



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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR CERVACIO called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR CERVACIO and MEMBERS MURRAY, SKOUSON, BONAVENTURA, FAJARDO (via Teleconference and excused until 4:00 p.m.), WILDER, SIERRA, ALVAREZ, CATARATA, McNAIR and COLLINS

EXCUSED: MEMBERS WILLIAMS, RICHARD, RAMIREZ and REYES

ALSO PRESENT: CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, JEFF DOROCK, Deputy City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, 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. Presentations on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program applications submitted by Valley High Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG) Program – "YAY" Youth Assisting Youth; VVAA – Homeless Care Packages; Warriors of Light Family Inc. – Warriors of Light; Change Project – Video Editing and VFX/Training Project; Eagle Project – Berto's Bags; Goods for Girls – Goods for Girls; Key Club – Key Club Packages for the Homeless; Leaders In Training – Total Tutoring; Learners and Lawyers – Learners and Lawyers; Mahay Medical Group – Doctor for a Day; Stars Community Development Corporation – Family Fun Health Fair; The Traveling Toddler International – The Blessing Project; Kellen Cares – Smile Savers; Pajama Party – Pajama Party; and We Refuse to Forget Project – We Refuse to Forget Project

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 invited each of the following groups to the podium when it was their turn to present.

Valley High Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG) Program – “YAY” Youth Assisting Youth – GUADALUPE FONSECA, LIZBETH VAZQUEZ, RAFAEL PENA, JASON LATURNO, HAFASHIMANA ESPERANCE, SAMANTHA ANGELES and RUTH VAZQUEZ introduced themselves and shared in making their presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record and is included in the backup. They explained not all children have safe and comfortable homes, and their goal is to address the ever expanding issue of youth in need by providing them with care packages. Through this project, they hope to connect with the community and learn new skills, which can be utilized in the future. They want to see students graduate, establish a postsecondary education, apply for a job and have a solid career path. Focus areas include leadership development, career development, social awareness, civic awareness and community service.

They said they hope others will be motivated to help after seeing the effort they are putting into this project. They want the homeless to have the daily essentials needed to help them grow as individuals, to not be afraid to ask for help and to know there are people in the community ready to help.

The group reviewed past projects from 2017-2019, which included visiting and bonding with the senior citizens in a retirement center and delivering gift baskets to children at University Medical Center (UMC) Children's Hospital. They explained they began working on the Youth Assisting Youth Project for homeless youth at the beginning of the year, but due to COVID-19, they were unable to proceed with the project at that time. People now need help more than ever, and they wish to continue the project while following all COVID-19 safety regulations. The group requested \$1,250, and will conduct a clothing drive and supply backpacks and blankets. They noted the organization Communities in School already agreed to supply the backpacks needed. They have 30 student volunteers and pledged 100 community service hours.

They explained in order to make the project more personal, they will ask each student to write an inspirational letter, which will be placed inside the backpacks along with a t-shirt. The backpacks will also be decorated with keychains. They believe this project will have a big impact on the community by providing daily essentials to the youth. They plan to hand the backpacks out personally, but if COVID-19 prevents this, the backpacks will be delivered to the Nevada Partnership For Homeless Youth for distribution on their behalf.

MEMBER SIERRA thanked the group for their presentation and complimented them on being sharp, concise, timely and in unison.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA also thought the group did a great job. He asked for further clarification of the breakdown of the volunteer hours. It was explained the time would be split between the time it takes to assemble the backpacks and the weekly meetings that are held to discuss and plan everything they will be doing. MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked for an estimate of the time each person would be donating for assembling the backpacks, delivering them, for community service and things of that nature. It was explained they already met the 30 hour donation via the weekly meetings, but estimated each person to have volunteered approximately five hours.

