

**CIELO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CVNA)
MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

The Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association monthly meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at Luby's on Hawkins. President Mike Adjemian welcomed all members, special guest and elected officials. All meeting attendees identified themselves and stated their street address.

Guest Speakers

Environmental Services Department (ESD)- Dora Elkabachi, Vanessa and Lilly- The Thanksgiving Holiday Collection schedule was provided. They suggest to freeze cooking oil for easy travel to a collection site for disposal. The Country Warehouse (3510 Confederate) is a warehouse for people to donate bikes, furniture, jet skis, DVD's, washer and dryers, lawnmowers, etc. in a some what good condition, still with a little life give to those in need. All items are FREE and on a first come first serve basis. Please take water bill and matching ID. Open Tuesday - Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Country Warehouse was created to put useful items to use instead of occupying space in the landfill.

2020 Census- Mariana Gutierrez- (March 12- July 30, 2020). The census is done every 10 years around the United States in order to have every individual counted. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine your state's representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads and more. There are 3 ways to participate in the 2020 Census, US mail, online, and over the telephone. Information is confidential and to be used only for statical purposes. Social Security Number will NOT asked for and NO citizenship questions. April 1, 2020 is Census Day. There are some difficult areas in our city in which people don't always do their census, Downtown, San Elizario, Fabens, and Lower Valley. People who do not respond to the 2020 census will have a trained Census taker go to their house to personally help assist in filling out form. The 2020 Census is in need of people to become Census takers. Flexible hours, part time, full time, paid training and hourly rate from \$12.50 -\$15.50. If interested go to 2020census.gov/jobs to apply.

MCAD- Ben Fyffe- Consulted with other cities with mass shooting such as Miami and New York, on considerations to take in removing a temporary memorial to a different location. The memorial by Hooters was taken down on two phases. The first phase was to fence the area and allow family members some private time to take meaningful items for their healing process. The second phase was to hire 50 professional movers to pull items that would survive the elements and move them to be archived and others to be taken to the new memorial location at Ponder Park. On the new location, there will not be security provided, no candles and perishable items will be allowed to be left at the memorial. No extra lighting will be provided other than what is already there. Maybe solar light will be provided at a later date. There will be orange (the color for mass killings) ribbons for people to tie around the memorial. Wal-Mart will have a memorial on site, a tall 40 ft tower with lighting on the parking lot.

City Council Cassandra Hernandez- City Council and city manager are requiring large business to provide security for their employees and customers. Edgemere Park has a new pedestrian/bicycle path along with new bollard lights, new vegetation, landscaping and drainage improvements. No one should be walking on the on the asphalt yet. Improvements on the park should be completed by early next year, Enjoy the FREE Holiday Movies at the Plaza Theatre! Movies such as *Planes, Trains and Automobile, Elf, It's a Wonderful Life*, on Sundays November 24-December 29, 2020. There will two different movies on most evening. No ticket required. Go to epwinteeefest for the full list of movies. The movie series is sponsored by Texas Gas Service in partnership with the El Paso Community Foundation, the Plaza Classic Film Festival and El Paso Live. Winterfest is from November 23- Jan 5, 2020. Hawkins pool will NOT be closed after all because the fiscal year budget passed.

Business for Discussion

October Meeting minutes- Grace Ochoa asked the members to review the October meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were made. Minutes were accepted and approved by the members.

We are looking for a secretary to take notes and write the minutes for each meeting. If interested please notify Mike Adjemian.

Treasurer's Report- Armando Renteria presented Treasure's report ending bank balance of \$105.28. motion approved by members. It's time to pay our annual CVNA dues \$10 per family. CVNA is selling jackets with our logo for \$40 no profit is being made.

Community Expo 2020- MikeAdjemian- We plan to have our Community Project on Saturday, January 18, 2020 **Health Nutrition Fitness Expo** at the Multi-Purpose Center on Viscount Blvd. Red Cross Presentations would be provided. A second project is in the works is to have a Blood Drive around March or April.

Open Form

The Gateway Lifestyle Center is being planned using the 20 acres along Interstate 10 and near Airway Blvd.(next to Landy's, and the removal of the oil refinery, the Paisano bus stop, and Shell gas station) proposed apartment building with possibly a movie theater or fitness center on the ground floor.

Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association (CVNA) Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center. We ask that you bring a dessert to share with others. There will be a discoteque para bailar y tirar chancla.

Armando Medina (Dino) is still in recovery at Del Sol Hospital room 512. He is being asked to cut back in activities. We send him our love and best wish for a quick recovery.

A basket of prizes provided by Cassandra Hernandez were given out to members who could answer question asked by Mike Adjemian .

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.