



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

SUMMARY MINUTES

November 19, 2024
4:00 p.m., Council Chambers,
2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Website - <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com>

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Acosta called the meeting into order at 4:03 P.M.

WELCOME

Chairman Acosta welcomed all in attendance.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

City Clerk, Jackie Rodgers confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Acosta
Vice Chairman Swaney
Member Koury (Arrived at 4:18 pm)
Member Alpert
Member Cato
Member May-Noel (Arrived at 4:13 pm)
Member Henderson

STAFF PRESENT

Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager Rick Damian
Neighborhood Services Coordinator Jaini Christison
Deputy City Attorney II Madison Zornes-Vela
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers
Deputy City Clerk Lead Daisy Rivera
Deputy City Clerk Isabel Rodriguez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION

Led By **Chairman Acosta**

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Acosta opened the meeting to receive public comment. No comments offered.

AGENDA

1. Citizens' Advisory Committee Special Meeting of November 19, 2024. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

MOTION: *Member Alpert moved and Vice Chairman Swaney second to approve the Agenda as published.*

ACTION: **APPROVED**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Citizens' Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

MOTION: *Vice Chairman Swaney moved and Member Henderson second to approve the Consent Agenda as published.*

ACTION: **APPROVED**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

BUSINESS

3. Review and Discuss the Applications for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant for Program Year 2025. (For Discussion Only)

Neighborhood Services Coordinator Jaini Christison provided an overview of the two grants. Eighteen grant applications will be presented over two meetings the first eight applications will be presented on December 3, 2024 and the second eight applications will be presented on January 7, 2025. The order of applications presented will be Z to A for this grant cycle. **Ms. Christison** directed Committee Members to log in to ZoomGrants and begin reviewing the applications. The deadline to complete application scoring is January 24, 2025.

Ms. Christison shared that of the 19 applications submitted for CDBG, 13 were eligible for review. Of those 13, eight applicants were established programs and five were new. For ESG, three applications were received, one of which is for a new program.

Member Swaney inquired over a discrepancy on allocation requests for the Salvation Army and **Ms. Christison** said she would review and send an email to clarify.

Member Alpert questioned the lower amount allocated for grants for 2025, than in 2024. **Ms. Christison** said the Street Outreach Program was removed. **Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager Rick Damian** clarified that some of the \$1.9 million given to the City was allocated to other departments for community outreach.

Member May asked if all applications were available to score at the same time. **Ms. Christison** confirmed. **Member May** inquired as to the rejected applications. **Ms. Christison** stated she would provide that information.

Member Alpert, future funding and how more money could be allocated to community grants as funding this year was down significantly. **Ms. Christison** stated these grants are formula-based entitlement grants that comes from the federal government.

Member Koury asked for clarification on whether the CDBG funding increased. He asked whether the goals reiterated previously by **Ms. Christison** would be prioritized. **Mr. Damian** stated the Consolidated Plan Goals can be put in order to identify how they correlate with the City's new Strategic Plan and a summary can be provided. **Member Koury** asked if there were other elements of the survey that should be considered when reviewing applications. **Ms. Christison** stated she had some documentation to share on that as well.

Member May, asked if the previous grant allocation budget could be shared because there is some confusion between these funds, Covid Relief funds, and American Rescue Plan Act ARPA funds. **Mr. Damian** stated that the following agenda item presentation would cover that request.

ACTION: DISCUSSED

4. Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant Program Funding for Rounds I and II and Approval of Funding Recommendations for Round III. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Authorize)

Grants Director Leslie Nix shared the outcome of Rounds I and II of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Grant Program funding awards. She discussed a proposal for Round III. Rather than the standard scoring process, the Grants team selected some groups that either support programs that have had successful outcomes to date or areas that have not been met by prior awards.

The six organizations the Grants team proposed were Aid for AIDS in Nevada, Hookers for Jesus, Legal Aid of Southern Nevada, the Rolle Project, the Senior Law Project, and Nevada Diabetes. The total amount available for funding was \$1,260,000.

Member Alpert asked whether updates on how the funds are spent for each organization can be provided to the Committee. **Ms. Nix** stated at the beginning and the end of the CAC Meeting sessions in September 2025 and March 2026.

MOTION: *Member Alpert moved and Member Cato second to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant Program Funding for Rounds I and II and Approval of Funding Recommendations for Round III with each organization receiving \$250,000 and with the condition that the Legal Aid of Southern Nevada divide their funds with \$150,000 going towards their capital funding and \$100,000 be directed towards legal services for North Las Vegas residents.*

ACTION: APPROVED

AYES: 4 (Chairman Acosta, Member Alpert, Member Cato, Member Swaney)

NAYS: 3 (Member May-Noel, Vice Chairman Koury and Member Henderson)

ABSTAIN: 0

STAFF COMMENTS

Neighborhood Services Coordinator Jaini Christison stated there are 13 agencies for the upcoming Bus Tour and she suggested splitting the tour into two separate days. Her recommendation was to schedule them after the January 7, 2025 meeting so the grant funds can be awarded in February. Accommodations for travel would be made for accessibility and to remain compliant with Open Meetings Laws.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member May thanked staff for their presentations on the ARPA funds and the Committee for making a decision. She asked for clarification on the difference between the ARPA funds and the CDBG versus the ESG. She requested that when staff emails the Committee that they also include the previous year's funding for comparison. **Member May** asked if support from Nevada Grant Lab will support the ARPA recipients.

Member Alpert also thanked staff for their presentations on the ARPA funds and the Committee for making a decision.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Acosta opened the meeting to receive public comment. No comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Acosta adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the City of North Las Vegas Citizens' Advisory Committee Special Meeting held on November 19, 2024. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk