

**Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019**

**Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction of those in attendance**

The Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting was called to order on July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Martita's Lunchbox Restaurant. President Mike Adjemian welcomed all members, guests and elected officials. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Vivian Harlan. The meeting attendees identified themselves and stated their street address.

**Guest Speakers**

Guest speakers Gethsemani Atilano with the 311 Office and Sienna Rubio with Prestige Development Group canceled and will be rescheduled.

Guest Speaker - District 3 City Rep. Cassandra Hernandez reviewed the ongoing 2020 fiscal year City budget process and reviewed the debt model and cash flow for a proposed \$1 billion budget that includes a 4-cent property tax increase. The budget has funding for police, fire, streets, animal services and public health. Residential streets and arterial roadways need resurfacing and, in some cases require reconstruction. The El Paso Police Department needs additional manpower, a new headquarters, a new regional command center on the east side and a new central regional command center. The Fire Department is looking to add new facilities on the east side and west side. The El Paso Department of Public Health will be moving from its current location at 5115 El Paso Drive and needs a new facility. Animal Services needs additional space to address increased operating capacity and animal overflow resulting from its no-kill policy. The City expects to see certified property valuations later in July and will decide on the tax rate that will go in the budget. The funding recommendations will be placed on the ballot in November for El Pasoans to decide whether they want to approve a multi-million-dollar bond.

**Business for Discussion**

**Coffee with a Cop Event**

Mike shared the purpose of the Coffee with a Cop Event and extended an invitation to everyone in attendance. The event will take place Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 am at the Luby's Restaurant, 1188 Hawkins.

**Edgemere Linear Park Update**

Mike reviewed the status and progress of the Edgemere Linear Park project which is scheduled to be completed by November 20<sup>th</sup>. The project is 30% complete with contractors currently working on the installation of the walking path lights. There have been some complaints about the street closures but overall the work is going well. Joel McKnight the Parks and Recreation Assistant Director will be asked to speak at the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CVNA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mike informed the membership that the CVNA would be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and asked for suggestions for how best to celebrate the event. The planned anniversary festivities will be combined with National Night Out which will be on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Crime-Stoppers Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser**

Mike provided the details about the Crime-Stoppers Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 3 pm at Bowl El Paso on Pelicano. He informed the membership that the CVNA had paid for two teams and asked for those interested in participating to sign up to bowl.

**Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019**

**Community Projects 2019**

Mike reviewed the CVNA's previous involvement in community projects and expressed his desire to get new ideas/suggestions from the membership for new community projects. Suggestions made included: a dog park to replace Hawkins pool/park, replacement of worn Neighborhood Watch signs, decoration of park electrical box with artwork and participation in Candlelighters's food pantry. The membership was asked to think about possible projects and present them at the next meeting.

**CVNA Board Changes**

Armando Medina announced that he would be resigning as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

**May Meeting Minutes**

Mike asked the membership to review the May 9, 2019 meeting minutes. There were no corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Armando Medina and seconded by Virginia Abilez.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rudy Macias presented the Treasurer's report with a July 11, 2019 ending balance of \$1,057.50, a motion to accept the report was made by Armando Renteria and seconded by Michelle Adjemian.

**Open Forum**

District 3 City Rep. Cassandra Hernandez introduced Jeremy Jordan, YMCA of El Paso Executive Director. Mr. Jordan reviewed his role at the YMCA and some of the initiatives he has worked on which included the Smoke Free & Shift Positive Collaborative Grant, programs to address underage drinking and policy changes to raise the tobacco buying age to 21.

Carlos Martinez the former aid to District 76 Texas Representative Cesar J. Blanco, informed the membership that he was now working for Precinct 2 County Commissioner David Stout. Sofia Moreno will be working at his former position.

Mike provided details about a Block Party that was going to be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the Seville Recreation Center, 6700 Sambrano Ave. Food Trucks and a dunking booth would be available, Mike extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

Mike informed everyone of a thank you letter he had received from Big Brothers- Big Sisters of El Paso expressing their appreciation for being invited to the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and given the opportunity to speak to the membership.

**Closing comments**

There being no further business or questions the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.