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YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP) GRANT REVIEW BOARD

CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET

3RD FLOOR, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

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MINUTES

January 9, 2017

3:30 PM

ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED; 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. BACKUP MATERIAL FOR THIS AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LUANN D. HOLMES, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR CHRISTIAN (seated after Item 8) and MEMBERS GONZALES (seated as Vice Chair after Item 8), REYES, SKILBRED, SKOUSON, KRAMAR, RICHARD, KILPONEN, WILLIAMS, HUSSAIN, TORRES, SORROSA, KENNEDY, WINSLOW and HARDY

EXCUSED: MEMBERS VEGA and NAVIS

ALSO PRESENT: TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, and JACQUIE MILLER, Deputy City Clerk

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

Minutes:

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.

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[For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meetings of January 14, 19 and 26, 2016](#)

Motion made by DEBORAH REYES to Approve

Passed For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DEBORAH REYES, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, SARAH RICHARD, ANNE KILPONEN, HARRY WILLIAMS, NICOLE WINSLOW, RUKSHANA HUSSAIN, SELENA TORRES, NIKO MAAJID CHRISTIAN, KARLA SORROSA, ANGEL ROSE GONZALES, LILLIAN KENNEDY, UNIQUE HARDY; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-CARLOS VEGA, NYLA MONAI NAVIS

5. [Introduction of Board Members and City staff](#)

Minutes:

Each of the Board and City staff members introduced themselves. LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, stated that she is the YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) Program Administrator.

6. [Review of By-Laws and Responsibilities for the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program pertaining to the project selection process and agenda items](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, briefly reviewed portions of the bylaws and stressed the importance of attending the meetings in order to establish a quorum. She also explained that those elected as Chair and Vice Chair would be making a presentation of the Board's recommendations to the Councilmembers at a City Council meeting.

7. [Report on the FY2016-17 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet \(evaluation\) criteria and scoring report](#)

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, referred to the Application Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet included in the members' packets and stated that the sheets explained how the scoring works in ZoomGrants.

8. [Discussion for possible action on the election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

Motion made by VICKY SKILBRED to Approve the appointment of Niko Christian as Chair

Passed For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DEBORAH REYES, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, SARAH RICHARD, ANNE KILPONEN, HARRY WILLIAMS, NICOLE WINSLOW, RUKSHANA HUSSAIN, SELENA TORRES, NIKO MAAJID CHRISTIAN, KARLA SORROSA, ANGEL ROSE GONZALES, LILLIAN KENNEDY, UNIQUE HARDY; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-CARLOS VEGA, NYLA MONAI NAVIS

NOTE: By way of a ballot, Angel Rose Gonzales was voted in as Vice Chair.

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TERI PONTICELLO explained the duties of the Chair and the Vice Chair which included conducting the meetings and attending a City Council meeting to present the Board's funding recommendations to the Councilmembers. She expressed the importance of attending every meeting, and that the Vice Chair would preside over the meetings in the absence of the Chair. LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, added that staff would help guide them through the process, and she would help put speaking points together for the City Council meeting.

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MEMBER KENNEDY asked what happens with the YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) Board after the meetings are held, and MS. CAMPBELL explained that three or four meetings have been held each year, and Board Member appointments would be made again the following year.

MEMBER WILLIAMS stated that it is nice for all of the Board Members to attend the City Council meeting to support the Chair and Vice Chair. MS. CAMPBELL explained that attendance is not mandatory at the City Council meeting, but the Board Members and applicants are all invited.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO explained the process of nominating and electing the Chair and Vice Chair. Youth Members who are interested in serving in the positions make a presentation to the Board regarding their desire to be Chair or Vice Chair. She explained that a vote is taken, and the Member receiving the highest number of votes would be Chair and the Member receiving the next highest number of votes would be Vice Chair.

MS. CAMPBELL explained the options for voting as follows, and indicated that in the past, the Board has chosen to vote by ballot:

- A. Write the name on a ballot of the person they want to be the Chair and the Vice Chair;
- B. Whoever receives the most votes would be the Chair and whoever receives the second most would be the Vice Chair; or
- C. Vote by a show of hands.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO asked for a show of hands regarding who would like to vote by ballot, and a majority of the Board Members raised their hands.

