



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Approved Minutes

Wednesday July 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM

41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260

I. CALL TO ORDER *By Chair J. Pye at 9:05- Roll Call: S. Benoit, C. Borba, G. Colangeli, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, J. Hayes, M. Meyer, R. Ortega, K. Rodgers, S. St.Johns, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, K. Quintanilla, Supervisor Perez, J. Pye.*

Excused absence: A. Dew, E. Romero.

Absent: C. Galvez, R. Gutierrez, B. Kroonen.

Also present: J. Frank, J. Cruz, V. Arroniz, T. Fantini, B. Simerson, G. Holliday, M. Robles, A.Luck, L. De Lara, S. Moraga.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

In order to meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon decision by a majority of the Board of Directors to add the item because of a need for immediate action.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the agenda as submitted.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS - *No public comments. Presentations by CV Healthy Living and Shay’s Warriors – also picture taken with RAP board.*

Shay’s Warriors Check Presentation

Coachella Valley Healthy Living Presentation

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

A. June 26, 2024 Board Meeting Draft Minutes - Receive and file (Attach. #1)

B. CEO Report - Receive and File (Attach. #2)

C. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File (Attach. #3)

D. NPO Centric Report - Receive and File (Attach. #4)

E. Financials – Receive and File (Attach. #5) - Recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

F. Grant Report - Receive and File (Attach. #5A)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the June 26, 2024 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to June 30, 2024, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, Grants Report and NPO Centric Report.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve staff recommendation.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>

<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>B. Borba</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- to provide update on County matters of interest.

Supervisor Perez discussed the following topics:

- 1. DHCD lease negotiations*
- 2. Animal Services and County Budget – creation of an Ad Hoc committee to address public complaints.*
- 3. Bi-National Fair with Colima planned for end of August and early September – continue relationship with Mexico to provide educational resources to assist with following issues as well as others: Animal Services, Fire services, and computers/printers donated as excess county property.*
- 4. Mariachi Festival in partnership with Guadalajara and possibly may happen in the future.*
- 5. Improving/adding parks to: Thermal, Oasis, Lake Cahuilla and Kerkee Creek.*

Board member A. Dew joined the meeting at 9:38 as a non-participating board member.

B. Making changes to the 401K Plan (Attach. #6. The changes include and the financial impact to RAP:

1. Add the long-term part-time employees to the plan – cost to RAP will depend on the participation of employees – not expected to be more than \$1,000 a year.
2. Increase the minimum payout from \$5,000 to \$7,000 – no financial impact to RAP.
3. Authorize distribution for disaster and spousal abuse – no financial impact to RAP.

Finance Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the changes to be effective immediately.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>J. Hayes to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation.</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

C. Changes to RAP Employee Benefits – RAP Controller made a comparison between our current health care benefit provider, CalNonprofits Insurance Services, and Inszone Insurance Services. If we change, RAP employees will have the choice of 2 health plans (Anthem, Kaiser), and changing dental plan to Principal which will improve services and reduce out of pocket expenses. (Attach. #7)

Also, per the Board’s direction, he has explored adding Short-term Disability benefits and has provided this information along with Long-term Disability benefits information and cost for consideration.

Finance Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve a change to Inszone Insurance Services, increase the Life Insurance policy from \$50,000 to \$100,000, add Short-Term and Long-Term Disability coverage.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>C. Borba to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation.</i>	<i>K. Rodgers</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>J. Hayes left the room during discussion and did not vote.</i>

D. Resolution No. 2024-06 – Adjustments to Approved Budgets- (Attach. #8) The resolution states the process to make changes to line-item budget items to the Board approved budget.

Finance Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve Resolution No. 2024-06.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. Resolution No. 2024-07 – Adjustments to Approved Budgets (Attach. #9) The resolution states the process for making changes to line items in approved budgets without Board action. This would be restricted to changes to line items of less than 10% or less of the total budget group, not to exceed \$25,000 provided that there is no overall increase to budgeted annual expenditures.

