



Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR BECKER called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR BECKER and MEMBERS BAUTISTA, TRAMP, FLANK, LENZI, BURGESS, CHURCHILL, FULLER, NORDSTROM, ALVAREZ, LARES, LAZCANO, and ESTRADA

ALSO PRESENT: ANNE KILPONEN, Senior Neighborhood Outreach Specialist; JOHASCA ICABALCETA and VANESSA ACOSTA, Senior Community Program Technicians; CRISLOVE IGELEKE, Deputy City Attorney IV; BRIAN CARROLL, Senior Deputy City Clerk; and YVETT LOZOYA, 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. Report by Johasca Icabalceta, Senior Community Program Technician, regarding Neighborhood Partners Fund Program Guidelines

Minutes:

JOHASCA ICABALCETA, Senior Community Program Technician, announced eight applicants presented at the June 9, 2025 Neighborhood Partners Fund Board Meeting, and the Board would deliberate and make funding recommendations for approval at the July 16, 2025 City Council Meeting. Funding for each application is limited to \$5,000, and some applicants requested less than the maximum amount for their project. The Neighborhood Partners Fund Program Guidelines required each association to match their grant request, and 25 percent of the match must come from volunteer labor valued at \$33.49 this year. The remainder of the match could be from volunteer labor, in-kind donations, and/or cash. The guidelines also required the Board to score the applications prior to this meeting, and the Board had discretion when utilizing the scores during deliberation.

5. Discussion regarding the utilization of scoring for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Neighborhood Partners Fund applications

Minutes:

CHAIR BECKER advised that this item was meant to discuss the utilization of scoring, noting that deliberation would take place during the next item.

6. Discussion for possible action regarding the recommendation of funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Neighborhood Partners Fund projects

Minutes:

CHAIR BECKER advised if any Member needed to abstain due to being a member of an association to address that during discussion.

Buffalo Coalition Neighborhood Association: CHAIR BECKER said the association received a score of 90.82. MEMBER TRAMP stated this group had applied for grants in the last three years, noting there were no issues with any previous grants. He thought they were professional and had a good reputation.

Crestwood Neighborhood Association: CHAIR BECKER said the association received a score of 90.37.

Fremont Street Loft Homeowners Association: CHAIR BECKER noted this group received the highest score of 93.89 and were utilizing a class at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) to design neighborhood improvements. This was the group's first time applying, and she opined they presented an excellent application. The Chair acknowledged their neighborhood experienced tragedy in the past few years, and she believed the application would improve their neighborhood.

Lakeside Village Homeowners Association: CHAIR BECKER expressed concern for the landscaping quote the association had received. She noticed David's Gardening Services did not have a license number address, and she wondered if the vendor was a community member providing the services. She asked if they were allowed to receive funding for their own business. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY CRISLOVE IGELEKE verified he was a member and had provided an in-kind donation of \$3,000 for the work to be completed. JOHASCA ICABALCETA, Senior Community Program Technician, explained the \$3,000 listed from David's Gardening Services appeared to be separate from CURTIS VETTER'S donation of \$600. In addition, staff would research if David's Gardening Services had the correct licensing. CHAIR BECKER thought David's Gardening Services was going to be paid \$3,000. MS. ICABALCETA said she would ensure David's Gardening Services was fully licensed in order to work with staff, and she was unsure whether the owner was part of the community; however, the guidelines did not specify they could not be a member of the community. MEMBER ALVAREZ suggested updating the donations and volunteer hours budget sheet to reflect the \$3,000 in-kind donation, and CHAIR BECKER agreed. In response to MEMBER TRAMP'S motion, MS. IGELEKE questioned if the stipulation would apply only to this applicant or if it would be a new requirement for everyone. MS. ICABALCETA responded staff would ensure they had a business license and W-9 to meet qualifications. For CHAIR BECKER, MS. ICABALCETA clarified the applicant could also switch to a different contractor if David's Gardening Services did not have a business license.

Rainbow Family Park Homeowners Association: CHAIR BECKER noted this group received a score of 89.87. MEMBER TRAMP said the group had applied for grants every year since he had been on the Board, and there had been no issues with any of their previous applications. He opined they were professional and in good standing. CHAIR BECKER felt from a sustainability perspective that the City should not provide money for bottled water, since people could bring their own beverage containers. She recommended reducing funding by the \$280 listed for bottled water. Additionally, she explained bottled water contains PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and a member of the legislature had voted to ban all plastic containers this year. MEMBER TRAMP recalled conditions made in previous years limiting block parties from using grant funding for alcohol. Although he understood CHAIR BECKER'S perspective, he confirmed with the Chair that there was no policy in place for bottled water. MEMBER LENZI opined Las Vegas is very hot and providing water would be a good measure. Subsequent to the vote, CHAIR BECKER clarified she wanted the organization to receive funding; however, she did not want to provide funding for bottled water.

Rock Springs Vista 3 Neighborhood Association: CHAIR BECKER stated this group received a score of 88.26.

Tanglewood Homeowners Association: MEMBER NORDSTROM appreciated the group's responses to Member questions and that they had a policy in place to deal with the footage. MEMBER TRAMP said the group had applied multiple times since he had been on the Board and their projects were successful. He noted the City had not rejected any funding, and he believed the group earned their trust.

Timberlake Street and Landscape Maintenance Association: There were no comments from the Members.

Motion made by Matt Tramp to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Buffalo Coalition Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Shannon Nordstrom to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Crestwood Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Liz Becker to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Fremont Street Loft Homeowners Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Matt Tramp to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Lakeside Village Homeowners Association in the amount of \$5,000 with the stipulation that David's Gardening Service shows proof they are a licensed landscaper

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Matt Tramp to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Rainbow Family Park Homeowners Association in the amount of \$5,000

Passed For: 12; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada; Against-Liz Becker;

Motion made by Liz Becker to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Rock Springs Vista 3 Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Matt Tramp to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Tanglewood Homeowners Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

Motion made by Liz Becker to Approve the recommendation to City Council to fund the Timberlake Street and Landscape Maintenance Association in the amount of \$5,000

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

For-Matt Tramp, Aaron Bautista, Brenda Flank, Liz Becker, Blanca Lenzi, Samantha Burgess, Jan Churchill, Alexander Fuller, Shannon Nordstrom, Arlene Alvarez, Nora Lares, Angel Lazcano, Robert Estrada;

7. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No subject may be acted upon by the Board unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion on any single subject, as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed, may be limited.

Minutes:
None.

8. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Yvett Lozoya, Deputy City Clerk



Johasca Icabalceta, Senior Community Program Technician

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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