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A meeting of the Community Development Block Grant Application Review Group was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Karl Neathammer
Acting Chairperson Robinette Bacon
Henry Melendres
Beverly Sherman
Liz Teixeira

STAFF: Javier Ramirez, CDBG / Citizen Outreach Coordinator
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER (1-0008) - Chairperson Neathammer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. At his request, each of the review group members and Mr. Ramirez introduced themselves for the record.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA - None.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW (1-0045) - Chairperson Neathammer read into the record the agenda description pertinent to this item. He called for public comment on non-agendized items; however, none was forthcoming. He passed the gavel to Acting Chairperson Bacon. Mr. Ramirez reviewed available CDBG funding. Acting Chairperson Bacon provided direction with regard to the presentation format.

Carson City Health and Human Services, Circles of Support Initiative (1-0132) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Carson City Health and Human Services Department Case Manager Frances Ashley introduced St. Peter's Episcopal Church Rector Father Jeff Paul, who provided background information on the Circles of Support Initiative. He reviewed a schematic depicting community agencies involved in the Circles of Support Initiative. He responded to questions regarding the program design, including "completion of the circle," and the approach to teaching life skills such as handling money. He discussed a requirement for participants to be highly motivated to get out of poverty. Ms. Ashley advised that participants are required to meet federal income guidelines and work with program administrators on a "case management level" to develop skills for jobs, finances, etc. She acknowledged that the program represents a "holistic approach" to each family. In response to a further question, Ms. Ashley advised that employment is sought for every program participant. She further advised that the education component of the program will be highly supported. Father Paul responded to questions regarding the mechanism of the program's revolving loan component. Ms. Ashley responded to questions regarding the function of "program allies" which serve as part of the Initiative's Guiding Coalition. Father Paul elaborated on the function of program allies. He responded to additional questions regarding the program funding outlined in the application materials. Acting Chairperson Bacon thanked Father Paul and Ms. Ashley for their presentation.

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Community Counseling Center, Methamphetamine Treatment Project (1-0339) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Community Counseling Center Director Mary Bryan reviewed the application materials, and described the treatment program. She responded to questions regarding statistical information associated with methamphetamine users and the number of clients served by the Community Counseling Center. In response to a further question, she advised of no expectation for state or federal funding allocations to this year's program. She further advised that the number of clients served last year increased by ten percent with no commensurate increase in funding. In response to a question, she advised that once clients are able to become employed, they are required to partially pay for treatment services. The average cost for an alcohol / drug client this year in Carson City is \$47.50 per hour. United Way, the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and other funding sources subsidize program costs. Ms. Bryan acknowledged there are clients who "drop out of drug court," refuse to continue participating in the program, and opt to serve jail time instead. In response to a further question, she advised that approximately 66 of every hundred clients generally choose methamphetamine as a primary or secondary "drug of choice." Acting Chairperson Bacon thanked Ms. Bryan for her presentation.

Community Pregnancy Center, Pregnancy Center Medical Transition (1-0501) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Consultant Rita Williams provided background information on the mission of the Community Pregnancy Center. She advised of having been a client 22 years ago, and read a prepared statement into the record. In response to a question, she described the overall health status of Community Pregnancy Center clients as "pretty good." She acknowledged that the subject program would be unique in Carson City, and described it as the "intervention between the OB/GYNs and the home pregnancy tests." She further acknowledged that the Community Pregnancy Center sees every patient without limitation; that there is no sliding scale for payment of fees. In response to a question, she advised that certain patients may not want to disclose their pregnancy to their parents even though they may be insured through their parents' employers. In response to a further question, she advised that an average of 600 patients are served annually and that approximately 300 are considered high risk pregnancies. She responded to questions regarding behavior which is considered high risk, including STDs, drugs, etc. In response to a further question, she advised that the Community Pregnancy Center also serves Minden and Gardnerville. Douglas County has not been approached for financial assistance. In response to a further question, Ms. Williams advised that medications are not dispensed from the Community Pregnancy Center; "only very limited ultrasounds and nurse advice." Acting Chairperson Bacon thanked Ms. Williams.

Nevada Health Centers, Inc., Access to HealthCare (Diabetes Management) (1-0627) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Nevada Health Centers CEO Steve Hanson introduced Business Development and Grant Writer Shirley Hampton, and provided background information on Sierra Family Health Centers and its mission. He reviewed the funding application. In response to a question, Ms. Hampton reviewed details of the program, including patient access to an endocrinologist and free group classes. She acknowledged the patients will also have access to a formulary of appropriate medications. In response to a question, Mr. Hanson advised that the position employs the same individual for which funding was allocated last year. He reviewed the responsibilities of the position which have changed since last year to assist with diabetic patients. Ms. Hampton advised the employee will still be working part-time on eligibility responsibilities. In response to a further question, Mr. Hanson discussed the strategy to convert Nevada Checkup patients from sliding scale or uninsured status to Medicaid status, thereby providing a funding source for continuing the program. He acknowledged that other grant and revenue sources are being sought. Ms. Hampton responded to questions pertinent to the CDBG program criteria.

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Nevada Hispanic Services, Building a Better Neighborhood Program (Enabling Youth) (1-0786) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Mr. Ramirez corrected the requested amount to \$38,880. [Chairperson Bacon recessed the meeting at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 1:48 p.m.] Nevada Hispanic Services Director Raquel Knecht reviewed program details as outlined in the application materials. Consultant Dee Freewert responded to questions regarding the program budget. She advised that Nevada Hispanic Services is in the process of developing an agreement with the Builders Association of Western Nevada. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension has committed to items listed in the application materials. In response to a question, Ms. Knecht explained the connection between “beautifying a neighborhood and grabbing a kid out of a gang.” Ms. Freewert advised that the program targets the “delta between prevention and intervention” to ensure that vulnerable youth make the right choice and recruit others. In response to a question, Ms. Knecht advised that the subject program is new and will compliment other Nevada Hispanic Services and Community Coalition programs. She responded to additional questions regarding the connection between beautifying a neighborhood and diminishing the community’s gang problem. Chairperson Neathammer suggested that benchmarks would help to justify the program. Ms. Knecht advised that the program represents an alternative, not an answer to the gang problem. She explained the method by which program goals and objectives will be measured and reported. In response to a question, Ms. Freewert discussed other communities in which such a program has been successful.

Ron Wood Family Resource Center, Reach Up! (1-1170) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Ron Wood Family Resource Center Executive Director Joyce Buckingham introduced herself for the record, and distributed a revised budget sheet to the committee members and staff. She provided background information on the Ron Wood Family Resource Center, and reviewed program details as outlined in the application materials. She responded to questions regarding the annual operating budget, and networking with other community services agencies and churches. In response to a question, she advised that the program will serve Carson City residents only.

Rural Center for Independent Living, Inc., Do Drop In Homeless Center (1-1398) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. DeeDee Foremaster provided background information on the Rural Center for Independent Living Do Drop In Homeless Center and its mission. She responded to questions regarding program success, the program operating budget, day-to-day operations, and statistical information. She advised that her organization can help end homelessness; that the program works statistically on the existing budget.

Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada, Multi-Purpose Playing Fields (1-1702) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada Executive Director Hal Hansen thanked Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada Board members Juan Guzman, Brian Hutchins, Buzz Fitzpatrick, and Gary Andreas for their attendance at the meeting. He noted that Board members Judge John Tatro, Ryan Russell, and Jason Woodbury had previously been in attendance but had to leave the meeting. Mr. Hansen provided an overview of the project, and reviewed statistical information on the children who attend the Boys and Girls Club. He discussed in-kind and charitable contributions to the project. He introduced Christy Traver, the grant writer, and provided an overview of application materials which were provided to the review group members prior to the start of the meeting. He responded to questions regarding the number of children served annually, and estimated that an additional 15 percent will be served once the Boys and Girls Club moves into its new facility. In response to a further question, he listed the current organized sports programs as flag football and baseball. Two tennis courts will be part

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of the new facility. Mr. Hansen advised that grant applications will be submitted to construct a “real baseball field.” He further advised that the Boys and Girls Club receives a Question #18 allocation for maintenance only. (1-1899) Boys and Girls Club Operations Director Diane McCoy confirmed that there are structured sports programs offered on a daily basis.

Children’s Museum of Northern Nevada, My Town (1-1912) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Children’s Museum of Northern Nevada Interim Executive Director Erin Lehman introduced Consultant Dee Freewert and Children’s Museum of Northern Nevada Board Member Maria Pence. Ms. Pence provided an overview of the project, and Ms. Freewert reviewed details of the same in conjunction with a displayed plan. Ms. Freewert acknowledged that all the exhibits are interactive. Ms. Pence discussed the method by which the project infrastructure will serve to change the exhibits to coincide with various holidays, themes, events, etc. throughout the next several years. Ms. Lehman discussed the theater program offered at the Children’s Museum. Ms. Pence acknowledged a high turnover of Children’s Museum administrators over the past several years. She advised that the Children’s Museum is now in a financial position to be able to offer “a better package for long-term retention.” She discussed changes which have been made to facilitate this. In response to a question, she advised there are currently 13 members of the Children’s Museum Executive Board.

Ms. Freewert responded to questions regarding proposed building renovations to improve safety and energy efficiency. She and Ms. Pence responded to questions regarding the correlation between the proposal and the CDBG funding criteria. Ms. Pence responded to questions regarding the method by which the HUD low to moderate income criteria would be met. Ms. Lehman acknowledged that internal fund raising is done “a lot.” In response to a further question, she reviewed fund raising events. She acknowledged “a lot of turnover at the Museum,” but advised she has been involved for six years. Ms. Pence advised that the Children’s Museum receives no state or federal funding. The entire operating budget is met by internal fund raising.

Ms. Freewert advised that the City of Reno will open the Nevada Discovery Museum with a budget of \$16 million next year. She discussed the need to provide a facility for this community, and advised that many of the attendees walk to the Museum. Ms. Lehman commented on the “fantastic location” of the building “right in the heart of Carson City.” She advised the Children’s Museum represents one of the only places in town “where a parent and a child can interact.”

Carson City Public Works, ADA Sidewalk Improvements (Empire School Area) (1-2599) - Acting Chairperson Bacon introduced this item. Mr. Ramirez reviewed CDBG criteria prohibiting City staff from making a presentation or advocating on behalf of a proposal. Transportation Program Manager Patrick Pittinger advised of having pointed out this criteria to the CDBG program coordinator prior to submitting his proposal and, because he was reassured, declined offers from other, non-City employees who volunteered to support his proposal. Mr. Ramirez advised of having talked with a CDBG program coordinator from Clark County who informed him there would be no problem with Mr. Pittinger presenting the proposal. He advised that Mr. Pittinger could clarify the proposal and answer questions of the committee members.

In response to a question, Mr. Pittinger provided background information on the proposal. In response to a further question, he advised there is no established time line associated with sidewalk improvements.

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Sidewalk improvements will be made as streets are replaced. In response to a further question, he discussed reasons for designating the subject area in the proposal. In response to a question, he expressed the understanding that the City cannot be held liable for needed sidewalk improvements as long as the terms of the compliance agreement are followed. Member Teixeira advised that because Americans with disabilities are considered a protected class, any ADA project is considered low to moderate income. Mr. Pittinger advised that the project would serve disabled persons as well as the entire area. In response to a comment, he advised he does not anticipate receiving a great deal of funding for the Safe Routes to School program. He noted that the \$1 million is a statewide allocation, and advised that the City is not allowed to be directly involved in the process. In response to a comment, he advised that Muscle Powered representatives and School District Facilities Director Mike Mitchell have expressed support for the proposal.

Mr. Ramirez thanked the applicants for their presentations, and invited them to stay as the review group discussed and rated the proposals. Discussion took place regarding the amount of time needed to rate the proposals. Mr. Ramirez advised of the February 21st at 5:00 p.m. deadline. Consensus of the review group members was to discuss the proposals, rate them outside the meeting, and submit the ratings to Mr. Ramirez before the deadline. Member Teixeira expressed the opinion there was insufficient time to ask questions of the applicants, and suggested future processes should allow for more time. Mr. Ramirez discussed contradictions between the CDBG application review process and the Nevada Open Meeting Law. He agreed the process needs to be adjusted to allow for a sufficient amount of time to review the applications, interview the applicants, and rate the proposals. Acting Chairperson Bacon returned the gavel to Chairperson Neathammer.