MEMBER SKOUSON was impressed with the group's appearance, how they sounded and with the choreography of the presentation. Referencing a picture shown during the presentation of the East Las Vegas Community Center, she asked if that was where the backpacks would be assembled and distributed. It was confirmed the backpacks would be distributed at this location and that this was coordinated with Nevada Partnership For Homeless Youth. MEMBER SKOUSON also asked if any items had been collected for the clothing drive and referenced the personal care items and undergarments listed as “other donated items” on the application. The group said they plan to hold the clothing drive yet this year, and that the undergarments and socks listed would be included as part of the clothing drive, but personal hygiene products such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, would be placed inside the backpacks. The group also confirmed they would accept any items that people could give.

MEMBER CATARATA thanked the group, echoing the comments of the other Board members. As a Valley alumni, he said he appreciated the mentorship provided. He asked for more specifics as to knowing what sizes of t-shirts to order and determining which size to place in each backpack. The group explained they would work with Nevada Partnership For Homeless Youth to obtain the number of children and the sizes needed in the event they are not able to hand the backpacks out personally.

MEMBER ALVAREZ appreciated how the group devised a Plan B based on past experience and asked how many backpacks they hoped to create. The group indicated they plan to assemble 75 backpacks.

Kellen Cares – Smile Savers – KELLEN REESE introduced himself and said he wished to make a difference in the lives of kids like him by creating the service project called Smile Savers. He explained the focus of this project

is teaching nutrition and oral hygiene to youth at the Doolittle Community Center. He is partnering with the Quiet Storm Foundation, which is run by former National Basketball Association player C. J. WATSON. MR. REESE indicated he would instruct youth how to properly brush and floss and make good nutritional choices and distribute hygiene kits. He pointed out studies show that children in underprivileged areas tend to have higher rates of cavities and less access to dental care, and that kids with a higher rate of cavities usually miss more days of school due to toothaches. Helping them better understand cavities will help decrease the number of school days missed, resulting in them becoming better students.

If awarded funding, MR. REESE said he would purchase a bigger puppet and toothbrush in which to demonstrate how to brush, a book and products (floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes and timers) for the hygiene kits.

MEMBER SKOUSON commented MR. REESE was an impressive young man and asked if he hoped to become a dentist. MR. REESE replied he wanted to be a doctor. He confirmed the program would be at Doolittle Community Center, but he was unsure how it would be advertised. Although she said MR. REESE already seemed quite knowledgeable, MEMBER SKOUSON asked if he thought about reaching out to a dentist to gain their input. MR. REESE stated his mother is a dentist and would assist with the program.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA also complimented MR. REESE on his knowledge and presentation and asked if anyone else would be helping with his program presentation at the Doolittle Community Center. MR. REESE replied he would be the only one presenting.

Pajama Party – Pajama Party – CAMERON REESE, Miss Nevada Junior High School America 2021, read a book she created referencing the difficulty foster children have focusing and the importance of creating a good nighttime routine. If awarded funding, she said she would purchase pajamas from a local Las Vegas business and host a party where they would be distributed. She referenced a sponsor that would also help by handing out special treats.

MEMBER SKOUSON complimented MS. REESE on her public speaking and acknowledged her mother for raising children that are involved in the community. She liked the “thinking outside of the box” component of the project and thought it would help the needy population in the community.

MEMBER SIERRA also liked the project and who it was geared towards, as some of his friends and family members came from the foster system. He asked how MS. REESE planned on reaching out to the target audience and who she planned to partner with to make the event successful. MS. REESE said she reached out to many different foster agencies, and the most requested item was pajamas.

MEMBER CATARATA liked the presentation and the incorporation of the story MS. REESE wrote. He referenced organizations such as Raise the Future, formerly known as The Adoption Exchange, and Nevada Partnership For Homeless Youth and asked if she had one particular organization in mind to work with. MS. REESE said she is partnering with Fostering Hope.

