



Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) Grand Review Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

JEFF DOROCK called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

PRESENT: MEMBERS SKOUSON, BONAVENTURA, SIERRA, CATARATA, ALVAREZ, RAMIREZ, WILLIAMS, MCNAIR, CERVACIO (seated as Chair after Item 8), WILDER, COLLINS and MURRAY (seated as Vice Chair after Item 8)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS RICHARD, REYES and FAJARDO

ALSO PRESENT: CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, JEFF DOROCK, Deputy City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LaRANCE, Deputy City Clerk

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 State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: 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 Meetings of January 6, 7 and 8, 2020

Motion made by Chance Bonaventura to Approve

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Andrew Sierra, Brianna Ramirez, Becky Skouson, Harry Williams, Chance Bonaventura, Karl Catarata, Lexie Wilder, Nijel Murray, Sarina Cervacio, Arlene Alvarez, Desha Collins, Melanie McNair; Excused-Deborah Reyes, Maria Fajardo, Rebecca Richard;

5. Introduction of Board Members and City staff

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, introduced herself as the Board liaison, and thanked everyone for their attendance.

MEMBERS BONAVENTURA, ALVAREZ, CATARATA, COLLINS, RAMIREZ, MCNAIR, WILLIAMS, CERVACIO, SKOUSON, WILDER, MURRAY and SIERRA along with DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCK and CHEYENNE LaRANCE, Deputy City Clerk, introduced themselves.

6. Review of By-Laws and responsibilities for the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program pertaining to the project selection process and agenda items

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, thanked the Board members for their introductions. She said for those members that did not know what ward they represented, they are the Mayor's appointees and represent all wards.

She explained the Board is made up of a unique set of people, and it is the only board in the City with youth members. Each term is for one year, but any member can serve for many years thereafter if they so choose. Board members only need to be sworn in once and become eligible to vote on action items once they do so. MS. BORING said if anybody needs to resign, they will need to contact the City Clerk's Office and submit a formal resignation. She further added that members cannot transfer their position to any other person.

MS. BORING said the general purpose of the Board is to serve as the body who will listen to the youth groups presenting. The Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) is a way for youth to apply for grant funding from the City to make community service projects happen in their neighborhoods. All groups have completed applications through ZoomGrants, and they have received help along the way if it was needed. Most groups have had several opportunities to create a well-polished presentation, but MS. BORING reminded the Board members to be kind to the presenters, as they are all youth and many will be nervous. Any time there are notes for the groups, MS. BORING asked that they are written down so they can be revisited for funding evaluations. In closing, she noted that the Vice Chair and Chair are always held by youth members, and will be elected by their fellow Board members.

MEMBER WILLIAMS wanted to recognize COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ, who was in the audience.

7. Report by staff regarding the FY2020-21 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet (evaluation) criteria and scoring report

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, said she would like to work with the Board on a new scoring system. Last year, MAYOR GOODMAN made it clear that she did not want every group receiving an equal portion of the funding. Rather, groups should be earning the amount of money they are receiving; therefore, she no longer wanted to use the tier system and checklist that had been used in previous years. MS. BORING asked the Board how groups should be scored this year, and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAL advised that the Board cannot create a rubric at this time. MS. BORING said when she puts together the scoring rubric, the Board members have different ideas of what they are looking for and that is why she wanted to collaborate on creating a new one. MR. DOROCAL said they cannot build the rubric because the item was slated to be a report only, but the Board members can make comments and suggestions to MS. BORING.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA recalled last year's process, and felt each application should be carefully examined line by line.

MEMBER CATARATA agreed with MEMBER BONAVENTURA, and said what is most important is making sure the groups are intentional with the funds. He added that communities are struggling right now due to COVID-19, and he will be very detailed in reviewing the applications for that reason.

MEMBER WILLIAMS reminded the Board that they are dealing with kids, and he does not want to overcomplicate the process. He wanted to keep it to a couple of categories to review such as the budget and presentation, and not scrutinize the applications as if they were federal grant applications.

MEMBER SIERRA appreciated MEMBER BONAVENTURA'S input, and said he has been very helpful every year in guiding the members. He also agreed with MEMBER WILLIAMS, in that these are kids and all projects are in good nature.