(1-3288) Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors Member Brian Hutchins agreed that the process should be revised to ensure a sufficient amount of time for each applicant to present their proposal and answer questions. He advised of having served as a member of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors for fourteen years, as past president and currently as the Capital Campaign Chairperson. He advised that “an awful lot of money” has been raised for the capital campaign, contributed by individuals and foundations. He further advised that the capital campaign is ongoing. He explained that field use at the facility is of “the utmost importance” as fields represent a big part of Boys and Girls Club activities. Mr. Hutchins advised that children are bussed from every school in the City to the facility. He described use of the fields for various Club activities, and reiterated their importance to the new facility. Chairperson Neathammer thanked Mr. Hutchins for his comments.

Chairperson Neathammer called for additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

Discussion took place among the review group members regarding the procedure for discussing, rating, and returning the ratings to Mr. Ramirez. Member Teixeira suggested discussing each application, and Chairperson Neathammer passed the gavel to her.

Carson City Health and Human Services, Circles of Support Initiative (1-3532) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments from the review group members. Member Melendres commented that St. Peter’s Episcopal Church Rector Father Jeff Paul provided clarification to the proposal that was “previously abstract.” He expressed concern that “anybody off the street is going to be surrounding this family and giving them the kind of expert, professional advice, assistance that they might need.” He

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expressed the opinion the proposal doesn't have enough structure. He questioned the significance of the Des Moines, Iowa program cited in the application materials. Chairperson Neathammer expressed concern over the revolving accounts portion of the proposal, and Member Melendres agreed. Member Sherman agreed that the applicants' presentation helped clarify the proposal. Member Bacon expressed concerns over the micro-enterprise portion of the proposal. She expressed doubt that the program participants will "magically be able to get everything straightened out with \$1,000." She expressed the opinion that a more long-term solution is needed for families who have experienced issues with budgeting resources. She agreed the program would represent a start, but reiterated concern that the micro-enterprise would "solve the situation." (2-0007) Acting Chairperson Teixeira advised of having worked with revolving loan funds in the past. "... it's about a fifty-fifty. Sometimes it comes back and sometimes it doesn't." She expressed the opinion the applicants hadn't yet considered a course of action for addressing payback of the revolving loan fund. With regard to quantifiable outcomes, she pointed out there was no estimate of the number of jobs to be created by the proposal or the method by which jobs would be created.

Community Counseling Center, Methamphetamine Treatment Project (2-0040) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments from the review group members. Member Sherman advised she had not had all her questions answered. She expressed concern that the proposal is too vague, "especially when it comes to this new system of theirs for tracking." Member Bacon noted there was no data in the literature to support that the duration of treatment recommended for a methamphetamine addict is longer than that found to be helpful with alcoholics and other addicts. She expressed the opinion the application materials make "some real generalized statements." She expressed the further opinion that relapse prevention training is critical, and noted the extreme need for qualified counselors. She expressed concern that the estimated number of clients served was unclear. She expressed the opinion that the \$640 cost estimate per client was very reasonable. Chairperson Neathammer expressed the opinion that methamphetamine and the gang problems in the community "are two scourges on this City and anything we can do to go ahead and tackle both of these problems." He respectfully disagreed with Member Bacon's opinion of the supporting literature. He advised of anger control issues which need to be addressed in methamphetamine addicts. He acknowledged that not all treatment programs work and not all addicts will be amenable to treatment. He advised that the duration of treatment for methamphetamine addicts is longer because "of so many other elements that might not be an alcoholic's problem." He acknowledged that the treatment program may need to go on over the course of a lifetime. Acting Chairperson Teixeira advised that the original methamphetamine program at the Community Counseling Center was nine months. It has now been extended to eighteen months with associated costs. Acting Chairperson Teixeira advised that substance abuse on the City's five-year plan has a medium rating under public services. She further advised that the Board of Supervisors have taken action to designate the methamphetamine problem as the number one priority in Carson City. She expressed support for allocating funding toward ongoing programs rather than toward new programs. Chairperson Neathammer provided background information on Community Counseling Center Director Mary Bryan's experience. Member Melendres expressed an interest in the "tools, treatment protocols, theories, and techniques" to be used by the counselors. Chairperson Neathammer expressed the belief that the Narcotics Anonymous "template" would be used in addition to those treatment elements specific to methamphetamine addiction. Acting Chairperson Teixeira noted that this information was not included in the application materials. Member Melendres expressed support for the proposal based on Ms. Bryan's representation of it. He expressed concern over distinguishing successful methamphetamine treatment "versus all the other ones from drug court."

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Community Pregnancy Center, Pregnancy Center Medical Transition (2-0190) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments and input from the review group members. Member Bacon reviewed statistical information provided as part of the application materials, and expressed difficulty with being objective. She expressed a preference for the Community Pregnancy Center to do more “reach out.” She noted that the applicant’s representative “made it very clear that they’re not doing anything with other alternatives.” She commended the application materials as well written. She noted the infrastructure is already in place, that the program is ongoing, and acknowledged the “great need for it in this community.” Chairperson Neathammer concurred. Acting Chairperson Teixeira expressed the opinion that there should be some sliding fee scale involved in the proposal. Member Bacon advised that even public health services have sliding fee scales. Member Melendres expressed a problem with “uncontrolled pregnancy.” In response to a question, Member Bacon explained the importance of ultrasound in the first trimester of pregnancy. Member Sherman agreed the application materials were well written, and that there is a “definite need.” She expressed the opinion the proposal will “serve a community of people that nobody else is reaching.” Chairperson Neathammer discussed statistical information associated with young girls who become pregnant. Acting Chairperson Teixeira advised that the issue had been assigned a low priority on the City’s five-year plan. She encouraged the review group members to review the City’s five-year strategic plan as they rate the proposals. Discussion followed, and Chairperson Neathammer commended Mr. Ramirez on his coordination of the review group.

Nevada Health Centers, Inc., Access to HealthCare (Diabetes Management) (2-0300) - Chairperson Neathammer discussed the effect of diabetes on people’s lives, from a personal perspective, and noted the importance of each individual controlling the disease. He expressed the opinion that the proposal could have been better presented, in explaining the seriousness of the disease and its potential impacts. He advised that the disease represents a “major health problem for the United States” and for Carson City. In response to a question, Acting Chairperson Teixeira expressed the opinion that the program would not be limited to Carson City residents. She noted that the program is ongoing. In response to a question, Chairperson Neathammer advised that Nevada Health Centers likely has a better outreach program than Nevada CheckUp. In response to a question, Mr. Ramirez provided background information on the position funded last year. Discussion took place regarding CDBG application criteria. Member Melendres expressed concern over the full-time eligibility worker doing “twice as much” even with an improved computer system. He expressed difficulty with some of the statistical information provided. Member Sherman advised that the applicants had answered questions regarding CDBG objectives. In response to a comment, Acting Chairperson Teixeira noted that the applicants had stated they didn’t expect to apply for funding for this program again next year.

Nevada Hispanic Services - Carson City, Building a Better Neighborhood Program (2-0450) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira questioned the assertion that jobs could be created from this program. She commended the proposal, and suggested that it may be more appropriately presented to the Community Coalition. She expressed difficulty with the translation fee included as part of the project costs, and the preference that more in-kind contributions had been included in the program budget. Member Melendres advised that he serves as a member of the Community Coalition. He further advised of having spoken with Carson City School District Superintendent Mary Pierczynski, who reminded him that “there tends to be a focus only on kids of school age. The ones that have killed each other have mostly been twenty years old.” Ms. Pierczynski expressed concern over the 18-20 year olds in that they don’t have good skills to get jobs. She suggested that some attention be paid to older children. Member Melendres advised of having

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visited the Job Corps to follow up on Ms. Pierczynski's suggestion. He discussed details of an apprenticeship proposal which he has conceived. He expressed support for the subject program. Member Sherman commended the concept, but suggested it doesn't fall within the parameters of the City's strategic plan. She further suggested the possibility the program could be funded in a different way. She expressed concern over the method by which the participating homeowners would be chosen. She advised she would have more "feeling for the project" if the targeted homeowners were people of very low income, elderly, disabled, or otherwise couldn't perform the work themselves. She expressed the opinion that homeowners should otherwise take care of their own homes. Acting Chairperson Teixeira expressed concern over funding being spent on rental property, and discussion followed. Member Bacon described the project as "service learning," and "not a gang intervention project." She expressed concern that the application materials and the end result of the project would be two different things. "There are too many loose ends." Member Bacon expressed additional concern that the homes selected would be those of absentee property owners. Chairperson Neathammer expressed the opinion the project has "absolutely nothing to do with gang prevention, ... with training kids to get high paying jobs, ..." He expressed the further opinion that Nevada Hispanic Services has never demonstrated a successful program, and that the program proposal has "inherent racism." He agreed with early intervention in addressing the gang problem.

