MS. MORAGA stated that the youth group came up with this idea to help the elderly. This is an important project to them because seniors have taken care of the younger generation, who should now take care of the elderly. MS. ROACH stated approximately 800 goody bags will be made with donated supplies. Funding in the amount of \$1,000 is being requested to reach out to as many seniors as possible. MS. MENZIE noted that pictures will be taken of the preparation of the bags and the deliveries in order to put together a PowerPoint presentation to show the seniors. Pictures were shown of a previously held "Back to the Community Event."

MEMBER LOPEZ commended the group for their energetic presentation and confirmed with MS. MORIKAWA that the project could go forward without any funding from YNAPP.

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MEMBER DAVIS discussed with DESIREE ANTOS, Student Council Moderator, that approximately seven adult moderators and ten student council members from each school will be participating.

MEMBER RUGGIERO received confirmation that two of the members of the group had not previously participated in YNAPP grant solicitation, and commended MS. MORAGA and MS. ROACH for getting others excited enough to participate this year. MS. MORAGA noted that the entire student council will be involved with this year's project.

MEMBER BROWN asked why the elderly was chosen again this year. MS. ROACH replied that the group really wants to give back to that age group because they have helped youth so much, and it is a joy to help seniors.

MS. ROACH indicated for MEMBER LOPEZ that at last year's event there were 25-30 participants. MEMBER YTURRALDE praised the group for doing a good job on its presentation.

Amy Carver - "Sew Happy" Bib Project - SARAH RICHARD and APRIL HAGEN presented this project using a PowerPoint presentation that was submitted as backup documentation. MS. RICHARD described the project, which is to make adult waterproof bibs. This project will bring people together of all ages to make the bibs. MS. HAGEN explained that the requested funding in the amount of \$1,001.60 will be used to purchase materials to make approximately 125 bibs. Solicitations for extra costs will be sought from other groups. MS. RICHARD and MS. HAGEN went over the steps in making the bibs.

AMY CARVER noted the bibs are long to also serve as a napkin. MS. RICHARD added that the youth will be involved in all aspects of the project to learn how to make the bibs and to assist with distribution.

MEMBER REID ascertained that the bibs are both hand sewn and sewn with personal sewing machines. MS. RICHARD advised MEMBER DAVIS that there is no set number of volunteers.

MEMBER YTURRALDE commended the group for reaching out to and involving so many organizations.

MEMBER RUGGIERO stated Opportunity Village and Easter Seals of Southern Nevada would greatly benefit from this project.

MS. RICHARD explained to MEMBER BROWN that she came up with this idea because her 90-year-old great grandmother would become very upset when she spilled food or drinks on her nice clothing.

MS. RICHARD indicated for MEMBER THACKSTON that last year's project included a garden and a mural where seniors could gather and learn gardening skills and interact with each other. She showed pictures of the event. MEMBER THACKSTON noted the garden is growing very nicely.

Edwards Art of Giving - The Wood Family "Edwards Art of Giving" - MELODY and CRYSTAL WOOD shared in presenting this project, which is to help the homeless and schools in the city by filling backpacks with items and a book written by the students of Edwards Elementary School. Each student will write a short story on ways to help people. Donations will be made at the nearby Robert Lunt Elementary School. Backpacks will also be made to give to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need.

MEMBER RUGGIERO discussed with CRYSTAL, who attends Edwards Elementary School, that she is very excited about this project. The topic of the book is unknown at this point because it has to be decided by the teachers. This is not the first book she has participated in writing. MEMBER RUGGIERO suggested showing this year's book at next year's grant solicitation process.

Edwards 3 R's - Edwards Elementary School "Reading, Writing and Relationships" - AUSTIN WOOD commented the 3 R's project involves helping the community by building writing skills, giving to young children and building relationships. Edwards Elementary students participating in this project will benefit by finding areas of interest to them in which to build relationships within the community. Edwards Elementary is a low-income school and needs help with books; therefore,

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fourth-grade students will write bios and work with kindergartners on writing books providing ideas on how to be successful in school. Funding in the amount of \$1,000 is being requested for the youth and adults to be able to work together in all areas. At completion, the students and adults will reflect on how schooling is important and how to give others ideas on how to be successful. His teacher will purchase the books for the grade levels.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT was glad to see the entire Wood family is very active in the community. AUSTIN'S mother, HEATHER WOOD, explained the 3 R's represents reading, writing and relationship.

CHAIR SHATTLER received confirmation that the T-Shirts will be designed by the students and be given to all participants.

Fostering Kids at Work - Summer Fun - LEXIE WALDER and HANNA ACEE went over their favorite fun summer activities, such as reading and indicated that with this project they would like to help foster children have a fun summer. The idea came through involvement with social workers who suggested obtaining books through a book drive, as well as balls and toys to get the classmates involved. Books and toys will be sorted by age group and placed in baskets to be delivered by classmates to the children at Child Haven. They requested funding in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase necessary materials. Pictures of the entire process will be taken to later submit to the Board.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT expressed her appreciation for thinking of foster children, as her husband was a foster child.

