

Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association

August 13, 2020 6:00 PM

Zoom

I joined the meeting late.

Guest Speaker 1: Martin Gomez of Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services)

Organizes blood drives

He became involved with the blood bank after his mother suffered a health crisis requiring blood.

Vitalant has three local centers, two in El Paso and one in Las Cruces, that serve 18 hospitals in our region (El Paso and Southern New Mexico). They have been hard hit by the Corona Virus pandemic.; having lost 50% of their blood drives when schools were shuttered in March, plus another 20% when businesses no longer supported blood drives. He shared the companies Community Relations PowerPoint Presentation. His discussion also touched on how to organize a blood drive and becoming a Convalescent Plasma Donor.

Guest Speaker 2: Christopher Smith, Principal, Burges High School

He is a proud Aggie, Texas A&M.

He shared a slide show of the ongoing construction project which included polished concrete floors in the common areas, glass doors and fume hoods in the science labs, collaboration areas are included in many areas. The gold and purple accents throughout the project as well as “The

Mustang” remain. The new softball field includes a score/press box and concession area. The CDL (Child Development Lab) program continues. Turf for the baseball diamond has been tabled, however the LED lights and bathrooms have been added. The ribbon cutting is set for the fourth quarter of **2021**.

Guest Speaker 3: James Routledge, Head Football Coach & Campus Athletic Coordinator at Burges High School

Practices will begin the Tuesday following Labor Day, September 8th. The first games will be played in October. This season will consist of eight not the regular ten games. EPISD is developing plans for spectators at the games.

Guest Speaker 4: Cassandra Hernandez, District 3, City Representative

Representative Hernandez first addressed many areas related to COVID-19. She shared locations with clusters of two or more citations being issued after multiple warnings for failure to enforce safety protocols, i.e. masks, social distancing, etc. She then shared the latest statistics regarding cases and deaths as well as Current Health Orders and their enforcement. Testing sites were addressed. She detailed the EPRentHelp Program funded by the CARES Act.

Next up were the Quality of Life issues. The sports leagues practicing in the city parks are not city leagues. The library is on Phase 1 of reopening. She is working to get curbside services to the Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Library. It remains closed at this time. The MultiPurpose Center will be used temporarily by contact tracers with the EP City-County Health District.

Viscount is in the design phase and construction is due to begin the end of August 2020. A BRIO bus line will be added to Hawkins.

The next District 3 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19 at 2:00 PM via Zoom and Face Book Live.

Michael Adjemian had contest questions for gift cards. The winners were Mary Kirschenbaum and Ruben **Franco**.

Wish List for District 3:

Blue Dolphin Pool (owner: Mr. Neiman)

Representative Hernandez has been corresponding with him regarding the neglect of the property. She is only able to address issues of code compliance with him. When the property becomes a (**health**) hazard she will be able to do more.

More trash containers for Cielo Vista Park

They are coming soon and are ready for installation.

Elsa Chacon asked for a traffic study on Catalpa at Sunburst.

There is no limit to the number of cars that can be parked on the street in front of a house. Cars that are under repair and/or parked on the lawn are a code violation.

The gated property (Edgemere @ Catalina) behind the Corner Store (Edgemere @ Airway) is owned by Tanny Berg, who leases it to GECU.. Cars are crossing Edgemere on Catalina and then driving west on the east bound lanes of Edgemere to enter the Corner Store. Ms. Hernandez will discuss the situation with Mr. Berg and Traffic Control. (Suggestion: Perhaps Mr. Berg could adjust his fencing to allow cars to enter the parking lot directly from Catalina.)

Next item: ECO - El Paso

CVNA donated \$150.00 to them. We receive their newsletter which was emailed to the membership today. You may get two free trees for your home by going to their website and making your selection based on the trees drought tolerance as determined by El Paso Water Utilities. The homeowner is responsible for planting and maintaining the trees that they plant.

Mike Adjemian has been appointed to the EL Paso Parks **Commission**. He is very excited and asked for members to share their ideas and concerns.

Ms. _____ passed away on July 13th at age 81. CVNA donated two plates from Famous Dave's for the family.

No minutes from the CVNA July monthly meeting are available yet.

There are still outstanding enchilada dinner tickets. Please turn the money into Mike.

Open Forum:

Mike Adjemian, President of the CVNA, called for a moment of silence to remember the victim of last year's Walmart shooting tragedy and the victims of COVID-19.

Mary Kirschenbaum: Thank you for your proactive health practices at the Little Free Edgemere Porch library (7913 Edgemere).

Mike Adjemian has gotten the masks donated by Cassandra Hernandez embroidered with the CVNA logo. He asked who wanted one, no charge.

Mike asked if anyone had any needs at this time. Just let him know.

Ruben Franco introduced himself as a new member. He is a psychology professor at EPCC and his son is a senior at Burges.

John Perches (and Vivian) discussed the Crime Stoppers Bowling and Golf Tournaments. Both major fund raisers have been canceled due to COVID restrictions. They currently have tickets for Papa Eric's (any of four locations) as a fundraiser. Crime Stoppers has closed/cleared more cases in the first six months of 2020 than in all of 2019.

Mayra is getting iPads to the kids at MacArthur School starting Monday, August 17th.

Mike Adjemian made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Mary Kirschenbaum.

Members in attendance:

Mike Adjemian

Adjemian

? Galaxy S7

Mayra Rivera

Michelle's iPad

Martin Gomez

Vivian's iPad

Ruben Franco

R. Macias

Armando (& his wife)

James Routledge

Cassandra Hernandez

Christopher Smith

Elsa Chacon

Patricia Garcia

Bettina Olivares

John Perches

Maria's iPhone

"Call me Queen" LGK10

Francis Servin

Mary Kirschenbaum