MEMBER SKOUSON added that it is important to remember that the Board should be gathering the right information while the group is presenting. The applicants are being trained to be future leaders, and many returning groups know what the Board wants to see, whereas other groups are experiencing this for the first time. The Board is responsible for these funds and how they are spent, and she reminded everyone that these are taxpayer's dollars and they should be spent responsibly.

MEMBER WILLIAMS spoke of consistency, and wanted all groups to be judged the same way. He was content with any direction MS. BORING gives, but wanted all members to be on the same page.

Summarizing the comments she heard, MS. BORING said each group will be evaluated at the end one at a time. While groups are presenting, Board members will take note of their budget, project ideas, donor hours and presentation performance. She added that each Board member received a blank packet for note taking. When the Board meets for funding deliberations, it will be nearly a month after the presentations have taken place and notes will be vital to rely on in order to recall the groups and their evaluations. She will also use that information to give feedback to the groups for the next grant cycle. In closing, MS. BORING said Board members should ask their questions at the end of each presentation.

MR. DOROCAC asked MS. BORING to reiterate what criteria Board members should be focusing on, and she advised the members to scrutinize the budget, keeping in mind that the maximum grant award is \$1,250, if the grant has a match to meet the budgetary needs, whether the project is well thought out or not, and taking note of the presentation as a whole. She asked Board members to keep in mind that some applicants are as young as eight years old, but they all received guidance via a virtual event that was held.

8. Discussion for possible action regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, reiterated that the Chair and Vice Chair must be youth members, and the positions would be selected by way of a ballot. She offered members the opportunity to write something down they would like to tell the rest of the Board before the votes are cast, and encouraged them to utilize the adult members for guidance.

MEMBERS CERVACIO and WILDER nominated themselves for Chair, and MEMBERS WILDER, CERVACIO, MURRAY and COLLINS nominated themselves for Vice Chair.

MS. BORING explained that the Chair is responsible for running the meeting start to finish. The Chair welcomes the groups, tells them what is expected and thanks the groups at the end. The Vice Chair is responsible for keeping track of time and assisting the Chair with staying on track. They would also step in any time the Chair is absent. Both the Chair and Vice Chair will then present the recommended funding amounts to the City Council.

MEMBER CERVACIO is a Senior at Palo Verde High School, and this is her third year serving on the Board. She was the Vice Chair last year, but would like to be Chair this year. She said she is a good speaker and a good time keeper.

MEMBER WILDER said she has been doing community service since she was two years old. In 2015, she was honored as Citizen of the Month by the Las Vegas City Council for all of the community service projects she has done. She has collected bath mats from hotels for the animal shelter, and every Christmas she hosts a toy drive for foster children.

MEMBER MURRAY is a Senior at Nevada State High School. He was a previous YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) Grant applicant for his non-profit, Klothos 4 Kids, where he provide clothing for children entering the foster care system. He is a good public speaker, and would like to be the Vice Chair.

MEMBER COLLINS was grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Board. She would like to be the Vice Chair because she wants to get out of her comfort zone and hold a leadership position.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if the youth members could vote for themselves, and MS. BORING confirmed they could.

MS. BORING directed the Board members to write down their vote for Chair and Vice Chair on the paper in front of them. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC added that the ballots would be attached as backup to the meeting, and asked each member to write their name on the other side of their paper. The votes were then tallied, and MR. DOROCAC announced MEMBER CERVACIO as Chair and MEMBER MURRAY as Vice Chair.

NOTE: By way of ballot, Sarina Cervacio was voted in as Chair and Nijel Murray as Vice Chair.

9. Discussion for possible action regarding Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Youth Presentations Schedule for December 10 and 14, 2020 and January 4 and 14, 2021

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, explained the January 4th meeting will include a few

presentations and deliberations; therefore, the January 14th meeting may not be needed.

Motion made by Chance Bonaventura to Approve

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Andrew Sierra, Brianna Ramirez, Becky Skouson, Harry Williams, Chance Bonaventura, Karl Catarata, Lexie Wilder, Nijel Murray, Sarina Cervacio, Arlene Alvarez, Desha Collins, Melanie McNair; Excused-Deborah Reyes, Maria Fajardo, Rebecca Richard;

10. Presentations on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by Alliance for Academic Quiz Bowl – 2021 Online Quiz Bowl Competition; BlackQueen Productions – Citywide Birthday; Books and Ballet – Books and Ballet; Canyon Springs High School Batteries Included – Project Helping Hands of Canyon Springs HS; College of Southern Nevada High School West Student Council – CSNHS Stucco YNAPP Project; Edgar's Birthday Buddies – Edgar's Birthday Buddies; Immunize Nevada – Teen Outreach Kits; Kay Carl Student Council – Campsite Crafts; Mission HS Youth Group – Mission HS Care Packages; Northwest CTA Student Council – Homeless Care Packages; The Superfriends – Super Care Packages 2.0; and UNLV Boyd Thomas and Mack Clinic – Justice Garden

Minutes:

As each applicant was called forward, CHAIR CERVACIO advised the group they would be given five minutes to make their presentation, followed by five minutes in which the Board members could ask questions. Subsequent to each presentation, she explained the Board would be voting on the recommended funding awards at a later meeting, and those recommendations would be presented to the City Council at their January 20, 2021 meeting. She also advised CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, would notify the group regarding the Board's recommendations within the next two weeks.

MS. BORING also noted that some groups submitted video presentations in lieu of attending the meeting.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if the groups who submitted video presentations would have a representative available for questions, and MS. BORING said the groups who were not attending the meeting were made aware that they would not have the opportunity to answer follow-up questions from Board members. In addition, all groups were invited to attend a public speaking workshop where they were educated on what to expect and what information should be detailed in their video presentation. MEMBER WILLIAMS recalled groups that lost points last year for not attending the meeting. He felt that if groups were given the option of submitting a video presentation, they should not lose points for not attending the meeting. MS. BORING knew one group could not be in attendance due to a possible COVID-19 exposure. Board members should grade each group to the best of their abilities, and if they have follow up questions, that may be a sign that the group should have submitted a more clear and concise video.

Alliance for Academic Quiz Bowl – 2021 Online Quiz Bowl: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, BLU MEHARI introduced herself as a Junior at Clark High School. Alliance for Academic Quiz Bowl (AAQB) is an organization centered on encouraging Nevada students to actively engage in learning and education. This goal is accomplished by hosting community Quiz Bowl events such as tournaments, summer camps and workshops. This year, they are interested in making Quiz Bowl more accessible during the pandemic through their online Quiz Bowl competition. Their objective is to spark curiosity and motivation in younger children through enjoyable, friendly competition. They are also interested in promoting learning in a collaborative environment, prompting kids to discover and foster their interest in many fields. The various roles a youth volunteer will hold include: reading questions, data distribution, updating the website and social media, uploading statistics and uploading volunteer pictures. The AAQB has been receiving YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) grants since 2017. This year, they are requesting \$600, which will be used to purchase Amazon Fire tablets that will be given away as prizes of the competition. The youth volunteers will also document their experiences via pictures, which are then uploaded to their website, www.aaquizbowl.org. MS. MEHARI said the driving force behind AAQB is promoting education. Nevada needs to make long strides to be on par in education, and they want to help Las Vegas meet that standard. Their project will encourage Las Vegas youth to engage their academic interests, and foster a love of learning that will drive students to value their education throughout their academic careers. Through their tournaments, workshops and camps, AAQB has reached out to 32 schools and contributed over 2,400 learning hours and 6,000 volunteer hours. In closing, MS. MEHARI thanked the YNAPP Board and the City of Las Vegas.

MEMBER SKOUSON was familiar with the project, but asked about the online aspect. MS. MEHARI said they are using Google Meets or Zoom for the competitions. The AAQB will serve as the host, and there will be a buzzer system in place. MEMBER SKOUSON asked if a trial of the new online format had been tested, and MS. MEHARI confirmed it had. The tournament will have a bracket style format, and the prizes will be given to the top two teams.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if there are prizes given to the other competitors that take second or third place, and MS. MEHARI said they generally give awards to the top ten groups for various accomplishments that will consist of books and other things.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many people will be participating and what made them decide to pick the tablets as a prize. MS. MEHARI said around 20 kids will be participating. She added that the tablets were chosen as the prize because they want to give kids another tool to extend their access to learning and encourage them to do their own research.

Books and Ballet – Books and Ballet: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, DRE BOYD-WEATHERLY introduced herself as a Junior at Valley High School who has been dancing classical ballet for nearly 14 years and loves to read all genres of books. This project is a collaboration between her and her best friend, CRYSTAL, whom she has been dancing with for many years. Books and Ballet is a youth initiative to encourage reading activity among the youth of her generation. They would prepare virtual lessons that would range between 45 minutes to one hour, and they would include equal parts of reading and beginner's ballet activities. The classes are held on Saturdays for four weeks, and each student would receive a ballet box. Their request is for the full \$1,250, and MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY noted that they are pledging 41 volunteer hours. The requested funds are needed to pay for the ballet boxes which include: ballet shoes, a tutu, a t- shirt, two books and the materials needed for the box itself. MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY showcased photos from the classes she had been conducting for the last three weeks, and she noted that the ballet boxes are dropped off safely. She said this program is about investing in a child's future while encouraging physical activity and reading. She concluded with a quote from MISTY COPELAND, and hoped she will encourage kids to try something new. In closing, a short video was shown that included an expert from one of MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY'S Zoom classes.

MEMBER CATARATA appreciated that a video was incorporated into the presentation, and asked how many people are usually interested in this program. MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY said she is hoping to serve 25 children.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how she is advertising these classes, and MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY hoped to reach out to local elementary schools and spread the word about her program; otherwise, she uses social media to advertise. MEMBER SKOUSON inquired about the age range of the students, and MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY said students are between two and eight years old. MEMBER SKOUSON then confirmed with MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY that classes are taught in conjunction with her friend, CRYSTAL.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked if there is a cost associated with the class and how she would decide who to give the boxes to. MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY said there is no cost associated with the class, and the grant funds pay for the ballet boxes, which every student would receive.

MEMBER MCNAIR asked how often classes are held, and MS. BOYD-WEATHERLY said classes are held once per week for four consecutive weeks. She is anticipating teaching students who have not received fundamental classical ballet instruction; therefore, each student will receive the same instruction. Each class will last 45 minutes to an hour, and the time is split up between reading and ballet instruction.

MEMBER WILLIAMS appreciated that ballet and reading were incorporated together.

BlackQueen Productions – Citywide Birthday: MS. BORING announced that BlackQueen Productions could not attend the meeting and would be rescheduled at a later date.

College of Southern Nevada High School West Student Council – CSNHS Stuco YNAPP Project: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, ASHLEY KLUBECK and ALLIESON PHAM explained their project consists of creating winter necessity packs for 100 women at the Shade Tree of Las Vegas. They explained their decision to create winter packs was because many people who donate to the Shade Tree often neglect the need for winter necessities. They spoke directly with Shade Tree's Donation Coordinator, who confirmed that they are always in need of winter items. MS. KLUBECK explained there are 30 members in their Council and last year, they were granted a \$900 YNAPP grant for their hygiene pack project for Project 150. Their Council plans to do a class-wide and social media reflection to document their experiences and

what they learned. Their packs will include: socks, beanies, gloves, and thermal long sleeve shirts in a tote bag. All items will be purchased from Amazon, and they will be able to make 96 packs. The Council will be broken up into three groups of ten, where they will volunteer at different times to assemble and deliver the packs. MS. PHAM said their Council chose to help the Shade Tree of Las Vegas because they are the only women's shelter in Las Vegas that helps victims of domestic abuse by providing shelter and food to over 6,000 women annually. Women helping women is a stance their Council has taken, and they believe this project would have an impact on them in addition to the women at Shade Tree.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if their Council is entirely made up of women, and MS. KLUBECK said it is primarily women, but there are male members. She added that they are broken up into committees, and the one in charge of putting together the grant application is made up of all women. MEMBER SKOUSON commended the presentation, and said MS. PHAM and MS. KLUBECK are eloquent and well-spoken.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA appreciated that the Council called ahead to see what the Shade Tree needed. He asked if other merchants were considered for the winter pack contents, and MS. PHAM said they found that Amazon has the most amount of items for the lowest price.

CHAIR CERVACIO inquired about the sizing for the thermal shirts, and MS. KLUBECK said it was difficult to cater to women of all sizes, but the shirts will vary from size small to extra large.

MEMBER CATARATA recommended that the Council call the Shade Tree to find out what sizes are needed the most.

Mission HS Youth Group – Mission HS Care Packages: By way of a video presentation, KAYLYN VAUTRINOT and LANDYNN MEYERS explained they would be making care packages for the less fortunate. The project is important because there is a large homeless population in Las Vegas, and they want to provide individuals with winter essentials and snacks. The students will assemble the care packages, and the adults will facilitate the project and make sure the packages are distributed. The group will also write about what they have learned from this project and share it with their fellow students.

