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SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

July 6, 2017

1:00 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:

ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PRESENT: ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES (seated as Chair after Item 7) and MEMBERS GOLDSTEIN, WEINSTEIN HALL, PATTARETTU, PERAZZO and OREAR-CAMERON (seated as Vice Chair after Item 7)

EXCUSED: MEMBER OBERLANDER

ALSO PRESENT: KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, Parks and Recreation, VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney, JEFF DOROCAR, Deputy City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, 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. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of June 1, 2017](#)

Motion made by YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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CARMEN BATES, MAXENE GOLDSTEIN, YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO, DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-DONALD OBERLANDER

MEMBER PERAZZO submitted an updated list of Senior, Community and other Centers for the record, which is attached as backup.

5. [Presentation by Leonard Dixon, Grant Program Coordinator, Office of Community Services, regarding services and resources available to the community All Wards](#)

Minutes:

LEONARD DIXON, Grant Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the services provided through the Office of Community Services. In that department, they administer several federal grants, some of which provide direct or indirect services to seniors. The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program funds social services through collaboration with the City's nonprofit partners. These include agencies such as Senior Life Line and other agencies that provide services specific to seniors. Those funds are awarded through a competitive process, so there is no guarantee that an agency funded one year will be funded the next year. MR. DIXON offered to provide the Board with a list of the current contractors that provide services directly to seniors. ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES asked if this list would contain contact information as well. MR. DIXON stated the list would contain the programs and the individuals who administer those programs.

Additionally, the CDBG Program funds some construction projects including sidewalks, which have been an important topic over the past few years. In the older neighborhoods, sidewalks are missing, in need of repair or are not in compliance with the new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance standards regarding being wide enough to accommodate two wheelchairs passing each other. As a result, seniors in powered wheelchairs are driving in traffic lanes. Over the past several years, the City has spent an enormous amount of money to ensure sidewalks are in place.

MR. DIXON also described the ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) Program, which is designed to prevent homelessness and provide rapid rehousing for those individuals who find themselves in a situation where they are facing eviction. The City works with a few select agencies to get these individuals rapid rehousing to prevent them from becoming homeless or minimize the amount of time spent in a homeless state. He noted these funds are awarded on a competitive basis as well.

MR. DIXON went on to explain HOPWA (Housing Opportunities For Persons With AIDS). This is a special grant, and the City is the only entity in Southern Nevada that administers the HOPWA Program. No information is given out pertaining to these agencies because of the medical information relating to the clients. The Office of Community Services also provides rental assistance through a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA). Through this program, money for first months rent, security deposit as well as ongoing rent and/or utilities is provided, as long as the income criteria is met.

MR. DIXON explained that all of the programs are income based, as the City is trying very hard to help those who do not have other means to help themselves.

The HOME Program involves working with developers to build affordable housing. The City has helped build most of the affordable housing developments seen throughout the city of Las Vegas. Staff is continuing to work with developers because there is an ongoing need for affordable housing. He named several programs specific for building long-term affordable housing. He noted that staff also ensures compliance with these programs, so as not to jeopardize any funding.

MEMBER PERAZZO asked if energy assistance was handled through the Office of Community Services. MR. DIXON indicated they have some energy assistance programs, but one year some of the funds were returned because there was no demand.

MEMBER PATTARETTU asked if the AIDS program was associated with AFAN (Aid for AIDS of Nevada). MR. DIXON replied that the City does work with AFAN and other AIDS agencies across Southern Nevada. These programs provide rental assistance, utilities and medical assistance.

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MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON asked if the ESG Program helped those who because of an extended hospital or rehab stay, no longer have a home to go to and find themselves homeless. MR. DIXON acknowledged assistance would be given to help these individuals obtain stabilized housing as long as they met the income guidelines.

6. [Presentation by Jace Radke, Senior Public Information Officer, and Jennifer Davies, Public Information Officer, Office of Communications, regarding the City of Las Vegas Website All Wards](#)

Minutes:

JENNIFER DAVIES, Public Information Officer, and NATASHA SHAHANI, Assistant Public Information Officer, from the Office of Communications introduced themselves. MS. DAVIES stated she and MS. SHAHANI are part of the social media team at the City of Las Vegas. They also oversee the City's website and much of its digital marketing efforts.

