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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 24, 2017

3:30 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR CHRISTIAN called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR CHRISTIAN and MEMBERS GONZALES, REYES, SKILBRED, SKOUSON, KRAMAR (excused at 4:18 p.m.), KILPONEN, WILLIAMS (excused until 4:18 p.m.), TORRES, SORROSA, KENNEDY, WINSLOW and HARDY

EXCUSED: MEMBERS RICHARD, HUSSAIN 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](#)

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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.](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by Symbolic Youth Networking Council Carnival of Care, Symbolic Youth Networking Council Features for Teachers \(Becker Middle School\), Symbolic Youth Networking Council Features for Teachers \(Lummis Elementary School\), Vegas Verdes Elementary School Science Night, VegasRoots.org Dougan Childrens Culinary Kitchen, Vikings Care Packages and Valley High School Batteries Included Spreading Hope](#)

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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.

Symbolic Youth Networking Council - Carnival of Care - CHIEANNE MOORE stated that the Carnival of Care is a small carnival held at Becker Middle School and includes food, games, music and arts and crafts. The carnival was last held in May, 2016 and was successful. Admission into the carnival is the donation of a new toy, and all toys will be donated to Sunrise Children's Hospital. Both parents and children will benefit from this project as parents will not have to worry about buying toys, and it will bring the community together for a good cause. MS. MOORE reviewed the budget which included \$930 for prizes, food, games and other materials for the carnival. Youth and adults will work together to gather materials and spread the word about the event. To reflect, photographs will be taken, and they will post on social media.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked what the Symbolic Youth Networking Council is, and MS. MOORE replied it is a council of students that work together for good causes.

MEMBER SKILBRED complimented MS. MOORE on her presentation and pointed out that the project would include 600 volunteer hours. She noted the applicant's request was for \$1,000, but their total expenditure amount was \$930; MEMBER SKILBRED wondered what the additional funds would be used for. MS. MOORE replied that the additional funds would be used for extra prizes or food.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked if the applicant could continue with the project if the full \$1,000 was not awarded, and MS. MOORE confirmed they could.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked about their target audience, and MS. MOORE explained they would get a list of toys that Sunrise Children's Hospital needed, and anyone donating toys would be admitted to the carnival.

MEMBER TORRES asked if attendees would be charged for concessions such as pizza, and MS. MOORE indicated they would not.

MEMBER WINSLOW wondered how the carnival would be promoted, and MS. MOORE replied through word of mouth around the Summerlin community.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if MS. MOORE had done a project like this before, and she said she had not.

Symbolic Youth Networking Council - Features for Teachers (Becker Middle School) - MADISON WILLACEY explained that this Features for Teachers project has been done a few times since 2010 and has been successful each time. The supplies teachers need will be purchased; this is an important project and both teachers and students will benefit because teachers have to purchase some supplies with their own money, and sometimes there are not enough supplies for students. When students have the supplies they need, they will succeed. She has several teachers who go above and beyond to help her and her peers, and to give back to the teachers, would mean a lot. She requested \$939.67 for the proposed project and explained that the youth will work with the adults to purchase school supplies, decorate boxes and put supplies in the teachers' lounge. To reflect, photographs will be taken and posted on social media.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how they determined what supplies to purchase and if the supplies would be on a first come first serve basis for the teachers. MS. WILLACEY believed it would be first come first serve and indicated that the teachers provided a list of supplies.

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MEMBER TORRES wondered if MS. WILLACEY had spoken to Becker Middle School about the proposed project as some schools receive grant money, and they may know of organizations that are willing to donate supplies.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked if they had or would receive donations from outside companies, and MS. WILLACEY stated they hoped to receive donations but had not gotten any yet.

MEMBER HARDY thought this was a great project and asked what made her choose this project, and MS. WILLACEY replied that some students do not come prepared and have to check out supplies.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked why Becker Middle School was chosen, and MS. WILLACEY explained that is where the Symbolic Art program is and where she attends school. CHAIR CHRISTIAN commented on the importance of teachers having supplies they need to do their jobs; he asked if they could still complete the project if they did not receive the full amount requested. MS. WILLACEY replied in the affirmative.

Symbolic Youth Networking Council - Features for Teachers (Lummis Elementary School) - VICTORIA PLUMMER explained that this Features for Teachers project has been done a few times since 2010 and has been successful each time. Supplies the teachers need will be purchased; this is an important project because students are asked to donate supplies, and teachers have to purchase some supplies for the students with their own money as well. When students have the supplies they need, they will succeed. She requested \$939.87 for the proposed project and explained that the youth will work with the adults to purchase school supplies, decorate boxes and put supplies in the teachers' lounge. To reflect, photographs will be taken and posted on social media.

MEMBER KRAMAR referred to the prior presentation that was a similar project at another school; she asked if they had thought about collaborating and purchasing supplies in bulk, and MS. PLUMMER replied in the affirmative.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how many teachers would receive the supplies; MS. PLUMMER was unsure.

MEMBER SORROSA asked if they would proceed with the project if they did not receive the full amount requested, and MS. PLUMMER said they would.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked how many youth are members of this organization, and MS. PLUMMER said there were 15 members.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought this was a great project; she asked if the 15 members would be working on all three of Symbolic Youth Networking Council projects, and MS. PLUMMER indicated they would.

MEMBER KENNEDY asked why Lummis Elementary School was chosen for this project, and MS. PLUMMER explained she had attended that school and knew they needed the supplies. She confirmed it was a way of giving back.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if this would replace the need for students to donate additional supplies, and MS. PLUMMER stated it would be a way of helping the teachers so they did not have to spend as much of their own money to purchase supplies.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN appreciated how precise their budget was.

MEMBER TORRES suggested including how many of each item was being purchased on future applications.

Vegas Verdes Elementary School - Science Night - ALEJANDRO ARIAS, Youth Leader and President of National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS), STEPHANIE BUGASH, Team Leader, and CRAIG BARISHMAN, Science Teacher and NEHS Advisor, introduced themselves. MR. ARIAS reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about his project, which was submitted as backup. He stated that Vegas Verdes is a Title I school, and he summarized the demographics of the student population. Last year, the school received a grant for a garden which is still there today. He reviewed the activities that would take place and stated this project will be an educational and fun event that will bring together staff, family and friends. Students at Vegas Verdes have not had a science fair in more than five years. MAD Science is an organization

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that travels to schools to conduct science experiments with the students, and they can choose some of these for Science Night. The Astronomical Society will have amateur and professional astronomers who will focus their telescopes on several celestial objects that are visible in the night sky. The technology and programming demonstrations will be done by the coding and robotics students. MR. ARIAS reviewed the budget which included purchasing science boards and make-and-take kaleidoscopes. Everyone will work together to make Science Night the best ever; to reflect, the science boards will be displayed at school and the science teachers can have students write about their favorite part of the project and describe what they learned.

MEMBER SKILBRED appreciated the effort put into this presentation and thought it was fun and entertaining. She loved this project and thought it was important to get students excited about science.

MEMBER KENNEDY loved this project idea and appreciated that MR. ARIAS was trying to reach out and bring families together with science.

MEMBER WINSLOW complimented MR. ARIAS on his presentation. She asked what students would be doing the coding and robotics demonstrations, and MR. ARIAS explained that members of the after-school clubs would be invited as special guests to do the demonstrations in hopes that the fourth-grade students would get excited about science.

MEMBER HARDY loved this project. She was not exposed to robotics until middle school and thought it was great they are implementing this in elementary school. MR. ARIAS explained they want to encourage students to explore the various types of science and be excited and talk about this for a long time.

MEMBER TORRES asked if all fifth-grade students would take the science boards home and do their own projects or if it would be done in the classroom. MR. BARISHMAN explained that the boards will be designed as a scientific method; they will start working on them in class, and then students will take them home.

MEMBER WINSLOW stated that a lot of high schools have robotics programs and have clubs that will do demonstrations. MR. BARISHMAN explained their club was headed to the championships, and they beat over 100 teams to qualify.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN complimented MR. ARIAS on his speaking ability and asked if he had been in contact with the Astronomical Society about this project. MR. BARISHMAN explained that a Clark County School District teacher runs the program, and they have confirmed March 23rd for Science Night. The event will last for three to four hours. CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked if they could carry out the project if the full amount of funding was not received, and MS. BUGASH said they could, just not to the extent they planned. She indicated they have also been doing some fundraising. MR. ARIAS added that they want people to have a good experience and not have to pay to attend the event.