Finance Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve Resolution No. 2024-07.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>V. Tanner to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation.</i>	<i>C.Borba</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

F. FY 24-25 Budget. The proposed budget includes increased funding for NPO Centric to cover the cost of one full-time Program Manager position and for a full-time Development Director position which will be covered 80% from unexpended ARPA funds due to end Dec. 2024 unless funding is extended which may be possible. (Attach. #10)

Finance Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve the budget as submitted.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>V.Tanner to approve the Finance Committee Recommendation.</i>	<i>C.Borba</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>M.Gonda</i>	<i>0</i>

G. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2024-2025: (Attach. # 11)

H. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED - Grants #1 to #4:

1. Small Grant Applicant	Big Brother Big Sisters of the Desert
Program:	Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway
Requested Amount:	\$7,500
Big Brothers Big Sisters program has evolved to meet the needs of kids and communities. The plan is to have various	

sized backpacks for the different levels of school (elementary, middle and high school). Each backpack will be filled with the basic supplies needed for the varying grade levels from notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, highlighters, calculators and pencil cases. This free giveaway is offered to the entire CV utilizing our social media, website, local media outlets, our local partners and school districts.

Reviewers Average Score:	85%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Historical COVID-19: \$10,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$15,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve the requested amount of \$7,500.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J.Hayes	R.Ortega	15	0	0
2. Small Grant Applicant	Do the Right Thing – Greater Palm Springs (DRT)			
Program:	Do the Right Thing – Greater Palm Springs			
Requested Amount:	\$10,000			
The goals are: to reward socially-desirable behavior, accomplishments, and attitudes; to build self-esteem in young people; to demonstrate that good kids are newsworthy and establish them as role models for their peers; and to foster positive relationships between youth and law enforcement. It accepts nominations from teachers, parents, and other adults in recognition of students' good deeds/ positive behavior.				
Reviewers Average Score:	84%			
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A			

Staff Recommendation: To approve request for \$10,000 with restriction to cover salary (ies) and not to be used for scholarships. Expect that they will have the capacity to expand to all three school districts.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee/Staff Recommendation listed above.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	R. Ortega	15	0	0

3. Small Grant Applicant	Guide Dogs of the Desert
Program:	<u>Dog Training for Legally Blind Clients/First Responders in Coachella Valley</u>
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program provides mobility, companionship and independence for the blind with custom trained guide dogs. To bring clients who are legally blind/visually-impaired to schools and educate them in mobility and independence with the use of a Guide Dog. Guide dogs and Support K9s are placed in the CV, across California, and nationwide.	
Reviewers Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 to support the canine used for the visually impaired and emotional support for first responders.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>R.Ortega</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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4. Small Grant Applicant	The Bridges 2 Hope
Program:	The Bridges 2 Hope
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program empowers through building trusting relationships, and connecting individuals to resources. To provide support and guidance to accomplish lasting change. To provide food/meals, clothing and hygiene supplies. They offer immediate evaluation and placement in substance use programs and Narcan training, assist in applying for public benefits, housing and getting IDs, apply and appeal for SDI/ SSI.	
Reviewers Average Score:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve \$10,000 and pay for NPO Centric membership to encourage the volunteer staff to participated in trainings and other educational resources.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>J. Hayes</i>	<i>R.Ortega</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

I. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF LESSER AMOUNT OR DENIAL- Grants #5 and #6.

5. Small Grant Applicant	Coachella Valley Parents (CVP)
Program:	Restorative Justice in the Community, Family, and School
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
CVP, is a latinx led and latinx serving leaders. A powerful parent group advocating for their children’s education and equal opportunity tool to address some of the direct challenges the youth is facing in these communities: low school graduation, high suspension rates, low reclassifications with the English Learners in a predominantly latino communities of the eastern CV to support mental health with initiatives such as Restorative Justice.	
Reviewers Average Score:	75%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve a reduced amount, \$5,000 of requested amount. Approve NPOC Membership for one year for this new organization. Also, direct NPO Centric Director to meet with the applicant to assess if a Technical Assistance grant should be provided.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

6. Small Grant Applicant	Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)
Program:	Greater Coachella Valley Student of the Month
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

RCOE provides full funding for the events, with future sponsorships earmarked for scholarship purposes. However, the goal is to secure sufficient funds through fundraising efforts to cover the event's expenses. The hope is to garnish support from the community as it will grant the opportunity for future funding purposes	
Reviewers Average Scores:	77%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: The committee opposed a motion to approve \$2,500 as a Sponsorship to cover the event costs including supplies and food. No other motion was made.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	A. Wilson	13	0	Supervisor Perez and K. Rodgers left the meeting room during discussion and vote.

J. SPONSORSHIP GRANT FUNDING REQUEST- GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL or HIGHER AMOUNT REQUESTED - Grant #1, #2, and #3.

1. Sponsorship Applicant	Codex Creation Committee
Program:	Run with Los Muertos (RWLM)
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
RWLM addresses several critical community needs through this multifaceted event. Firstly, it promotes health and wellness by encouraging physical activity and providing educational workshops and workouts to combat rising rates of obesity and related health issues in the community. Secondly, it fosters cultural awareness and appreciation by celebrating diverse artistic expressions and facilitating cultural exchanges with artisans, musicians, and chefs from various regions, thus enriching the community's cultural fabric. Additionally, the event supports economic development by attracting visitors to the eastern CV, benefiting local businesses. It also provides a platform for local talent, offering opportunities for artists, musicians, and performers to showcase their work and gain recognition. RWLM addresses juvenile intervention by involving youth in positive activities. It strengthens community bonds by bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds in a shared celebration, fostering a sense of unity and collective identity.	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve requested amount of \$5,000. M. Meyer and A. Wilson abstained.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
R.Ortega	S.Benoit	12 – K. Rodgers returned.	0	M. Meyer and A. Wilson left the room.

2. Sponsorship Applicant	Peace from Chaos (PFC)
Program:	2024 Suicide Awareness & Prevention Event and Candlelight Vigil
Requested Amount:	\$3,000.00
PfC sees the need to highlight the above average in the County suicide rate for the Palo Verde Valley. PfC created this event to reach the broad cross-section of both undeserved and culturally diverse communities in Blythe especially children and families. Along with Suicide awareness there is a strong message supporting mental health resources, family wellness and community healing through the candlelight vigil. To date we have had over a dozen potential saves based on individuals	

who have contacted Pfc during crisis that involved Suicide Ideations.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000 FY23-24 CEO Discretionary: \$1,793

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve a higher amount than originally requested for \$5,000.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A. Wilson	R.Ortega	13	0	G. Colangeli left the room.

3. Sponsorship Applicant	Desert Healthcare District & Foundation
Program:	Healthy Desert, Healthy You Environmental Summit September 20 & 21 at the Westin Mission Hills, Rancho Mirage
Requested Amount:	\$5,000.00
This free summit aims to provide comprehensive education, valuable resources, and inspiration to address environmental health issues impacting our community. The event features expert presentations, interactive breakout sessions, and opportunities for networking, all designed to foster a healthier environment characterized by clean air, water, and soil. The summit addresses several critical unmet needs within our community.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Promotoras Event \$5,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: To approve request for \$5,000 for the event.

Motion:	To approve the Grants Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
A.Wilson	R.Ortega	14	0	0

L. De Lara left the room during discussion and vote.

K. Impose a Fee for Meeting Rooms (Attach. #12)- Meeting rooms have been free to nonprofits during business hours and a minimal fee for non-business hours. The NPO Centric Committee proposed to the Facilities Committee the following changes:

- NPO Centric members can reserve meeting rooms for free during business hours and a minimal fee in non-business hours.
- Non-NPOC members to have a fee for business hours and a higher amount for non-business hours. Effective Jan. 1, 2025.
- Effective Jan. 1, 2025 tenants will be required to be NPOC members and have no extra fees for business and non-business hours.

Facilities Committee Recommendation: For the Board to adopt the proposed fees and timeline.

Motion:	To approve the Facilities Committee Recommendation.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V.Tanner	R.Ortega	12	M. Gonda,C.Borba	0

VI. Information Items

- Board Committee Assignments (Attach. #13)
- BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2024 (Attach. #14)
- Grants Committee: Met on July 15. Approved June 18 Minutes (Attach. #15). Next meeting

September 16.

- D. Executive Committee: Met on July 15. Approved June 17 Minutes (Attach. #16). Next meeting Sept.16.
- E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on July 15. Approved June 17 Minutes (Attach. #17). Next meeting September 16.
- F. NPO Centric Committee: Did not meet in July. Next meeting scheduled for September 18.
- G. Governance – Human Resource Committee: Did not meet in July. Next meeting TBD.
- H. Facilities Committee: Met on June 26. Approved May 22 Minutes (Attach. #18) Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Introduce Adam Lackie, CVHL Accountant- *Adam introduced himself.*

L. De Lara mentioned that RAP received \$10,000 grant from Amazon and \$22,000 from Kaiser for NPO Centric services.

VIII. Closed Session:

California Government Code Section 54956.9 - one case

Report Out: CEO announced that there was no action taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting is on September 25, 2024, at 9:00 AM
11:08