Ron Wood Family Resource Center, Reach Up! (2-0710) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments and input from the review group members. Chairperson Neathammer expressed support for the program, and other review group members agreed. Member Melendres reviewed details of the program budget, and inquired as to the allocation for professional fees. Acting Chairperson Teixeira noted in-kind contributions to the program. Consensus of the review group was support for the program.

Rural Center for Independent Living, Inc., Do Drop In Homeless Center (2-0762) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments. Member Melendres inquired as to the number of local, state, and federal programs available to homeless people. He expressed the concern that the proposal represents a request to pay someone else to "do the jobs that ... our tax money already pays social services to do." Chairperson Neathammer advised that the homeless number never changes. Member Sherman advised of having worked with the Homeless Coalition for the last couple years, and that "we're failing in many, many, many areas." She further advised of having seen the subject program "in action" and that Ms. Foremaster is "down to earth. What she tells you, you can take to the bank." She advised that Ms. Foremaster "takes care of these basic services and she's the only one in town that does." She expressed the belief "we're going to see a lot more of this." Member Bacon expressed concern over the "huge dependence on the infrastructure for rent and utilities." In response to a question, Member Sherman advised that the Do Drop In Homeless Center partners with F.I.S.H. Chairperson Neathammer agreed there will be an influx of homeless people, and expressed the opinion it will "have to be attacked at the state level." He expressed the further opinion that one of the reasons Ms. Foremaster has taken on this responsibility is "because the religious community has failed this community." Acting Chairperson Teixeira expressed the opinion that the program is not financially viable.

Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada, Multi-Purpose Playing Fields (2-0865) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira opened this item to comments and input from the review group members. Member Sherman expressed support for playing fields and for Boys and Girls Clubs, in general. She expressed the opinion the application materials were too vague. Member Bacon advised that the proposal "didn't score well in [her] numbering system." She expressed a better understanding for the proposal after having heard the

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applicants' presentation. She advised that the proposal meets the CDBG low to moderate income criteria. She expressed the opinion the proposal represents "a lot of money." Chairperson Neathammer expressed the opinion that the proposal was "disjointed," and "didn't follow a logical path." He noted that the Boys and Girls Club is "a sacred cow in this community." He commended the honorable intentions of the applicants and the good work done by the Boys and Girls Club. Acting Chairperson Teixeira advised of first-hand knowledge of the number of children and families served by the Boys and Girls Club. She further advised of the intent to score the subject project high, but noted that the Public Works ADA Sidewalk Improvements "meets all the things that CDBG is about." Chairperson Neathammer commented that "because they have such a presence, I expected more out of their proposal." In response to a question, Acting Chairperson Teixeira provided background information on funding issues associated with the new Boys and Girls Club facility which came to light after construction started. In response to a further question, she provided information on the method by which the Board of Supervisors usually allocates CDBG funding. Chairperson Neathammer reminded the review group members that the Board of Supervisors has final authority on the recommendations.

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, My Town (2-0983) - Acting Chairperson Teixeira commended the project, but noted it doesn't meet the CDBG low-to-moderate income criteria. She suggested the project could be funded elsewhere. Member Melendres agreed. Member Sherman also agreed, and commented that the CDBG program requirements need to be met up front, not after the fact. Chairperson Neathammer expressed the opinion that "it was a real, big stretch trying to come under the guidelines."

Carson City Public Works, ADA Sidewalk Improvements (2-1036) - Members Bacon and Sherman and Acting Chairperson Teixeira rated this project as "number one." Comments included commendation of the application materials and that the proposal meets the CDBG guidelines.

4. STAFF COMMENTS (2-1049) - Mr. Ramirez requested the review group members to submit their ratings by 4:00 p.m. on February 21st. He thanked the review group members for their participation.

5. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-1077) - The meeting adjourned by mutual consent.

The Minutes of the February 20, 2007 Carson City Community Development Block Grant Application Review Workgroup are respectfully submitted this 30th day of April, 2007.

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder

By: _____
Kathleen M. King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary