



Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Minutes

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

JEFF DOROCAC called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: MEMBERS SKOUSON, BONAVENTURA, FAJARDO (excused until 4:20), SIERRA, YTURRALDE, REYES, STONEBARGER, RAMIREZ, RICHARD (seated as Chair after Item 8), CERVACIO (seated as Vice Chair after Item 8), WILDER, MURRAY and WHIPPLE

EXCUSED: MEMBERS WILLIAMS, BELL and RODRIGUEZ

ALSO PRESENT: CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, JEFF DOROCAC, Deputy City Attorney, DEBRA A. OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk, 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: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

3. Public Comment: 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 December 3, 10 and 17, 2018 and January 3, 7 and 9, 2019

Motion made by Chance Bonaventura to Approve

Passed For: 12; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-Deborah Reyes, Andrew Sierra, Dorian Stonebarger, Brianna Ramirez, Ydo Yturalde, Becky Skouson, Chance Bonaventura, Rebecca Richard, Sarina Cervacio, Lexie Wilder, Nijel Murray, Joshua Whipple; Excused-Maria Fajardo, Harry Williams, Laurel Bell, Jose Rodriguez;

5. Introduction of Board Members and City staff

Minutes:

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC introduced himself and encouraged everyone to participate as this is an important group to the City and MAYOR GOODMAN.

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, introduced herself and offered her assistance to the members at any time.

MEMBERS MURRAY, SIERRA, WILDER, SKOUSON, YTURRALDE, WHIPPLE, REYES, CERVACIO, BONAVENTURA, RODRIGUEZ, RAMIREZ, STONEBARGER and RICHARD introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their background.

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, briefly reviewed the Bylaws, a copy of which was attached as backup, and said they are expected to be updated.

She asked that everyone arrive on time to the meetings in order to establish a quorum. She stated the three presentation meeting dates cannot be rescheduled and expressed the importance of attending. If there is an extenuating circumstance and the Board needs to make quorum, she advised a Board member may need to participate via phone. The purpose of this Board is to determine grant funding for YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) funding. She asked the members to see all presentations with an open mind, and take into account these are youth who may be nervous. She wanted everyone to encourage civil engagement and make sure the youth were having fun.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC inquired about the meeting schedule, and MS. BORING said the meeting dates were January 6th, January 7th and January 8th.

7. Report on the FY2019-20 applications Summary Worksheet and Rating Sheet (evaluation) criteria and scoring report

Minutes:

CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, referenced the Rating Sheet, which was implemented just this year. She explained the Mayor did not want to grant groups multiple awards, as she felt the money needed to be more fairly distributed. This year, there is \$45,000 to award to YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) groups, and there are 55 eligible groups. On the Rating Sheet, she outlined guidelines to help members determine funding for these groups. MS. BORING provided an overview of each section and gave examples for guidance.

She said MAYOR GOODMAN and DR. MICHAEL MAXWELL, Youth Development and Social Innovation Manager, would like to see the groups divided up into tiers. She described the various tiers of funding and each description. Another new component this year was members have the choice of awarding a group up to \$2,000. MEMBER YTURRALDE asked if the groups were aware that they could be awarded up to \$2,000, and MS. BORING indicated they were not informed of this.

MEMBER REYES asked if the Board members need to identify the tier before they decide on the amount of money granted, and MS. BORING confirmed, and said she has included a sheet with all of the groups, the amount requested and what their grant match is. She suggested making a note on this sheet to reference on deliberation day, and included a notebook for taking notes. She also asked the Board members to write feedback for the groups and turn them in to her when finished.

Additionally, MS. BORING announced each member was provided a packet that included summaries of each YNAPP project, which was pulled directly from ZoomGrants. She reminded the members that they cannot award any group more than their pledge amount. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC asked if the pledged amount is grant match, and MS. BORING confirmed. In order to receive the YNAPP grant, the group must match the granted amount with volunteer hours or in-kind donations.

MR. DOROCAC summarized that the members should utilize the Rating Sheet and write down which tier they are in to make deliberations easier. Any additional thought should be written down in the notebooks provided. MS. BORING added that each group would be allotted five minutes for their presentation and five minutes for questions from the Board.