UNLV Boyd Thomas and Mack Clinic – Justice Garden: By way of a video presentation, JOSEPH WHITE and GAVIN MORRISON explained their project involves a partnership with the students and faculty of the UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Boyd School of Law. The Justice Garden is a place to share education resources through food and friendship. They will also host an event in March to build the Justice Garden, where they will teach local youth to grow, eat and share whole foods. This garden will be a safe space for social distance work while growing character and teaching confidence. Their budget requires the maximum grant award of \$1,250 for materials including soil, shovels, rakes and fertilizer, and 100 percent of the grant will be matched from partners and supporters. They will market the event through videos, and they plan on attending a showcase in May. MR. WHITE said he has been working in a garden since he was ten years old, and he wants to share that passion with other youth in the community.

Kay Carl Student Council – Campsite Crafts: LOLA DOIDGE introduced her Student Council, and said they are representatives from the third, fourth and fifth grade. They meet virtually to discuss and create activities that better their school and community. They applied for the YNAPP grant to help them obtain the supplies needed to create crafts to lift the spirits of senior citizens and military members. ALEXIS said each year the school comes up with a school-wide theme, and this year is camping. DYLAN said the project will help the community because it will remind senior citizens and military members that they are not forgotten during this difficult time without visitors or social interaction. GREYSON said this project was inspired by their fellow students who are missing their grandparents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Human interaction is an important aspect of a senior's mental health and happiness. By creating crafts for those in need, they hope to remind them that there are still people thinking of them. JASMINE said their teacher, MRS. LeFAVE will order the supplies, and students will assemble the crafts virtually. Once the crafts are complete, they will be delivered to senior homes, VA (Veterans Affairs) hospitals and assisted living facilities. KATIE said their project will require the maximum grant award of \$1,250. ISABELLA added that their Student Council leaders will have their fellow members write a reflection paper and detail how this project will inspire them to do more for their community. TREVOR said their project should be funded because they will represent the City well and work very hard. They believe in giving back to the community, and partnering with the YNAPP Grant Review Board is a great opportunity to do so.

MEMBER CATARATA thanked the group for being leaders in their community, and appreciated their passion and

creativity.

MEMBER SKOUSON verified the group is creating crafts and not just passing out supplies. She then asked which hospitals the crafts will be given to, and SARAH POLITO, Kay Carl Elementary School, said they will be visiting a VA hospital along with senior and assisted living facilities. Care packages will also be sent to military members that are relatives of the students at Kay Carl. ANGELA REINHARD, Kay Carl Elementary School, added that they have worked closely with a senior home before the pandemic, and that is where additional crafts will be delivered.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA inquired about the designs for the crafts, and a member of the group said they will be making pins and hugging buddies.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how many people they are hoping to help, and MS. DOIDGE said they plan to help as many people as they can.

The Superfriends – Super Care Packages: KHLOE CAMARILLO said she and her group members, JOVEE, JET, ZEEK and MYA have been friends since Kindergarten and this is their third time applying for the YNAPP grant. In 2019, they made 50 care packages for people in hospitals that included combs, coloring books and crayons. In 2020, they used grant funds to donate food to families in need and crafted emergency care kits that last three to four days. This year, they plan creating care packages for people of all ages in the hospital. MS. CAMARILLO said her relative who works in a hospital will pass out the care packages. They are asking for the maximum grant award of \$1,250 to make 50 care packages that will include: coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, joke books, journals, stuffed animals, puzzles, brushes and cardstock. The project will commence in March with buying supplies, the packages will be assembled in April and then delivered in May. The Superfriends will be pledging 51 volunteer hours which is valued at \$1,275. After the project is complete, group members will post reflections on social media to talk about their experiences of volunteering as a kid.

MEMBER WILLIAMS asked MS. CAMARILLO her age, who said she is nine years old. MEMBER WILLIAMS commended her etiquette, and he trusted that she will do what she is supposed to with the money if her project is funded.

MEMBER SKOUSON echoed MEMBER WILLIAMS' comments, and liked that MS. CAMARILLO is organized and had a specific plan for her project.

Immunize Nevada – Teen Outreach Kits: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, DEANDRA CANDELARIA and CHLOE KIM appeared representing Healthy Young NV. Their initiative is to empower young Nevadans by providing comprehensive health and wellness resources while paving the road to healthier lifestyles. They also manage a blog where they share opportunities and advice for other students that are navigating the pandemic. Their project aims to disseminate multiple outreach kits containing a resource guide, masks, tissues and other hygienic items. Not many youth are able to afford these necessities, and they hope to equip teens with these items. They have pledged 47 volunteer hours to help pack the kits and disseminate them, and MS. KIM said they are requesting the maximum grant award of \$1,250 to purchase the necessary supplies. Throughout the process, they will create a thank you video for all of their supporters and donors. If COVID-19 restrictions are still in place at the time of their project, group members will practice social distancing, wear proper protective equipment and keep all areas sanitized. In the event that the group cannot meet at all, members will pack outreach kits at home and ship them to youth organizations in the community. In closing, MS. CANDELARIA said they anticipate to start on March 1st and finish by March 26th.

MEMBER SIERRA thanked the group, and appreciated that they took COVID-19 restrictions into consideration. He asked if they have done any similar projects in the past, and MS. KIM said they have, but on a much smaller scale, and they were not located in Las Vegas. Healthy Young NV is a Nevada-based association, and their previous project was for teens in Reno.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many volunteers will be involved with the project, and MS. CANDELARIA said they will have six at the most.

MEMBER SKOUSON echoed MEMBER SIERRA'S comments, and appreciated that they provided a specific timeline.

Northwest CTA Student Council – Homeless Care Packages: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, RAM MASILANG and PAIGE LAWRIE explained there are 45

student members in their organization, and they are a first-time grant applicant. Their project involves creating 192 packages for the homeless that will consist of various clothing, hygiene and food items. The packages will be created at the school, and they have partnered with the Southern Nevada Salvation Army to aid in the distribution process. Three different packs will be created: 120 general packs, 30 winter packs and 42 hygiene packs. The group is pledging 104.5 volunteer hours for their project, and they will document the process along the way. They will also promote homelessness awareness via their school's social media platforms. MR. MASILANG said homelessness is a major issue within Las Vegas, and Clark County alone holds 34,397 homeless individuals. In closing, he shared a personal story of a time he assisted a homeless individual, and said their goal is to make sure every person who receives a care package feels loved and appreciated.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked where the packages will be delivered and what type of thought went into which locations would be receiving them, and MR. MASILANG said he has been in contact with the Salvation Army of Southern Nevada, who offered to distribute the packages at one of their weekly food drives.

MEMBER WILLIAMS said the group did a very good job for their first time presenting.

MEMBER SKOUSON appreciated the thought that went into the project, and asked how they came up with the care package categories. MS. LAWRIE said they are based on the top needs of homeless individuals, and they took the winter season and COVID-19 into consideration as well.

Canyon Springs High School Batteries Included – Project Helping Hands of Canyon Springs HS: By way of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, JOSE TZOY BOCH, SKY ARELLANO and ARACELI HERNANDEZ narrated a background of their project. The group created Project Helping Hands of Canyon Springs High School to combine two great organizations that introduce students to the changing workforce, education, leadership and community service. Their mission is to assist those that are having difficulties staying safe during the pandemic. According to www.helphome.org, there are 5,283 people who are experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada as of January 28th. Given the number of people that have lost their job due to the pandemic, they imagine this number will only increase. The group will construct COVID-19 relief packages that will be distributed throughout Las Vegas by way of shelters, churches and community centers. The volunteers have all committed to working a minimum of 41 hours each to complete this project. Most of the volunteer opportunities will take place after school and will be subject to strict social distancing guidelines. All participants must be free of COVID-19 symptoms and will wear masks at all times. The group requested the maximum grant award of \$1,250 to purchase supplies that include: face masks, hand sanitizer, Hot Hands, hygiene kits, water, Mylar blankets and storage bags. Bottled water and two gallon bags were donated to ensure each kit is kept neatly and easily accessible. Volunteers will utilize the space at Abundant Life SDA Church for assembling and storing the care package contents. In closing, the group said the YNAPP grant funds will help introduce their group to the community, and they have future projects in mind to continue their legacy.

Edgar's Birthday Buddies: MS. BORING said Edgar's Birthday Buddies was not there to make their presentation, nor did they submit a video in advance; therefore, they may be scheduled for another meeting date.

11. **Citizen 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:

None.

12. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was recessed at 5:36 p.m., reconvened at 6:16 p.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Candace Boring, Youth Development Specialist

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov