

Nolen Recall Launched By Several Ward 3 Residents

Three Las Vegas residents formally filed notice Monday saying they would seek a recall election to remove City Councilman Bob Nolen from his Ward 3 seat.

A formal notice filed with the city clerk's office said Nolen "is not responsive to the needs that constitutes the West Las Vegas area."

The petition was signed by Carlene Perkins, Alversa Beals and Robert Coleman.

Nolen, who was elected to the seat last year, said the recall effort was started by persons unhappy he would not support giving federal block grant money to the Sarah Allen Credit Union.



Bob Nolen

"I can't believe the people in the community would sign a petition to recall an elected official because he doesn't believe in giving taxpayers' dollars to a credit union," Nolen said.

"I feel a credit union should be supported by the members of that credit union."

However, Nolen said Perkins was a member of the credit union's board of directors, and Beals appeared at a recent City Council meeting to seek funding for the organization.

The City Council was scheduled to make a final decision Wednesday on funding for various programs with Community Development Block Grant money.

The credit union had requested \$260,000, but was recommended for no funding by a citizens' committee before an initial review of the request by the City Council.

The credit union received \$107,000 last year and about \$75,000 the

year before in block grant funds.

"There's no way you can make everyone happy that was happy last year," Nolen said.

Under state law, the individuals initiating the recall effort now have 60 days to gather signatures from 25 percent of the registered Ward 3 voters who voted in the last general election.

City Clerk Carol Ann Hawley said that amounts to 1,019 signatures.

If the signatures are gathered and verified, a special election would have to be ordered by a District Court judge.

A late report Monday revealed that Robert Coleman was not a resident of Ward 3, therefore his signature was ruled invalid. It was reported to the Las Vegas Sentinel that a new petition was submitted Wednesday with a valid resident of Ward 3 to replace Coleman.

Search For Slaying Suspects Continues

North Las Vegas police continue to search for the gang members who killed a 20-year-old man and wounded three others in a birthday party shooting May 5, detectives said.

Five Las Vegas gang members arrested by Metropolitan Police at the victim's funeral were not directly tied to the shooting, North Las Vegas officials said.

County Commission Makes \$85,000 Grant To Operation Life

Clark County Commission, caught in a shortage of funds, dispersed \$1.2 million in block grants while faced with \$4 million in requests for community programs.

Many organizations appeared to appeal a decision by an advisory commission not to list their programs as a high priority or in effect make what they called "the cut."

Among them were the Let Them Walk Again Foundation, which wanted the county to join in a funding program already tentatively approved by the city of North Las Vegas contingent upon approval of

separate requests before the county and the city of Las Vegas.

The money was to be used for a therapy pool

In what appeared to some foundation officials as an unusual decision, the commissioners voted to approve an \$85,000 grant to Operation Life for construction of a building on Owens Avenue, "contingent upon" approval by Las Vegas of that organization's request for \$150,000.

Executive Director Ruby Duncan told commissioners that Operation Life will receive over \$600,000 for a building to cost over \$700,000, if Operation Life can get

the county and the city to chip in.

What made the decision appear unusual to the people from Let Them Walk Again Foundation was a rider on the approval motion offered by Commissioner Manuel Cortez. The rider said that if Las Vegas should deny Operation Life its building funds, then Operation Life would also lose the \$85,000 from Clark County and it would be turned over to Let Them

Walk Again Foundation.

Commissioner Thalia Dondero did not dissent, but said in her opinion the foundation request, while a worthy one, would only result in two pools being built on West Charleston for the use of the handicapped. She said the foundation clients could use the pool to be built at the community hospital and save the operational costs they would have had to seek through private donors.

SARAH ALLEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CREDIT UNION



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Due to present construction work, the move of the Sarah Allen Community Development Credit Union has been delayed until Friday, May 18.

We will continue with business at the new location, 926 W. Owens in the Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center, beginning Monday, May 21 at the usual business hours.

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