

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Summary April 5, 2018

Committee Members Present: Gerry Mackin, Ernesto Perdomo, Esther Langston (By Phone), Nancy Brune (By Phone), Nora Luna, Patrick Smith (By Phone), Robert Torres (By Phone), Taurus Duncan (By Phone), Wendell Williams

Committee Members Absent: Cherina Kleven , Erika Marquez, Lavonne Lewis

Clark County Staff Present: Mike Pawlak, Brenda Herbstman, Jasmine Cook

- **Call to Order**
 - By Chair Wendell Williams at 11:38 a.m.
- **Introduction of All Members**
- **Public Comment**
 - None
- **Approval of December Meeting Summary**
 - Gerry Mackin motion to approve, Ernesto Perdomo second.
- **Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**
 - Mike Pawlak – Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is sponsoring runners in the Boston Marathon. They will be holding a kickoff at the Welcome to Las Vegas sign on the strip. The runners will run over to Sunset Park. They will be greeted by a cadre at the park. They will travel to Boston to run with survivors from the Boston shooting.

Family Connect will be held on April 11 at the Cambridge Recreation Center from 2pm-7pm. This event is similar to Project Homeless Connect but geared more towards homeless and low income families. This event is sponsored by Nevada Homeless Alliance.
 - Nora Luna – I am on the board for VegasPBS, they did a documentary entitled “#VegasStrong: The Road Ahead” that highlights some of the resources for survivors. That will air this Friday at 8pm.

Nathan Adelson Hospice and the City of Las Vegas are hosting a remembrance event at 2pm on Sunday, April 8 at the Healing Gardens; there will be a performer.
- **Department Update**
 - Mike Pawlak – Grants Coordinator Brenda Herbstman is here to share information on a community wide grant application called the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program.
 - Brenda Herbstman – In Clark County, we have 2000 youth experiencing homelessness on any given night. In FY16, HUD put forth \$33 million to fund 10 communities to help find solutions and implement programs to prevent youth homelessness. We were not selected as one of the 10 communities. However, HUD has put this opportunity out there again for FY17 and they are now offering \$43 million to 11 communities to set the bar and develop standards for the rest of the nation. We have developed an application, as part of the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care, and as Clark County Social Service serving as the collaborative applicant. After over 200 hours, I have completed that application today. It is 115 pages long. It shows support from community partners, politicians, all jurisdictions represented

and over \$150,000 in commitments for this program, should we be awarded. If we are awarded we would start a collaborative community plan that is data driven to show HUD that we know what we could do with this money.

- Mike Pawlak – In keeping on the subjects of grants. I have provided a handout. This is part of the Community Resource Management (CRM) side of Social Service. Every year, CRM goes out with a request for proposals to the community for HOME Program Funds and the Emergency Solutions Grant Funds. We finalized that process and at Tuesday's BCC meeting, we presented the recommendation of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to the Commissioners for approval. They approved the recommendation as you can see on the handout.
- **Membership**
 - Mike – Per Gina, four memberships were approved for renewal at the last BCC meeting. We currently have three vacancies on the board. If members have any persons they would like to recommend, please invite them to apply for a seat.
- **Public Comment:**
 - None
- **Adjournment:**
 - By Wendell Williams at 12:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Clark County Social Service located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.