MS. CAMPBELL asked who would like to run for the Chair and Vice Chair positions, and MEMBERS CHRISTIAN and HARDY raised their hands for Chair, and MEMBERS KENNEDY and GONZALES raised their hands for Vice Chair. MS. CAMPBELL requested a recess to allow the Members time to think about what they wanted to say to the Board.

When the meeting reconvened, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO explained that MEMBER HARDY serves on this Board in a Youth Alternate role; as an Alternate, she could not run for the position of Chair.

MEMBER CHRISTIAN indicated his interest in running for the position of Chair; he shared some of the activities he is involved in and explained why he would be good at serving in that role.

MEMBERS KENNEDY and GONZALES indicated their interest in running for the position of Vice Chair and each explained why they would be a good fit for the role.

As no other Members were interested in serving as Chair, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY PONTICELLO recommended that a motion be made to appoint MEMBER CHRISTIAN.

MS. CAMPBELL requested that the Members write their vote on their ballot for either MEMBER KENNEDY or GONZALES for the Vice Chair position. After the Members cast their ballots for Vice Chair and the votes were tallied, MS. CAMPBELL announced that MEMBER GONZALES would be serving as the Vice Chair.

9. [Discussion for possible action regarding Youth Neighborhood Partnership Program Youth Presentations Schedule for January 9, 17, 19 and 24, 2017](#)

Motion made by BECKY SKOUSON to Approve the meeting dates

Passed For: 15; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

DEBORAH REYES, VICKY SKILBRED, BECKY SKOUSON, CHRISTINE KRAMAR, SARAH RICHARD, ANNE KILPONEN, HARRY WILLIAMS, NICOLE WINSLOW, RUKSHANA HUSSAIN, SELENA TORRES, NIKO MAAJID CHRISTIAN, KARLA SORROSA, ANGEL ROSE GONZALES, LILLIAN KENNEDY, UNIQUE HARDY; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-CARLOS VEGA, NYLA MONAI NAVIS

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10. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by American Buddha Center Dragon Dance Team, Community Exchange Second Language English Reading Club, Community Exchange Youth Community Art and Mural Show for Graffiti Abatement, Community Exchange Youth Computer Assembly and Programming Initiative, Arbor View High School DECA Westcare and No Place for Hate, ASMT Team Galaxy Team Galaxy, Batteries Included West Prep High School Support for the Homeless and Literacy for Young Kids and Canyon Springs Batteries Included Student Council Unity Cookout](#)

NOTE: MEMBER RICHARDS disclosed that she would be presenting the application for ASMT Team Galaxy, and she would abstain from voting on that item.

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CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, distributed and submitted as backup, a list of presentations and a summary of each project.

Prior to each applicant making their presentation, CHAIR CHRISTIAN explained that they would be given 10 minutes to make their presentation, and the Board Members would have five minutes to ask questions. Subsequent to each presentation, he explained that applicants would be advised regarding the Board's funding recommendations which would be presented to the Councilmembers at a future City Council meeting.

American Buddha Center - Dragon Dance Team - MAGGIE CHANG, Leader of the Dragon Dance Team, and JACOB ARCHIE stated that they had both seen Dragon Dance in China; it was fun and they wanted to have a Dragon Dance Team in Las Vegas. They shared in explaining that Dragon Dance is a traditional Chinese dance that requires at least 10 people, and they believe it will bring good luck to people in their neighborhood. They requested \$1,000 to purchase the lion, dragon, drum and costumes; that amount would not be enough for the entire project, so the members would donate the rest of the money, and volunteers will work 154 hours.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought their presentation was excellent and thanked the applicants for answering her questions regarding volunteer hours and the source of money during their presentation.

MS. CHANG and MR. ARCHIE confirmed for MEMBER SKOUSON that they would purchase the costumes and learn the dance. MEMBER SKOUSON asked where the dance would be presented, and ORLANDO ARCHIE stated that they would be presenting in China Town and anywhere they are welcome.

MEMBER TORRES asked if they had any events planned, and MS. CHANG replied that would come later.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked what inspired them to do the Dragon Dance, and MS. CHANG reiterated that she saw the dance in China and fell in love with it and wanted to do it herself. She also confirmed for MEMBER KENNEDY that she wanted to bring a little bit of Chinese culture to Las Vegas.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if they only needed one drum for the project, and MS. CHANG indicated that they probably needed two of them.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked how they would get the rest of the money they needed for the project, and MR. O. ARCHIE replied that it would come from the Community Exchange under the American Buddha Center as a donation to the project.

MEMBER WINSLOW asked if the project would still be completed if they did not receive the entire \$1,000, and MR. O. ARCHIE replied that it would.

Community Exchange - Second Language English Reading Club - ANTHONY HUANG and DAVE LIANG explained that the program is based at Community Exchange, a cultural exchange nonprofit organization. They have a publicly accessible computer lab and work with teens and children to build basic computer programming skills. They also offer free Spoken English as a Second Language training classes and an adult literacy program. The project will aid community members with reading and understanding the English language, and they would like to reach teens who do not speak English as the

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primary language in their homes. He named some of the volunteers and briefly reviewed their backgrounds. The reading club is in need of reading and study materials, a projection system and a screen to allow for presentations and lessons for students. They will also need flash cards and materials to build reading skills and sight word recognition. Funds to provide advertising for the program will come from Community Exchange, and they will pass out fliers in the local community schools and organizations. Volunteers will work 104 hours which equates to \$2,392.

MEMBER RICHARD liked the presentation and asked how people would find out about the program. MR. HUANG said they hope to advertise, hang fliers and contact local high schools.

MEMBER WINSLOW shared that she runs the Spring Valley Library and encouraged the group to contact the library so they could partner and work together.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked if they could do the project if they did not receive the entire \$1,000, and MR. HUANG thought they could.

MEMBER SKOUSON suggested reaching out to the library and Clark County School District for donations to help bolster their supplies.

MEMBER HARDY asked if they would consider hiring tutors or reaching out to community members who are advanced readers, and MR. HUANG was not sure about hiring anyone. ORLANDO ARCHIE stated that there is no funding to hire staff, but they are always open to volunteers; however, if this expanded beyond the two to three months this grant provides for, it could be a consideration.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how long the project would last, and MR. HUANG replied that it would depend on the need. They want to make sure people get the help they need to better understand English.

MEMBER TORRES asked what age group they would be working with, and MR. HUANG replied that they will work with anyone who needs help.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how they would tackle the various translation barriers, and MR. HUANG replied that they would have multilingual volunteers.

Community Exchange - Youth Community Art and Mural Show for Graffiti Abatement - ASARI ARCHIE and LEAH ARCHIE shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted as backup, and explained that Community Exchange is a language school/cultural exchange center that teaches the English language to Chinese people and helps people gain their citizenship. They will be constructing two murals with partition walls where kids from the community will help paint the murals, and they will hold an art show afterwards. They showed a slide that listed the volunteers for the project and indicated that the volunteers would work 372 hours. They have \$41.29 in donations and requested \$1,000 to purchase paint, brushes and tarps. MS. A. ARCHIE showed slides of her artwork, and MS. L. ARCHIE showed a photo of graffiti on a building.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked where the photo of graffiti was taken, and MS. L. ARCHIE indicated that it was taken right outside of the Community Exchange Center.

MS. A. ARCHIE confirmed for MEMBER SKOUSON that they would keep the murals for display, and they would not paint over them.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked about the timeframe for the project, and MS. A. ARCHIE replied that it would take two to three months to complete.

MEMBER WILLIAMS referred to the abatement part of their project title and asked if graffiti would be removed and replaced with a mural. MS. A. ARCHIE explained that abatement to them meant showing people in the community that instead of painting graffiti on walls, they could paint on their murals instead; they would not be removing any graffiti.

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CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked who would construct the partitions and if the money would go to the construction of the partitions or the art materials, and MS. A. ARCHIE replied that the funding would go towards materials to paint the murals. ORLANDO ARCHIE indicated that anyone over 18 years old who wanted to participate could help construct the partitions.

MEMBER WILLIAMS noted that the Community Exchange Center had several projects and wondered about the overlap and if the projects could be done jointly to utilize the funds efficiently. MR. ARCHIE indicated that the reading and computer programs both call for projectors, and they could share one. Items such as art supplies are completely separate from the other projects. MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if some of the participants participate in multiple projects, and MR. ARCHIE replied that some do.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought this was a great program. One of the things the City has found is that when a community comes together and paints in the community, it brings a positive vibe and energy to the area, and people do not graffiti it. She informed the applicants that the City does youth art at City Hall and thought it might be possible for the partitions to be displayed. MR. ARCHIE mentioned that there would be three partitions, and they could move one of them to City Hall.

MEMBER HUSSAIN informed the applicants that she recently renovated a building, and there was a lot of leftover paint she could donate.

Community Exchange - Youth Computer Assembly and Programming Initiative - ERIK LIANG and CHRISTOPHER ARCHIE stated that their group consists of two kids and four adults working together to form a computer hardware and software training program for the community. They enjoy working with computers, figuring out what makes them work, their history and playing computer games. Many people do not know how computers operate or how they can use them to make their lives better. People of all ages will learn more about computers and what they can do. They will also be exposed to artificial intelligence systems such as Amazon's ALEXA. Various types of computers will be explored from the small raspberry pie devices to full desk top and server systems.

The applicants reviewed the roles they would take in this project noting that they are working on an A+ Certification program and expect to be A+ computer technicians by the end of the year. They also named some of the volunteers and briefly reviewed their backgrounds. MR. C. ARCHIE stated that they would have approximately five volunteers working 96 hours which equates to \$2,208.

They requested \$1,000 and listed the items that would be purchased and their associated costs. They will teach and demonstrate how to assemble a computer. They will also use a raspberry pie system to interact with ALEXA. A copy of an article from the Las Vegas Review Journal regarding the City's use of ALEXA was distributed and submitted as backup.

MEMBER HUSSAIN stated that she had approximately 50 Dell hard drives that she would donate to their project.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked what a raspberry pie computer was, and MR. C. ARCHIE stated that it is a mini computer that costs approximately \$40.

MEMBER KRAMAR stated that she previously taught A+ Certification and wondered if the project budget included the cost of the exam, and ORLANDO ARCHIE replied that it did not. MEMBER KRAMAR informed the applicants that they could get the A+ Certification materials for free through the Las Vegas Library District's learning portal. MR. O. ARCHIE indicated that he was not aware of that, but they had already requested two learning manuals to use as reference books for the students. MEMBER KRAMAR asked if they had reached out to RedFlint or The Iron Yard that work primarily on A+ Certification exams, and MR. O. ARCHIE stated that he had not, but he would. MEMBER WINSLOW asked if they were focusing on younger learners to introduce them to computer programming, and MR. C. ARCHIE replied in the affirmative, and added that they are reaching out to all ages equally. MEMBER WINSLOW shared a statistic that by 2020, America will need one million programmers but is only on track to have 400,000. She felt the more youth this program appeals to, the better.

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MEMBER SKILBRED thought this was a great project, and the Community Exchange organization was impressive as they presented two forms of art, computers and second language teachings. She thought it was phenomenal to have this many young people passionate about making a difference in the community.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if they would be able to carry out the project if they did not receive the entire \$1,000, and MR. O. ARCHIE indicated they would continue but would have to make reductions in the program.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked about the timeframe for this project, and MR. C. ARCHIE thought it would carry on for a long time depending on the level of interest.

Arbor View High School DECA - WestCare and "No Place for Hate" - JACOB HARKINS, Vice President of Leadership, HUNTER ELSOM, Secretary, and JULIAN KHOURY and NATHANIEL EYLER, Arbor View High School (AVHS) students, introduced themselves and shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation regarding their project, which was submitted as backup. WestCare is a nonprofit organization that started in Nevada and has facilities all over the country. The local facility focuses on young women and children who are in need of treatment for substance abuse, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and homelessness. No Place for Hate was started by the Anti-Defamation League which focuses on promoting anti-bullying and kindness, and they want to incorporate that into their project.