MS. DAVIES explained that seven out of 10 people use social media, with Facebook being the largest platform. Facebook has over two billion users with more than one billion daily users. With regard to social media, the City wants to be where the people are. As newsrooms continue to shrink, and it is becoming harder to get coverage on the many things happening with the City, social media helps fill that gap to tell its own story without relying on the media. It also enables staff to engage with citizens; residents can ask questions, provide feedback and get assistance via the City's social media site. Someone from the team is on call 365 days a year and monitors these sites 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is important to build trust with the City's followers, residents and business owners who need help when City Hall is otherwise closed. Last year, the City engaged with 350,000 people on social media, which is about half of the City's population, and there were approximately seven million video views on the City's Facebook page. This is a huge testament to the creative way in which to tell a story and to get the word out about the amazing things going on around the City. The City's following continues to grow, even surpassing some of the local news stations.

In addition to social media, staff also oversees the City's website. MS. DAVIES runs the Lorenzi Park Facebook page with MEMBER PERAZZO, who has been able to provide a lot of feedback. MS. DAVIES stated the City is in the process of redesigning its website again. It had a huge facelift in April 2016, but there is still work to do and issues to be addressed during the redesign. She noted that the Department of Information Technologies was also in the process of redesigning the app where problems can be reported. The hope is to launch this app either in August or September; it will be much more robust and user friendly. MS. DAVIES offered to come back at a later date to provide an overview on how to use the app and the various features it will have in it. Report a Problem has been important; the Board members are engaged in the community and are like the City's eyes and ears on helping improve parks and the services offered. MS. DAVIES referred to the City's home page at lasvegasnevada.gov, which is a great place to report a problem, such as graffiti and neighborhood issues. She indicated the members could also reach out to staff on any of their platforms (i.e., Facebook, Twitter or email at socialmedia@lasvegasnevada.gov).

MEMBER GOLDSTEIN stated she volunteers at many organizations and events, and her biggest complaint was with the Las Vegas Review Journal not publishing information about an event until the day after. There have been events she did not know about but would have liked to attend. MS. SHAHANI explained the City promotes at least 75 percent of all events that take place in the city. They either share a flyer or a themed GIF, which is an animated video to grab people's attention. Currently, the City is promoting the city-wide prayer service on Saturday and the Stupak Community Center Red, White and Blue Celebration. She stated that Parks and Recreation and the Office of Cultural Affairs does a great job informing the Office of Communications of events. ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES asked if this information was on the City's website or Facebook page. MS. SHAHANI responded the information could be found on both. She directed the members to the events tab on the website and said it could be found on Twitter as well.

MS. DAVIES stated having a more robust calendar on the future website is something being considered to help people stay more in tune. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL asked if the members could send staff information on events being organized in their Wards, to which MS. DAVIES responded yes. It is important to keep the Office of Communications informed so they can help activate the various promotional opportunities in the City. She noted that their office works closely with their elected officials as well. She meets weekly with Ward 4 to help plan concepts for their Facebook page. MS. SHAHANI explained additionally that MARGARET KURTZ, Public Information Officer, reviews most of the Ward newsletters. Each

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Councilmember has a Ward Council page that contains a list of events for the current month as well.

MS. DAVIES confirmed for MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL that they could help set something up for the new Councilman in Ward 2. ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES mentioned last year the members were subscribed to the newsletters from all of the Wards, which were very informative. As most of the members are new to the Board, MS. DAVIES asked those that would like to receive the newsletters to notify MS. SCHWARZ or APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, and the Office of Communications would add them to the distribution list. MS. SHAHANI noted that the City is moving towards a different platform where individuals will be able to receive information via text messages as well. If the Board would like to have a newsletter dedicated to seniors, that is something they could do as well.

MEMBER PERAZZO asked staff to identify the social media platform seniors are using the most. MS. DAVIES stated while Instagram is a quickly growing platform, Facebook is the platform the older demographic is using the most. She also noted if you are someone that does not prefer the personal nature of Facebook, Twitter is a great place to keep informed because the information is real time.

