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**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 30, 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 5:14 p.m.), THACKSTON, LOPEZ, REYES (excused until 4:05 p.m.), ZIER, DAVIS, DeWITTE (excused at 6:00 p.m.), JUAREZ and BROWN (excused until 4:53 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS DOTO, YTURRALDE and TOUSSAINT

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

Also Present: LISA CAMPBELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO, 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 Meetings of January 8 and January 17, 2013](#)

Motion made by DEBORAH REYES to Table

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Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

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

5. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program \(YNAPP\) applications submitted by LOTF Bullying Prevention Team LOTF Bullying Prevention Team; QSF Youth Advisory Council - Young Outspoken Voices; Right 2 Read The Meadows Varsity Cheerleader Group Right 2 Read; Samuel Goulet Found Youth Group Found to Create; Spring Eggstravaganza The Spring Eggstravaganza; Suitcase For Love Youth Empowerment Council - Suitcase For Love; Trinity Academy of Arts Trinity Temple Keepers: Youth Health & Wellness Workshop; Harrison Malburg Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Project Celestial Community Garden; East Las Vegas Community Center East Las Vegas Youth Council Neighborhood Mural Project](#)

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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.

LOTF Bullying Prevention Team - ASIA SIMMS, ALEXANDRA LECHUGA, and CRYSTAL KIANA, representing LOTF Bullying Prevention Team, introduced themselves and explained that their team is dedicated to help find solutions regarding issues affecting youth, such as bullying. The seminar for this project will be held at Doolittle Community Center to educate and prevent bullying. This is an issue overwhelming youth that needs to be addressed because suicide is leading among youth. Youth from Andre Agassi Community School will also be invited.

To MEMBER LOPEZ, the team indicated that the issue of cyber bullying will be addressed and information will be provided by a group that has been put together.

MEMBER REYES commended the team on picking this timely topic and asked how people will be attracted to attend. The team indicated that flyers will be disseminated and posters will be posted. It is anticipated that 400 people will be in attendance.

MEMBER DAVIS received verification that the event will be coordinated by the team and its mentor. MEMBER WILLIAMS confirmed that four, five-member groups will handle various sections.

QSF (Quiet Storm Foundation) Youth Advisory Council - Young Outspoken Voices - DANTE MANUEL, BRANDON, ALEXIS NAVARRO and CICI QUEVORE appeared representing the QSF Youth Advisory Council. MS. QUEVORE submitted a brochure as backup documentation explaining what the group is all about and what they have done in terms of activities and applications to the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP).

MS. QUEVORE reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was not submitted for the minutes, and then MR. MANUEL explained that the team's project is to have a poetry competition and have the competitors recite an original piece of poetry in order to be judged on originality, deliverance and overall message.

MS. NAVARRO stated this will benefit the community by empowering youth to express themselves through their poetry and promote themselves to the community. BRANDON added that young individuals will have a positive outlet, especially non-athletic youth. This is an artistic outlet.

The idea came from discussions with youth members and from running across a site on YouTube showing two young men reciting poetry, as part of the Brave New Voices Project, regarding the unjustly loss of a close friend. Brave New Voices is promoted nationwide and is a moneymaker, but the members of QSF are not trying to generate funds, rather to reach out and allow youth to speak out and share their emotions.

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MR. MANUEL indicated that \$950 is being requested in funding to purchase materials that will be needed, such as mikes and snacks for the audience, the poets and the people putting on the event. MS. NAVARRO added that there will also be the judges, one MC, and the event will be held at the West Las Vegas Library Auditorium.

MEMBER RUGGIERO commended the QSF team for doing such a great job on the project and the presentation, noting he would have liked to see videos of last year's event and suggested this year's event be placed on YouTube.

MEMBER THACKSTON received confirmation that 25 youth participated last year, and that the event was not placed on YouTube because it was QSF's first event.

MEMBER DAVIS ascertained that ample help will be available, as a few organizations offered assistance at last year's event.

MR. MANUEL answered for MEMBER REYES that individuals familiar with poetry will be judging the auditions.