Approximately 35 business and marketing students developed the grant application. They started their donations with \$25 from Larry's Great Western Meats, and if the grant is awarded, the business will donate food and cooking supplies to the project. They will purchase additional products from Kmart for care packages for the more than 30 patients at WestCare. The AVHS Hawaiian Islanders dance team will perform, and AVHS DECA members will deliver the care packages to the patients and read to the children. They hope to help people in need and create an atmosphere of kindness in the community.

The group will present an MLA (Modern Language Association) format paper that will be written by the 35 students for their final exams. They will take photos of volunteer efforts at WestCare and post them to the AVHS DECA website and their social media accounts; they will also create a two-minute video to be shown during the school's morning announcements.

The budget was reviewed noting that one-fifth of the budget would purchase hygiene necessities, and the remainder would be used to purchase comforters, sheets and books.

MEMBER SKILBRED asked if the photos and videos would be done while putting the care packages together and not at the facility due to confidentiality, and MR. HARKINS replied that they would only take photos of the volunteers, not the patients.

MEMBER HARDY thought this was an important project, and it was close to her heart. She asked if they would be spending time with the patients or just dropping off the care packages. MR. KHOURY stated that after the care packages were delivered, the Hawaiian Island dancers would perform and the AVHS DECA members would read books to the kids.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if this would be a one-day, one-time event or if it would be something long-lasting between WestCare and AVHS DECA. MR. HARKINS stated that they have a history of working with WestCare; they have done this project several years in a row.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how they felt the past projects went and what they learned. MR. HARKINS stated that this would be the first time working on this project for all of the presenters; however, looking at the previous years' projects,

they were proud of what had been accomplished. MEMBER SKOUSON asked what was different, and MR. HARKINS replied that the items they are purchasing, the dance crew performance and the members are all different.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if Kmart was selling the items to the group at wholesale prices, and MR. HARKINS replied in the affirmative.

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MEMBER TORRES asked if packages were being put together for the families or if the items were being donated to the facility. MR. HARKINS explained that they would be putting care packages together, and they would be going to the facility to donate the 30 packages to the patients.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if they would still be able to do this project if they did not receive the entire amount they requested and if they had considered partnering with other organizations to make this a larger project. MR. EYLER indicated that they are in the very beginning stages and have not done anything other than getting the dancers and the orchestra to perform. If they are approved for the grant, they will try to get more groups and volunteers involved with the project. MEMBER WILLIAMS thought this was a great project and suggested finding out if there are other organizations they could partner with to bridge the gap regarding some of the things the families need.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN referred to the volunteer hours pledge sheet and wondered why the hours on the application did not add up. MR. HARKINS indicated that it would take 900 volunteer hours to do the project itself, and the other hours on the application are the time it took for the members to put the application and project together.

ASMT Team Galaxy - Team Galaxy - SARAH RICHARD stated that she is the Head Coach for Team Galaxy which is a special needs cheer team, and her Assistant Coaches are STEPHANIE RICHARD (her mom), ALIYA EPSTEIN and LESLIE. She reviewed and submitted as backup a PowerPoint presentation regarding her project and referred to slides that had photos of the coaches and each of the team members. The cheer team is for both adults and children with all abilities, and their vision is to be a community-based special needs cheer team that enhances the lives of its cheerleaders.

MS. RICHARD stated that her dream of this team started because she wanted to be a cheerleader in her freshman year of high school; however, because she chose to attend a magnet school, her zoned school declined her. She had also previously worked with people with disabilities; she decided to combine her passion for working with people with disabilities and her passion for cheerleading. She put together a business plan, recruited members and coaches and created Team Galaxy. They are into their second season and have 13 cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders build friendships, exercise and learn about responsibility and accountability; the team brings the community together, and it provides a new experience for everyone. This team trains like a cheer team, performs at competitions and attends team bonding events.

