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**YOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (YNAPP)  
GRANT REVIEW BOARD  
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET  
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## **MINUTES**

**January 7, 2019**

**3:30 PM**

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR TARIMAN called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR TARIMAN and MEMBERS FAJARDO, KILPONEN, VOLMAR, YTURRALDE, SKOUSON, BONAVENTURA, BELL, RODRIGUEZ, MONSON and CERVACIO

EXCUSED: MEMBERS RICHARD, FLORES, MURPHY, WILLIAMS 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](#)

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Community Health Symposium; Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Drone Clinic; Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Financial Literacy Education; Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Teacher Appreciation and Awards; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Be a Buddy; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Beautifying the Playground; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Field Day Family Engagement; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Garden/Courtyard Tiles; Ogden Family Foundation – Youth Health/Wellness Camp; and Unity of Minds – Uniting Us](#)

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CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, announced that the following groups contacted her earlier in the day and indicated they would not be presenting at this meeting, and they could not be rescheduled: Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Be a Buddy; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Beautifying the Playground; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Field Day Family Engagement; Ollie Detwiler Elementary School – Garden/Courtyard Tiles.

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As each applicant came forward to make their presentation, CHAIR TARIMAN 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 final approval. The groups would be notified by MS. BORING about the next steps in the process.

Ogden Family Foundation – Youth Health/Wellness Camp (was pulled out of order because they arrived early): JAYDEN OGDEN and SAMMY CARVER, representing Ogden Family Foundation, presented this project and showed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and read comments to describe the project. Copies of the comments were not submitted for the record.

MR. CARVER stated that the Ogden Family Foundation, a 501(c)(3), was founded in 2008 by the Football Hall of Famer JONATHAN OGDEN and his wife, KEMA because they saw the need to help underserved populations in Southern Nevada. Their mission is to provide homeless, foster and at-risk youths and underserved families with programs and services that support families, unite communities and promote healthy lifestyles as health is full circle requiring a healthy body, mind and spirit. To provide an increased level of care, the Foundation partnered with the Community Outreach Center and created a fully integrated health program, allowing them to incorporate a variety of health services within their programs, and they are always searching for new paths to empower others.

He indicated this is the second time they have applied for a YNAPP grant, and they received funding of \$743 in 2018. Their Youth Health/Wellness Fitness Camp is a six-week program that will take place at gyms and fitness facilities, such as the UFC Gym, DXG Self Defense and Cyclebar, with participating children from various organizations that help homeless, at-risk and foster children. The program will be for children ages 8 to 17, with once a week 1.5 hour sessions that will teach the children self-discipline, help build self-esteem and help them make healthy life choices while learning physical fitness techniques they can use to keep active. One hour will be dedicated to physical activities and half an hour to learning the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The CAAMP Kids members offer various workshops, and the children in the program will receive the Ogden Family Foundation T-shirts, as well as any additional equipment necessary to participate, healthy snacks/meals, a six-week membership, care packages with hygiene items, printed materials and informational materials for each class. The estimated cost of the program is \$165/child.

MR. OGDEN indicated that volunteers will come from the CAAMP Kids group and the staff members at the two locations they will be using for the program. Additionally, sometimes they will partner with Kohl's Care and Old Navy, which may also supply some volunteers. He explained that the \$1,000 funding requested will assist with acquiring all the needed supplies and snacks. They plan on at least 525 hours of volunteering amongst the 20 volunteers for the weekly program, including planning and shopping hours. The idea for this project came easy because they just enhanced the program they have done for several years prior, and decided to implement a wellness theme. The project will provide a safe place for participants to be during the summer and will teach them valuable life lessons in health and wellness they can use to keep healthy bodies and minds.

The program works by using volunteer athletes to handle the athletic portion, and the Foundation members assist the kids with workouts or equipment, as well as work directly with the adult supervisors of the program to come up with workshop ideas and themes, and help implement them each week. The youth volunteers will also be responsible for passing out paperwork, supplies and food.

MR. OGDEN assured the Board members they have successfully used this program for the past eight years, with the help of local organizations donating their resources or time. With funding assistance from YNAPP, they will be able to provide even better workshops and continue to expand and enhance the program with the wellness aspect.

MEMBER FAJARDO appreciated the detailed presentation. She asked them what skill sets they learned from last year's project. MR. CARVER replied that they all learned different techniques, life skills and what it means to help others through the program.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA assessed that they would have approximately 15 volunteers through CAAMP Kids Care, but they would be trying to recruit more.

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To MEMBER YTURREALDE, MR. OGDEN explained that the program would run for six to eight weeks. MEMBER YTURREALDE complimented them on their detailed presentation and their collaboration with other organizations.

MEMBER VOLMAR discussed with MR. CARVER and KEMA OGDEN, who oversees the Kids Care Club, that they plan on 30 participants. The \$165 cost per child will come from other sources; the YNAPP grant will be used for other supplies needed.

Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Community Health Symposium: DEMI DENT, filling in for student leader, JORGE VASQUEZ, and MONTY McCOY, who was filling in for DR. LEARY ADAMS, adult leader, were present. MS. DENT used a detailed PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted as backup documentation, to describe the Community Health Symposium project. The goal is to promote community health, with the objective of having Kit Carson Elementary School students plan a community-based project with multiple community partners and learn project management. This will impact the community in that they will participate in a community health symposium to obtain information and assistance with technology, human and animal health, and financial competencies in the community social setting.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how much funding was being requested and how it would be used for this project. MS. DENT deferred to MR. McCOY, who explained that a portion of the YNAPP funding will be used to offset the cost of the space to accommodate the vendors at the Pearson Center, located at Carey Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive. The larger portion of the YNAPP funding will be used for recognition of the students, who will receive a medallion with the lamp of knowledge on the back of it and engraved with their name, as well as a certificate of participation.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked what she could expect to see at the event if she were attending as a participant, and MR. McCOY replied that they would have vendors set up, starting with the American Red Cross for the Blood Drive and companies such as Walgreens, CVS and Microsoft, which have already committed to their participation. They are working on getting some other companies to participate and donate services. The YNAPP funding will be used toward providing services, education and information.

MR. McCOY informed MEMBER YTURREALDE that at last year's blood drive, they had approximately 40 people, with 25 of those being first-time donors for the blood drive led by the Red Cross. This year they hope to use some of the YNAPP funding to do some marketing and bring in more people, possibly attract at least 100 people, given that the Pearson Center is in the middle of a community, and it attracts a lot of walk-in traffic.

MR. McCOY explained for MEMBER McCOY that he did not have a count of how many volunteers they would have because the principal needs a commitment for the project first. So far, they only have the students she wants to spearhead the project. The principal could decide to make it a classroom project. The school is classified as Title 1, so the low-income parents often do not have the resources to support their children participating in activities. He said the students who were supposed to make the presentation were not able to make it because the parent(s) had to work.

Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Drone Clinic: DEMI DENT, presenting for student leader CARRINGTON GLYNN, and accompanied by adult leader RANDY BACON. MS. DENT said their goal is to promote community knowledge and understanding of technology, with an objective to have Kit Carson Elementary School students plan a community-based project with multiple community partners and learn project management.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked if they were part of a club and if they were planning a one-day event or a multi-day workshop. As a math tutor at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), MR. BACON explained that the drone program is a good fit for a Title 1 school, given that they are entitled to learn as much as possible about the future in drone technology. He hopes to bring the school on board and keep them updated on the technology.

Also, as a Tuskegee graduate and part of the Tuskegee Airmen, their objective is to encourage the students to learn drone technology in hopes of one day becoming pilots. Initially, the participants will be introduced to the drone technology, but they already have approximately four Southwest Airlines pilots lined up to participate eventually.

MR. BACON explained to MEMBER VOLMAR that they intend to use YNAPP funding to purchase drones so that they can teach the participants how to build the drones and the scientific knowledge of drone technology.

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MEMBER FAJARDO was impressed with MS. DENT'S ability to rise to the occasion as a speaker, which she regarded as showing outstanding leadership skills. She then asked if they would have outside volunteers familiar with drones for this project and what skill sets would they be teaching the children. MR. BACON answered that he would be one of the volunteers along with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Tuskegee Airmen. They simply would like to introduce the students to the drone technology and hopefully have pilots train them in the future. They will also help the students with math and reading skills. They truly hope to be able to change this Title 1 school.

BOBBY GENTRY, member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, interjected that he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering, and he has experience in building drones, robots and computers, so he will be helping to teach the students about different technologies, including the processes of electrical and mechanical engineering for creating the drones.

Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Financial Literacy Education: CHASITY MORAN, was present for student leader MARIAH SOUTHERN and with adult leader MR. McCOY. MS. MORAN stated that the project goal is to promote community financial literacy, with the objective to have Kit Carson Elementary School students plan a community-based project with multiple community partners to learn project management.

As a former banker for 20 years, MEMBER VOLMAR applauded them for putting this on because of the importance of having young people get involved. He asked for the project's purpose, and MR. McCOY explained that they will work in conjunction with the Addison Foundation to help offset the cost of the program, which will require paper and printing materials and recognition of the students upon completion of the process. The other part is to work with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and make a donation to those participants who finish the project to start a piggy bank account through the Addison Foundation and the Credit One Credit Union. It is not certain if this can be done because the parents would have to sponsor the account, and they do not want the account to get liquidated.

The majority of the YNAPP funding, however, will be used to purchase the Addison program, so that the teachers can teach the program in school, and for the cost of materials they will be sending home with the students. They are hoping that by teaching the students, they in turn can teach their parents financial skills and planning.

MEMBER YTURREALDE asked what type of financial planning would the students be doing. Would it be for a bike or for a summer program? MR. McCOY answered that the Addison program was originally set up to start in kindergarten so that by the time the participants enter fifth grade they start to set up the piggy bank to learn to manage their money and actually make deposits, with the piggy bank account being managed by the school. Unfortunately, with the school not having the resources and the participants being fourth and fifth graders, because it will be easier to deal with older students, they will have to receive an accelerated version of the program. The participants will be asked to come with a dream list and figure out how to start planning to acquire what they really want on the list, such a video game, PlayStation or a cell phone. They will probably be starting with 20 students.

MEMBER FAJARDO discussed with MR. McCOY that the volunteers will be the teachers, and he and others will be working hand-in-hand with the teachers. He pointed out that they were working hand-in-hand with Junior Achievement students and have them go through a financial literacy one-day course on January 23, 2019. Their long-term goal is to work their way through and teach the elementary, middle and high school students.

MEMBER FAJARDO suggested teaching them about FICO scores, which she learned about the hard way. MR. McCOY said he obtained a debit card for his 10-year-old to start teaching him about money management.

Beta Mu Mu, an unincorporated chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Teacher Appreciation and Awards: CHASITY MORAN, was present for JEREMIAH ESCAMILLA and with adult leader and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, member ROBERT TAYLOR. MS. MORAN commented that the project goal is to promote community esprit de corps through teacher appreciation by having Kit Carson Elementary School students plan a community-based project with multiple community partners and learn project management.

MEMBER VOLMAR asked what the funding would be used for, and MR. TAYLOR, replied the funds will be used to offset the cost for the student awards and the medallions with the lamp of knowledge on the back, as well as for teacher

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awards. The funding will also help with the cost of the formal dinner that will be held to recognize the teachers.

MEMBER YTURRALDE discussed with MS. MORAN that an organized youth group will be working the event, and MS. MORAN would be participating. MEMBER YTURRALDE said the groups had some very good projects.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many people will be participating in the appreciation and awards ceremony. MR. TAYLOR explained that they are expecting about 75 participants, including fellow teachers, parents and community leaders who have been supportive of Omega Psi Phi and of Kit Carson Elementary School. The event is being planned for February 9, 2019 at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino.

MR. TAYLOR answered for MEMBER VOLMAR that the chapter is Beta Mu Mu and the organization is Omega Phi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. They have 700 chapters worldwide, with two chapters in Las Vegas, one being Beta Mu Mu.

CHAIR TARIMAN asked if the projects would be held the same day, to which MR. TAYLOR replied that they would be separate projects, some of which are at the inception level with hopes of them becoming ongoing, such as the drone project.

MEMBER FAJARDO commended the young presenters for rising to the occasion and speaking out, which she felt will open a lot of doors for them.

MR. McCOY thanked the members and particularly MS. BORING for all her assistance and guidance through the YNAPP application process. He explained that this was their first time applying for YNAPP funding, and he really appreciates that it is available because it involves the youth and teaches them project management skills and how to make presentations, noting that with every other sponsorship he has been involved in with youth, he has had to do all the work.

Unity of Minds – Uniting Us: DAKYUNG "DEMI" LEE, student at Coronado High School, used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to describe her project and opened by stating a statistic she regarded as shocking: According to the National Institute of Mental Health, approximately 1 in 5 youth aged 13 to 18, about 21.4 percent experience a severe mental health episode at some point during their teenage adolescence, and for children 8 to 15, the estimate is about 13 percent.

Because of the rising numbers in mental health issues amongst teens and her peers, she decided to create the Unity of Minds program at her school. It is a non-profit club that will work to toward "Uniting Us," which is the name of her presentation. The Unity of Minds organization will seek to better the lives of young teen adults who are unable to seek help or treatment, or just do not understand what they are experiencing.

The organization's very basic motto, and something they will live up to, is to give encouragement and take the extra step to show these students that they do matter and that there are other students who want to understand what they are experiencing.

MS. LEE explained that Unity of Minds is a non-profit-style club, and they have not sought non-profit status because they have no adult members on board. They were established in January of 2018 and actually work with school on-site psychologists, social workers and science teachers, and they do fun experiments. They made a brain of clay and showed how toothpicks are like knives and mean words piercing the minds of those who are mentally depressed and anxious. The people of Unity of Minds wants to raise awareness and make sure people step up and help those in need and learn how to approach them.

She continued and stated that any YNAPP funding will be the first official funding received, and it will be used in partnership with Key Club and the National Honor Society to get volunteers to write positive notes on sticky notes and Post-Its to put on students' desks to try to make everyone's day a bit brighter, as well as to talk to fellow students and ask them how their day is going, and advise them that they can seek help from school counselors or staff if they feel they need it. They will also plan activities, such as meeting with politicians in the community and make presentations at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas). She noted that she did a research paper on how mental health issues can be recognized based on facial expressions, and she is getting that paper published.

MS. LEE went over their core values – positivity, mental health and unity, which were derived at because they want to make sure that every person, every brain is connected somehow in a positive, optimistic way. They feel that through so many of the activities they implement at the school and to the community, they can make it happen.

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With the help of YNAPP funding, they can put on a mental health fair at the Nevada School of the Arts, where they will set up stations with students representing different types of illnesses; for example, depression, clinical anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, ADHS, ADD and PTSD. The illness representatives will be tasked with researching these illnesses and conducting musical analysis in order to have certain groups play music by composers who have dealt with mental illness.

She went over the budget and explained that they do not get money from fundraising and only had about \$200 in their checking account, so the \$1,000 YNAPP grant would be used for the fair and some of the other programs she spoke about to try and raise involvement. The Nevada School of the Arts will make in-kind donations by providing tables and chairs. They have 97 hours pledged and 15 regular volunteers, but this number does not include the volunteers they are planning on getting from the partner organizations. She said this issue is very important to her because many of her peers suffer from mental illness and their parents cannot deal with the stigma. She wants to bring this issue to the forefront and make sure that all the members in her organization and others in the community are helping everyone with mental illnesses.

MEMBER FAJARDO was impressed with MS. LEE'S organization skills and her work with UNLV on facial expressions. She then discussed with MS. LEE that the fair will be open, and that she had about 18 regular contributing members in the club, but she would be able to get volunteers from other clubs, noting that the Key Club alone has approximately 150 members. MS. LEE anticipated from 50 to 100 youth going through the fair.

MEMBER YTURRALDE loved the presentation and MS. LEE'S enthusiasm and attention to detail, and she commended MS. LEE on her paper and on the work she is doing, noting the issue is very important and needs more attention.

MS. LEE said that kids who struggle with mental illness are very shy and isolated. This illness still has a lot of stigma, and she hopes to make a positive difference by making more people aware and getting people involved, including many more adults because it is hard for teenagers to speak to adults. She hopes to pursue a career in the mental health field, and she feels YNAPP is the first step she can take toward that goal. She thanked everyone for this great opportunity.

MEMBER KILPONEN applauded MS. LEE for her excellent presentation and her thought into the issue. She liked her idea of tying the arts and music into the issue because it would make it more approachable and would reduce the stigma.

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.](#)

Minutes:  
None.

6. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:  
The meeting was recessed from 4:47 to 5:05 p.m., from 5:37 to 5:42 p.m. and was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Candace Boring, Youth Development Specialist

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