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

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CANDACE BORING, Youth Development Specialist, said 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. The Chair

opens the meetings, reads the items, welcomes and thanks the groups and calls on Board members when they have questions. The Chair will also inform the groups when they will be notified of the Board's decision and work with MR. DOROCAK if assistance is needed. Both the Chair and Vice Chair must be youth members and will present the recommended funding amounts to the City Council.

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

MEMBER RICHARD said she was a Junior student at Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy. She has been a part of YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program for a couple years and previously held the Vice Chair position. She applied for a YNAPP grant when she was 10 years old and had seen both sides of the process. She thought it would be nice to run the meeting from a different perspective.

MEMBER CERVACIO said she was a junior student at Palo Verde High School. She was on the Board last year, and applied for a YNAPP grant the year prior. She felt she was good at keeping time.

MEMBER WHIPPLE said he led an Eagle Service project and was looking for more opportunity to lead.

MEMBER WILDER said she was a student at Centennial High School. This was her first year on the YNAPP Board but has applied for YNAPP grants since she was eight years old. She has been involved in community service since she was two years old and wanted to take on a role in leadership.

MEMBER MURRAY said this was his first year on the Board, but he had previously applied for a YNAPP grant. He has a non-profit organization called Totes for Kids and once hosted a neighborhood project for teens to collect backpacks and supplies. He thought being Vice Chair or Chair would be a good experience in terms of leadership.

MS. BORING asked each member to write their vote for Chair and Vice Chair on the paper in front of them. She then tallied the votes and announced MEMBER RICHARD as Chair and MEMBER CERVACIO as Vice Chair.

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

9. Discussion for possible action regarding Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Youth Presentations Schedule for January 6, 7 and 8, 2020

Motion made by Chance Bonaventura to Approve

Passed For: 13; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Deborah Reyes, Maria Fajardo, Andrew Sierra, Dorian Stonebarger, Brianna Ramirez, Ydo Yturalde, Becky Skouson, Chance Bonaventura, Rebecca Richard, Sarina Cervacio, Lexie Wilder, Nijel Murray, Joshua Whipple; Excused-Harry Williams, Laurel Bell, Jose Rodriguez;

10. Report on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Applications submitted by AKATEENS - Project AKATEENS: We Care; Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club Virtues - Overcome and Love; Girl Scout Troop 16 - Care Packages for Kids in the Hospital; Kay Carl Student Council - Big Top Books; Democracy Prep - Y.E.S. (Youth Empowering Seniors); Project LIT DPAC - Lighting a Passion for Reading: One Book and One Conversation at a Time; Elaine Wynn Elementary School - Personal Wellness Packs; Emma's House Inc - Beauty from Ashes; Durango High School Philanthropy Club - DHS Philanthropy Club; FAAYT - Lunch & Luggage; Kligman Baseball - Baseball Teamwork Project; LACE - BOOK OF YOUR OWN (BOY-O); Little Leaders - Little Leaders; Door Beautification Project - Door Beautification Project; Ronnow Student Council and Leadership - Community Literacy, Fitness Events and Recess Activities; Steel Phoenix - FIRST Robotics Competition; Arbor View Key Club - Keep the Homeless Warm; Clark VEX Robotics - Clark VEX Robotics Grant; Alliance for Academic Quiz Bowl - STEM Bowl for Elementary School; and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry - Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry

Minutes:

Kay Carl Student Council - Big Top Books: The group said this Student Council is made up of representatives from the Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade, and they meet twice a month to discuss activities that better their school

and community. They applied for this grant to help obtain the supplies needed to create two free Little Libraries. The project will help the community because it will supply books to those who need them. They came up with the idea after realizing that many students do not read at home because they do not have books available. They feel the need to help kids love to read again, and it is important because reading helps improve vocabulary, comprehension and creativity. They need the entire \$1,000 to maximize the supplies needed to create their libraries. Youth and adults will work side by side to help plan and organize this operation. The Student Council will also write a reflective paper on how this project would inspire them to do more community service. Their aim is to create an opportunity to give back to the community.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked where the libraries will be placed when they are completed and how they would be placed there. An individual from the group said the libraries would be in front of the school against the fences. MEMBER STONEBARGER asked if the students would need to return the books after reading them, and an individual from the group said the book can be kept or returned. MEMBER SKOUSON asked what grade level books will be put in the libraries, and an individual from the group said the books will be for all grade levels.