MS. RICHARD requested \$1,000 and stated that the funding would be used for professional cheer pictures, an end-of-season party, sweatshirts and a scholarship program to go to Nationals at Disneyland. Photos are posted on the team's Facebook page, the gym will post the team's milestones in their newsletter and she is working to have the news do a story on the team.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN thought this was a great idea and loved that it was a real cheerleading program.

MEMBER GONZALES appreciated that MS. RICHARD does this project; she liked that it is for kids with disabilities and gives them a second family.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought this program was phenomenal, and she asked where the donations come from. MS. RICHARD explained that Team Galaxy is sponsored by ASMT and the gym's sponsors.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked about the gym's location, and MS. RICHARD replied that it is off of Rancho Drive and Cheyenne Avenue.

MEMBER KENNEDY appreciated that a fellow Board Member had a project she was passionate about and thanked MS. RICHARD for her presentation.

MEMBER WILLIAMS thought this was an awesome program; it makes the YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) program holistic and provides something for everyone. He asked if the families have to pay for anything, and MS. RICHARD replied that they pay a \$25 monthly fee so the cheerleaders are invested and feel some type of accountability; they also paid \$100 towards their uniform cost. Sponsor donations help pay for cheer music and the

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remainder of the uniform costs.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked about the length of the cheerleading season, and MS. RICHARD replied that it is from September through May. He asked if MS. RICHARD had considered partnering with the schools and their special needs programs, and she replied that she has reached out to the schools, Easter Seals and the Down Syndrome organization.

MS. RICHARD introduced ERIC RICHARD who is her dad and adult lead for this project.

Batteries Included - West Prep High School - Support for the Homeless and Literacy for Young Kids - KIARA WILLIAMS, President of Batteries Included, SAMUEL CANO, Vice President, ANUNIQUE DAVIS-ROBINSON, Treasurer, JAMARIAN WALKER-SMILES, Member, and IRAN MARTINEZ CRUZ, Secretary, introduced themselves and shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted as backup, explaining what their project was about. West Prep is a youth-led organization based on leadership, education, career development and health and safety. The group will be making and distributing Blessing bags and Crack-a-Book bags for people in the West Las Vegas community. The Blessing bags will be made for homeless people, and they will contain basic daily hygiene items and snacks. The Crack-a-Book bags will be made for the elementary school youth; these bags will provide children with another source of entertainment while helping them with their literacy skills and increasing their scores on English tests.

The group will partner with some Greek organizations and are hoping for help from the public library along with others in the community. They are expecting a lot of donations. EBONI SIMPSON-HODGE, Adult Advisor, stated that they hope to produce 100 bags, but they would like to reach more people; donations they receive will add to that number and make a bigger impact on the community.

MEMBER HUSSAIN mentioned the Clean the World initiative where hotels donate items like soaps and shampoos, and she encouraged the group to reach out to them.

MEMBER HARDY asked the group why they chose the literacy project, and MS. WILLIAMS replied that their school and their elementary school were recently on the list of schools to be converted to a charter school. The students perform well in Math, but they struggle with English; they hoped this project would help increase the English test scores.

MEMBER TORRES asked where the materials would be distributed, and MS. WILLIAMS replied that they would like to distribute them at the Pearson Community Center or Doolittle Community Center.

MEMBER WILLIAMS thought this was an awesome project and Three Square would be a good resource for non-perishable items. There are a lot of children who go home on Fridays and do not have a lot to eat over the weekend. He thought that providing books and essential items for a child on a Friday was very important to help them get through the weekend.

MEMBER TORRES informed the applicants that the Communities in Schools Program also works with that type of distribution in schools and suggested that the group partner with them.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how the project would be promoted, and MS. WILLIAMS replied that they would make YouTube videos and fliers.

MEMBER KENNEDY stated that she was the President of Batteries Included at Rancho High School and offered to get together and help them.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought the applicant identified a serious need and had a good plan. She encouraged the group to reach out to dental offices for donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss.

MEMBER GONZALES asked if this would be a one-time distribution or if it would be continuous, and MS. WILLIAMS replied that they would like to do it continuously if they have the funds.

MEMBER HARDY asked if the funds would be used to make promotional materials, and MS. WILLIAMS indicated that they would work with the school to produce the fliers.

