

Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

2/13/19

I. Call to Order

President Mike Adjemian called the regular meeting of the CVNA to order at 6:01 pm in the Burges High School Library. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members identified themselves and their street name.

II. Speakers

- a. Jackie Butler, Medical Center of the Americas

MCA decided in the 1990's to act as a region, instead of as a city. The Cardwell Collaborative joined forces in 2006 to target healthcare since it impacts all facets of our society. From 2018-present, we have seen growth in all hospitals, the Paul Foster medical school, and in the UTEP colleges of Biology, Nursing, and Pharmacy. The Biomedical incubator was built to promote a culture of innovation in El Paso (as HUB and an incubator in Juarez does.) It is a nonprofit that is sustainable over the long term, largely due to 75% funding from the El Paso Electric Company Impact Fund. It paid for the nursing school at MCA, funded 4 drug trial companies in El Paso, funded 30 medical device manufacturers, and hosts a STEM Camp for all Middle Schools in El Paso. They hope to combine Jefferson High and the Silva Magnet students to work at MCA. 100% of the participants are from our region, which includes Juarez and Chihuahua. High Tech startups can apply at www.mcaamericas.org. **\$750,000.00** has been awarded thus far and is bringing high tech jobs to the area. Events are open to the public once a month.

- a. Mike reported the exercise stations on Edgemere may be approved. He asked us to get signatures on petitions to improve our chances.
- b. CIP is hosting a meeting on the Edgemere Linear Park improvements on February 27th in the Burges High library. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- c. Mike reported that the Burges High School renovation will begin during Spring Break. Parking will be a main issue since no students will be allowed to park on campus. St. Paul's UMC may help with that.
- d. He discussed the Edgemere Flag program. It was moved and passed that this be put on hold for 2 years.
- e. Several fundraisers were discussed. Papa Erics and Applebees require money up front, so those will be put on hold for now. We will receive Lunch Box tickets to sell for May 8-11th. They will sell for \$8.00 and will be passed out in March.
- f. The LUAU scheduled for April 13th was discussed further.
- g. The minutes from 1/10/19 were read and approved with one correction. The name of the speaker from the airport was corrected.
- h. Mando made a Treasurers Report.

Mike announced that the organization will pay for the Burges ROTC cadet luncheon on May 4th. This is being done to thank them for their tremendous support at the Neighborhood Cleanup. They have participated willingly every year without asking for anything in return.

II. Adjournment was at 7:42 pm