MEMBER YTURRALDE received confirmation that approximately 40 youth will participate in the project.

Little Gestures at Lummis Elementary School "For the Love of Earth" - GAVIN CLAIRE stated there are plenty of volunteers to make this project a success. The idea is to plant flowers around the school and care for the flowers, pull weeds, and pick up trash around the school grounds and nearby community. This will get people in the community involved and show that youth are not too young to make a difference. The idea came from a discussion with a group of kids that like to do little gestures and talked about how land around school and park looks rundown. Funding of \$1,000 will help purchase the supplies needed. The project will be documented by taking pictures to put in a newsletter. He requested approval, noting that it will show that the YNAPP members also take pride in the community.

MEMBER BROWN praised this project and stated that a study of the Chicago called Broken Windows showed that neighborhood improvements decrease crime. She confirmed that Lummis Elementary School is located in Summerlin.

MEMBER DeWITTE said he is familiar with the area and felt it would benefit from this project. He suggested contacting Becker Middle School to obtain assistance.

MEMBER REID confirmed that the supplies will be kept in the school's shed to be re-used.

MEMBER RUGGIERO offered assistance with the project.

MEMBER YTURRALDE commended the goal of cleaning up the area before beautifying it.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Young Women's Conference - City of Las Vegas West Las Vegas Arts Center Sisters in Society Taking Action Rites of Passage Mentoring Program - ZACHALIA ESPANA and ALIAH CRAWFORD presented this project, which is to hold a young women's conference with a series of workshops designed to help young and older women establish self-respect and self-value. Issues, such as human trafficking and how social media causes low self-esteem will be discussed. A PowerPoint presentation showing pictures of a prior event was submitted as backup documentation. An evaluation sheet will be disseminated to attendees to receive feedback on how to make improvements for future conferences.

MEMBER BROWN shared her business card and requested she be contacted to assist with human trafficking issues. She expressed her support of this project.

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MEMBER WILLIAMS commended the group for their efforts in helping women with improving their self-confidence.

MEMBER YTURRALDE discussed with MS. ESPANA that outreach is done to high school students, ages 14 and up, throughout the Valley. MEMBER YTURRALDE suggested distributing flyers to school principals to share on Parent Link.

MEMBER BROWN stated young women of age 12 should be included because in her field of work she has found that this age group is being targeted for prostitution.

As an employee with Clark County School District, MEMBER ZIER offered her assistance in helping to put the young women in contact with counselors.

To MEMBER DAVIS, MS. ESPANA indicated that approximately 300 youth attended last year's conference and the same turnout is expected for this year.

MEMBER REYES felt it would be a good idea to supply YNAPP with a flyer. LISA CAMPBELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that her staff work closely with all the groups through the process.

Kathleen Dye - College of Southern Nevada High School Student Council "Wrap it up for School Bell" - JOSEPH WALKER and KATHY VALLARTE stated their project is to make blankets to provide to over 100 homeless students to give them with warmth and the feeling of ownership. These children are the future and should be helped in any way possible. The requested funding of \$1,000 will go toward the blankets.

MEMBER DAVIS ascertained that there are 28 student council members and they will all participate in this project.

MEMBER BROWN confirmed that materials will be purchased to make the blankets.

MEMBER WILLIAMS received confirmation that the project can be partially done without full funding.

MEMBER ZIER stated this operation serves operation serves children and providing blankets is a great addition.

KATHLEEN DYE, Advisor, commented this is the 13th year applying for this grant, and each year they have received assistance, and she urged the YNAPP Board to consider funding this project.

MEMBER TOUSSAINT discussed with MR. WALKER that he helped with the project last year, and he described the process as long. MEMBER TOUSSAINT commended the group for its work.

Operation School Bell - National Honor Society College of southern Nevada High School "Las Vegas Assistance League's Operation School Bell" - MARK McCLANAHAN and IMANI NOCILIS gave a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was not submitted, on this project, which allows for students to attend the event and obtain items made available. The event will be held in March, during which assembled kits with personal hygiene items will be distributed. The group works with youth to help them value what they have and work with adults to help procure the event. Informational meetings will be held and a slide show of the event will be provided at the National Honor Society meeting. He showed pictures of some of the items provided last year in the kits. The requested \$1,000 will go toward supplies for the hygiene kits. This is a project that will allow the honor society members to obtain a view of what happens in the community and way for students to benefit from the society's actions.

MEMBER LOPEZ verified that the kits will include toothpaste, shampoo, body wash for both genders.

MEMBER DeWITTE confirmed that the kits will be provided to students between first and fifth grade. The needed supplies are verified with the Assistance League.

MEMBER DAVIS ascertained that approximately 440 people will provide assistance.

6. [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](#)

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Minutes:
None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
The meeting was recessed 3:51-3:55, 4:15-4:27, 4:27-4:30, 4:44-5:00, 5:13-5:16, 5:31-6:11, 6:23-6:42 and 6:50-7:00 and was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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