



## **Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association**

**Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2019**

### **I. Call to Order**

The Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting was called to order on March 14, 2019 at 6:02 p.m. in the Burges High School library. Mike Adjemian, President, welcomed all members and guests, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Dino Medina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

### **II. Guest Speaker #1**

Debbie Valdez, Interim Branch Manager at the Jose Cisneros Library, reviewed the various programs that have been established for the children and adults of the Cielo Vista area and El Paso Community. The Classes offered include: English as a Second Language (ESL), Basic Computer Classes, Citizenship Classes and Texas Workforce computer lab. Programs include: Story Time, Tween Tuesday, Teen Hangout, Learning with LEGOS, and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). The Library also hosts various clubs and special exhibits. On average the Library has 200 visitors per day, 300 visitors per weekend and 500 visitors per day in the Summer. Ms. Valdez also reviewed the details of the Book Bucks that are given to kids as a reading incentive and used to purchase reading related goodies at the library. In closing Ms. Valdez encouraged everyone to visit the library and participate in their programs, events and eBook online services.

### **III. Guest Speaker #2**

Alfredo J. Austin, City of El Paso Bicycle Program Coordinator, reviewed the El Paso Comprehensive Bike Plan that was approved by the El Paso City Council on August 9, 2016, as a means of providing a roadmap for the city to create a comprehensive network of bike infrastructure over the next 10 years. One of the objectives of the plan is to increase the number and quality of places to ride bicycles in the City and its surrounding area. Included in the plan are the creation of shared bike lane markings, wide shoulder bikeways, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes and shared use paths. A significant amount of time was spent discussing the pros and cons of the proposed removal of the "no bikes" signs from Edgemere park. Mr. Austin stated that the removal of the signs had been studied and there was no significant reason for not expanding the pathway and allowing bikes through the park as a shared use path.

### **IV. Guest Speaker #3**

Bettina Olivares, Legislative Aide, Office of District 3 Representative Cassandra Hernandez, reviewed the "El Paso Days in Austin" event that took place in February. The weeklong event gave elected and community leaders from El Paso the opportunity to have a presence in Austin and meet with State legislators to advocate for regional and establish priorities. On a different note she also informed the membership that due to a reclassification of State owned highways TX-DOT would no longer be responsible for the maintenance of the center medians on Montana Ave., North Loop Dr., and McCrae Blvd., the additional maintenance costs will have to be added to the budget. The Viscount upgrade project has been budgeted and includes landscaping, street lighting, an art project and street resurfacing that is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year.



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- V. **GAC Great American Cleanup**  
The GAC (Great American Cleanup) will be on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 – 11:30 am. Mike asked for volunteers to help supervise the work crews and mentioned that lunch this year would be provided at Cici's Pizza.
- VI. **Community Event**  
Mike and Bertha Adjemian, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, discussed a LUAU Community Party that will be on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Ponder Park from 4:30-8:00 pm. Food and refreshments will be provide free of charge along with live music and South Pacific Group performances. The event is being made possible through a grant from the El Paso Electric Company.
- VII. **Annual Fundraiser**  
Mike Adjemian reviewed the purpose of the fundraiser and asked the membership to sell their allotment of Enchilada Dinner tickets. This year's goal is to sell a total of 500 tickets.
- VIII. **Music in the Park Concert**  
Mike Adjemian discussed the preliminary details of a Music in the Park Concert event that will take place on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Ponder Park. Additional information will be presented at the next meeting.
- IX. **February Minutes**  
Dino Medina presented the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and there being no changes the minutes were accepted and approved by the membership
- X. **Treasurer's Report**  
Armando Renteria presented the Treasurer's report with a March 14, 2019 bank balance of \$394.22, the report was accepted and approved by the membership.
- XI. **Open Forum**  
Crime Stoppers will be having their annual Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, April 27th, the CVNA is planning to enter a team and the membership was encouraged to participate.
- XII. **Closing Comments**  
There being no further business or questions the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by Armando Renteria April 9, 2019