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**YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP)
GRANT REVIEW BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
HUMAN RESOURCES, 1st FLOOR, TRAINING ROOMS 3 & 4
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MINUTES

**January 3, 2019
3:30 PM**

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR TARIMAN called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR TARIMAN and MEMBERS RICHARD, FLORES, FAJARDO, KILPONEN, YTURRALDE, SKOUSON, BELL and CERVACIO

EXCUSED: MEMBERS MURPHY, VOLMAR, WILLIAMS, BONAVENTURA, RODRIGUEZ, MONSON and BLACK

ALSO PRESENT: CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, TERI PONTICELLO, Assistant City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive

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

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None.

4. [Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Applications submitted by Rainbow Dreams Academy Student Council – “Follow Your Dreams” Youth Lead Day Retreat; Wendell P. Williams Soaring Eagles – SOAR; Youth United w/ Purpose – Youth Leadership in Music; Zeta Archonettes, Theta Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Zeta Archonettes "Have Heart"; The Superfriends – Super Care Packages; Children of the World – Children of the World Park; Creative Caring for Teens and Youth – Creative Caring for Teens and Youth; Klothes 4 Kids – Klothes 4 Kids; and VMCC \(Veterans Memorial Community Center\) Youth Council – Yarn of Compassion](#)

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CANDACE BORING, suggested trailing the applicant group Rainbow Dreams Academy Student Council – "Follow Your Dreams" Youth Lead Day Retreat as they had not arrived, noting that they could not be rescheduled for a future meeting. CHAIR TARIMAN took note and asked that they continue with the other applicants. As each applicant came forward for their presentation, the Chair advised them they would have five minutes to present and the Board would have five minutes to ask questions. At the conclusion of their presentation, the Chair also advised them that the Board would discuss the funding recommendations at a later meeting and then presented to the City Council on 2/6/2019 for their consideration and

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final approval. The groups would be notified by MS. BORING about the next steps in the process.

Wendell P. Williams Soaring Eagles – SOAR: TRINITY ANDERSON (with assistance from adult VERA CLEVELAND) made this presentation. He explained what the letters in SOAR represent: S-Smart Choices, O-Ownership, A-Positive Attitude and R-Respect Kids, adding that remembering and using these ideas every day will help his school show how much they care. MS. CLEVELAND said they had videos, copies of which were not submitted, of MR. ANDERSON talking to other children, and she also showed photos, copies of which were submitted, of a SOAR banner displayed at the school. She explained that every time a child does well, the child is asked to write their name on a strip of paper, which is then added to the SOAR banner.

MR. ANDERSON also showed a photo submitted for the record of a SOAR tree, on which the cut-out leaves collected from children asked to write how they can thrive in school and SOAR values for display on the tree.

After MEMBER FLORES commended MR. ANDERSON on his nice presentation, MR. ANDERSON answered for him that he is 11-years-old and that SOAR is very important to him because it stands for how every person in the world can be respected.

MEMBER SKOUSON liked the presentation and the pictures shown because they helped visualize the vision of the group. She then observed that the grant money would be used toward awards, incentives and a food banquet. She asked what the event would entail. MR. ANDERSON replied that after speaking to a man who wanted to raise money to help the homeless, he thought it would be a good idea to raise money for SOAR. MS. CLEVELAND explained that the banquet is for the students for their outstanding work throughout the school year, and MR. ANDERSON helps at the special student awards banquet by giving out awards and incentives for the money received. Moreover, it is for the kids who are going through the SOAR program and trying to get an understanding of it. Once they succeed, they are presented with awards. She verified for MEMBER SKOUSON that it is an ongoing program at the school throughout the year.