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MEMBER WINSLOW thought there were a lot of organizations who would want to support this project. She thought that the West Las Vegas Library would work with the group to further this mission.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if the West Prep Administration was in support of this project, and MS. WILLIAMS replied that they were all for it. He asked what kind of bags would be used, and MS. WILLIAMS explained that Ziploc bags would contain the items for the Blessing bags and small backpacks would be used for the Crack-a-Book bags.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if the project would still be done if they did not receive the entire amount of funding they requested, and MS. WILLIAMS said that it would.

Canyon Springs Batteries Included Student Council - Unity Cookout - BLESSENCE HOPKINS, President of Batteries Included, TUNAEJIA KILGORE, Member, HILDA HERNANDEZ, Secretary, TYLER BARFIELD, Historian, and XAVIER WALKER, Sergeant in Arms, introduced themselves and shared in explaining what their cookout project was about. The Unity Cookout will be held at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and will provide a family-like environment for the homeless population. There will be barbeque and snacks and will serve 250 to 300 people. For entertainment, there will be games, a DJ (Disc Jockey), and they hope to get a drumline to perform.

Their budget is greater than the requested amount of \$1,000, but they will be receiving assistance from the Rescue Mission and are looking for additional assistance from the community. They will contact vendors for the event including WestCare and the Urban League who provide help to the homeless population.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked why they chose the Rescue Mission, and MS. HOPKINS replied that she has been there to help feed people, and they have a lot to offer to the homeless community. He asked about their target audience, and MS. HOPKINS replied that they are targeting the homeless population in general.

MEMBER CHRISTIAN asked how they would cater the resources and vendors for the homeless youth, and SHEREE SMITH, Adult Advisor, stated that ideally, this is not for youth. The group will go on a field trip to the Rescue Mission so they will understand what it is and who they would be serving. Some of the vendors will be from the medical and dental professions because homeless people do not have access to those types of services on a daily basis.

MEMBER TORRES asked what organizations they would partner with, and MS. SMITH replied that they would be working with the Southern Nevada Health District and UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Medical Program. The applicant has formed committees for making t-shirts, fliers and writing letters to retailers.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked if they could do this project if they did not receive the entire \$1,000, and MS. HOPKINS replied that they could because of the assistance they were offered from the Rescue Mission. She confirmed that is their only sponsor at the present time.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked what type of equipment such as speakers, tables and a DJ they have for the event, and MS. HOPKINS replied that they have not contacted a DJ yet, but they will be in contact with the Canyon Springs High School Drumline. MS. SMITH stated that the students have not done anything in the community yet as she is still teaching them how to write letters and make telephone calls appropriately.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how the event would be promoted, and MS. HOPKINS replied they would be using social media, making fliers and putting information on the school news.

MEMBER HARDY asked why they chose to deal with homelessness and if any of them had a personal story that made the project near and dear to them. MS. HERNANDEZ stated that they want to make a positive impact on the community, and MS. KILGORE shared that she had a family member who was homeless, and it made her want to show people that she cares.

City of Las Vegas

CHAIR CHRISTIAN mentioned that the City of Las Vegas has a lot of programs and people who specialize in homelessness issues, and he encouraged the applicants to contact the City for help with their project.

11. 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.

Minutes:

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was recessed several times between applicant presentations as follows: Recessed at 3:49 p.m., reconvened at 3:50 p.m., recessed at 3:57 p.m., reconvened at 4:05 p.m., recessed at 4:12 p.m., reconvened at 4:14 p.m., recessed at 4:17 p.m., reconvened at 4:27 p.m., recessed at 4:37 p.m., reconvened at 4:38 p.m., recessed at 5:03 p.m., reconvened at 5:09 p.m., recessed at 5:26 p.m., reconvened at 6:11 p.m., recessed at 6:26 p.m., reconvened at 6:33 p.m., recessed at 6:50 p.m., reconvened at 6:57 p.m., recessed at 7:12 p.m., reconvened at 7:17 p.m., recessed at 7:31 p.m., reconvened at 7:32 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jacquie Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, School and Community Partnerships Administrator

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