We Refuse to Forget Project – We Refuse to Forget Project – Through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and is attached as backup, PEYTON REESE, Bishop Gorman High School student, explained the goal of this project is to help increase young women’s confidence through clothing, specifically undergarments, with the hope that confidence will inspire them to be better. She shared a quote from Portland State University, stating it spoke to her because as a teenager herself, confidence plays a large role in everything she does. She read statistics from a slide with regard to the number of homeless students, those that are unsheltered, in shelters and in hotels/motels. Homeless and in-need teens are vulnerable because there is no sense of stability in their life, and the hope is that this project will help in creating a stronger sense of confidence and stability.

MS. REESE said she would like to partner with The Just One Project organization, which provides food and assistance to homeless families and families in need. Over the summer, she participated in their week-long seminar on how to be a better leader and help in the community, and she wishes to put what she learned into action through this project. She requested \$1,250 to create approximately 50 bags with multiple sets of undergarments and treats. This provides an opportunity to give back to the community and to let these individuals know that they are cared about and not forgotten. She said a display of love can change someone’s life and inspire them, and she wants every girl to feel comfortable in their own skin.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA complimented MS. REESE on her presentation and asked how sizes would be decided and distributed. He also asked about the three volunteers referenced in the application. MS. REESE explained the details of the sizing are still being worked out, and that she would recruit her volleyball teammates as volunteers, so they can help the community together.

MEMBER SKOUSON also liked the presentation and asked about distribution of the items. MS. REESE stated they hoped to hold a party where the girls could pick them up, but if COVID-19 prevents them from doing so, they will be given to The Just One Project for distribution.

MEMBER CATARATA liked the presentation and asked MS. REESE if they still planned to partner with Project 150 as referenced in the backup material. MS. REESE replied there was a change, and they plan to now partner with The Just One Project.

In response to the question by MEMBER McNAIR about how people would find out about the project, MS. REESE stated through social media, since it is a popular way to connect with people, and through The Just One Project, as they have a larger platform to spread information.

The Traveling Toddler International – The Blessing Project – Five-year-old JUSTYN BOUMAH said he created The Blessing Project when he was four years old to thank all of the community workers. He requested \$1,250 to create and hand out “thank you” bags that contain M&Ms, goldfish crackers, tissue, soup, hand sanitizer and masks to sanitation workers, bus drivers, police officers, mail carriers and firefighters in recognition of their service. A video was then shown of MR. BOUMAH featured during an ABC News story.

MEMBER CATARATA commented that MR. BOUMAH did a great job and that his family must be proud. He said he reviewed the application documentation, that everything appeared in order and he loved that MR. BOUMAH had a backup plan.

MEMBER SKOUSON also thought MR. BOUMAH did a great job and asked if he had already coordinated with the sanitation workers and bus drivers to pass out the bags at events planned for March and April. MR. BOUMAH confirmed and said he planned to hand out 101 thank you bags.

Eagle Project – Berto’s Bags – LUCIA EICHELBERGER and CHRISTOPHER ZIRPOLI introduced themselves. They shared in presenting their project, Berto’s Bags (a.k.a. the Eagle Project) through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and is attached as backup. MS. EICHELBERGER stated this is their first time applying for this grant and would be supporting the Ronald McDonald House. She stated the Ronald McDonald House in Las Vegas provides temporary housing for families who travel to Las Vegas to receive critical medical treatment for their children. The purpose of the Eagle Project is to provide parents who have children in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with supplies they need to help them through this difficult time. MR. ZIRPOLI referenced the added difficulty in being able to get things done during the pandemic, but that they have a plan to do so safely, which includes minimizing the number of volunteers, wearing personal protective equipment, frequently washing their hands and remaining at least six feet apart.

MR. ZIRPOLI indicated there would be several meet ups to assemble the packages and to give them to the organization they are supporting. He reviewed the slide related to volunteers and activities and explained they would be working with two Scout troops and that the youth and adults would work together to complete the project. The youth would do most of the work, and the adults would provide supervision. As far as reflection activities, they will contact the Ronald McDonald House to obtain any feedback, both positive and negative, in the hope of improving and continuing the project and involving other organizations.