The Meadows Varsity Cheerleader Group - Right-2-Read - ERIN POLLARD, representing Right-2-Read, described the project, which will teach fundamental reading and writing skills to K-5 students. After school, the kindergarteners will be involved with reader software to make it fun for them to learn and will be provided picture books for them to draw pictures as they read and write. She showed pictures depicting the event put on with the \$1,000 received from YNAPP the first year the group applied. The funding was used to purchase desert friendly shrubs and trees and were planted at the Rainbow Dreams Academy to create a more beautiful and friendly environment. The second year, YNAPP funding was used to purchase costumes for the project Dancing with Cheerleaders.

MS. POLLARD showed a story board for this year's grant with pictures and writings. To reflect on the progress, a reading day will be held so the parents can see the types of things the students are doing in the classroom.

MS. POLLARD explained to CHAIR SHATTLER that she is associated with the Rainbow Dreams Academy through her mother, who founded it. She is doing this project because she likes to be involved with children.

MEMBER RUGGIERO applauded MS. POLLARD for doing different projects every year and each time progressing.

MEMBER THACKSTON ascertained that the Rainbow Dreams Academy is located near the Agassi Academy on West Lake Mead.

To MEMBER REYES, MS. POLLARD indicated that participation will depend on how many children attend.

MEMBER DAVIS discussed with MS. POLLARD that volunteers from the junior and varsity cheerleading teams will coordinate the events and teach the students how to read and write, with a focus on reinforcing and creating a positive environment for the students to enjoy reading and writing.

Samuel Goulet Found Youth Group - Found to Create - ALEX LINDAHL, representing Found to Create, reviewed a detailed PowerPoint Presentation that was submitted as backup documentation to explain the project. The youth building will be open weekly and provide a safe, positive and encouraging environment for neighborhood youth with a desire to artistically express themselves in areas such as photography, graphics, film, music, art, etc. This will benefit the youth by helping them to stay positive and focused on developing their creativity through the use of materials and technology available at the building. She came up with Found to Create because she has a passion to change lives and believes that creativity empowers students and teaches people a lifestyle, not just a skill set. This training will prepare students to find a job. Funding in the amount of \$1,000 is being requested to purchase a camera, a reversible magnetic whiteboard and instructional guides. Adults will be available to train and equip the youth. She suggested YNAPP fund this project in order to help change the community in this city.

CHAIR SHATTLER discussed with MS. LINDAHL that she became involved through her parents, and she really enjoys it. It has been such a positive program that it helped her come out of a depression.

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MS. LINDAHL indicated to MEMBER REID that the building is located on Westcliff Drive and Cimarron Road.

MEMBER BROWN discussed with MS. LINDAHL that the ages of the youth start at 12 years old. SAMUEL GOULET, adult representative, stated that outreach is done by word of mouth and through friends.

MR. GOULET indicated to MEMBER REYES that Found to Create has been in existence for approximately one year.

MEMBER THACKSTON confirmed with MS. LINDAHL and MR. GOULET that there is no fee to attend, that attendees are taught various musical instruments and that the building is the former administrative building for the church at the location Westcliff Drive and Cimarron Road.

MS. LINDAHL advised MEMBER LOPEZ that the needed materials could be purchased without funding from YNAPP, as where there is a will, there is a way.

Spring Eggstravaganza - The Spring Eggstravaganza - MADISON WEST and MARY CALLAWAY, representing The Spring Eggstravaganza, explained the free carnival and Easter egg hunt event is to celebrate Spring Break. Low-priced food items will be offered and the proceeds will possibly go to the Shade Tree. The event will be put on for approximately 99 children, who will be separated into age groups. The eggs will be empty for the egg hunt and will be redeemed for candy and prizes. The project will help the community because it is for the children in the community. MS. CALLAWAY will dress as an Easter bunny and will pose for pictures with the children in order to make a scrapbook. A similar project was done a few years ago, but the Mirabelli Center has not done anything since then, so it would be nice to bring it back this year. The carnival will offer games. Volunteers will be available from the Mirabelli Center, church groups, adults and the youth, who will watch the children. The event will be held 3/29/2013 at the Mirabelli Community Center.

To member DeWITTE, MS. CALLAWAY indicated that there are five active members in the group, and that is the reason for outreach to other clubs for assistance.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ asked what will be done with the money earned, and MS. CALLAWAY reiterated it will be donated to Shade Tree, where she previously volunteered and interacted with the children there. LISA CAMPBELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, clarified that applicants who receive YNAPP funding cannot charge money for any of the events. MS. CALLAWAY assured the members that the food would be provided free of charge then.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ confirmed with MS. CALLAWAY that no donations had been previously received.

MEMBER THACKSTON discussed with MS. CALLAWAY that the prior event ran very smoothly and there were no problems at all.

MEMBER LOPEZ asked what served as inspiration for this project. MS. WEST indicated that several ideas were considered, but regarded this one as the best because there are not many spring celebrations for children.

MEMBER WILLIAMS discussed with MS. CALLAWAY that outreach will be done by creating colorful flyers to advertise and provide at and around Mirabelli Center and at the school.

Suitcases for Love Youth Empowerment Council - Suitcases for Love - MARTICIA LUPISTEIN, SIERRA CANNOLI, JADA MOISHER, DANTE MANUEL and JOSHUA BALLARD, represented the project. MS. CANNOLI detailed a PowerPoint presentation, which was not submitted as backup documentation, and explained how the group was formed, its vision and mission. MR. MOISHER shared in making the PowerPoint Presentation and went over some of the experiences of the group.

MR. MANUEL explained that the project includes gathering duffle bags with hygiene supplies, 24-hour bus passes, haircut passes and lunch for one day for the youth. This project was created after one of the Council members read the book Chicken Soup for the Soul. It was then decided that it would be good to help homeless teens in the community that carry trash bags, which might be embarrassing to them. The requested amount of \$950 will go toward the duffle bags and bus

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passes. There will be many volunteer hours to put together the duffle bags and delivering them. This project is worth investing in, as it will give teenagers in the community a sense of self-worth, noting that approximately 5,000 students in the Clark County School District are considered homeless.

MR. MOISHER stated that media exposure was received from KCLV Channel 2 and teamwork has helped this project greatly. Being able to share experiences with other high school students and being able to help teens has been a great experience.

MS. CANNOLI thanked COUNCILMAN ROSS, his assistant MICHELLE THACKSTON and MS. CAMPBELL for inspiring this project and helping it get off the ground.

MEMBER ZIER commended the group for picking this project because it is beneficial for the youth and raises awareness.

MEMBER BROWN congratulated the group on their professional presentation and asked how many students are involved. MS. CANNOLI answered that there are 37 students in the northwest region, but hopefully a total of 50 will be helping.

MEMBER REID asked where the students from the various schools meet to package the materials. MS. CANNOLI indicated they meet at the YMCA.

To MEMBER DAVIS, MR. MOISHER indicated that distribution will be done privately.

MEMBER DeWITTE congratulated the group on doing a great job on this project.

Trinity Academy of Arts - Trinity Temple Keepers: Youth Health and Wellness Workshop - DANIELLE BONNET, MARIA ARMSTRONG and JADA McCLOUD, representing Academy of Arts, were present. MS. McCLOUD explained that the project involves putting on a health and wellness program for youth in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas to show youth how to eat healthy. The youth will be taught exercises, such as dancing, and will be required to keep a journal throughout the day to keep track of what they have learned. The journals, t-shirts and nutritional snacks will be provided by the group. A workshop for children ages 7-17 will also benefit the parents. Pictures and videotape will be taken throughout the workshop to keep in a portfolio.

MS. ARMSTRONG replied to MEMBER BROWN that the youth will be taught how to eat healthy by providing them with healthy salads, such as fruit salad. The goal is to teach 50-75 pupils.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ ascertained that there will be approximately ten volunteers. MS. ARMSTRONG indicated to MEMBER RODRIGUEZ that last year's project involved a project about bullying and it was a lot of fun because the participants had the opportunity to open up and tell their story.

MEMBER REYES confirmed that the event will be in April.