AKATEENS - Project AKATEENS: We Care: Using a Prezi presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, KENNEDY JOHNSON, MAKAYLA HINES and JULIANA BIAS said they are an enrichment group and their focus is leadership, academics and service. They partnered with Project 150 to make care packages for underprivileged high school students. They plan to make 250 care packages which will include snacks and drinks. Project 150 goes hand in hand with their project because they like to work with high schools that have a high homeless teen population. Homelessness in Las Vegas is at an all-time high, and a homeless teen may not feel the support that they need. They are requesting \$1,000 to make the care packages, and adults will help deliver them to various schools. This is a great way to give back to the community and empower the youth in Las Vegas.

MEMBER REYES asked how the group determined which high schools to serve, and MS. HINES said the high schools they chose have a high rate of homeless teens. MEMBER REYES asked if they could still proceed with their project if the Board awarded less than \$1,000, to which the group confirmed they could. MEMBER SIERRA asked what the most difficult part of this project has been, and MS. BIAS said it was this presentation. MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many members in their group would be participating and how they decided what items would be included in the care packages. MS. KENNEDY said there would be more than 30 participants; they meet monthly with their members and took a vote on what items to include. They had also done similar projects in the past and combined what they learned from those projects with their new ideas.

Girl Scout Troop 16 - Care Packages for Kids in the Hospital: The group explained this was their first time applying for YNAPP (Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program) grant, and they would like to create care packages for the children at Mountain View Hospital. They would put the packages together in the spring, and will be committing 50 volunteer hours. They requested \$1,000 for the materials to assemble the care packages. This project is important to them because all children need love and happiness to feel appreciated.

MEMBER SIERRA asked what made them come up with this project, and MARIA GOLDBERG, Troop Leader, said the girls held a group discussion at their meeting where this idea was selected. MEMBER SKOUSON asked if the group would be delivering the packages to each child or dropping them off. An individual from the group said they would be taking them to the hospital. MEMBER RODRIGUEZ asked how many care packages would be created, and the group said 40 care packages would be made. MEMBER WHIPPLE asked if every child in the hospital would get a care package, and MS. GOLDBERG said she spoke to staff at the Mountain View Hospital who told them 40 packages would be plenty. MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked each member how long they had been Girl Scouts and how many Scouts were in Troop 16. One member said it was her second year as a Scout, and the other two members said it was their first year.

Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club Virtues - Overcome and Love: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, ALIVIAH McCOY, ISSIAH ROBINSON and JAIDEN FREDIEU said they were a group of teens from various backgrounds. The project's purpose is to invite people to a gathering, motivate and inspire with intermissions that include food and games. Their goal is to help youth discover who they are and what they are passionate about. MS. McCOY said they will be volunteering along with other teens from the Boys and Girls Club and have pledged 2,025 hours. MR. ROBINSON said their request is for \$1,000; food will cost around \$395, and the remaining funds will go towards gift packs, games and an after party celebration. MS. McCOY said their project is based on an idea for a place where people can come

together and set aside their differences. Growing up in certain situations does not determine one's future. MR. FREDIEU said the true importance of this project was to offer a safe and welcoming place and to motivate people to keep their heads up. Volunteers will have a solid work schedule and Club staff will serve the food. There will be meetings prior to the event and they will be welcoming and accepting to anyone who comes. MS. McCOY said they will also hold breakout sessions where the community can come together and talk about their experiences. MR. FREDIEU said this project is a great opportunity for youth to enjoy themselves and allow their differences to be set aside.

MEMBER YTURRALDE asked who their audience was, and MS. McCOY said their focus is on teens who already attend the Boys and Girls Club but people outside the clubs are welcome as well.

MEMBER SIERRA asked what got each member motivated to join the Boys and Girls Club. MR. ROBINSON said he had friends attend the Club who had since received scholarships and made new friends. MS. McCOY said her family attended, and she saw how close everyone was. MR. FREDIEU said he wanted to have fun and help other people. MEMBER REYES asked how they were planning to get the word out for maximum participation. MR. ROBINSON said they each go to a different school and will spread the word that way, and MS. McCOY said they would also use social media.

MEMBER CERVACIO asked where this would be held and how many kids were a part of this club, and MS. McCOY said it would be at the Andre Agassi Club. There are about 100 kids during the school year and around 150 during the summer.

Elaine Wynn Elementary School - Personal Wellness Packs: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, ALAYA EDWARDS-COBB, EMMANUEL MARTINEZ-PEREZ, JEREMIAH BOSSA and MIA BELLO said the purpose of their project is to provide comfort for displaced women and children who need support. They are a part of their school's mentoring program, which helps focus on positive ways to overcome peer pressure and make better choices. They plan to provide 60 personal wellness kits to the women and children at the Shade Tree Foundation. Each kit will include a blanket, towel, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and a toothbrush. This project will help increase volunteer support and improve outreach programs. Adults and students will work together to plan the project and distribute the kits. Their request is for \$998, and they have pledged \$2,741 in volunteer hours. The group would promote the project by utilizing flyers and videos.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many people were in this group and what made them want to choose this project. The group said it was only the four of them and they wanted to help women in the community.

MEMBER STONEBARGER asked how many kits would be made, and the group answered 60 kits.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked why they decided to work with Shade Tree and if they reached out to them to determine what supplies were needed. A member from the group said their teacher suggested Shade Tree and had communicated with the organization.

KATHRYN THREADHOLD, School Counselor, said there are victims of domestic violence in their school, so she decided to call Shade Tree who told her that they never have enough towels or blankets. There is also a list of additional items they need on their website. It was a team effort and they wanted to make as many kits as possible. MEMBER YTURRALDE thanked the group for coming up with this project and being aware of this issue.

Democracy Prep - Y.E.S. (Youth Empowering Seniors): Members of the group played a YouTube video that described their project. They would like to provide gift baskets to seniors that would include a teddy bear and hygiene products. Their goal was to bring youth and seniors closer together to fight against depression.

MEMBER RODRIGUEZ asked if the seniors will be chosen at random, and the group said they would be visiting senior homes.

MEMBER RAMIREZ asked how many seniors would be getting baskets, and the group said every senior would be receiving a basket.

MEMBER FAJARDO asked if they had done this in past and if so, how many senior centers were visited. Two of the members said this was their first time, and another member said she had done this once before and she visited two senior centers.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many people were in their group, and they said it was only three of them and some adult volunteers would be helping as well.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked if they will be visiting with the seniors while dropping off the gift baskets, and the group said they do plan on sitting with the seniors and talking to them. MEMBER WHIPPLE asked how often they would be visiting the senior centers and how many people they would see, and a member from the group said she was not sure.

Project LIT DPAC - Lighting a Passion for Reading: One Book and One Conversation at a Time: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, MIA ZARATE, RICKY FOOTE, JADYN WILLIAMS and LEILA CHEATEM said Project LIT started in Nashville, Tennessee in 2016 with the mission of eliminating book deserts. In two years, Project LIT has grown to 1,000 chapters across the country. Project LIT books serve as a mirror for minority children and allow them to see themselves in books. Kids are able to open their minds to diverse people and cultures. They finished the school year with a hip-hop theme discussion of Angie Thomas' *On the Come Up*. They were presently reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson and planned on seeing the movie together. YNAPP previously funded a project of theirs called the Little Library. This library united their community and increased scholars' access to books and increased engagement across their campus. The library offered culturally-diverse books, and the children could see themselves in the books.

MEMBER FAJARDO asked if they had grown in members since last year, and an individual from the group said new members have joined.

MEMBER STONEBARGER asked if the books the club is reading are also available in the Little Library, and the group confirmed they are.

MEMBER YTURRALDE asked if the group is asking anybody for donations, and an individual from the group said they set out boxes for book donations and parents have made donations.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many books they will be able to purchase if they are fully funded and if they will still be able to move forward with the project if they are not fully funded. An individual from the group said they would still be able to move forward even if they are not fully funded.

Emma's House Inc. - Beauty from Ashes: ELGERNON GREEN and PATRICK LOTHAMER said their project is for a support group for the children of incarcerated parents. He believed this program was important because there are a lot of children hurting and unable to cope with pain. MR. LOTHAMER said in August 2017, he was informed his dad had been arrested. When he first found out, he did not want to believe it because his dad had been the person he went to for everything. He last saw his dad during Easter weekend of 2018 because he had been diagnosed with cancer and had been moved to a different prison across the country. Being a part of this program helped him cope with this kind of pain. MR. GREEN said there are many people who may not realize they are hurting and that is why this support system is so important.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how many children they expect to help, and MR. GREEN hoped the group would consist of 10 to 20 children, but also wanted to provide one-on-one care so no one is overlooked.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked for more detail on where the funds would be going, and MR. GREEN explained they would be taking care of children for an afternoon, and the money would be used for notebooks and writing supplies. The program will be eight weeks long, and each session would have a theme.

Durango High School Philanthropy Club - DHS Philanthropy Club: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, MATT SHAPS and BRYANT HENDERSON said this program has existed for four years, and is open to any student who feels passionate about helping the homeless of Las Vegas. Each month, they visit the Christ Episcopal Church and provide food, clothing and hygiene items for approximately 75 homeless men and women. They would like to continue to offer snacks and clothing items, and buy items that are not commonly donated. There are about 25 students and six staff members who volunteer, and the club meets twice a month to sort clothes and make sandwiches. MR. HENDERSON said in November, they hosted a sock drive for five days and received 427 pairs of socks. About 150 homeless members each received three pairs of socks. Their budget is around \$1,000 per year, and the money is used to purchase snack bags, breakfast bars and other food items that are easy to carry. With this additional funding, they can hand out more socks and hygiene products.

MEMBER STONEBARGER asked what brought them to the church located on Maryland Parkway. MR. SHAPS said the church was advertising for services that were needed.

MEMBER REYES referenced a 'Nakita Story' slide in the PowerPoint that was not addressed during the presentation. MR. SHAPS said NAKITA is a homeless transgender individual, and he has known her for five years. They have built a friendship during MR. SHAPS' time feeding the homeless and NAKITA loves him so much because he always takes the time to acknowledge her presence as a human being. He said they are doing more than providing food. They are creating relationships and making people feel like people.

MEMBER YTURRALDE thought they were shorting themselves because they only indicated a small number of people involved but there appears to be much more.

FAAYT (Foster And Adoptive Youth Together) - Lunch & Luggage: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, the presenters explained FAAYT is a social community of respectful and committed leaders who have goals to overcome the problems of foster youth. They are involved in community service and fundraising and act as a support group. When they received a YNAPP grant in 2019, they canvassed around Lorenzi Park to invite the community to their event, which included face painting, games, food and more. Child Haven is Clark County's emergency shelter for children up to age 18 where they wait to be placed in foster homes or get adopted. Their project is to provide luggage and teddy bears to the foster youth at Child Haven and socialize with them. There are eight officers that will organize and manage the event, 25 FAAYT members handing out the supplies and Clark County Independent Living Specialists monitoring the event. They requested \$1,000 which would be used to purchase the luggage, teddy bears and food for the event. Their goal is to give these youth hope and let them know that the community cares about them.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many pieces of luggage they plan to give away, and what made them decide on the contents of this care package. A member from the group said they plan to provide 75 pieces of luggage and it will only consist of the teddy bear and the luggage itself.

MEMBER FAJARDO asked what they learned from last year's event and if there was anything they would do differently. The group said they learned to look at the weather forecast ahead of time because they had scheduled this event on a rainy day.

MEMBER SKOUSON said she liked this idea and noted that this is a good way for the children to still fit in and not stand out.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how the group would be spreading the word to ensure maximum participation, and they said this year's event is strictly for those at Child Haven. They will only be asking the public for donations.

MEMBER REYES asked if the luggage would be distributed at Child Haven, and the group confirmed.

LACE - BOOK OF YOUR OWN (BOY-O): A video was shown depicting what the program was about and provided contact information. ROBYN FLEMING rapped an introduction for GABRIEL "GABE THE SCIENTIST" GIBSON who also rapped lyrics. MS. FLEMING said at the age of seven, she wrote her own book about a girl who writes songs and storytelling about fighting her fears. She wrote this book because she was being bullied and she wanted to encourage others. Their project is important because every book supports a kid learning to read. They visit schools, fundraisers and churches to help kids build a book of their own. They video tape their educational dances and empowering chants and put them on social media. YNAPP should fund their project in order to support the next generation in learning how to read. Since writing her book, she has spoken at many conventions and conferences, performed at The Smith Center and won \$1,000 from the Google Award. They are requesting \$1,000, and the money would be spent on Robin Hood and Gabe the Scientist books and BOY-O kits.

MEMBER REYES asked what is in the BOY-O kit, and TERRY GIBSON, adult advisor, said this is not about the books, it is about people being able to relate to characters such as Robin Hood. They visit churches to help get the parents on board. She described the kit as a story starter.

MEMBER CERVACIO asked if the kit is for a child to create their own book, and MS. GIBSON said it was. They usually start the kids off with the meaning of their name. MEMBER CERVACIO asked what inspired them to make their own books. MS. FLEMING said she had been bullied, and she wanted to encourage others to find

their own gifts. MR. GIBSON said he wanted to write something fun about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

MEMBER MURRAY wanted to know what exactly came in the kit, and MS. GIBSON said it includes a journal and a story starter.

MEMBER WILDER asked who will be getting the kits and how many they are making, and MS. GIBSON said 50 percent would go towards the Robin Hood book, and the other 50 percent would go towards Gabe the Scientist book.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how they plan on having events and promoting the books, and MS. GIBSON said they will go to churches and non-profits because they are targeting the spiritually-conscience lifestyle.

Steel Phoenix - FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition:

Using a PowerPoint, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, JONATHAN TAASAN and JAIDEN ARABE explained Team 988 was founded in 2002 at Clark High School, and competes in the FIRST Robotics Competition, which is one of the largest world-wide robotics organizations. They are geared towards creating career-oriented students. MR. TAASAN explained they encourage members to be self-motivated and independent because the students run the program rather than having any adult advisory. MR. ARABE said the funds will help encourage higher education, buy new tools and products and mature the team. It will also allow for safe and technical training. MR. TAASAN added they want to make sure their members are well versed in safety training. MR. ARABE said students are able to work on projects on their own and use large machinery and powered appliances. Apart from competing, they have completed a fully powered t-shirt canon that was used to parade around the school for various events. They also perform community outreach to teach younger students about the engineering process. Once students go to higher education, alumni often come back to help with the program and reproduce success. They work in multiple organizations that are geared towards middle and elementary schools. Their proposed budget is mostly for construction materials that they need such as handrails and a band saw. Lastly, they noted they had also received funding from outside sources such as Tesla.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many kids this would benefit, and MR. TAASAN said this would benefit the entire team which consists of 20 members. MEMBER BONAVENTURA wondered how long the tools would last, and MR. TAASAN said they would last for a long time.

MEMBER SKOUSON said this is the way of the future and she enjoyed the presentation.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how many students were on their team, and MR. TAASAN said 20 students, but the regional competition will be comprised of over 40 teams from around the world.

Little Leaders - Little Leaders: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, HADDEE MARTINEZ and MARIA GONZALEZ explained that Little Leaders is an in-school tutoring program for students that struggle with reading and spelling. They take a student to a more private area and teach them one-on-one. Regular volunteers are school staff, and there are two parent volunteers. Monday is assessment day, and another assessment is given at the end of the week to see how much they have improved. The tutors help four to five students each, but each student is given individual time. They have two examples of students that were in the Little Leaders program who were able to overcome their struggles and improve academically. Little Leaders is important because it serves as a way for kids to learn new things and to never give up. They wanted to note YNAPP provided a grant two years ago, and they said they love to give back to their community.

MEMBER STONEBARGER asked what the funds would be used for. MS. MARTINEZ said the funds will be used to purchase supplies such as flash cards. They also create their own study games.

MEMBER SKOUSON asked how they came up with the curriculum, and MS. MARTINEZ said their Principal gave it to them. MEMBER SKOUSON asked if doing this makes them want to be educators, and they both said it did.

MEMBER CERVACIO asked if there are more youth volunteers helping with this, and MS. MARTINEZ said all of the volunteers except for two are high school students.

MEMBER YTURRALDE thought it was important for youth to be mentored by youth, and thanked them for giving back. She did also want to note that they did not indicate all the volunteer hours on their application.

Kilgman Baseball - Baseball Teamwork Project: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, DALTON ZEIGLER said Kilgman Baseball is a non-profit organization made up of parents and players who mentor, coach and volunteer. Last year, their project was to repair the Cimarron Memorial baseball field backstop and fencing. YNAPP provided a grant in the amount of \$978.26 which helped their project get completed. Lowe's Home Improvement Store also donated lumber and delivered it for free. The community delivered over 243.5 volunteer hours which involved the baseball team members, coaches and parents. This year, they want to buy baseball gear for the less fortunate players on the Cimarron High School baseball team and make an appreciation gift basket for coaches. Each year, the Cimarron High School baseball program costs around \$30,000 to maintain, and CCSD (Clark County School District) only provides around \$3,000 to cover these expenses. MR. ZEIGLER noted that 42.9 percent of baseball-related injuries are caused by pitching, and most of the injuries were severe. To reduce ball contact injuries, safety strategies including rule enforcement and improved protective equipment should be used. The Cimarron Memorial High School baseball team, parents and Kilgman Baseball volunteers will all help. They will purchase cleats for eight members and protective face guards for the entire team. This project benefits the community because the team is part of the neighborhood and this would make the team stronger.

MEMBER FAJARDO asked how many players this would help, and MR. ZIEGLER said it would help up to eight players.

MEMBER YTURRALDE asked what other youth members would be helping with this, and MR. ZIEGLER said all baseball members and staff will be helping along with neighbors and friends.

Door Beautification Project - Door Beautification Project: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, IVAN GARIBAY, explained that students at West Prep Academy wanted to get together and paint a mural. The students will have two weeks to submit their rough drafts to their Principal for approval and collectively decide where the mural will go. The money will be used to purchase paint and brushes. MR. GARIBAY said he had been at West Prep since Kindergarten, and he wanted to do something for the school before he graduates. The school had done a lot for him and it is his home away from home. He wanted to make other students feel like it is their home too and feel welcomed. The mural would help get people together and would foster a team environment, and once it is finished, he hoped it would make them feel like a family.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many people would be working on the mural, and MR. GARIBAY said he had spoken to a few friends who are willing to help and word is travelling within the school. MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked if he has any plans on promoting, and MR. GARIBAY said he does and has gone around the school trying to get people involved.

MEMBER WHIPPLE wanted to know how many places could be painted, and MR. GARIBAY said the project could probably be expanded because there are rooms that are hardly used.

Ronnow Student Council and Leadership - Community Literacy, Fitness Events and Recess Activities: The group explained literacy night is important because it shows parents and children fun ways to learn about literacy and they win prizes. Parents are invited to see how much the children have learned and improved their reading levels. Fitness night is important because it shows the importance of fitness, and includes relay races and other activities. They were in need of new equipment for recess and wanted to add new games to their blacktop such as hopscotch, jump rope, relays, four square and paint positive messages.

MEMBER SKOUSON recalled a similar project last year, and asked how that went. MICHELEE CRAWFORD, Principal, said every year a different grade level participates, but that event had gone well.

Arbor View Key Club - Keeping the Homeless Warm: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, BRANDON ANAYA and NICA ASPIRAS explained that the Arbor View Key Club is a student-led service organization. They promote diversity by getting involved in service projects. Their plan is to make care packages for the homeless to use during the harsh winter. The care package would include socks, blankets, toiletries and non-perishable food items. Volunteers will come together to assemble the care packages and then they will distribute them. MR. ANAYA said they would be having a month-long food and clothing drive at their school. The money from the grant would be used to buy other goods to fill the care packages. The Key Club has over 70 members, and they had pledged at least 75 community service hours. Their goal is to raise awareness, regardless if their actions are big or small. They want to take initiative and serve as an inspiration despite stereotypes. MR. ANAYA said to help get the community involved, they would be using #YNAPP2020 on Instagram and Twitter. They would also take pictures and videos during the process to spread awareness.

MEMBER WILDER asked how many care packages they would be able to make, and MR. ANAYA said approximately 50 care packages.

MEMBER RAMIREZ wondered if there would be a specific location for distribution, and MS. ASPIRAS said they would distribute anywhere in the city, but would be communicating with their partners for ideas.

MEMBER YTURRALDE suggested that they get in touch with the Courtyard or another organization. MR. ANAYA said they would be getting in touch with Project 150 as well.

MEMBER STONBARGER asked how fast their turnaround time was, because her fear was winter would be over by time the funds are made available. MS. ASPIRAS said they could change the contents of the packages if necessary and make them geared towards summer.

Clark VEX Robotics - Clark VEX Robotics Grant: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, KANOKWAN TUNGKITKANCHAROEN and EMILY CHEN explained their program was founded in 2011, and have grown from four to 30 members. Their program builds STEM skills and fosters well-rounded life capabilities. They have a legacy of being successful, and have qualified at nationals almost every single year. They have received YNAPP grants in the past, and they hope to pursue another grant to further grow the program. Their project is tackling the problem of the lack of strong STEM education in the community. They recognized that there is untapped potential for those who want to learn and compete in robotics. Their club is primarily student-led with adult advisors, and students are required to keep engineering journals for reflection. They requested \$1,000, and have pledged 41 volunteer hours. The funds will be directed towards robotics parts and the registration fees for their competition. The Clark VEX Robotics team fosters developing business plans, public speaking and conducting outreach, and they encourage people of all skill levels to join. They want to strengthen STEM education and give students more opportunities to be exposed to STEM careers.

MEMBER FAJARDO thought this was an awesome idea and applauded the team.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked how many robots the funds would be able to make, and MS. CHEN said it would make five.

MEMBER SKOUSON thanked the team and thought they did a great job.

MEMBER SIERRA echoed previous comments and said they were both very well spoken.

Alliance for Academic Quiz Bowl - STEM Bowl for Elementary School: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, ESHAAN VAKIL and BLU MEHARI explained they are Nevada non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring academic excellence. They enable access to opportunities by hosting quiz bowls, seminars and summer camps. Their organization is entirely youth-led, and they host tournaments for elementary and middle school students. With YNAPP support, they have reached 700 students. They want to build on their success by bolstering their elementary school program and helping kids choose to get more involved in STEM. They selected their project knowing that Nevada needs to make long strides in education and they want Las Vegas to lead the way. With the improved knowledge that these activities bring, Quiz Bowl teaches the value of camaraderie and team building. Youth volunteers document their experiences via photos which are uploaded to their website and blog. Volunteer duties consist of things such as data distribution, set up and take down for events, youth supervision and support. They have requested \$995, and the value of their volunteer hours equates to around \$3,000. YNAPP should fund their project because the youth in Las Vegas will set trends and lead the way in STEM fields. Lastly, they noted that they had partnerships with Tesla and Zappos, who each sent members or their organizations to talk to camp members about coding and the value of STEM fields at their previous events.

MEMBER SIERRA asked how they are improving the events each year, and MR. VAKIL said they originally began only hosting one tournament per year, but now they are hosting three to four events each year.

MEMBER SKOUSON wondered if they have a passion for education, and MR. VAKIL said Quiz Bowl is focused on education, and they found they can help students the most in STEM. They planned on focusing more on STEM as well as elementary school students because it is more valuable to capture the students at an early age.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry - Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Food Pantry: Using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, REBECCA RICHARD

explained her food pantry is solely run by volunteers. The pantry distributes quarterly and provides nutritional wellness for people in need. It is set up like a farmers market and she wants everyone to feel welcome. As the homeless population keeps growing, this is her way to help. She has been requesting YNAPP funding since she was 10, and would not be here without it. Additionally, she has formed new partnerships with Three Square, Smart and Final and more. They also buy gift cards and give out to people who may need extra help. She received the Act of Kindness award at school, a Proclamation, and will be celebrating the six-year anniversary in July.

MEMBER SIERRA thanked her for distributing at Lorenzi Park because he knows the people in that area need the most help.

MEMBER BONAVENTURA asked what she is doing this year to grow the volunteer base, and MS. RICHARD said it gets bigger every year by word of mouth. She also utilizes Facebook and local news stations.

MEMBER STONEBARGER remembered Three Square featured MS. RICHARD a year ago, and she inspired another organization to start a mobile pantry.

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 as follows: 3:58 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Candace Boring, Youth Development Specialist

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