

# CIELO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

6/14/2018

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## **I. Call to Order**

President Mike Adjemian opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Members introduced themselves. The Playa, Casner, and Riverside Neighborhood Associations were welcomed to the meeting.

## **II. Speaker #1 County Commissioner Carlos Leon**

### **Highlights:**

The city is safe because El Pasoans talk to each other.

He presented a chart explaining where our tax dollars go. He pointed out that the county has not raised taxes for 4 years.

The county will be establishing voting centers instead of precincts. This will make voting more accessible to all citizens.

The constables now have a procedural manual so that services are more closely coordinated.

A square dance center has been built outside of the city limits. This is part of an effort to provide a better quality of life in outlying areas. More lighting and street signs are being installed and more streets are being paved.

The Eastside Sportspark has stopped selling liquor and attendance has gone up. We have served 66 teams and 42,000 attendees so far this year.

The Eastside Annex at 2350 George Dieter provides a place for citizens to pay their property taxes and renew their license plates.

The Fabens airport has now partnered with UTEP.

The Children's Hospital has recovered \$10,000,000 and will soon be in the black under the able leadership of Cindy Stout.

The city and county are joining together to promote El Paso. UTEP is engaged in a study as to how we can combine the sheriffs' dept. and the police dept.

### **III. Speaker #2 Burges High School Principal Dr. Randall Woods**

#### **Highlights:**

Burges is being rebuilt to better serve students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Plans were shared Dual credit and Early College High School have improved academic performance at the school.

We were asked to support the Burges sports team and community.

Mike honored Dr. Wood with a CVNA shirt and trophy.

### **IV. Speaker #3 EPISD School Board member Al Velarde**

#### **Highlights:**

He thanked us for our support of the Bond and assured us that projects are on track.

He made a case for closing and consolidating schools with low enrollment.

More facilities will be built at MacArthur to house the Bonham students after it is closed.

EPISD district offices have been ordered to move out of their facilities that are housed on airport land. They will move downtown after construction is complete on the facility.

### **V. Speaker #4 The Fireman from the Edgemere station reminded us to check on our neighbors during heat waves and to stay hydrated.**

### **VI. Speaker #5 City Representative Cassandra Brown's aide passed out updates on the plans for the Edgemere Linear Park.**

### **VII. Break**

Raffle

Fathers were honored for Father's Day with a group picture and a festive cake!

### **VIII. Business for Discussion**

- A. The Kiwanis Flag program is ongoing. 29 Flags are flown on Edgemere on 5 patriotic holidays. Members were urged to sponsor a flag for \$30.00 per year.
- B. Mike gave another update on the Linear Park project.
- C. Mike asked who would be interested in attending a Chihuahua game for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- D. The Crime Stoppers Bowling fundraiser will be held July 14. CVNA hopes to field 2 teams of 4. 6 people have volunteered and 2 more are needed.
- E. The May 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were read and approved.
- F. Armando Renteria presented the Treasurers report.

G. Two Neighborhood Associations presented their ongoing conflicts and asked for our support

1. The Playa Association updated us as to their progress with high density builders in the area.
2. The Casner Association asked for our help in halting more commercial development on the mountains.

**IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.**