MEMBER GONZALES complimented MR. ARIAS on his presentation and speaking ability.

VegasRoots.org - Dougan Children's Culinary Kitchen - JORDAN KATZ and her mom, JULIE KATZ, introduced themselves and submitted photos of a pizza oven located at the site. MS. JORDAN KATZ stated that the Vegas Roots Community Garden has given people the opportunity to grow food and learn about gardening and wellness for the past six years. More than 1,200 community members have learned to grow their own food, eat better, prepare healthier meals and reduce diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure. The garden services low-income families, at-risk youth, children, schools, senior citizens and homeless veterans. They grow organic produce and flowers, raise chickens and worms, and provide education to individuals and groups. Some of the programs include adopting a garden plot, growing healthy organic produce and educating children about how food is grown and where it comes from. Facilities at the garden include a kids' play area, a walking track, seats in a shaded area and gloves, tools and seeds for people who want to volunteer and learn to garden. Aside from volunteering at this garden, MS. JORDAN KATZ listed the other ways she volunteers as well. The requested funds would help to finish the kitchen area for the pizza oven; she listed the items that would be purchased. They will work with a carpenter who will provide supervision, and people in the surrounding area and school will learn about proper nutrition.

MEMBER SORROSA asked if they would be able to proceed with the project if they did not receive the full amount requested; MS. JORDAN KATZ was not sure.

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CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked who the volunteers were that were listed on the application, and MS. JULIE KATZ stated that she, and MS. JORDAN KATZ and her brother would volunteer, and ROSALIND BROOKS, Founder of Vegas Roots, would oversee the project.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked where the garden was located, and MS. JULIE KATZ explained it was located at Rancho Drive and Tonopah Drive.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN thought this was a great project, and it was very important for a community garden to exist.

MEMBER TORRES asked if kids would be participating in the cooking classes, and MS. JULIE KATZ explained that there are cooking classes on Saturdays, and people can adopt a plot; the organization also teaches people how to make a sustainable garden. She indicated she lived in Summerlin, and this was a good way to get school kids from Summerlin involved in the downtown community.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought this promoted good eating and brings different components of the community together.

MS. JULIE KATZ explained that the garden was in place; the pizza oven needed care, and Vegas Roots did not have any money for repairs.

Vikings - Care Packages - ALAN FERRERA and MARLENE BONILLA introduced themselves and their advisor, GABRIELLA. They reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding their project, which was submitted as backup. MS. BONILLA stated there are three types of homelessness: situational/transitional, episodic/cyclical and chronic. She referred to a slide of statistics noting Nevada is ranked fourth nationwide on the number of children living on the streets or in homeless shelters. MR. FERRERA stated there are more than 11,000 students in the Clark County School District who are homeless. The packages being put together through this project will be going to Valley High School where approximately five percent of the student population is homeless, and 35 percent of the students are identified as living in poverty. MS. BONILLA stated they will make 120 care packages; 98 students at Valley High School would receive them, and the extra care packages may be distributed to siblings or saved to be used during the remainder of the year in case any other students become homeless. MR. FERRERA stated they contacted stores such as Walmart and Kmart that are willing to provide donations for the care packages; a backpack will be used to carry the contents which will include blankets and personal hygiene items.

MR. FERRERA shared that he volunteered at a homeless shelter, and it was amazing how grateful families were to know that someone cared. Having the school community involved in this project will open students' eyes to the homeless issues.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how the packages would be distributed since student information is confidential, and MR. FERRERA explained that the school counselor has access to student information and would distribute the packages.

MEMBER WINSLOW asked if their budget was based on 120 care packages, and MR. FERRERA replied in the affirmative; any donations would be in addition to what they purchase. MEMBER WINSLOW asked if they would create more packages if they received extra backpacks, and MR. FERRERA indicated they would, and those could be distributed to the students' family members.

MEMBER TORRES thought that at one time, Valley High School had the highest rate of homelessness. She liked this project and thought it was great that they were giving back to their own school. MR. FERRERA hoped to inspire students from other schools to start projects at their schools as well.

MEMBER SKILBRED thought there was a great need for this. She asked if additional students would be assisting with putting the packages together. MR. FERRERA explained that he and MS. BONILLA would be assembling the packages, but they would like to have guest speakers come to the schools to raise awareness. MEMBER SKILBRED asked what type of gift cards would be included in the packages, and MR. FERRERA replied Visa gift cards would be included so food or other personal items like shoes or pants could be purchased.

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MEMBER KENNEDY asked if they have the Communities In Schools program at their school and if they were partnering with them. MR. FERRARA replied that they do have that program in their school, and they share information with them, but they are not collaborating on this project. MS. BONILLA added that the school counselors will call the students directly to distribute care packages.

MEMBER HARDY referred to the application where they pledged 42 volunteer hours; she noted it nearly matched the grant request amount and wondered if they plan to make up the rest through donations. MR. FERRARA said he made a mistake and did not update the pledge sheet. He has since done that, and when considering the planning and research they have done, the pledge hours surpassed the amount requested for the grant. MEMBER HARDY asked if they would still complete this project if they do not receive the full \$1,000. MR. FERRARA said they hoped to still accomplish that goal since they are expecting to receive donations. MS. BONILLA indicated they will also do fundraising if necessary.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN complimented MR. FERRARA and MS. BONILLA on their presentation. He believed that awareness was very important, and he was inspired to do this same project.

Valley High School Batteries Included - Spreading Hope - GUSTANO MEDRANO, AIDEE CHAVEZ, and JANIE ROBLES introduced themselves. MR. MEDRANO stated their goal for this project was to spend time with the senior citizens at the Aturo Cambeiro Senior Center and let them know people care for them. He showed photos from a day they spent visiting the seniors. Each of the participants got something out of it, and he personally felt a sense of love after visiting with the seniors. MS. CHAVEZ said that their visit to the senior center was an amazing experience; the seniors were very welcoming, and they played Bingo and sang and danced together. MS. ROBLES explained that the grant would be for a birthday party to celebrate the seniors, and all of the grant money would be spent on them.

MEMBER HARDY asked if they would be returning to the Aturo Cambeiro Senior Center, and MR. MEDRANO replied in the affirmative. MEMBER HARDY asked if they were participating in the Adopt-A-Senior program, and MR. MEDRANO said they were planning to do that, but they would have to speak with the rest of the team.

MEMBER TORRES thought this was a good project and asked if they already had activities planned for the day. MR. MEDRANO stated that the seniors like to play Bingo, some like karaoke and they are planning a movie for the party as well. MEMBER TORRES thought it was good they were continuing the relationship with the same senior center.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN asked how many senior citizens would participate at the party, and MR. MEDRANO thought it was approximately 32 people. CHAIR CHRISTIAN appreciated that this project fostered intergenerational activity. He asked if they could still carry out this project if they did not receive the full amount they requested, and MR. MEDRANO replied they probably could not do the project as planned, but they would still spend time with the seniors again.

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding the scoring and recommended funding of the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17](#)

Motion made by DEBORAH REYES to Hold in abeyance to 1/30/2017

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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

Minutes:

LISA CAMPBELL, School and Community Partnerships Administrator, explained this item would be held in abeyance as one of the groups was unable to present their project. Additionally, another group was not on the previous agenda and should have been.

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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 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was recessed several times between applicant presentations as follows: Recessed at 3:49 p.m., reconvened at 3:51 p.m., recessed at 3:56 p.m., reconvened at 3:59 p.m., recessed at 4:05 p.m., reconvened at 4:26 p.m., recessed at 4:28 p.m., reconvened at 4:37 p.m., recessed at 4:58 p.m., reconvened at 5:00 p.m., recessed at 5:10 p.m., reconvened at 5:16 p.m., recessed at 5:34 p.m., reconvened at 5:52 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jacquie Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Campbell, School and Community Partnerships Administrator

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