

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Summary December 7, 2017

Committee Members Present: Cherina Kleven (By Phone), Gerry Mackin, Lavonne Lewis, Nancy Brune (By Phone), Nora Luna (By Phone), Patrick Smith (By Phone), Taurus Duncan (By Phone), Esther Langston (By Phone), Wendell Williams

Committee Members Absent: Erika Marquez, Ernesto Perdomo, Robert Torres

Clark County Staff Present: Michael Pawlak, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares and Jasmine Cook

- **Call to Order**
 - By Vice-Chair Lavonne Lewis at 11:40 a.m.
- **Introduction of All Members**
- **Public Comment**
 - None
- **Approval of August Meeting Summary**
 - Gerry Mackin motion to approve, Nancy Brune second.
- **CAC Bylaws Review (*For possible action including Amendments*)**
 - The changes before you are the proposed changes discussed at the last meeting, as well as the original language.
 - Nora Luna motion to approve the bylaws as proposed, Gerry Mackin second.
- **Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**
 - Nora Luna – Nathan Adelson Hospice has received grants to provide support groups and counseling for anyone affected by the events of the October 1 incident in Las Vegas.
 - Lavonne Lewis – The Salvation Army will have their regular toy distribution a week from Saturday. We can always use volunteers, if anyone would like to come and assist with the selection of the gifts.
 - Wendell Williams – If anyone is still interested in participating in the MLK Parade, we are just about at capacity, so they should contact me as soon as possible.
 - Bobby Gordon – I received an email regarding our Chairman and his daughter. She is now teaching at the school named for her father. We will share that article with the committee.
- **Department Update**
 - Michael Pawlak – Just want to give a retrospective of the department’s role in the response and recovery to the 1 October incident. As part of the overall picture, the County has an ordinance on how it responds to disaster and crisis, and in that ordinance is the structure of that response. Social Service is identified as one of the crisis response agencies. Immediately following the incident, the Family Assistance Center was established at the South Hall of the Convention Center as the place where victims, survivors, friends and family members were to go for reunification, identification, and for any kind of service-related needs. The Coroner directed that traffic along with the FBI. Essentially, the center was set up based on two major components: one was a receiving center for all of those people affected, and the other side was volunteer management. The Family Assistance Center was a temporary solution that was in effect for about three weeks, and that was to spinoff into a more permanent/semi-permanent solution that became the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center (VSRC). That center opened on Monday, October 23. We have assigned certain staff members to work there to address the needs.

There is a variety of different agencies housed at the center to serve as a hub and also a center for referrals.

- Bobby Gordon – CCSS will host their annual Holiday Party on December 15, 2017 at the Cambridge Recreation Center.

- **Membership**

- Gina Olivares – As you know, we have 15 seats on this committee. Currently, we have 12 seats occupied; of those, we have four members set to expire on December 31. Those 4 are Dr. Langston, Taurus Duncan, Patrick Smith and Cherina Kleven. These reappointments are going to the BCC for approval on December 19, 2017.

- **Public Comment:**

- None

- **Adjournment:**

- By Lavonne Lewis at 12:42 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Clark County Social Service located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.