



I. Call to order

President Mike Adjemian called to order the regular meeting of the CVNA at 6:00 pm on 8/9/18 at the Burges High School library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/ Introduction of members

III. Speakers

- a) Terry Sharp offered an update on the Airport and rezoning in the area.

Airport land can never be sold off. Businesses can build on the land and lease but can never own the land. Handouts were passed out. He explained how the city is rezoning parts of the Southern Industrial Park. There are 2 remaining “smart code” areas. Investment from California aviation companies is increasing and we are in need of El Pasoans to train to fly private jet planes.

He also passed out a handout on pending expansions at Region 19, which is also located on airport land. The state is making a \$21 million investment in a parking garage and conference center. This will enable educators to be trained in our region and will hopefully bring more conferences to the motels in the area.

The aggressive capital improvements to the airport land total \$103 million. A 4-star motel is slated to be built at Airways and Montana. This will assist the county in recruiting doctors to Tech and the Children’s Hospital. Leases all over airport land are increasing and a 5-star aviation facility is in the planning stages. Atlantic Aviation alone has made a \$1,000,000 investment.

- b) Rene Leon from the El Paso Water Utility spoke about ongoing projects. He passed out a handout that detailed improvements to water projects, stormwater infrastructure, expansion of the desalination plant, and the advanced water purification facility. He also touted the new website and the company connection with the Neighborhood App. Mike is looking into a CVNA tours of the facilities.



- c) Henry Rivera, District 5 representative, made an unscheduled appearance. He discussed new regulations that will make it easier for citizens to apply for speed bumps on their streets. He also touted a grant which he secured for police body cameras which will not cost anything to taxpayers.

A new Crisis Intervention team and DUI teams will utilize the cameras. Drones for the Fire Dept. have also been secured and will be especially useful for mountain rescues. It will take 90 days for implementation.

- d) Hiram Samaniego from the Multipurpose Recreation Center made a case for using the city facility instead of the new Anytime Fitness across the street. The city facility is there for “your health, not profit.” Several attendees agreed that the weight room and classes are beneficial. There are special offers for those over 62. He passed out a handout explaining those specials.

IV. New Business

- a) Mike introduced the Operation Loving Care for Vets program. Members wrote letters thanking veterans for their service. These will be delivered to the Neighborhood Coalition on 8/20 for distribution.
- b) Park Partners volunteered and were given instructions as to their responsibilities.
 - 1. Vista del Valle-Roger Montoya
 - 2. Cielo Vista Park-Genny Harkin
 - 3. Edgemere Linear Park-Coach Rutledge and John Perches
 - 4. Hawkins Park-Josh Herrera
 - 5. MacArthur Park-Terri Flickinger
 - 6. Ponder Park-Mike Adjemian
- c) National Nite Out will be October 2nd from 6:00-10:00 pm at Ponder Park. Mike has secured a grant from El Paso Electric Co. to cover the costs. “Coco” will be the movie.



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- d) Volunteers are needed for the concession stand at B.H.S. football games. The football schedule was not readily available, so only the first game on August 31st was assigned. Genny Harkin and her granddaughter will work at that game. The following 2 games are away. The remaining games will be divided up at the next CVNA meeting in September.
- e) Peggy Carrillo, new CVNA Treasurer, passed out copies of the organization treasurer's report. She introduced herself and explained the report.

V. Open Forum

- a) Representatives from the Normandy NA and Ranchland NA were in attendance.
- b) Gilbert Avila spoke about the noise ordinance meeting he attended with the city for his neighborhood located north of Montana. A decibel increase was passed and 1 hour was subtracted from the "quiet time." This was done to benefit the patio bars in the area. He felt that the city was not listening to his concerns.
- c) Crime Stoppers thanked CVNA for sponsoring two bowling teams at their recent fundraiser. Attendees had a good time.
- d) CVNA will continue to sponsor the St. Paul's UMC Food Bank that serves our neighborhood. A speaker will attend the next meeting to explain the program better. Meeting attendees brought food to this meeting, the last meeting, and will be asked to bring food in the future. The church appreciates the support!

VI. Mike closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.