Youth United w/ Purpose – Youth Leadership in Music: DEZMONE BLACK “DEZ BURGERS” initially presented this application. MR. BLACK showed a video, a copy of which was not submitted for the record, of a skit wherein LAYLA BELL and SEVEN BELL explained they received funding from this Board the previous year in the amount of \$743 for their project. They commented on how learning music production skills can lead to a career as a sound technician, who make over \$40,000 yearly. The project includes learning how to write songs, produce beats, record digital instruments and learn live production. With this knowledge, a student could become an audio technician, who make about \$56,000 yearly. They remarked that the group would be having the Youth Leadership Workshop Part II on 3/23/2019 and backed by TB Entertainment. With the continued support of YNAPP, Youth Leadership will be able to continue teaching youth how to make realistic careers without sacrificing their dreams.

After the video was shown, DEZIRAE BLACK and MAKAYLA YOUNG spoke about how Youth United w/Purpose (YUP) would be having a musical for everyone to attend. People could come two hours before the event to learn how to set up instruments and properly plug into the board, set up mics and conduct a proper sound check prior to the musical starting. They will run sound during the musical and then offer light refreshments. This event is anticipated to have 20 participants, and they would like the project to be ongoing and to expand.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how they would advertise the event, and MR. BLACK replied that the two organizations they have, one of which involves the dance group and the other the musicians, use social media and word of mouth to advertise. They expect about 25 participants, and they would like no more than that so that the attendees can get hand-on experience. He clarified for MEMBER SKOUSON, who observed they would have people rotating through the four classes, that last year’s project was about what happens behind the scenes. This year they will make the project about live performance. The background technicians, choir and dance group will be at the event.

MEMBER FAJARDO discussed with MR. BLACK that there will be volunteers who are friends and family, some of whom will be youths, and they will have participants ages 10 to 20. The most important leadership skills he has learned through these projects is organization and being a good example to the students.

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To MEMBER YTURREALDE, MR. BLACK explained that the video shown was put together for this presentation, but it was like a project in itself because everyone that participated in it is from the organization.

MEMBER KILPONEN asked if the older youth would be teaching the younger children, and MR. BLACK answered that they would have people of different ages, including adults and professionals who are experienced and actually make music and performances for a career.

Zeta Archonettes, Theta Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Zeta Archonettes "Have Heart": JAYLA MANOR, MEDINA McCALLISTER and TANASHA SWINSON, Seniors at Bishop Gorman, Foothill and Cheyenne High Schools and President, Secretary and Member of Zeta Archonettes, respectively, were present for this application.

After a brief exercise routine, MS. MANOR explained that this routine is called ZHOPE, which stands for Zetas Helping Other People Excel. It is a training model to facilitate programs implemented in 500 communities where Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., chapter members and affiliates are located. They chose yoga because it is the scientific system of the daily life teachings on how to achieve good health, inner peace and harmony, which help achieve physical and mental health.

MS. McCALLISTER further explained that ZHOPE programs have been designed to address the needs of the human body and developed with a holistic, three-dimensional approach, with a focus on the mind, body and spirit, which are the three aspects representative of Zeta Archonettes Have Heart. The simple routine they did was exercise that helped them strengthen the heart, lungs, control bodyweight, prevent cancer regulate blood pressure and help keep the arteries and veins clear.

MS. SWINSON commented that teaching healthy eating habits help people focus on the overall diet and to cook more meals at home, make healthier snacks and limit portions. MS. MANOR remarked that the grant money will help them purchase yoga mats, water, snacks and T-shirts, and MS. SWINSON added that they intend to reach out to the community by using social media. They will be inviting a physical education nurse to teach them yoga skills. MS. McCALLISTER mentioned that their Vegas Roots Garden in Downtown Las Vegas hosts the Zeta Archonettes Have Heart, and that their purpose is to educate and nourish the community and let them know that being healthy is affordable and possible.

MEMBER SKOUSON discussed with MS. MANOR and MS. McCALLISTER that they intend to gather as many people as possible for their event and do yoga and get them excited about healthy eating and exercise. MS. SWINSON added that their hope is to get the people started and hooked, although they had yet to recruit a yoga instructor. MS. McCALLISTER clarified for MEMBER SKOUSON that they would still offer yoga classes thereafter. The yoga instructor will teach them as well and donate their time. Moreover, she explained that the routine they did was a demonstration of what the Zeta Archonettes do as a sorority group.