Harrison Malburg Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Project - Celestial Community Garden - HARRISON MALBURG, representing this project, used a PowerPoint Presentation that was submitted as backup documentation to detail his project, which will help him complete his service project for his Eagle Scout Rank. The large garden bed with a smaller herb garden and murals will be added to the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center Celestial Community Garden. It will benefit the community by allowing more senior citizens and adults with disabilities to come together and socialize and learn about gardening. This project is an add-on to a previously funded project by YNAPP. Approximately 35 active scouts and their parents will be assisting him in this project. He requested funding in the amount of at least \$850, noting that funding in the amount of \$1,000 would allow him to purchase better materials.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if the person doing the murals will charge fees. MR. MALBURG replied that the person doing the murals is the same person who did them when the first project was funded and he would just like the opportunity to do finishing touches.

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MR. MALBURG indicated to MEMBER BROWN that the project will start the first or second week of April and should be done by the end of April 2013.

MR. MALBURG stated for MEMBER RODRIGUEZ that more volunteers from his racing club and school will be asked to help. He added that he has been a scout since sixth grade.

MEMBER THACKSTON commended MR. MALBURG on his presentation. She noted that she knows the area and that the seniors and adults love the garden, so it is a great project and very diverse.

To MEMBER BROWN, MR. MALBURG indicated that the seniors keep what they grow. He then showed drawings of his plans.

East Las Vegas Community Center - Youth Council Neighborhood Mural Project - Batteries Included Mural - JENNIFER CERNA and ARELI FIGUEROA, representing East Las Vegas Community Center, were present and went over a PowerPoint presentation, which was not submitted as backup documentation. MS. FIGUEROA indicated the project involves erecting a mural at Doug Selby Park, on which 29 active members will participate. The volunteers have been working with a local art class teacher at Valley High School on the rough draft outline, which will be transferred onto the wall. The intent is to break the mural into areas and number them so that they can be colored by numbers by age groups. In the end, the older groups will do the finishing touches. The idea came from talking about YNAPP projects and a desire to reach out to local teens in the community and give them a helping hand, which is the theme of the mural, especially after a new member that was really shy shared her story about being involved with drugs and gangs.

MS. CERNA went over the supply list, including paint, rollers and paint brushes, and indicated a total of approximately \$890 will be needed. It would be nice to have the teens interacting and with the adults, which will improve communication between the two. The teens will reflect on how they are reaching out and will realize that they can make a big difference by doing small projects.

MS. FIGUEROA indicated that there are several teens roaming the streets and this mural will bring more teens to a place where they have adult support and they can share stories for more support.

MEMBER JUAREZ asked if the group thought about reaching out to the East Las Vegas Community Center. MS. CERNA indicated she and MS. FIGUEROA would be willing to meet with representatives of the Community Center.

MEMBER THACKSTON requested a drawing of the mural; however, MS. CERNA indicated that it was not brought because it has not been finished. The mural focuses on a helping hand, showing diverse people, with one or two individuals giving their backs with a label indicating where they are from in order to avoid profiling. The various ethnicities will be named to show different people coming together.

6. [Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended funding of the Youth Neighborhood Associations Partnership Program \(YNAPP\) applications for Fiscal Year 2012-13](#)

Motion made by KIMBERLY REID to Approve funding of \$1,000.00 to each of the 25 applicants

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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

Minutes:

LISA CAMPELL, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, showed a slide of the Zoom Grant page and explained the grant options available to the Board, given the total amount available to award of \$25,000 for 25 projects: 1) deliberate on a grant amount for each project; or 2) make a finding that each is a viable project and award each applicant \$1,000.

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MEMBER REID suggested the Chair ask if any of the members had issue with any of the projects. If not, then each applicant should be granted \$1,000.00.

MEMBER REYES regarded the ability to grant each project \$1,000.00 as a rare, happy dilemma, noting that all the presenters did an excellent job and are worthy of funding. Awarding each \$1,000.00 would allow those requesting a lesser amount to do more for the community.

MS. CAMPBELL noted that the experience the applicants gained through the grant process is great.

7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting recessed from 3:54-4:35, 5:35-5:40, 5:55-6:15, 6:43-6:48 and 7:04-7:17 and was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, Sr. Neighborhood Outreach Specialist

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