



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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR BURCH called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR BURCH and MEMBERS SARKISIAN, WILLIAMS (excused until 3:55 p.m. and at 5:21 p.m.), FAJARDO, McNAIR, FLANK, CAMARILLO, YTURALDE, DeVILLE (excused until 4:15 p.m.), CRUSE, MARTIN, BURGESS, FULLER and BOUMAH

EXCUSED: MEMBERS PARKER and CANTOS

ALSO PRESENT: TARA MANOR, Management Analyst II, CARMEN GILBERT, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, 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 noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; the City of Las Vegas website - www.lasvegasnevada.gov; and the Nevada Public Notice website - notice.nv.gov.

3. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:

None.

4. Presentations on Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program Applications submitted by Valley High School MSTEM (Military Science, Technology and Emergency Management) - Ready Prep Go; KCES (Kay Carl Elementary School) Drama Club - Sweet Dreams: A Magical Spring Musical Production of Willy Wonka; Kay Carl Elementary School Student Council - Champions for Paws-itivity; NextGen Leaders - Hope for the Future; Eva M. Wolfe Elementary School Student Council - Pawsitively Rescued; Read and Build Crew - The Little Libraries: A Land of Love; Northeast Career and Technical Academy Construction Program - Little Library; STARS Community Development Corporation - Las Vegas HOPE Day; Taron Brown - Kindness on Wheels; Team V - Project Volleyball; The Allsparks - Bricks and Bots; Youth Empowerment and Education Initiative - Guidance & Opportunity Youth Project; Youth Help Youth - Youth Help Youth: Making No-Sew Fleece Blankets; Youth of WLVAC (West Las Vegas Arts Center) - Heal Your Heart Through the Arts; and Belong and Bloom [NOTE: Presenters listed above that do not appear during this meeting may be allowed to present at the December 16 or 30, 2024 meeting, if excused by the Board at their originally scheduled meeting.]

Minutes:

TARA MANOR, Management Analyst II, clarified that at the meeting of December 2, 2024, the Board decided that any groups presenting then could be scheduled to present at this meeting or on December 12, 2024.

Prior to each presentation, CHAIR BURCH welcomed each of the groups and advised them they would be given five minutes for their presentation, followed by five minutes for the Board to ask questions. Following each presentation, the Chair advised that the Youth Neighborhood Association Partnership Program (YNAPP) Grant Review Board would be making funding awards at a later meeting and making recommendations to the City Council on February 19, 2025. MS. MANOR would notify the individual groups with information about the recommendations within three weeks. Any questions should be directed to MS. MANOR.

Kay Carl Elementary School Student Council - Champions for Paws-itivity: REESE REINBOLD, EMMA SINCHIS (PHONETIC), LEIA WILLIAMS, JACKSON SMITH, ALIYA WILLIAMS, ADAN STEPHENSON, JORDAN WHIPPLE and ADRIAN CREER (PHONETIC) explained their student council consisted of 21 members and that after discussing needs in the community, they decided to help people with pets because animals help relieve stress, many cannot afford them and organizations that keep animals, such as animal shelters and rescues, were overburdened. The requested funds would help purchase supplies to fill 110 bags with items for animals, such as food, snacks, collars, leashes and handmade toys. Their project leaders would handle procuring supplies for the student council members to assemble the bags, include personally written notes and deliver to designated places throughout the community. They would journal their experiences and share them and photos with fellow students to show what they are doing for the community and to help others. They have participated in the YNAPP since 2016, and poster boards were presented, copies of which were not submitted, showing some of their previous projects.

MEMBER BOUMAH asked if they would complete their project without full funding; ALIYA replied that without the requested \$2,000, they would just make fewer bags. MEMBER MARTIN asked if they had in mind specific organizations or shelters they would help, and LEIA replied they did not have any specific sites but would like to help as many shelters and street animals as possible. MEMBER YTURRALDE verified with ADRIAN that they had 21 members and loved the idea of helping people with pets, given that people often fall behind on their bills. MEMBER SARKISIAN asked what the hardest part of planning their project would be, and LUKE CALINA (PHONETIC) replied that it would be ordering the supplies, baskets and bags needed. CHAIR BURCH confirmed with ADAN that the adult supervisors would be making deliveries.

