

Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association

General Meeting via Zoom

January 14, 2021

Present:

Michael & Bertha Adjemian

Michelle Adjemian

Santos Padilla

Rudy & Bonnie Macias

Cassandra Hernandez (District 3 Representative)

Bettina Olivares (Cassandra Hernandez's Admin Asst.)

Armando & Ceci Renteria

Elsa & Gary Chacon

J. Barr

Isabel Vigil

Mo (Moises) Flores

Ychel Hawkins

James Routledge (Burgess HS Head Football Coach & Athletics Director)

Letty West (Kiwanis Flag Program)

Claudia Ordaz-Perez (TX House of Representatives – Dist 76)

Yvonne Rosales (District Attorney)

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Mary Kirschenbaum

Michael Adjemian, President of the Cielo Vista Neighborhood Association, called the meeting to order at 6:00 and welcomed everyone to our virtual video conference. He welcomed our primary guest speakers, State Representative

Claudia Ordaz-Perez, District Attorney Yvonne Rosales, and Letty West with the Kiwanis Flag Program.

Coach Routeledge and his team were congratulated on being Back-To-Back District Football Champions.

Guest Speaker #1: Yvonne Rosales, El Paso District Attorney

First new DA in 28 years, busy reorganizing and restructuring, Texas has mandated no trials prior to April 1, 2021; She is an advocate for crime victims, special attention when mental illness is involved many are homeless and/or veterans, often treatment is offered with no aggravating circumstances are present. There is a case backlog due to COVID. How to streamline, fresh approach, but if not broke don't have to fix it; hopes for more community engagement.

? from Rudy M: Do you see your office getting back to 100% in person?

YR: Go with county rules, 100% are working now – just not in person, prefers in person

? from Mike A: Tell us about your team

YR: Attorneys, share the same vision and platform, are experienced and competent; Misdemeanor attorneys are new to the profession; El Paso covers El Paso, Culberson, and Hudspeth Counties.

Guest Speaker #2: Letty West with the Kiwanis Flag Program

She is a specialist on flag etiquette and display, works with Stars and Stripes Daily since 2013, notifications on flag display (half-staff, etc.). Working on fundraiser for 180' flag pole in NE El Paso, hopefully by Flag Day 2021, cost is \$100,000 – average donation is \$100, but small donations add up

The Kiwanis will work with a youth group from St. Luke's for the Edgemere Linear Park Project. 50 flags placed on five holidays (Memorial Day (5/30), Flag Day (6/14), July 4, Labor Day (9/6), and Veterans Day (11/11)) is \$30.00 per flag =

\$1,500.00. Parks and Recreation Department will place PVC pipes along the park path to hold the flags mounted on PVC pipe.

Mike A: We need to solicit donations for this program. (Info @ starsandstripes.org)

Mike A: Motion to support Flag Pole in NE (1st ?, 2nd Mary K., Nay: none) CVNA will donate \$100.00

? from Santos P: Who is in charge of the small gravesite flags at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery?

LW: Flags Across America, should resume in 2021 depending on COVID restrictions

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

Happy New Year to all, she shared a slide show on City Business: COVID vaccine, who qualifies at this time, steps to preregister. August 3rd Memorial at Ponder Park: \$250,000 has been allocated, procedures and proposals are underway. Retaining Wall Mural along Geronimo DR across from COSTCO will be replaced, \$160,000 has been earmarked. Next Community Meeting is Wednesday, 1/20/2021 at 2:00; guest speaker Mayor Leeser; PowerPoint on Bringing Christmas to Sambrano 2020: kids were surprised that Santa came, thanked CVNA for all their help, Fire Fighters Association also chipped in \$500.00, close to 90 kids were helped, she shared stories from some of the families impacted

Raffle #1:

When did the Kiwanis Flag Program begin?

Isabel Vigil: 2013, won a Humane Society of El Paso 2021 calendar

Raffle #2:

What Fire Station provide transportation for Santa to the Sambrano Neighborhood?

Bertha Adjemian: 17, won a Humane Society of El Paso 2021 calendar

District 3 Wish List: Cassandra Hernandez will update at each meeting

Coffee with a Cop: Friday, 2/19, 9:00 at Luby's on Hawkins, Commander Briones will attend with a sergeant or lieutenant, breakfast will be available, will repeat quarterly

CVNA Community Events: from 2020: Corbin/Sambrano Christmas donations, work with MacArthur School, St. Paul's UMC, Humane Society of El Paso. Mike A shared photos from HSEP event, it will repeat in 2021

Treasurer's Report: Armando Renteria

12/10/2020 opening balance 1904.68

Deposits	3820.00
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Debits	3863.58
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01/14/2021 Balance	1861.10
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Checks from Chick-Fil-A for \$100.00, Membership renewals for \$40.00

Motion to approve: Santos Padilla, 2nd Mary Kirschenbaum

Mike Adjemian's Challenge to Membership:

Collect plastic water bottle caps for Juarez children undergoing chemotherapy, pays for a treatment. More details to come, we will participate; drop off at Mary K's, 7913 Edgemere BLVD

Open Forum:

Mary K: Little Free Edgemere Porch Library is open, 7913 Edgemere, thanks all who visit; Friends of the Cielo Vista Library Bookstore, 3025 McRae, reopens on Saturday, 1/30/2021 (Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-4)

Representative Claudia Ordaz-Perez: Will provide legislative update at our February general meeting and will introduce her staff; 915-929-9065 cell #; Legislative Round Tables: Education is a big issue, wants no cuts; Jennifer Gonzales is her District Director in El Paso, the El Paso office will build up when she is not in Austin, Austin staff of four is all female

Closing Comments: Mike A: Good meeting, excited, good things are and will happen, working on community improvement, Thank You

Motion to adjourn made by Mike A, 2nd by Santos Padilla at 7:42 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Mary Kirschenbaum, Secretary, on February 11, 2021.