MS. SHAHANI stated most of the information their office receives regarding complaints or matters needing attention is via Twitter because it is easy to tag the City. MS. DAVIES stated they hear from hundreds of people a day through all of the City platforms. Staff looks at themselves as being the front line to help and to let people know their voices are being heard. If any of the members were interested in learning more about social media or wished to set up some one-on-one time, MS. DAVIES said that could be arranged.

MEMBER PERAZZO wondered if moving apps to the Cloud was a possibility for the new app development. MS. DAVIES responded she would have to check with IT because that department was developing the app. In the meantime, she pointed out that the City's website is mobile responsive. MEMBER PERAZZO commented it was difficult to sign up for classes. MS. DAVIES agreed. Currently, the City uses a platform called RecTrac for all of the Parks and Recreation and the Office of Cultural Affairs classes, but an RFP (Request For Proposal) was just released to find a new provider that will sync Cultural Affairs and Parks and Recreation to make it a little easier to sign up.

MEMBER PERAZZO stated he is trying to phase out of his administration of Lorenzi Park, but provided the latest statistical report to MS. DAVIES, which was not submitted for the record.

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

Motion made by YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL to Approve Carmen Bates as Chair

Passed For: 5; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

CARMEN BATES, MAXENE GOLDSTEIN, YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO; Against-DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON; Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-DONALD OBERLANDER

Motion made by JOHN PERAZZO to Approve Deanne O'Rear-Cameron as Vice Chair

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

CARMEN BATES, MAXENE GOLDSTEIN, YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO, DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-DONALD OBERLANDER

NOTE: An initial motion by BATES to Approve DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON as Chair failed with GOLDSTEIN, WEINSTEIN HALL, PATTARETTU and PERAZZO voting No and OBERLANDER excused. A second motion by PERAZZO to Approve YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL as Chair failed with BATES, O'REAR-CAMERON and GOLDSTEIN voting No and OBERLANDER excused.

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KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, explained this item was placed on the agenda because the Bylaws state the election of officers shall occur at the July meeting. However, because all of the members were new with the exception of ACTING VICE CHAIR BATES, MS. SCHWARZ deferred to CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED to see if this item could be held to another meeting to give the members the opportunity to get to know each other better. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED opined the item could be held in abeyance if the members wished.

This being her first meeting, MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON shared her background with the Board. She has been in Ward 4 for a very long time. She receives all of the newsletters and heard about the Board vacancy through Ward 5 since she does a lot of work there. She is on the Friends of Parkinsons Board, the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council and works with Nathan Adelson Hospice and Catholic Charities. Additionally, she is a minister and goes into the various communities and senior centers across the valley, including Henderson. She commented she is everything seniors. She saw the need and has made herself a resource for seniors; this is something that is in her heart. She works with seniors ranging from Independent to Assisted Living and Hospice. This is why she decided to become a member of this Board. She noted, however, that in researching the Board and listening to past meetings, she had a hard time finding a focus, but after COUNCILMAN ANTHONY reached out to her, she felt that was her sign. She wants to help make a difference. She did not know the Board existed or she would have stepped forward a long time ago. She stated she already met with the Independent Senior Foundation on July 5th to find out what their needs are.

There was some discussion about holding this item until the August meeting. MEMBER O-REAR CAMERON indicated she went to meet ups with COUNCILMEN ANTHONY and BEERS, and they encouraged her to throw herself in as Chair. She looked at the duties and does not believe they are over her head. She indicated she would be interested in being Chair due to her experience with seniors and with the Open Meeting Law.

8. [Discussion for possible action regarding changing the frequency of the Board meetings All Wards](#)

Motion made by CARMEN BATES to Approve keeping the frequency of the Board meetings monthly

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

CARMEN BATES, MAXENE GOLDSTEIN, YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO, DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-DONALD OBERLANDER

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, explained the Bylaws state the Board is to meet the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. With the majority of the members being new, it would be good to discuss whether this works for everyone. While the various Boards meet at different times, any change would require coordination through the City Clerks Office and a change to the Bylaws.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL mentioned there are new Councilmembers, and she has not had an opportunity to talk to her Councilman. She visited the Veterans Memorial Leisure Center on Pavilion Center Drive, but she would prefer meeting every other month to allow her time to get to know the new Councilman, get up to speed, and coordinate with him. She would not have a problem meeting every month, but she would have more to report if the frequency was changed to every other month.

MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON thought meeting monthly was good because the members were new and would need a lot of different speakers to come in and present to the Board. There are many resources out there that the members need to know about. They need to learn what these agencies do and how they serve our seniors so when talking to their Councilperson, they can make recommendations. The meeting is not just about getting to know each other, there is a purpose. Having the speakers today was wonderful. It is important to understand the real needs of the seniors, and if the members have the information, they can keep their Wards informed. Even if a member has not been able to meet with their Councilperson, holding a meeting still affords the opportunity to bring in people to educate the members so when they do meet with their Councilperson, they are armed with that knowledge to give the proper recommendations and make them look good too.

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MEMBER PERAZZO thought meeting every two weeks initially would be beneficial because he has a lot of questions. As some members thought this was too much of a commitment, MEMBER PERAZZO indicated monthly would work for him.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED confirmed an item could be placed on the agenda at any time if the members wished to discuss this matter again at a future date.

9. [Discussion for possible action regarding reports given by Board Members on senior issues within their respective Council Wards and at large All Wards](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON reported she sat with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY to discuss the various needs of seniors in Ward 4. She was informed that 50 percent of their calls are from seniors with questions relating to Medicare, transit and where to find information on various topics. She discovered the Councilman is on the Council on Aging, which is an organization she works with. She talked to the Councilman about various ways to help seniors and how she can be there to help him. The Councilman provided her with a list of events he is expected to be at.

MEMBER PERAZZO is learning the boundaries and about the demographics of Ward 5, which he represents. He reported that almost one-third of the City's population is in Ward 5. He did a breakdown and found that in ZIP Codes 89107, 80108, 89106 and 89101, half identify as Hispanic Latino, but he could not identify any particular Hispanic Latino outreach among the senior centers. He submitted the demographic information and asked staff if they could provide a breakdown by precinct and by Ward to gain an idea of the density where the seniors are. In 2010, the highest density of the senior population was in downtown. In 2016, the highest density could be found in 89108; this surprised him because there is no senior center in that region. MEMBER PERAZZO stated his visit to the Derfelt Senior Center was wonderful. That center has excellent programs, and their specialty is classes. They are also doing the weekend kids camp, which he thought seniors were happy to see kids having fun. He also visited and watched a movie at the Las Vegas Community Center at Dula, which emanates balance and peace. MEMBER PERAZZO thought he needed a class on multi-cultural education because he always feels uncomfortable at the Doolittle Senior Center. He was there for the Community Garden mandatory meeting regarding the rules. He submitted these rules for the record. MEMBER PERAZZO also reached out to the Las Vegas Urban League Senior Center in North Las Vegas. They state their outreach programs target Clark County seniors that are age 55 and older who are located in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Nellis Air Force Base and Henderson. He noted he also reached out to the Rising Asian Pacific Americans Coalition For Diversity group at Lorenzi Park. MEMBER PERAZZO submitted the letters of introduction he wrote; these are attached as backup.

MEMBER PATTARETTU, Ward 6, had the opportunity to go to the Senior Citizen Center at Centennial Parkway and Buffalo Drive. The Center is beautiful and well-organized. When she asked what the Board could do for them, they informed her they did not need anything as they were well organized. They did, however, indicate they could use some funds for their annual luncheon scheduled for August 16th. Most of the funding comes from private funds, but if the City could donate any money, it would be appreciated. She informed CHAIR BATES that she had not had any contact yet with incoming COUNCILWOMAN FIORE.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL went to the Veterans Memorial Center in Summerlin, which is a gorgeous location. She talked to the Director, and their mission statement is to combine children, teens and seniors together on various projects. They are setting up a garden at the Center that all these groups will be involved in. They have done proms for seniors and have a writing class, which is held once a month where they critique each others writing. They have even gotten some authors to appear. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL mentioned a project where the teens interviewed seniors about their experiences in World War II, the Korean War, the Depression, etc., and they are making a recording of that which will serve as a living memory. She stated she did that with her paternal and maternal grandparents, and she found out things she did not know about them, which was a lot of fun. They also have the idea to interview seniors about what kind of professions they were involved in and the motivation to still achieve things while they are no longer working as well as motivating kids to go into different types of careers. She thought this was an excellent idea that will keep the seniors young and vital and contributing to their community and center, and they are around kids, which is the most important thing. They need to be around children that will inspire them. The Center also holds a lot of fitness classes for people of all ages and is going to try to have a health fair. The

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Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health went to the Center to talk about brain health and Alzheimers. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL stated she will contact the new Councilman at the end of the month to discuss some of his ideas. With regard to the oral histories, MEMBER PERAZZO informed MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL that Historic Preservation Commissioner CLAYTEE WHITE is involved with the oral history project at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), and he asked her to make COMMISSIONER WHITE aware of these interviews being done. He also noted the three categories a project had to fall under in order to be considered for funding.

MEMBER GOLDSTEIN, Ward 6, expressed how much she tries to help anyone with a problem. She shared the story of helping a gentleman who could not remember where he lived and of another older gentleman who had lost his job and was in the process of getting evicted. She contacted 211 and connected him with Catholic Charities and helped him get moved into a new place. A lot of people are not aware of the programs and activities that exist. She said everyone is on this Board because they care. She passed around and submitted for the record, a flyer announcing AgeWell, The Active 50+ Expo at Cashman Center. She thought, as a group, they should get a booth. MS. SCHWARZ stated Parks and Recreation has a table at this event every year. While staff from the different centers will be there to explain what happens at each center, it would be helpful if the Board members could sign up for a time to help work the table. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON has participated in several of these, and stated it was a very good event. The Las Vegas Review Journal is behind the event, and they get a lot of foot traffic. MS. SCHWARZ stated they usually anticipate approximately 30,000 people. MEMBER GOLDSTEIN stated she has attended on a personal basis, but thought some information could be written up by the Board. MS. SCHWARZ reminded the members that they have their business cards, which are a good resource to hand out should someone need help. If someone calls the number on the business cards, it will go to Parks and Recreation where it will be redirected once vetted.

CHAIR BATES reported she has been unable to do much in her Ward because she has been busy at work. She was also aware of the Expo in October, and is looking forward to the Board having a presence there. She asked about the status of the Senior of the Quarter. MS. SCHWARZ stated she would look into this because nothing has been done since the Board has not met for quite some time.

10. [Report by Kelly Schwarz, Senior Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation Department, regarding upcoming department activities All Wards](#)

Minutes:

KELLY SCHWARZ, Senior Management Analyst, received a notification two cooling stations are being opened Dula Gym and the Stupak Community Center. If the members know of different housing communities or seniors that do not have air conditioning, they can go to these locations to get out of the heat. Water is provided which is donated by Three Square. She noted individuals can also go to any of the city's senior centers.

Referencing the request made by MEMBER GOLDSTEIN at last month's meeting to have someone from the Public Guardians Office of Clark County come to speak, MS. SCHWARZ stated a partial presentation is scheduled for next month, with another presentation scheduled for the following month. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON wondered if this was the Public Guardians Office by Valley Hospital. APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, stated she contacted the office directly through the number listed on the Clark County website. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON offered her assistance. MS. DiGIOVANNI explained there were two individuals they thought best to discuss that office's program and resources, but their schedules could not be coordinated to have them appear at the same meeting, which was why the presentations would be given at two separate meetings.

MS. DiGIOVANNI stated she conducted a manual search through the Clark County and City's website by Ward to provide a list of some housing specifically for senior citizens. That list is attached as backup. The list from one of the meetings last year was thought to contain this information, but it did not, and she wanted to be able to provide a little more information. MS. SCHWARZ deferred to DEBRA OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk, to explain where the members could find the backup for the meetings.

11. [DISCUSSION REGARDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE BOARD. COMMENTS MADE DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SHALL REFER SOLELY TO PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY DISCUSSION SHALL BE LIMITED TO](#)

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WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS ARE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE BOARD AND/OR WHETHER SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS SHALL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. NO DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY SUCH PROPOSED TOPIC SHALL OCCUR AND NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN.

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After hearing someone from Henderson had died from the heat, MEMBER PERAZZO wondered how it could have been prevented. Smoke alarms are standard in new housing projects, but he wondered about heat sensors, especially in low-income housing. He noted the nearest cooling station to this individual was two miles away. A list of cooling stations was submitted for the record. He asked if staff could somehow identify those seniors living alone by using the questionnaire the Mayor sends out every fall. He also asked if Planning and Zoning could investigate heat sensors; while not required by law, perhaps they could ask the developer if they intended to install any. CHAIR BATES was unfamiliar with heat sensors and asked if something would go off if the house became too hot. MEMBER PERAZZO explained the alarm could not notify the person living in the home because they would already be disoriented because of the heat. It would have to ring through someones social media, a fire station or the apartment manager. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated there were such systems available.

MEMBER PERAZZO asked if all of the cooling stations were automatically opened when the National Weather Service issued an excessive heat warning. MS. SCHWARZ explained it was jurisdictional. If Henderson opens theirs, the City opens theirs, but it is all done through Clark County. MEMBER PATTARETTU commented these cooling stations may be available, but she wondered who would get the seniors there.

MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated she is involved with Music and Memory, the Alzheimers Association, and she thought it would be nice to invite someone from this organization to a future meeting. She also stated that HELP of Southern Nevada is a wonderful resource and thought they could attend a meeting and give a presentation. They offer no-cost weatherization for houses and apartments, which is based on the income of the renter, not the property owner; however, the property owners permission is required. She submitted a flyer as part of the record. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON mentioned Spotlight Senior Services which holds a huge fair twice a year. Usually, this event is held at The Orleans, but this year, it will be held October 21st at Texas Station. The event is based on health, and they would like involvement from all of the Wards because of everything happening right now with health care. Open Enrollment starts in October, so this would be a great resource. She wondered if they should approach the Councilmembers to see if they would be interested in having a table at this event. The event, which is being emceed by MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON and her husband will be covered by television and the newspaper. Any funds will be given to the Independent Senior Foundation, which is another speaker she thought should be invited to a future meeting. This organization helps people stay in their homes. MS. SCHWARZ asked MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON to forward to APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, her ideas and any contacts she had.

MEMBER GOLDSTEIN could not recall the name but mentioned a service who calls seniors every day to check on them, and if that senior does not answer the phone, they contact a designated individual. She relayed the story of how some of her neighbors had passed away because nobody knew they needed help. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated she has several resources regarding this and would forward this information to MS. DiGIOVANNI. She thought it would also be helpful to bring in someone from Metro Special Victims Unit to relay what they are seeing. MEMBER PERAZZO stated this was in line with what he was thinking regarding crimes against seniors. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated she could provide those statistics as well. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL thought something like this already existed where you press a button if you need help. MEMBER PATTARETTU stated usually that is monitored by a company or the Fire Department, and people cannot always afford the monthly fee. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated that is where the foundations come into play; they give scholarships. MEMBER PATTARETTU recommended each person discuss this with their primary care doctor so they can determine who the high risk seniors are and then submit it to their insurance. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated Medicare does not cover these types of devices, but Medicaid will with a State waiver. MEMBER PATTARETTU thought Open Enrollment in the fall may be a good time to have this conversation so families can prepare.

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Referencing MEMBER OREAR-CAMERONS earlier comment under Item 7 regarding the focus of this Board, CHAIR BATES stated the focus is to assimilate information and dispense it. She stated the senior event is held in the fall because that is when Open Enrollment is. They have an excellent resource at the State of Nevada with regard to Medicare. MEMBER OREAR-CAMERON stated LORI POWERS, Senior Medicare Patrol, is normally the person that speaks on this topic.

12. [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:

Former Member BOB GOLDSTEIN stated that Catholic Charities does welfare calls.

13. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Kelly Schwarz, Senior Management Analyst

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