KCES (Kay Carl Elementary School) Drama Club - Sweet Dreams: A Magical Spring Musical Production of Willy Wonka: SAMANTHA DE TRAPPOLA, EMMA TORRES, LILY DAVIES, DWIGHT ACOSTA, CASH TOW (PHONETIC), EMMA SANCHEZ, GRAYSON EISENBERG, JAMISON McCOY, REESE REINBOLD, LILLIAN HARVEY, JACKSON SMITH, RAILEY PETERSON, KATIE CARLYSLE, NIA REED, OAKLEY WILLIAMS and JACE WEBER introduced themselves and after singing the theme from The Chocolate Factory, they said their school had a theater program and through their drama club and annual productions, students developed confidence, teamwork and communication skills. Supported by passionate parents and community partnerships, they strengthen school connections through artistic experiences. They were excited to apply for the YNAPP grant for the first time and receive support for their unique program, which would help enrich the arts for the students and the community. They urged the Board to fund their project to help empower youth, help the community through impactful initiatives, inspire future leaders and demonstrate the importance of arts education, leaving a lasting impression. Their production would be brought to life by students through acting, singing, dancing and stage production with creativity and pride. Parents, teachers and community volunteers supported their production. The parents and students would assist with backstage tasks and costumes, with teachers overseeing vocal coaching and rehearsals. Their grant request of \$2,000 would help fund their production, including scenery, backdrops, costumes, props, lighting, microphones and concessions.

MEMBER BOUMAH verified that they would proceed with their project without full funding. MEMBER MARTIN questioned the number of shows and the dates. REESE said they would have about four shows and all in April. MEMBER FULLER loved the idea, as he was involved in many productions in high school. However, he observed there were no amounts for donations listed on the application, so he wondered if they intended to seek donations. NIA indicated they would be fundraising during the Halloween and winter festivals. JACE added that they had been selling hot cocoa to raise funds for last-minute expenses. CHAIR BURCH asked how

their production could benefit the community, and JACKSON explained that interacting with the teachers, friends and family would inspire future performances. The Chair praised the group on their performance. MEMBER BOUMAH wondered why they chose April for their show dates, and JACKSON replied that it would allow them time to rehearse.

Valley High School MSTEM (Military Science, Technology and Emergency Management) - Ready Prep Go: CHRISTIAN LOPEZ, ERIC PACIS and EMILY JUAREZ used a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to explain their project. MSTEM was established in 2016 and was one of the only magnet programs emphasizing emergency management in Nevada. They received \$2,000 for their similar event last year, of which they showed photos, and they requested the same amount for this year's event. They referred to photos of the program instructors and students who assisted last year and would be assisting this year. Last year, they had a mini-carnival, and they planned to do the same for this event so that the children could be entertained while the parents learned life-saving information with a focus on obtaining life-saving certifications and skills through the guidance of experts in emergency management. They give back to the community by sharing their expertise and organizing their annual event, where they would distribute emergency preparedness bags to families. The event would be run by students, with the program instructors providing supervision. They would have the involvement of 45 students and local community emergency responders. They put this event on yearly with the aim of educating families on how to properly handle various emergency scenarios through verbal instruction, hands-on lessons and emergency tools to ensure emergency preparedness. As a Tier 1 school, Valley High School serves a community where many families face economic challenges. The grant would help purchase emergency kits for distribution. They gave a demonstration on what to do in the case of a profusely bleeding cut on a leg, and they showed the common supplies they would use, such as a rag, jacket and wooden ruler.

MEMBER MARTIN questioned the disaster they would talk about, how many people attended last year and how many would be attending this year. ERIC said they would be providing demonstrations on heatstroke, power outages and possible local emergencies. EMILY added that approximately 250 families attended last year, and ERIC said they were projecting the same attendance for this year. To MEMBER SARKISIAN, ERIC explained that they would advertise through community partners, the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson Emergency Management Offices, Emergency Response Team, (American) Red Cross, social media and school announcements. MEMBER BOUMAH asked what the hardest part of planning their project was, and ERIC said that it was getting the message out, because they wanted everyone in the community to learn about emergency management. MEMBER WILLIAMS acknowledged the importance of emergency preparedness and applauded the group for their project. After verifying that Valley High School was in Clark County and where the event would be held, MEMBER YTURRALDE explained to MEMBER FULLER that since the school was located near a city boundary, many of the students reside in the city and the Ward 3 Office works with the school on various issues. MEMBER WILLIAMS added that the project was funded last year. MEMBER YTURRALDE recalled the project from last year but suggested having someone available to help Spanish-speaking families, as they had many issues during the COVID-19 pandemic with people who did not understand the information disseminated in English. MS. MANOR clarified that the group would not have made it through the application process without qualifying, noting that Ward 3 services the school. ERIC confirmed for MEMBER BOUMAH that they would proceed with their event without full funding.

NextGen Leaders - Hope for the Future: JERNYA BROWN reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and said the proposed project aimed to foster a love for reading and lifelong learning in neighborhoods by offering a broad collection of books for all ages at a library. The library would be located in the neighborhood to foster community engagement and sharing of ideas and books. She urged the Board to fund the project because it offered the community benefits of social interaction, friendship building, educational support and skill development, thus promoting lasting positivity.

MEMBER BOUMAH questioned the total funding requested and wondered if the project would proceed without full funding. JERNYA said the request was for \$2,000, and they would promote literacy but without a library if they did not receive full funding. MEMBER MARTIN observed that many of the books were for pre-kindergarten students and wondered if it would be better to donate the books to pre-schools. JERNYA said there were many children in the neighborhood with literacy problems, so they would like to offer a wide range of books for children of all ages. MEMBER WILLIAMS asked if they had worked with MS. MANOR and the Youth

Development and Social Initiatives (YDSI) Department because they ran several libraries, so they could help out if full funding was not awarded. He verified with MS. MANOR that YDSI had 16 locations. MEMBER YTURRALDE requested the number of youth members, and JERNYA said that she was in the process of recruiting volunteers to help. MEMBER YTURRALDE wished her luck in that regard. MEMBER SARKISIAN asked how the project would be sustained. JERNYA said it would be promoted in various ways in the community. CHAIR BURCH asked JERNYA how she felt connected to the project, and she replied that she loves to read to enhance literacy instead of spending so much time on social media. MEMBER MARTIN questioned the need for funding medical masks, JERNYA said the masks would be provided to children with colds to reduce the spread of germs.

STARS Community Development Corporation - Las Vegas HOPE Day: MS. MANOR said this group was not able to attend due to a car accident and asked that they be allowed to present on December 12, 2024.

Taron Brown - Kindness on Wheels: TARON BROWN narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and said this was his first time requesting a grant. The proposed project focused on spreading care by disseminating kits with toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and other items to those in need because hygiene is important to health, self-esteem and confidence. In return, they demonstrate kindness and caring for others. He urged the Board's funding, as it would help bring people together and make a difference in the community.

MEMBER BOUMAH verified with TARON that he would need the requested \$2,000. MEMBER SARKISIAN asked who would receive the hygiene kits. TARON replied that they would be passed out mainly to children in need. The Member asked how those children would be identified, to which TARON replied that they would give a kit to anyone who wanted one. MEMBER BOUMAH asked how many bags would be made, and TARON said they would make 200 bags for females and 200 for males. MEMBER MARTIN wondered if the kits would be provided to a specific center, and TARON indicated they would pass the kits out at Doolittle Gym. To MEMBER BOUMAH, TARON stated they would start as soon as possible, depending on the funding. MEMBER CAMARILLO asked how he felt connected to this project, and TARON said he had many friends in need when he was growing up.

Northeast Career and Technical Academy Construction Program - Little Library: PERLA HERNANDEZ, construction student representative, used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to review the project. She said her school was in its second year of operation and offered ten career-focused programs meant to shorten the timeline between freshman orientation to revenue generation. The subject project was inspired by the positive impact of the Buddy Benches community project. Thus, they came up with the idea to create a free library run with a give-and-take system to help the community while students attained workforce skills. They intended to bring the community together and promote a love for literacy for all ages. They hoped to inspire a shared responsibility in the community to help maintain the libraries and provide easy access to books. Collaboration with engineering resulted in different library designs and energy ideas to provide solar lighting and make the libraries efficient and visible at night. The teams created a list of estimated building materials and their calculations, and this project would help those involved learn communication, teamwork and problem-solving. They hoped to partner with Tys Place and Nevada Community Partners, in addition to the current six community partners. Moreover, they had seven student teams contributing 80 working hours, with 10 of those hours dedicated to installations and events. PERLA expressed her appreciation.

MEMBER BOUMAH asked for the requested amount and if the project could be completed without full funding. PERLA said they would not provide as many libraries as planned, perhaps only two or three libraries. They requested \$2,000. MEMBER WILLIAMS advised that the City of Las Vegas had 17 little libraries: therefore, he suggested finding out their locations by contacting MS. MANOR to avoid duplication. MEMBER McNAIR asked what the transportation line item on the application was for, and PERLA answered that they needed to get to the locations. MEMBER FULLER clarified that there was a \$100 budget line item for transportation. KRISTA THEETGE, Construction Program Instructor, explained the budget for transportation was to cover fuel costs and a trailer if needed. MEMBER YTURRALDE was delighted about this idea and was excited about seeing this first-time application. She looked forward to other ideas in the future. MEMBER SARKISIAN shared the sentiments of MEMBER YTURRALDE and added that she attended a school with programs the community

could benefit from. MEMBER WILLIAMS requested contacting MS. MANOR about possibly partnering to replace some of the city's vandalized libraries. MEMBER BOUMAH asked for the hardest part of planning this project. PERLA indicated there was nothing hard about it because they have good community support and the right teams.

Read and Build Crew - The Little Libraries: A Land of Love: JOHN DENMAN, Team Leader, and KATHARINE DENMAN, Support Coordinator, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to explain their project, which was JOHN'S project for Eagle Scouts, Troop 312 of the Las Vegas Area Council. The goal was to promote literacy and community engagement by providing access to inclusive book-sharing spaces for everyone. Nevada rated among the lowest-scoring states in literacy, and the United Nations considered literacy vital to any country's well-being. The chosen locations included Rainbow Family Park and Doris Hancock Elementary School, and the youth would design, paint and maintain the libraries while the collaborating adults would provide guidance, logistical support and secure materials. A total of 17 volunteer hours were expected from Eagle Scouts, adults and students. Slide 5 of the presentation showed images of the model libraries, and Slide 6 depicted a budget breakdown, noting the total requested funding of \$2,000. The biggest costs would be for the library kits and shipping. Project completion was slated for March 2025 and Slide 7 included a detailed timeline. They chose this project to empower youth through literacy, which helps critical thinking, self-development, financial well-being, community building and global-minded thinking.

MEMBER BOUMAH observed that the project total was less than the requested funds of \$2,000, so he asked how the difference would be used. JOHN responded that any extra money would be used for resources and materials for the project to make quality structures for the benefit of the community and book purchases, although they would also seek donations for books. MEMBER MARTIN asked how many people would be serviced in the intended neighborhoods. JOHN said that in the beginning, this type of project was very successful, so he expected more than one dozen customers; however, with appropriate maintenance, he believed the numbers would be approximately 50 from the nearby school. MEMBER FULLER liked that both locations were in Ward 1 and wondered if contact had been made with the Rainbow Family Park Neighborhood Association for donations, to which JOHN replied they were working on obtaining a permit. The Member FULLER offered his assistance with permitting. MEMBER WILLIAMS questioned the libraries' sustainability, because many similar projects required long-term maintenance assistance from schools and the community. JOHN said he would be involved in the maintenance for one year, and he intended to build relationships with the association and the school to ensure maintenance beyond that. MS. MANOR added that the applicant had permission from the City for both sites.

Eva M. Wolfe Elementary School Student Council - Pawsitively Rescued: MIA QUIÑONES, President, CONNOR SANCHEZ, GISELLE SANCHEZ, HUGO GOMEZ, ATINA ROACH, EVA MORA BRANDON BALTAZAR, GISELE GATEWOOD, NOAH NAVA, NASIR SOLVEN (PHONETIC), CAMILA GONZALES, MELINA CANDELAS QUIÑONES, KLEO (PHONETIC), CATHERINE PONCHO, and SYDNEY TAYLOR shared in presenting their project. The 32-member Council held meetings twice a month with the mission to make their school and world a better place. This was their first time applying for a grant, and they were grateful and excited about the opportunity. They would like to give back to the community by helping animals through their support of local animal shelters. They would work on this project with community members and teachers to purchase needed and wish-list items, such as formula, nursing bottles, collars and harnesses, to deliver to the selected organizations with the requested grant amount of \$2,000. Any additional funding would help purchase pet food, and their leaders and advisors would assist in sorting the items, creating the packets and making deliveries. They felt animals deserved a safe environment and kind treatment. Photos, which were not submitted, were shown of animals that needed help.

CHAIR BURCH asked if the project could be completed without full funding. MIA did not believe they could purchase all the items desired for their project. MEMBER MARTIN commended the group on their project, as she enjoys helping in shelters, and she encouraged volunteerism when the students become of age. MEMBER YTURRALDE was impressed with the presentation and how the group wanted to help the community; she looked forward to other future projects from them. MEMBER BOUMAH asked what the hardest part of planning this project was. BRANDON said applying for the grant was hard because they did not know if they would meet

the deadline. MEMBER SARKISIAN appreciated their work and asked how many dogs they intended to help. GISELLE indicated they wanted to help as many dogs as possible within the city.

The Allsparks - Bricks and Bots: Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, VIKTOR HILL, reviewed the subject project. This was the second year applying for this grant, and his brother would assist him. Last year's funding helped complete his project, Where Imagination Takes the Lead, for which \$2,000 was awarded to help provide four sessions for 75 attendees at the Summerlin Library, and photos during the sessions were taken and posted at www.TheAllsparks.org. The feedback forms indicated 100 percent satisfaction in community inspiration, interaction and community engagement. Some comments included support for seeing the children interact, plan and smile in engaging with this project. The Allsparks learned to schedule better because they had competition from a science expo held at World Market Center. This year, they decided to expand the brick building concept and offer a separate session for coding on the dates of June 14 and 21 and July 26, 2025, at the Summerlin Library, with the expectation of reaching 102 people. LEGO building and coding allow people to bond, build special memories and improve creativity and critical thinking. The youth were expected to work together, share ideas, brainstorm and perform tasks; whereas the adults would pick up supplies and provide transportation. Slide 6 provided a budget breakdown for the \$2,000 grant request, with a grant match valued at \$8,910. They planned to take photos, foster creativity, create memories and have fun. VIKTOR was grateful for the opportunity to present.

MEMBER McNAIR liked the idea, especially the coding component, and asked what would be done with the Chromebooks, to which VIKTOR replied that they would be used for next year's project. MEMBER CAMARILLO also liked the project and asked if they would consider using online tech instead of paper. VIKTOR said he would look into it. MEMBER SARKISIAN asked what the hardest part of planning would be, and VIKTOR said it would be hard to plan the coding sessions for the box part of the project. MEMBER BOUMAH asked for any unknown details about the project. VIKTOR indicated that coloring sheets would be offered because the children and adults liked them. MEMBER FAJARDO praised VIKTOR for the courage to present alone and for answering tough questions. She liked how he shared findings from previous projects and how they learned from those. She looked forward to future projects. MEMBER YTURRALDE asked how many youths were in the group, and VIKTOR said it was just him and his brother, although they might find other helpers. The Member recommended recruiting other members to inspire more youth to help with future projects. MEMBER BOUMAH questioned the number of volunteers. VIKTOR replied that he, his brother and two adults would be handling the project.

Team V - Project Volleyball: ZION MOORE said he was the team leader and his brother, THOMAS MOORE, was the adult advisor. This was their first year applying for the grant to help with the project of encouraging youth to learn and take up the sport of volleyball. Team V would offer free clinics to teach youth basic volleyball techniques, such as passing, setting and hitting the ball. At the end of the clinic sessions, the students would participate in a game so that they could use the skills learned. The team consisted of two teammates, his brother and sister, SIMONE MOORE. The requested \$1,500 would be used to purchase supplies, including volleyballs, knee pads and a regulation net, as well as food and water for the youth. ZION felt this was an important project to help youth get into sports and be active during the summer months.

MEMBER BOUMAH observed that one of the budgeted items was granola bars. ZION explained that they wanted to make them available to the children for sustenance. MEMBER MARTIN liked the project and questioned the ages and number of students involved. ZION said they would accept 50-75 students ages 8 to 14. MEMBER BOUMAH asked how they would handle getting more people than anticipated, or fewer. ZION indicated that with more people, they would divide the students into the clinics and alternate between groups. If they had fewer students than expected, they would come up with ideas to provide a positive experience. To MEMBER SARKISIAN, ZION said that they would use Instagram, social media and radio for advertising, and his brother and sister would supervise. MEMBER McNAIR liked the project and wondered if any consideration was given to advertising in schools or providing a QR (Quick Reference) code to the schools and online to give kids in the neighborhood the opportunity to walk to the volleyball clinics. ZION stated he would consider the suggestions, noting his teammates attending other schools could spread the information and a QR code. For MEMBER CRUSE, ZION advised they would use the gymnasium at Advanced Technologies Academy for the clinics. CHAIR BURCH asked if medical professionals would be available in case of injuries, to which ZION replied that his sister, who would supervise, was in medical school and working on getting EMT (Emergency

Medical Technician) certification by summer, and he was certified in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). MEMBER YTURRALDE liked the project and that his family was helping. She believed more recruits would be needed to help with this popular project.

Youth Empowerment and Education Initiative - Guidance & Opportunity Youth Project: JA'RAYA

CROSBY explained that his project would allow kids who would not otherwise have the funds to visit sites in the city and learn about how people lived and made a difference in the community. With the funding, history-focused tours could be made available for children of families in neighborhoods who need support and help them feel included. Low-cost tickets would be provided for tours to exciting places, including museums, historical landmarks and cultural centers. The requested funding would help pay for tickets, transportation and snacks to ensure participation. This tour program would help children feel proud about where they came from.

MEMBER BOUMAH asked how much funding would be needed, to which JA'RAYA replied that a request was made for match funding of \$2,000. MEMBER MARTIN questioned the ages of the targeted groups and the planned destinations, given they would have to be located within the City boundaries. JA'RAYA said the tours would be 30-90 minutes and to sites located within the city, such as The Mob Museum. MEMBER McNAIR liked the idea of allowing people to explore Las Vegas sites and connect with history but questioned the \$300 budget line item for marketing when they had social media to advertise. JA'RAYA indicated that they had a website to advertise the tour and would use social media as well. SUDDENLY CROSBY, Adult Advisor, added that they only had tours to sites in Ward 5, including the Historic Westside, Pioneer Trail and The Neon Museum to close the tour. The tours could accommodate 15-18 people, and advertising would be done through the website. MEMBER MARTIN wondered about the number of people for each tour because she did not think \$700 would be enough to pay for transportation. JA'RAYA anticipated 5-15 people, depending on the vehicle. MEMBER SARKISIAN questioned the facilitator fee in the budget of \$200, to which JA'RAYA said they wanted to charge a reasonable price to make it affordable to everyone. MS. CROSBY explained that the fee was for tour guides, but they were in the process of inquiring about it when they filled out the application and estimated the cost; however, they may not need the funding after all. Given the mention of providing reasonably priced tickets, CHAIR BURCH asked for the cost of a ticket. JA'RAYA replied that ticket prices would be from \$15 to \$21.

Youth of WLVAC (West Las Vegas Arts Center) - Heal Your Heart Through the Arts:

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, Z'KYA SMITH and JADA KNOX explained their project sought to help address the increase in youth violence in Nevada and cited cases from Slide 2 as examples of youth violence that occurred in 2024. They proposed to provide a community engagement event at the West Las Vegas Arts Center (WLVAC) where they will have awareness activities, such as a PSA showing and artistic workshops. This four-hour event would provide a safe space to share experiences and obtain tools to help regulate emotions. The requested \$2,000 in grant funding would pay for journals, pens, markers, paint and canvases with easels. Planning meetings would start in January 2025 and the group would be involved in flyer creation, product ordering, backpack filling, setting up and carrying out the event on March 8, 2025. Volunteer hours were calculated at 20 hours to put together this amazing event they felt would help the community.

MEMBER MARTIN asked if the students would be working on the journals or if the artists would showcase their art. Z'KYA replied that they hoped each child would find their way of journaling or doing artistic work. The PSA event would include various actors from the WLVAC putting on a show with spoken words and dancing. CHAIR BURCH asked about their connection to the project. Z'KYA said that growing up in a low-income community surrounded by violence, she felt compelled to give other kids an opportunity she did not have to help regulate emotions, which is what she experienced at the WLVAC, especially as a young Black girl. MEMBER SARKISIAN liked the message and unique project. To MEMBER MARTIN, Z'KYA indicated they would get the message out through social media, alumni at the WLVAC, neighborhood canvassing, flyers and social media. MEMBER BOUMAH asked if there was any concern about event attendance, especially if they get more people than anticipated, to which JADA replied that they expected 30-35 participants, and \$2,000 should be enough for that many people. She added that they would find ways to accommodate a larger group, given that the WLVAC was good at obtaining donations from people impressed with what they do for the community. CHAIR BURCH asked for the age range, and Z'KYA said they would focus on kids ages 13-17.

The Chair asked if they could do the project without full funding. Z'KYA indicated that they would seek other donations without full funding so they could complete their project.

Belong and Bloom - Belong & Bloom: SADIE and EVERLY ENGLER explained their subject project, for which they were requesting \$1,614.14, to create a positive impact on the local community by helping children and families feel a sense of belonging. Their mother funded the pilot project with \$400, but this was the first time applying through this Board. Their two-part project included creating belonging kits to give to children of at-risk families. They would make half-birthday party kits and movie-night kits. The former kit would give families a reason to connect and celebrate small moments, while the latter kit would provide the ability to foster connection through a shared activity. Additionally, they would like to build a little library in their community, which had many pedestrians, to encourage literacy. Photos were shown of the kits. Their mother and stepdad would help with the event. If they received the grant, they would present the project to their Girl Scouts group to encourage participation. They expected to make 100 movie-night kits and 15 half-birthday party kits. The cost of a movie-night kit was estimated at \$6.34 with items such as a carrying case, two sodas, two popcorn bags, two Capri Sun drinks and theater candy. The half-birthday kits would cost approximately \$17.78 to fill with a banner, plates, balloons, napkins and cutlery. Their mother pledged to donate cake mix, frosting and a disposable cake pan for each half-birthday party kit. The little library component would cost \$718.83, and an individual pledged to fill the library with books at no cost. Volunteer hours totaled 70 hours, and they came up with the idea for the project because doing small acts for the community helps kids feel included and keeps them from seeking negative activities to feel they belong. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to present and urged approval of their funding request in support of their project, which encouraged volunteerism.

CHAIR BURCH commended them on their presentation. After verifying that the parents would help out, MEMBER YTURRALDE suggested inviting friends to help with the project. MEMBER DEVILLE liked the idea of a half-birthday party, as she celebrated those for many years. MEMBER BOUMAH asked if they would proceed with the project without full funding. SADIE responded affirmatively, and ANDREA (ANDY) SINGER, the mother, added that each kit costs a small amount of money to make, but they would scale down the project without full funding. Additionally, she advised MEMBER BOUMAH that the kits were free, would be given to many of the at-risk families she deals with in pediatrics and they would rely on support from the Girl Scouts group and community members. CHAIR BURCH asked if they considered making game-night kits, and MS. SINGER said they thought about adding a game to the movie-night kits.

Youth Help Youth - Youth Help Youth: Making No-Sew Fleece Blankets: ROXY and SKAI JONES used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to review their project, which included making fleece blankets for underserved teens at the Agassi Boys and Girls Club. During a summer internship at the YMCA, they learned that teens enjoyed receiving blankets, of which they showed samples on Slide 4. Their focus was to recruit volunteers to make 60 fleece blankets to donate, which would show teens they care and that other teens were involved in helping the community. The subject project would support other youth, bring attention to the issue of youth homelessness and strive to help those in need. To raise awareness, they planned on involving and collaborating with community members, encouraging people through social media to participate and ensure a focus on homeless teens. If successful in their goal, they will have raised \$100,000 through their annual benefit concerts, as they both enjoyed playing the piano. Raising funds through concerts was another way they helped underserved youth in the community. They believed in HELEN KELLER'S quote, "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much." They planned to spread the news about their project and enlist ten volunteers who would help prep the materials, hold fleece-cutting events on March 6 and 13, 2025, work on the blankets on March 27 and April 5, 2025, and distribute the blankets, which would be shared on social media. Past projects included donating 100 bags with items in 2023 to a local teen shelter and 100 bags with items in 2024 to Project 150, for grant totals of \$4,350. This year's project budget totaled \$2,000, with a cost of \$31 per fleece blanket kit for 60 kits and \$140 for scissors. Any additional funding would help their ultimate goal of making 40 additional blankets for a total of \$3,240.

MEMBER BOUMAH asked if they budgeted for any other supplies aside from blanket materials. ROXY said they would just purchase kits for the blankets from Amazon to streamline the process. To CHAIR BURCH, ROXY indicated they chose fleece because they would just cut and knot the material, which would reduce the time to make as many blankets as possible. SKAI added that they would recruit about ten volunteers for fleece cutting and approximately 21 men and women from church for tying the materials. MEMBER SARKISIAN asked

how they felt connected to the project, to which ROXY replied that through her internship, she learned that teens needed blankets, and she was excited to make them. ROXY advised MEMBER YTURRALDE that they had access to their church gym to make the blankets to deliver to the Agassi Boys and Girls Club.