MS. EICHELBERGER explained they wanted to do this project in memory of ROBERT DESMOND EICHELBERGER, her brother, and MR. ZIRPOLI’S cousin, a NICU baby who did not survive. They said they want other families to know that they are not alone and someone is thinking about them and to help them overcome the challenges when their child is in the NICU. This is even more important during the pandemic because of the difficulty visiting loved ones in the hospital. MS. EICHELBERGER stated they are requesting \$1,200, have pledged 32 volunteer hours, and she reviewed the list of anticipated donations (printing, paper, laminator and meeting space).

MEMBER SKOUSON said the presenters did a great job, and she could sense their passion and asked how they came up with the items for the care packages. MS. EICHELBERGER explained the items, which included a medical terminology book, a water bottle, hand sanitizer, a tissue packet, a book that can be read to the infant, a

notepad, pen, snacks and chapstick, were already tested at a hospital in Las Vegas. MEMBER SKOUSON thought the kit seemed very complete.

MEMBER SIERRA loved the project and asked about the number of care packages to be assembled. MS. EICHELBERGER replied 100 gift bags but wished to make as many as possible if there was money remaining. They would also like to continue the project if successful, and this would be a test run as far as the number of bags that are needed. She confirmed for MEMBER SIERRA that the Ronald McDonald House would also help distribute the care packages.

Goods for Girls – Goods for Girls – EMILY HAYES presented Project Period, through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and is attached as backup. She stated their mission is to provide local girls access to feminine hygiene products, and they plan to partner with Project 150, which serves the homeless and low income teenage students. The belief is that this project will help make their lives easier and their high school experience a little more normal despite their financial situation. MS. HAYES stated she, her mother and three volunteers are the five key people involved with Goods for Girls. Funding in the amount of \$1,250 is being requested, which will help provide 700 kits. She explained they need to plan and communicate with Project 150 on the proper distribution process, buy the products and maximize that with the amount of funding received and sort and assemble the kits.

MS. HAYES also reviewed the timeline, pointing out she started this project through her college admission essay. This opportunity will enable her to take action and help make local high school girls' lives a little easier because high school is difficult enough. She noted she plans to go into the field of nursing and continue these efforts throughout her professional career.

MEMBER SKOUSON complimented MS. HAYES on her presentation and asked if she already reached out to Project 150 and whether or not she had received any donations thus far. MS. HAYES confirmed they had already reached out to Project 150, and indicated although they had not received any donations yet, there are people who are willing to donate.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA also liked the presentation and asked who would help implement the project and who would be distributing the items. She informed him that Goods for Girls will assemble the kits, and Project 150 will distribute them through their weekly grocery pickup for their student members.

MEMBER ALVAREZ thought this was an excellent project and asked how they chose Project 150. MS. HAYES stated she has volunteered with Project 150 several times in the past, so has developed a relationship with that organization. MEMBER ALVAREZ shared the organization Project Marilyn specifically does this type of work in the event Goods for Girls was interested in contacting them.

Warriors of Light Family Inc. – Warriors of Light – WYATT ENGLISH was present with his advisor, JOSEPH OROSCO. MR. ENGLISH said their Warriors of Light project is not a one-time project, but rather a long-term goal to address a lack of youth leadership, and that they wish to provide a safe place to learn and train. They are combining boxing with education and utilizing volunteer coaches at the Warriors of Light Foundation boxing gym Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. MR. ENGLISH explained their focus is service learning, where youth are taught to be change agents and to take up leadership roles in their homes and community. They share with them other community projects that are making a difference, which they can learn from and hopefully, go on to create their own. The Warriors of Light project is to help shape those who are willing to put in the work needed to make a difference. He stated students will read and reflect on the book "Warrior of the Light" by Paulo Coelho, which will help them understand what it is to be a warrior not only physically, but in mind and spirit.

MR. ENGLISH explained the funding request of \$1,250 would be used to purchase notebooks, boards, tables and other educational supplies, as well as chess boards, which represent the struggle between people and helps them to strategize their next move. He noted he and another member would volunteer, and they have pledged more than 20 hours to encourage and help train, tutor, and teach the youth about social issues happening in the community. He said this project will help the youth become self-disciplined individuals, change makers and champions of life.

MEMBER SIERRA loved this project and asked how the project would be promoted and how many youth they planned to help. MR. ENGLISH stated they planned to help as many youth as possible and would reach out to the schools and through social media, as well as through word of mouth.

MEMBER SKOUSON thought the project was unique and asked about MR. ENGLISH'S role. MR. ENGLISH explained he and another member would help tutor and teach social issues, and two coaches volunteered their time to teach boxing. The tutoring sessions will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., coaching from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and after that, people can read and play chess.

MEMBER CATARATA wondered about the supplies that will be needed. MR. ENGLISH noted extension cords were needed for charging items. He informed MEMBER ALVAREZ that the project focuses on all age groups, but there is a greater focus on high school students and that boxing gloves are available for use.

Change Project – Video Editing and VFX/Training Project – ZYAN TREADWELL introduced himself, noting this was the first time applying for this grant and his friend, JAKEYA WHITMORE, would assist him with this project, while his mother, COLUNDRRA OWENS, was his chaperone. Using the PowerPoint presentation in the backup, he stated the Change Project was created to show the youth of Las Vegas via a video that there are many different positive outlets in the city. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many youth are having to stay home and have become depressed. MR. TREADWELL briefly reviewed the budget, which includes items such as a lens, computer, tripods and a camera. He said he was proposing a video because he already has 10,000 followers across two platforms, and had already done a promotional video on The Strip. He shared he lost a friend to suicide because of COVID-19, and he thought if his friend was aware of the positive things there are to do in Las Vegas, he may still be alive today.

MEMBER SIERRA asked if MR. TREADWELL had some of his other work on Instagram, to which he confirmed and invited the members to look at.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA wondered how many people would be involved in the project and what its biggest impact on the community would be. MR. TREADWELL reiterated his mother and his best friend, along with some younger volunteers who he hoped to teach how to film, would be involved with the project. As far as the impact, the project would stress positivity and what Las Vegas has to offer. MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked if classes would be held to teach filming and if he planned to do more than one project. MR. TREADWELL indicated he intended to do two to three more projects for his platform.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked for further clarification as far as promoting change in the community. MR. TREADWELL stated youth depend a lot on social media during the pandemic, but he did not believe it was being used in a positive manner. He thought creating a positive message on social media would encourage other youth to do the same.

MEMBER CATARATA thanked MR. TREADWELL for his presentation and extended his sympathies on the loss of his friend. He asked when it comes to change, if there were one or two specific issues he was passionate about along with the positivity. MR. TREADWELL replied he was passionate about video and showing other youth that change can start with something as simple as a video.

Leaders in Training – Total Tutoring – Through a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and is attached as backup, RAYVEN JOY LIMON, EDLYN LIMON, and MARTIN BUENO shared in presenting on this project, which focuses on tutoring and offering assistance to students who need help with anything associated with school. As a team, they chose to target students who are struggling and do not have the resources necessary in order to achieve academic success, such as computers, WiFi and school supplies. The hope is to encourage students who may not have the best educational mindset because of their circumstance to obtain a higher education following high school. They want to help students improve their grades and strive to overcome any setbacks to ultimately become more successful.

Students who need help with school work will go to the Leaders in Training office for tutoring from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekly. Due to COVID-19, temperatures will be taken and masks will be worn at all times. In mid-February, they will start to contact the schools and promoting this new opportunity throughout the community. They requested \$1,220 for equipment and supplies, which will be ordered through Amazon. There will be three volunteers and an adult advisor, with 22 volunteer hours pledged.

MS. R. LIMON shared how she grew up in an immigrant household, which made school harder for her because she did not have the help students typically receive from their parents. As such, she had to rely on herself and the internet, and that is how this idea came about. MR. BUENO shared he grew up in a non-English speaking household and was subject to hurtful comments and bullying. This created a barrier between himself and the

grades he wished to achieve in school, which is why they want to help other students overcome similar obstacles and struggles.

MEMBER McNAIR loved the presentation and their goal of helping students with tutoring. She asked if tutoring would be one-on-one or in a group setting. MR. BUENO explained the tutoring would be one-on-one and that the pandemic limited them to a maximum of 10 students. MS. E. LIMON added that there would be one-on-one tutoring, but they could also break out into groups depending on what help was specifically needed. MEMBER McNAIR asked if they planned to assist students online as well if some of the students were not comfortable with the in-person tutoring due to COVID-19. MS. E. LIMON indicated everything would be sanitized, but they could provide the option of a Zoom meeting as well.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA wondered if computers could be borrowed instead of new computers purchased so that money could be allocated for other supplies. MS. E. LIMON explained they are in an underserved area, and purchasing the computers would be beneficial because they could continue to be used after the project is completed. MEMBER McNAIR wondered why used computers could not be used instead of purchasing new ones. MR. BUENO indicated they could utilize any technology that would be beneficial to the students.

MEMBER SKOUSON thanked the presenters for being prepared and asked if the three of them would be the only tutors, to which MR. BUENO confirmed. She also asked if they would be advertising to middle schools throughout the valley or only in certain parts of the city. MS. E. LIMON stated they would be contacting schools on the east side, near the Leaders in Training building where they will be tutoring to make it easy for those youth that may not have transportation.

MEMBER SIERRA wondered if there was a specific reason for there only being one tutoring session a week. MS. E. LIMON said they are limited on time, but if there are students who need additional help, they will schedule additional days.

Learners and Lawyers – Learners and Lawyers – DEVYN NOBLES, a senior at Legacy High School, expressed his passion for his community and mentioned several events he created for the community. He stated this is the first time Learners and Lawyers has applied for this grant, and that he is doing this in collaboration with Nobles & Yanez Law Firm. He explained his vision is to provide a behind the scenes look at the criminal justice system. The project will take place at the Regional Justice Center, and he wished to inspire the youth to become lawyers, judges, and judicial employees. He will host the event, while lawyers DEWAYNE NOBLES and ABLE YANEZ, CITY OF LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT CHIEF JUDGE CYNTHIA LEUNG and DISTRICT COURT JUDGES-ELECT MONICA TRUJILLO and ERIKA BALLOU will provide information. They will create an experience and provide resources the participants would otherwise not have access to. He referred to the slide outlining the budget and named those items funding would be used for.

MR. NOBLES indicated the participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire as to what they learned and how they can improve the experience. Along with that, there is a time set aside for a question and answer session where participants can ask questions. The project will be advertised via a social media blast along with a hashtag campaign. To document their time, pictures and videos will be posted on social media.

MR. NOBLES believes this project will build upon his prior projects. After the death of GEORGE FLOYD, he felt he had to give back to his community, and he created a “Know Your Rights” Instagram Live for young people to learn about their rights and what to do when dealing with the police. Through an internship with CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE WEEKLY, he created a financial literacy event, which included a self-made millionaire and entrepreneur speaking about the importance of credit and how to set oneself up financially for success.

After MR. NOBLES pointed out his father is one of the lawyers of the law firm Nobles & Yanez, he stated he wishes to give back to those that have not been afforded the same opportunities as he was growing up. He also noted the judicial branch of government affects people the most on a daily basis, so students need to learn more about it. He reiterated the project was an amazing way for young people to gain knowledge about the criminal justice system and a way to inspire youth to become future lawyers, judges and judicial employees.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA wondered if the volunteer hours listed on the application reflected an accurate number, as he thought it seemed low. MR. NOBLES explained the number listed was estimated for a one-time event with approximately 15 participants, but he hoped to hold additional events.

MEMBER CATARATA commented he looked forward to seeing MR. NOBLES become a lawyer in the Nevada community. In response to the question by MEMBER CATARATA regarding a discrepancy in the presentation and the application with regard to the amount being requested, MR. NOBLES explained originally the request was for the full amount but was subsequently decreased based on the number of volunteer hours. With regard to outreach to gain participants, MEMBER CATARATA asked if that was for interns at the current law firm or for students at Legacy High School. MR. NOBLES reiterated there would be a social media blast that includes a flyer on his Instagram and the law firm Instagram to get participants. He will also look for some participants from school.

MEMBER SKOUSON stated MR. NOBLES was passionate and organized and that it was a unique project. She asked how many participants he hoped to have in each session. MR. NOBLES stated he hoped to have approximately 15 participants, and it would be on a first-come, first-serve basis. MEMBER SKOUSON asked if he had reached out to the Regional Justice Center to see if they would be willing to waive the parking fees or provide a validation stamp; MR. NOBLES stated he had not.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked about the number of polo shirts that would be provided, who they would be provided for, the breakdown per shirt and if several quotes were obtained. MR. NOBLES stated the figure in the application included shirts for 15 participants along with a couple of the volunteers. He agreed other estimates could be sought out with regard to the price.

Mahay Medical Group – Doctor for a Day – ANUBHAV MAHAY, MONIT SINGH, SAMEER SINGH and ANUJ MAHAY presented their event, Doctor for a Day, through a skit sharing information about the brain, heart, eyes and teeth. They would like to hold an event where children can learn this type of information, which would include fun and interesting facts, a day in the life and kits would be given out.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA stated he enjoyed the skit and asked how the group would get people involved. MR. MAHAY said the group was originally thinking of holding a community-based event, possibly at a library, but given COVID-19 restrictions, they have gotten permission to hold the event in a classroom at Word of Life Christian Academy. He noted this is their second time applying for this grant, and the first time they did this project was with the first grade class at Word of Life. He confirmed for MEMBER BONAVENTURA that the volunteers would dedicate 20 hours total.

MR. MAHAY confirmed for MEMBER McNAIR that they would be reaching out to professional doctors to participate.

MEMBER SKOUSON remembered the group from last year, thought it was a fun idea and was glad they were continuing with it this year. She asked if they would focus on a different grade this year at Word of Life Academy. MR. MAHAY confirmed, stating the classroom size is 15-20, so they hoped to have that many participants. In response to a question by MEMBER SKOUSON regarding the donations listed, MR. MAHAY explained some were from Scholarship Solutions and some were from family members and relatives.

The meeting was recessed from 5:41 p.m. to 6:16 p.m.

Key Club – Key Club Packages for the Homeless – By way of a video presentation, JADA JACKSON, Secretary, DESIRAE CASIQUE, Treasurer, and ADRIAN VARA, Editor, Cimarron Memorial High School Key Club, stated they are communicative, organized, friendly and motivated. Their project involves handing out care packages to the homeless, which would include hygiene products, food, water and masks. They explained the reasons why they selected this particular project along with the importance of it. The team pledged 40 hours per year. MR. DAVID NAVARETTE, Advisor, will assist with the process, which will involve ordering, picking up, sanitizing and sorting the supplies, followed by giving them to the homeless shelter for distribution. They requested \$1,228.50 to cover the cost of the products for 50 care packages, along with the boxes themselves. Any extra items will also be donated to the homeless shelter. They noted they would make a video regarding their experience as part of the reflection activities.

As this presentation was strictly a video with no members of the group present, the Board members were unable to ask any questions.

CANDACE BORING stated she would reach out to those groups that did not show up at their designated time slot. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAL confirmed with MS. BORING that thus far, there were a total of four groups that did not show up. MR. DOROCAL advised these groups would be given a make-up date in order to

be given the opportunity to still present. MS. BORING indicated one of the groups missed their presentation due to COVID-19 exposure, but no reason was provided by the other three groups.

5. **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.

6. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was recessed from 5:41 p.m. to 6:16 p.m. and was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Candace Boring, Youth Development Specialist

Minutes Prepared by:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

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