Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board
City of Las Vegas City Hall, 495 S. Main St.
Council Chambers
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MINUTES

May 16, 2022
3:30 PM

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

   Minutes:
   CHAIR McCURDY called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

   PRESENT: CHAIR McCURDY and MEMBERS NEAL (excused until 3:53 p.m.), GOYNES-BROWN, HORSFORD (excused until 3:36 p.m. at which time he joined via teleconference), CREAR, and STEELE

   EXCUSED: MEMBER MONROE-MORENO

   NOTE: ASHA JONES, Chief of Staff, was present as the Nevada Congressional Delegation Designee for MEMBER HORSFORD from 3:33 p.m. to 3:36 p.m. until MEMBER HORSFORD joined the meeting via teleconference at 3:36 p.m.

   ALSO PRESENT: KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, BRYAN SCOTT, City Attorney for the City of Las Vegas, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Las Vegas

2. **Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

   Minutes:
   ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov.

3. **Public Comment:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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 March 14, 2022

   Motion made by Pamela Goynes-Brown to Approve

   Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

   For-Cedric Crear, Pamela Goynes-Brown, Steven Horsford, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele; Excused-Dina Neal, Daniele Monroe-Moreno;

5. Report by Karen Schnog, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, regarding the Summary Budget Status Report for the Southern Nevada Community Project Fund

   Minutes:
   KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, stated that the Southern Nevada Community Project Fund balance is $6,785.83. There were no questions or comments from the Members.

6. Discussion for possible action regarding appointment of two representatives of the Community to the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Board from the following applicants: Dontae Scott, Felicia Hayes, Janice McNeal, John Stephens, Laverne Jackson, Michelle Taylor-Abney, Nathaniel Waugh, Shaquilla Eilets, and William Jernigan [NOTE: Applicants will have two minutes each to address the Board.]

Minutes:
When reading the item title, CHAIR McCURDY stated that MICHELLE TAYLOR-ABNEY has been stricken from the Agenda as an applicant.

He indicated that each applicant would be called forward in the order their names are listed and given two minutes to speak.

DONTAE SCOTT identified himself as a local business owner, real estate investor, and community activist for Las Vegas, specifically the Westside. He believed he could provide insight and bring grassroots-level experience to the Board. MR. SCOTT mentioned his experience sitting on another community board and understood the task of coming together and making decisions. He believed he could bring much insight and be a strong player on the Board.

FELICIA HAYES said she is a native of Las Vegas and a graduate of Western High School. Her family has resided in Berkley Square for over 50 years. She spoke of her passion to bring outside resources to the Historic Westside. Additionally, she mentioned working in education for over 20 years and is an advocate for students with special needs. She believed information should be conveyed in terms for everyone to understand.

JANICE McNEAL stated that she is a 65-year native of Las Vegas, with at least 64 years in the West Las Vegas community. Her family also resides and owns four homes in the Berkley Square area; she lives in the Highland Square area. She has raised two children and is recently retired. She has seen the city progress and believes she knows what is needed for the future.

JOHN STEPHENS III said he is a Las Vegas native, has an Associate's Degree in Social Science, a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and a Master's Degree in Political Science. He is also a retired 30-year employee of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and has worked for the newspaper and Las Vegas Black Image Magazine. He believed this experience could aid him on the Board.

LAVERNE JACKSON introduced herself as a resident of North Las Vegas, stating that she has been in the community for approximately five years. She spoke of being the daughter of a teen parent, who spent her teen years living in a rural neighborhood. She has lived and worked in public housing and through this was mentored by outstanding adults, who taught her that in spite of the challenges that she faced, it was important to give back to others. MS. JACKSON said she was the Vice President of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Youth Council and served four years in the United States Army Nurse Corps after obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Additionally, she co-pastored a church in rural Georgia and obtained a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) in Human Services. She wished to serve on the Board to continue serving the community and to learn from others.

NATHANIEL WAUGH stated that he grew up in the area and works for the Nevada Homeless Alliance, where he has seen the importance of economic development. He has been fortunate enough to serve the community as a member of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees. He was excited about the initiatives surrounding the West Las Vegas Library and wished to continue his service to the community by being a part of the Board.

TASHIKA LAWSON spoke on behalf of SHAQUILLA EILETS, who was delayed on a flight. She read a statement from MS. EILETS, which was not submitted for the record.

WILLIAM "DARNELL" JERNIGAN said he is a community activist and prides himself on working with the stakeholders, existing business owners, and existing land owners in maintaining their properties or enhancing their businesses. He is currently working on a program with stakeholders to rehabilitate their properties as well as to train youth to work on those properties. He thought he would be a good candidate for the Board, because he works similarly on community solutions.

MEMBER GOYNES-BROWN wondered about appointing additional, alternate Members. CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT believed only two Member appointments were needed.

Motion made by Cedric Crear to appoint Dontae Scott

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Cedric Crear, Pamela Goynes-Brown, Steven Horsford, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele; Excused-Dina Neal, Daniele Monroe-Moreno;

Motion made by Steven Horsford to appoint Janice McNeal

Passed For: 4; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Cedric Crear, Steven Horsford, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele; Against-Pamela Goynes-Brown; Excused-Dina Neal, Daniele Monroe-Moreno;

7. ABEYANCE ITEM – Discussion for possible action regarding the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) approved by the Strategy Committee

Minutes:
CHAIR McCURDY announced that Items 7 and 8 would be heard together. JOHN EDMOND, the EDA (United States Economic Development Administration) representative for Southern Nevada, said he has approved the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) for the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC), which will allow the SNEC Board to begin taking action to make a difference within the community.

MEMBER CREAR was happy MR. EDMOND took on this role and commended him for his work in helping the SNEC Board to receive an EDA grant of $6.9 million for the CSN (College of Southern Nevada) Workforce Development Center, which is the largest EDA grant in the State's history. He looked forward to future collaborations and thanked MR. EDMOND for his efforts.

MR. EDMOND believed a lot can happen when the government and the community work together. He felt the SNEC Board is the strongest body Southern Nevada has because it consists of local representatives that work together. He offered his assistance, mentioning that he wished to see things happen within Southern Nevada, especially within the Historic Westside and North Las Vegas.

MEMBER NEAL thought the next step of the CEDS process is to pick a project that the Board will request planning dollars for and wondered if MR. EDMONDS agreed. MR. EDMOND believed the Board would have a better chance of receiving grant funds for a project that helps to create jobs and opportunities for the community. He felt the Board should determine what it considers to be the highest and best use of those funds to change the narrative of the SNEC area. MEMBER NEAL appreciated MR. EDMOND'S suggestion.

MEMBER GOYNES-BROWN asked if the SNEC Board would be hindered by partner organizations seeking funding. CHAIR McCURDY indicated if there is an application for grant funds for one project, it will not hinder the possibility of grant funds being allocated for a separate project. MR. EDMOND confirmed each project stands on its own merit.

KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, explained the term CEDS, which is something developed through community input and enables groups to apply for grants through the EDA.

Motion made by Dina Neal to Approve

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

For-Dina Neal, Cedric Crear, Pamela Goynes-Brown, Steven Horsford, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele; Excused-Daniele Monroe-Moreno;

8. ABEYANCE ITEM – Presentation by John Edmond, U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA), on the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Minutes:
See Item 7 for related discussion.

9. Discussion for possible action regarding a request for the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Board's support of The Learning Acceleration and Wraparound Services Grant, which was submitted to the Clark County School District by Nevada Partners

Minutes:
DR. CHRISTOPHER BROWN II, Nevada Partners, Inc. (Nevada Partners), said in 2013, the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Board designated Nevada Partners, as the Lead Agency for the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood. In response to COVID-19, CCSD (Clark County School District) led a grant related to the COVID-19 response funds to address learning loss and deficiencies across the school district. Nevada Partners was engaged in a set of research and activity projects related to youth, workforce development, and housing, and found that this grant opportunity would help Nevada Partners expand its services. He directed the Members' attention to Page 1 of the Executive Summary of the Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI) West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood Proposal, a copy of which was submitted for the record, stating that the researchers identified there was a summer slide that all students experienced across the country. That summer slide was problematized by the lack of in-person schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact of the COVID-19 slide took a heavy toll on Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous populations as well as financially strapped families. If reinforcement did not occur, students within these populations would be three to five years off track. During the pandemic, Nevada Partners attempted to stabilize the situation with housing assistance, food insecurity, and mental health coping resources; however, the organization is limited in its resources as it is primarily grant-funded. This CCSD grant would help Nevada Partners fund pillar partners' activities to assist with community needs.

On Page 3, the Nevada Department of Education identifies three school improvement strategies to address the summer and COVD-19 slides. Proposed in the project are six initiatives, which include after-school tutoring and a summary academy; academic interventions in reading, math, and science; the administration of valid, reliable formative and summative assessments; parent and family engagement; wrap-around services; and teacher professional development. These six elements align with U.S. Code 20, Section 7801. Additionally, there is a tutoring timeline as well as summer literacy programs laid out in the plan with initiatives beginning with Matt Kelly Elementary School, Rainbow Dreams Academy, and West Preparatory Academy. There is also a family professional development program that will occur in tandem with Nevada State College, as well as parent and family engagement and workforce support resources. He added that Nevada Partners provides wrap-around services for social support, which means that all students will be provided with care coordination. The organization has requested $5.9 million for this three-year initiative.

MEMBER HORSFORD commended MEMBER NEAL for her leadership in helping to advocate a portion of this grant submission and thanked the pillar partners under the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood, who have been working for several years on identifying strategies that can improve student academic achievement and success. He endorsed the proposal made on behalf of the West Las Vegas Promise Neighborhood and urged the SNEC Board to reinforce its support.

MEMBER NEAL commended Nevada Partners for their work. She acknowledged LIZETTE GUILLEN who was sick but still worked on the proposal. She believed it showed passion and commitment to overcoming the barriers in West Las Vegas.

CHAIR McCURDY thanked MEMBER NEAL for her collaborative work and said the purpose of this item is to direct staff, on behalf of the SNEC Board, to write a letter of strong support for the grant application. KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, stated that a copy of the letter will be submitted and attached as backup subsequent to the meeting.

Motion made by Dina Neal to Approve

NOTE: Member Horsford disclosed that he is a Board Member for Nevada Partners. The position is non-paid, and he has no financial interest.

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

For-Dina Neal, Cedric Crear, Pamela Goynes-Brown, Steven Horsford, William McCurdy II, Nic Steele; Excused-Daniele Monroe-Moreno;

10. Presentation by Kathi Thomas, Director of Community Services, and Dr. Tammy Malich, Director of Youth Development and Social Innovation, City of Las Vegas, regarding infill housing in the Historic Westside and re-imagining James Gay Park

Minutes:
Through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, KATHI THOMAS, Director of Community Services, DR. TAMMY MALICH, Director of Youth Development and Social Innovation, and ERIK SINGMAN, Project Architect, for the City of Las Vegas, were present to give an update on projects at James Gay Park in the Historic Westside.

MS. MALICH began by presenting on the urban farms and grow containers. She said the plan has a phased approach, is part of the larger HUNDRED (Historic Urban Neighborhood Design Redevelopment) Plan document, and is one of the City of Las Vegas' catalytic investment opportunities. MGM Resorts International has provided funding for the urban farms as well as operational costs for year one. At the end of the year, the City will seek a partner to take over farming operations.

MR. SINGMAN reviewed the current scheduling milestones, which can be found on the second slide of the attached PowerPoint presentation. A map was shown of the project site, and he noted the grow containers will replace the site of the skate park. Approximately 2,500 square feet of concrete will be demolished, and new sewer lines running from D Street to the grow containers, a wheelchair ramp, guard rails, and light poles will be installed. A new backflow preventer will be installed as well as concrete sidewalks and Wi-Fi service for the grow containers so the sensors within can be read. He explained where the grow containers will be located, and pointed out red and blue spectrum lights, movable grow walls will be in the center, and a workstation will be installed to harvest vegetables. A rendering was shown illustrating where the new light poles, wheelchair ramp, and guardrails will be placed. Another rendering was shown illustrating the interior of the grow containers, workstation, and LED (light-emitting diode) lights on the outer walls of the grow containers.