BSU and Batteries Included NextGen - Game Night: ELIJA TOMPKINS, who attended (Dell H.) Robison Middle School, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and said their project was to host Game Night for elementary- and middle-school students to join with their families and get away from their phones to interact with people, increase their social skills and make new friends. On average, children ages 8-12 spend about six hours daily watching or using screens, and teens spend up to nine hours daily. Their goal was to lower those statistics with Game Night, which could become a regular event that students could look forward to and play card or board games, some of which were shown on Slide 6. They anticipated having 80 to 100 participants by asking people at other organizations to invite at least four people to reach their goal. Marketing strategies included school announcements, creating videos, posting flyers, using the school's website and visiting neighboring elementary schools. They planned to create promotional videos, prepare presentations, learn to play various games to lead game sessions, raffle games and provide food at the sessions, which would bring people together to interact, play and laugh without their devices. At the end of the sessions, they would ask the attendees to reflect and give their opinions to obtain feedback for future events through Google Forms and QR (Quick Reference) codes.

MEMBER BOUMAH asked how much they were requesting and if there was any concern about event attendance. ELIJA replied that they requested \$1,800, and JURNEE ADAMS, Adult Advisor, added that they were not worried about spreading the word for the event as they had other school partners. MEMBER YTURRALDE commended ELIJAH on the presentation. Since she hosted a game night for one of her projects, MEMBER SARKISIAN suggested having it at a library, because they typically provided games, which saves money. MEMBER CRUSE observed that the total project cost was estimated at \$1,600 but they were asking for \$1,800; he asked how the extra \$200 would be used. ELIJA said they wanted to provide snacks for the kids. MEMBER MARTIN asked what they intended to do with the games after the event, to which ELIJA replied that they would raffle some of them and keep some for future similar events. ELIJA advised MEMBER BOUMAH that they would use the \$30 dart board for older kids. CHAIR BURCH verified that they could proceed with the project without full funding. MEMBER BOUMAH said having a game night was a great idea and wished them success.

Somerset Black Student Union - Care Packages for Homeless Youth: ERIN MASON, Adult Advisor, explained that their Black Student Union President recently stepped down and MADDOX HALL volunteered to take over. MADDOX used a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and read their Mission Statement displayed on Slide 3. Their first-time grant request of \$2,000 would be used to purchase supplies to make 62-100 care packages, toward which they had 55-60 pledged hours. The budget breakdown included costs for items such as packaging, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, lotion, shampoo and conditioner, mouthwash and a first aid kit. The youth would work on the packages and the adults would assist with oversight and delivery to homeless children at the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center. This project would help address some of the needs of homeless youths while fostering community engagement.

MEMBER BOUMAH verified that the funding request was for \$2,000 and that they could proceed without full funding. MEMBER MARTIN confirmed that the packages would be delivered to the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center. MEMBER CRUSE asked how many participants would help make and distribute the packages, and MADDOX said they had about 25 people to help. MADDOX advised CHAIR BURCH that without full funding they would just have to make fewer packages. MEMBER BOUMAH asked what the hardest part of planning this project was, and MADDOX said there was nothing hard about it because they had ample community resources. CHAIR BURCH asked how they felt connected. MADDOX indicated that his family donated regularly to homeless people, so he felt this project helped build community. MEMBER SARKISIAN praised MADDOX for doing a good job on the presentation and wished them success.

Motion made by Ydo Yturalde to Approve allowing STARS Community Development Corporation - Las Vegas HOPE Day to present on 12/12/2024

Passed For: 14; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Harry Williams, Maria Fajardo, Melanie McNair, Marquette DeVille, Alexander Fuller, Samantha Burgess, Rachael Martin, Ydo Yturalde, Brenda Flank, Jericho Cruse, Demari Burch, Monica Sarkisian, Khloe Camarillo, Justyn Boumah; Excused-Arnold Parker, Ean Cantos;

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 4:14 p.m. to 4:16 p.m., from 5:21 p.m. to 6:07 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk



Tara Manor, Management Analyst II

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