To MEMBER FLORES, MS. McCALLISTER explained that they intend to invite the Betas, who are their brothers, to participate, and they chose to do this instead of a party because they wanted to bring the community together while getting out the message of the importance of healthy living instead of just having fun.

MEMBER FAJARDO verified with MS. MANOR that they intend to accommodate as many people as possible. She also advised MEMBER KILPONEN that the Archonettes have 18 members. MS. SWINSON interjected that the Archonettes are high-school-age young ladies who demonstrate an interest in the goals and ideas of scholarship, sisterly love, community service and finer womanhood, and they are affiliated with local chapters.

The Superfriends – Super Care Packages: KHLOE CAMARILLO used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to explain The Superfriends' project. The members are MYA, JET, JOVEE and herself, and they would like to receive grant funding to make care packages for kids who are sick in Summerlin Hospital. They came up with the idea after MS. CAMARILLO and her family received care packages when she was in the hospital the previous year. Receiving them made her feel very special and cared about, and she would like other kids to feel the same. The goal is to purchase totes to make 50 care packages, which will contain, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, hair ties, lip balm, pack of crayons, coloring book, joke book, card game, stuffed animal, Play-Doh container, along with get-well-soon cards they will make with cardstock, trimmer and pens. She indicated they need \$1,000, and her family is willing to help with funding if they do not receive the full grant amount requested. She, her friends and family members will help put the packages together. After they are done, she intends to make a YouTube video to show their work.

MEMBERS SKOUSON, FLORES, YTURREALDE and FAJARDO were very impressed by MS. CAMARILLO'S presentation, intelligence, reading and organizational skills and compassion, especially at her young age of almost eight-

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years-old. They encouraged her to continue her passion with coming up with projects to help others.

To MEMBER FLORES, MS. CAMARILLO said she wants to be like her mom and dad when she grows up and that she loves to read and write, which is very good for her.

MEMBER FAJARDO discussed with MS. CAMARILLO that she had not contacted any of the vendors to try to obtain sample donations of the products she needs.

Children of the World – Children of the World Park: MELANIE McNAIR, 11-year-old sixth grader, and TORI BRILL, 12-year-old seventh grader, presented their project, Lemonade for Liberty Swing. MS. McNAIR posed the thought of people not being able to enjoy a swing at a park, which she said was the experience for many of the student/friends she attended school with because they are wheelchair bound. This thought is very saddening to her, so she came up with the idea to set up an informational lemonade stand to talk about the Liberty Swing, which is a handicap-accessible swing, and how much it is needed in Las Vegas parks, where none of its kind are available. She showed a photo, a copy of which was not submitted, of the swing and explained that if her grant request were approved, she would work with her friends in the community to host a lemonade stand at the YMCA in Centennial Hills to provide informational facts, along with lemonade and cupcakes to people so they can talk about the need for a Liberty Swing. She thanked the Board members and handed out samples of lemonade and cupcakes.

For MEMBER SKOUSON, MS. McNAIR indicated that they would be providing information about the swing at the stands and give away cupcakes. They would like to raise money to get a Liberty Swing installed. MEMBER SKOUSON observed that they were working with the Kiwanis Club and other entities, so she wondered if they had asked those groups for assistance. BRENDA McNAIR, a mother who is a Special Ed teacher, answered that they are basically working with COUNCILWOMAN FIORE, who mentioned to them that there are other places to try to raise funds from. So they were in the process of working with them. As a mother of a 22-year-old son who is in a wheelchair, MEMBER SKOUSON thought this was a great idea and said she and her son would be visiting the park if they could get this done. She supported them trying to raise awareness.

MEMBER YTURRALDE praised them for a very eye-catching presentation. She wished them well and hoped they would have a lot of participants. For her daughter, MRS. McNAIR advised MEMBER YTURRALDE that they would follow up with people to let them know how many funds they raised.

MEMBER FLORES commended them on their presentation.

Creative Caring for Teens and Youth – Creative Caring for Teens and Youth: DESHA COLLINS, 15-year-old 10th grader, and CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, 11-year old sixth grader, both of whom attend Somerset Sky Pointe Academy, started their presentation by stating that they have a passion for helping animals and people in need, particularly the youth.

MS. COLLINS said that as the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Creative Caring for Youth and Teens, she works with her partner, MR. COLLINS, to reach out to youth of all ages with the primary goal of helping youth in need physically, emotionally and mentally.

MS. COLLINS read a poem she wrote about how love and caring can help people know they matter and that they are not alone.

MR. COLLINS explained that they intend to show love to other youth by getting them gifts they would enjoy and bringing food, drinks, movies and music to children in foster homes to let them know they are not forgotten. MS. COLLINS explained that the grant will help them get closer to accomplishing their goals for their organization. They will be able to get supplies for their planned activities during events, such as for the recent event they had where they painted nails, a cook-off, or they could have a bakeoff. They could also get food to provide at small events.

MEMBER FAJARDO discussed with MS. COLLINS that presently only her and her brother are the volunteers. They intend to get the word out with help from their church, which will help get more volunteers.

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To MEMBER SKOUSON, MS. COLLINS commented that they would be targeting anyone who is struggling, not just foster kids. They hope to hold multiple events. For MEMBER KILPONEN, she indicated that they their events could be held at foster homes, where the girls paint nails, have pizza and talk to encourage each other.

Klothes 4 Kids – Klothes 4 Kids: NIJEL MURRAY, the founder of Klothes 4 Kids, which he described as a non-profit organization that provides clothing for kids entering the foster care system. He disseminated an informational postcard and used a PowerPoint presentation to explain his project. Copies of the postcard and PowerPoint were submitted for the record.

He explained this was his first time applying for this grant, but he received \$1,000 in 2018 from the World Changes Scholarship through his orthodontist. In August of 2018, he did a clothing drive for his 15th birthday and raised about \$1,000, and in October of 2018, he received \$5,000 from American Credit Bank who was offering grants to people in the community wanting to make change. He went through the pictures depicting the occasions on which he won funding.

Continuing, MR. MURRAY indicated that he founded the organization in 2017 after a child his family fostered only had clothes that were too big or too small for him when he was left at Child Haven. His foster brother felt so embarrassed to wear any of the clothing, so his parents worked frantically to buy him new basic items of clothing. After seeing the stress his parents went through and the sadness of his foster brother, he realized right away he did not want the same for other foster families. Consequently, he created Klothes 4 Kids, through which they provide a duffle bag filled with new and gently pre-owned clothing and other hygienic necessities.

After his first event, he realized he wanted to help older youth as well, so he wants to hold a Teen Pop Up Shop in spring of 2019 and offer a cool place for teens in foster care to shop for new and trendy clothes free of charge. Since Klothes 4 Kids is a community sponsor for the Teen Boys Cottage on the Child Haven Campus, the boys will be celebrated at an event full of fun, fashion and food. Additionally, they will be offered an opportunity to serve alongside the Klothes 4 Kids team on the day of the event. By helping with setup, cleanup and organization of the items, they will be allowed the change to give and receive help. By selecting their clothing items, the youth will have confidence, which means a lot for kids to feel equal and to raise their self-esteem. This project benefits the community because it helps raise awareness about foster care and the needs of the children in the system, and will allow people to become involved in a grassroots effort to provide youth assistance.

MR. MURRAY stated that his main focus is to obtain volunteerism from residents and church members residing within the 89106 zip code in order to help at least 25 foster kids and families within the same zip code. He went over the budget: \$250 for food and drinks for attendees and helping at the Pop Up Shop; \$250 to hire a DJ and provide fun activities; \$200 for decorations on dressing room materials; \$50 for location and \$250 for the purchase of clothing and necessities to include in the duffle bags

MEMBER SKOUSON was very impressed with the project and MR. MURRAY'S ability to identify a need in the community and come up with a creative idea to address it, especially at such a young age. MEMBER FLORES echoed the comments of MEMBER SKOUSON, noting that MR. MURRAY was on his way to becoming an entrepreneur. He wondered if his foster care brother had any knowledge of what he was doing, and MR. MURRAY replied affirmatively and added that his foster brother informed him that the foster children he knows are very appreciative of what he is doing.

MEMBER KILPONEN discussed with MR. MURRAY that he had only held one other event, and he believed he would be able to recruit the same volunteers, about 12 people, to assist him with this event.

To MEMBER FLORES, MR. MURRAY he explained that the clothes are taken to Child Haven for distribution.

MEMBER YTURRALDE asked MR. MURRAY if he has any interaction with the youth he helps out, to which he replied that he does not have direct contact because he could not visit Child Haven due to him not being 18. However, he probably would see some of the recipients at the Teen Pop Up Shop. MEMBER YTURRALDE said his creativity and efforts were commendable, especially without receiving direct recognition.

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VMCC (Veterans Memorial Community Center) Youth Council – Yarn of Compassion: MADISON COMELLA, President KEVIN BREWER, Vice President, JAIME YOON, Sergeant at Arms, YANISA QUINONES, KIANA PARTOVI, RACHEL MATZDORFF and AVA DURKIN, Members, of the of VMCC Youth Council, shared in describing their project with the use of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

Going over the PowerPoint, MS. QUINONES explained that the Youth Council is a group of young individuals who are committed to serving and helping the Las Vegas community as it has aided in their personal growth and critical thinking and cooperation skills. They intend to continue serving the community by way of using YNAPP to for their project of providing beanies and finger puppets for children undergoing severe illnesses.

MR. BREWER continued and stated that in spring of 2018, their service center held a spring day camp, at which they taught financial literacy with Junior Achievement financial kits they purchased with YNAPP funding they received in the amount of \$730. They were able to immediately impact the lives of 30 children and to give them inspiration to continue to learn through their project, One Donut at a Time. The children were also able to learn about the economy and how to responsibly spend money and to be responsible within their families.

MS. YOON said that their YNAPP project, Yarn of Compassion, would be used to learn from a recruited expert how to hand-knit beanies and finger puppets that will be gifted in order to comfort young children going through treatments, such as chemotherapy. Once finished, the items will go to the Summerlin Children’s Hospital for distribution.

MS. COMELLA commented that the Board should fund their project in the amount of \$1,000 to help ill, vulnerable members of the community. These kids do not have much interaction with other people and presenting them with handmade beanies and little finger puppets would provide them with joy at a tough point in their lives. Additionally, they will raise awareness to this need by using their position in the Youth Council and better the lives of these children.

MS. PARTOVI explained that the goal is to use the funding to purchase high-quality yarn to prevent skin irritation for the children. They will need \$330 for yarn for the beanies, \$175 for yarn for the finger puppets, \$155 for the packs of needles and \$75 for the needles for tapestry. Miscellaneous expenses would include \$105 for sewing threads and needles, decorations; \$25 for transportation and \$135 for snacks and refreshments. She underscored that every cent they receive would make a difference.

MS. MATZDORFF stated that they aim to help young children realize that there are people in the community willing to support them through troubling times and to believe in their community. Moreover, she emphasized that their primary goal is to give the ailing children comfort. MS. DURKIN added that supplying children in hospitals with comfort items will help develop a deeper connection with members of the community. The funding will help make an estimated 30 hats and 90 finger puppets.

To MEMBER YTURRALDE, MS. COMELLA commented that they have about six other members of the Youth Council that could not make it to the meeting. Aside from the absentee members, there are other volunteers in addition to the volunteers that will be recruited to teach them how to make the handmade yarn items, which she regarded as a huge contribution. MEMBER YTURRALDE said it was a very nice project and idea.

5. [CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.](#)

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None.

6. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

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The meeting was recessed from 4:26 to 4:30 p.m., from 4:38 to 4:45 p.m., from 4:57 to 5:12 p.m., from 5:30 to 6:06 p.m., from 6:16 to 6:24 p.m. from 6:30 to 6:35 p.m., from 6:46 to 7:00 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Candace Boring, Youth Development Specialist

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