MS. MALICH stated that the City of Las Vegas will collaborate with Freight Farms on urban farming. This company has been successful in temperatures as hot as Dubai and with rooting and vining vegetables. Once they arrive, each urban farm will be the size of a freight train car, will produce 3.5 acres worth of produce, and can turn over every 30 days depending on what is grown. There is a plan to reach out to casinos to purchase the produce, and eventually, the plan is to stand up a cooperative grocery store. She noted the City received a Local Foods, Local Places grant to work with faith-based leaders within the community. An EDA (United States Economic Development Administration) grant was submitted for this project; however, staff has not received an update on that.

The final project is located on the James Gay Park site and will work with a private investor on a multi-use facility that includes workforce development and affordable housing, as well as interior vertical farming and retail space. This project will create a gateway space that allows the community to engage in farmer's markets, jazz in the park, and other events. Staff will also work with James Gay's family to honor him in a greater way.

MEMBER NEAL asked for further clarification regarding sewer fees. MR. SINGMAN said they have not gotten the cost of the sewer fees yet but they will be part of the project. MS. MALICH added that the operational cost for the grow containers was figured into the first two years of the grant. Subsequently, they will seek a partner to take over operations. MEMBER NEAL wondered about the expansion of the pipelines. MR. SINGMAN said the civil engineer he worked with has investigated all of the pipelines and ensured that the sewer lines are in good order. Regarding the retail space, MS. MALICH indicated they are still seeking an operator, and community feedback will be sought to determine what is needed or what might thrive in that space.

MS. THOMAS spoke on vacant property the City of Las Vegas owns in the Historic Westside, many of which are zoned for single-family housing. She noted that vacant land presents an opportunity to address a broad range of housing needs by encouraging the development of different housing types. A map was displayed on the overhead of available parcels, a copy of which was submitted for the record. These parcels have been grouped into smaller units so that small- and medium-sized developers and contractors are given an opportunity to compete to develop. The first RFP (Request for Proposal) was issued on May 9th and includes parcels located at Van Buren Avenue and at Kasper Avenue. A sample of the RFP was submitted for the record. Subsequent RFPs will be issued as staff continues to work with the community. Workshops were held before the RFP was posted so that anyone who was interested could ask questions about the process and City resources, and encourage people to network. The due date to submit for the first RFP is June 30th, and MS. THOMAS indicated there is a criterion that is weighted heavily towards alignment of the HUNDRED Plan, and awards point for having diversity, equity, and inclusion plan in hiring. The RFP must also align with the City's existing hiring and placement requirements, which has a 30 percent local hire requirement and a 15 percent minority, woman, and veteran-owned business preference. Another half dozen RFPs will be issued over the course of the year, and each will have three to four developable parcels. Staff will send written reports to update the Members as the project moves forward. MS. THOMAS believed this plan will align with a core tenant of the HUNDRED Plan, which asserts no more vacant lots.

MEMBER NEAL was excited about this project but asked for clarity regarding the tiny homes. MS. THOMAS said developers have been told that a range of housing types or models may be proposed. These developers cannot bid on each parcel separately but may choose to develop the same home type on the parcels. She mentioned that staff refers to the tiny homes as cottages, noting there are some small homes that exist in the Historic Westside already. It would be acceptable for one of the proposed developments to match what already exists in the neighborhood, or a single-family home on each vacant lot can be built as well.

MEMBER NEAL wondered how the capital stack will be set up. She noted that she was put on the Private Activity Bond Council and mentioned that the City has $36 million in its private activity bond allocation, which is not cash but can be leveraged with other funds to build a capital stack. MS. THOMAS said a private activity bond is a heavy tool and is something to be used with projects that have many units. The capital stack will depend on the product or project. Developers were told they are eligible to apply for home dollars, and Redevelopment Agency (RDA) housing set aside dollars might be available as well.

MS. THOMAS informed MEMBER NEAL of the down payment assistance restrictions that will be in place and explained that the 30 percent local hire requirement is non-negotiable. The 15 percent minority, woman, and veteran-owned business preference is a goal, and the developer can demonstrate good-faith efforts to ensure that they can identify subcontractors who are those specific businesses.

CHAIR McCURDY asked about the size of the parcels. MS. THOMAS said the parcel at Kasper Avenue is 1.7 acres, one parcel at Van Buren Avenue is .18 acres, and the other is .15 acres.

MEMBER STEELE wondered about the timeframe for engaging the operator for the James Gay Park project and whether staff believed there was a way for the operator to train a team to take over the operation. MS. MALICH said staff has started working with Freight Farms and their training program. She was told the training is reasonable and understandable, and the City is hiring to fill several Urban Farmer positions. Stakeholder meetings are held every month with other community gardening collaborations. In the event an operator cannot be found, she will continue to seek funding through City resources to keep the urban farms operational. She informed MEMBER STEELE that they planned to engage with an operator after the containers have arrived and are operating, which she believed would be in May with the first crop in June.

Lastly, MS. THOMAS discussed the Local Foods, Local Places Technical Assistance program. Information about the program was displayed and submitted for the record. She said food insecurity and the absence of a full-service grocery store were identified to be issues in the community. A capacity-building workshop was held to establish a cooperative grocery store, which several faith-based leaders volunteered to assist with. An application was submitted to the EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency), and assistance was received from the Local Foods, Local Places program. The EPA assigned people to work with the faith-based leaders and City staff to determine what is required to stand up a cooperative grocery store, which would be owned and operated by a CDC (community development corporation).

MEMBER NEAL asked about capacity and sustainability training. MS. THOMAS said Charles Schwab Bank is paying Enterprise Community Partners to help develop organizing and governance documents for the CDC that are culturally responsive and unique to the Historic Westside.

11. Presentation by Ryan Wheeler, Professional Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), on NDOT's Downtown Access Project

Minutes:
Through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, RYAN WHEELER, PE, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), was present with DEBBIE BONNET to present on the Downtown Access Project to drive awareness, provide history, and continue community engagement. MR. WHEELER noted that information may be found at www.ndotdap.com.

The project is located on U.S. Route 95, and a majority of the improvements are east of Interstate 15 (I-15) to Eastern Avenue. The HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) lanes on the west side of I-15 will connect to proposed HOV lanes as part of the new project. He noted the current bridges are old, unsafe, and do not support the Valley's growth. This project will address those issues by fixing ramp spacing and increasing capacity by adding two lanes in each direction and an HOV interchange at City Parkway and Maryland Parkway, enhancing the bicycle and pedestrian movements on both sides of the freeway, and will beautify the corridor. MR. WHEELER indicated the project is in its planning phase, and it will be a long-term project like Project Neon. He anticipated it will take three years for the planning phase, four years for the final design, and four to five years for construction.

He displayed a slide from the PowerPoint presentation, which detailed the three design alternatives as well as a no-build alternative. Alternative 1 includes recessing the freeway, which would lower it into the ground. Alternatives 2 and 3 would rebuild the freeway but instead of it being on a 1.6-mile bridge, it would be level to the ground. He showed renderings illustrating the differences in the design alternatives. MR. WHEELER noted they have been working with JOEY PASKEY, Transportation Manager/City Traffic Engineer for the City of Las Vegas, and other City staff to discuss how each alternative would impact City facilities.

MS. BONNET recognized ERICKA AVILES, who assisted with multicultural outreach. MS. BONNET stated that they have had extensive grassroots outreach to the area businesses and residents with over 90 stakeholder meetings to date. They also have a website, a telephone hotline and e-mail address, and social media accounts, and she noted that they communicate in both English and Spanish in order to reach everyone.

To date, they have had seven outreach campaigns, including two public meetings, various surveys, focus groups, and phone surveys. In 2020, a public meeting was held regarding potential street closures. During that public meeting, only five comments were received on this topic. In response to this, in the Spring of 2021, they worked with the City of Las Vegas on a campaign to physically close streets for three weeks to intentionally force residents to reroute in order to increase feedback. In addition, project ambassadors were positioned on the streets to understand how the detours affected the residents. With this information, combined with additional engineering traffic analysis, only three or four streets are proposed to close, which MS. BONNET showed. Those streets include 8th Street, 14th Street, 16th Street, and 19th Street.

MEMBER HORSFORD asked if those streets will be permanently closed. MS. BONNET affirmed that they will be permanently closed. MEMBER HORSFORD believed this is why the SNEC (Southern Nevada Enterprise Community) Board was created and requested a briefing from NDOT so he could see the maps in person. He asserted that when there is talk about permanently closing streets, there is a need for public awareness and communication in advance. MR. WHEELER added that after working with the community, 450 comments were received versus the initial five comments. Input was also received from the Police and Fire Departments with regard to how they utilize those streets.

MEMBER HORSFORD asked about the timeline for a final decision. MR. WHEELER said a final decision will be made within six to 12 months. The decision to close the streets is based on public feedback and the volume of traffic on those streets, as well as the complexity of maintaining the freeway so that it is not built on a continuous bridge versus smaller, separate bridges. He was happy to share additional data with the Member at a later time.

MEMBER HORSFORD asked if there are specific communities that will be impacted and whether any are protected under federal law. MR. WHEELER said there are, and they are working to mitigate impacts. He mentioned that one question asked at a public meeting pertained to community enhancements the residents wished to see.

CHAIR McCURDY believed this project also follows along the lines of the Justice40 Initiative, which states that 40 percent of the infrastructure must go towards benefiting disadvantaged communities.

MS. BONNET said an environmental justice survey was conducted. They knocked on more than 1,300 doors and either performed a survey with the resident or left a door hanger with survey information. She shared the 10 community enhancement options featured in the PowerPoint presentation. Lastly, MR. WHEELER reviewed the environmental process of the project, which will complete in one year to 1.5 years. MS. BONNET said they are excited to move on to the next phase of community engagement. They have project ambassadors and a list of 25 residents who have agreed to be part of a citizens advisory committee. In addition to residents, they wished for community leaders to be part of the project ambassador team. They will also provide early right-of-way support and will have the SNEC Board involved in outreach efforts.

12. **Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.** 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 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.

Minutes:
CHAIR McCURDY requested presentations from Workforce Connections and the RTC (Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada). KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, added that there was also a request for an item to prioritize the projects within the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) that the Board would like to focus on.

MEMBER HORSFORD asked for a presentation on the EDA (United States Economic Development Administration) State Tourism Grant submitted by UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) pertaining to the Historic Westside.

MEMBER NEAL requested a presentation by NAIOP (National Association for Industrial and Office Parks), as she believed there was information regarding septic systems that was important.

13. **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, come forward and 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:
TASHIKA LAWSON, Historic Westside Revitalization, commented on the community garden at James Gay Park. She wondered why the developers were being asked what they want first instead of talking to the community. She did not believe the steering committee was being told what is happening in the stakeholder meetings and had not been informed of the direction the stakeholders wish to go. MS. LAWSON also commented on the neighborhood having been told that 30 percent of job positions will be hired from outside of the 89106 ZIP Code and other North Las Vegas ZIP Codes.

TYRONE ARMSTRONG, SoulCity WiFi, asked how they could be placed on the agenda to seek funding to be able to provide Wi-Fi throughout distressed areas of the community. CHAIR McCURDY informed MR. ARMSTRONG that KAREN SCHNOG, Management Analyst II for the City of Las Vegas, would be in contact with him.

KATHERINE DUNCAN suggested the Board create an improvement fund for the Historic Westside, where each jurisdiction will allocate some of their ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds to the Historic Westside. She also believed in having a virtual community action planning exercise so that all projects can be gathered in one digital space.

14. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk
City of Las Vegas

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William McCurdy II, Chair

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