

Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association (CVNA)
Meeting Minutes- January 9, 2020

The Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Martita's Lunch Box. President Mike Adjemian welcomed all members and special guest. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by all. All meeting attendees identified themselves and stated their street address.

Guest Speakers

Cassandra Hernandez/City Council District #3 Representative- Cassandra was sworn in again and will represent us until Jan 5, 2021. Early spring budget will need to be at 3.5% if it gets to 3.7% then it will require new elections. El Paso will be hiring 300 new police officers within 10 years, to replace officers that are retiring, transferring and quitting. We are presently in the 3rd year of the 10th and have hired 170 officers to date. New challenges on the budget is having the new water parks and its personnel. The Hawkins pool will be addressed again in the new budget cycle.

El Paso Electric (EPE) will be hosting two community meeting for all the customers alongside Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF), in collaboration with the City of El Paso about the pending settlement agreement and the ongoing regulatory process regarding the sale of EPE TO IIF first on Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 p.m. at EPCC- Administrative Service Center Building A on the east side and second Thursday, January 16, 5:30 p.m. at El Paso Polly Harris Senior Citizens Center on the west side. Everyone is highly recommended to attend. CEO's and owners will be present to answer any questions. A lobbyist was hired by the city for \$150,000 a year to assist and strengthen our deal in the negotiation with EPE and IIF.

Raymon Leon/El Paso Water- On March 1st the new proposed rate increase is 5% on water, 5% on wastewater, and no increase on stormwater. The proposed fiscal year 20-21 budget is \$490 million on investments such as securing our future water supply, system expansion for city growth, improvements in customer services, and rehabilitation of aging infrastructure. El Paso pays less compared to other major cities in Texas on water and wastewater pay rate and residential stormwater fee. The total proposed residential bill from 2020- 2021 will increase \$2.81 from \$60.95 to \$63.76. Since rates are based on consumption, customers can keep their water bill flat or reduce it through conservation by using less than 4ccf (2990 gallons of water per month) a savings of \$11.59 per month.

Carlos Leon/County Commissioner #1- Improving Jury Duty experience to decrease traffic congestion when parking and the waiting period are being discussed. Major improvements on Pelicano and Joe Battle in the near future such as hotels, businesses, entertainment such as Alamo Draft house, restaurants such as Cracker Barrel. Six new lanes will be built to assist on traffic congestion. Zip code 79936 most populated in the country. Looking into having a direct flight to New York and to Washington from El Paso to bring in major companies. Having an amphitheater in Ascarate for concerts is in the works.

James Routledge/Burges High School Football Coach- First time to have the football team to go District and Bi-district in one season. Burgess had 15 All District Players, 10 All District Academic Players, 2 All City Players. His philosophy is to love them, talk to them, help them to make them great men!

Christopher Smith/New Principal at Burges High School- Burges High School has 1502 students. Mr. Smith main focus is academics. Started the Gold Star program with Coach Routledge. When football players have a "B" or higher on their academics, athletes get a gold star on their football helmet. Burges is following the "Because I Said I Would" philosophy. Construction is ahead of schedule, two new building should be ready by the end of summer. Burges is getting ready to start a PTA (Parent, Teacher Association) dues will be \$5, must have at least 20 members. Call Burges High School for more information. CVNA will become Partners in Education with Burges. Burges has Bella's Bargain for students. Free clothes for young ladies such as prom dresses, shoes and for guys to suits, ties, shirts. Slightly used clothes is welcomed. Mr Smith is totally against bully, weapons, and drugs in his school. Designer Drugs such as THC and Edibles included.

Business for Discussions

- Community Event- Fitness & Health Expo will be on Saturday, February ? from 10-2. Thirty tables free for interested persons.
- Edgemere Linear Park should be completed at the end of February or March. Having problems with sprinkler system.
- Coffee with a Cop will be once each quarter of the year. First gathering will be on Friday, February ? at Luby's 9-11. There is no set agenda to follow.
- Community Project Ideas- Murals painted on electric boxes. Three concerns Safety, Streets, & Parks
- Enchilada Fundraiser for CVNA. We have 600 tickets for members to sell for \$9 each. Dinner to take place on March 11-14. Everyone was given a book of 20 to sell. Person that sells the most tickets will win a grand prize.
- CVNA 2020 dues of \$10 per family are now being accepted. You may pay Mando Renteria at the next meeting.
- Clean Up Our Neighborhood will be on Saturday, March 28 from 7:30-12. Meet at Ponder Park and clean up designated areas in the neighborhood. Adults are needed to supervise the students. Lunch is provided at CC's Pizza for all. We will provide gloves, gardens tools, trash bags etc. Everyone is invited to help out.
- Neighborhood Leadership Academy will be from January 22 to June 3. Call Mike Adjemian for more information if you're interested.

- November Meeting Minutes- Grace Ochoa asked the member to review the November 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 Treasurer's report ending bank balance of \$115 motion approved by members.

Open Forum

- Spectrum sellers going to Lupe's house at 8:45 p.m. not welcomed.
- Beware Door Bell Cameras at night are seeing people walk around checking to see if car doors are unlocked and stealing Christmas decorations
- Increase Cyber Attacks on emails
- Armando Medina (Dino) in ICU. Keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Christmas Party a great success. Will have it again next year.
- House Redistricting Meeting January 10 at EPCC on Viscount at 9 a.m.
- Census 2020 looking for volunteers. Important to count everyone. We have five State Representatives in Washington right now. Depending on the census we might gain a new member or lose a member.
- Verizon towers in Mexico are causing people to drop calls and to lose service.
- CVNA is considering having all candidates for District Attorney and House of Representatives to attend our meeting to have a debate.