

## **MVECAP Meeting Minutes**

**April 29, 2019**

### **El Paso Electric Eastside Operations Center**

Members present: Mario Solano, Ralph Carrasco, Simon Gutierrez, Chris Gamboa, Raquel Ochoa, Bertha Trejo, Mike Barnes. El Paso Electric: Albert Montano, Jessica Christianson, George De La Torre, Alejandra Chavira, Hilary Foster.

#### **1. Membership**

- a. Community Members: Mario Solano, Ralph Carrasco, Simon Gutierrez, Chris Gamboa, Raquel Ochoa, Bertha Trejo, Mike Barnes (alternate member).
- b. EPE Members: Albert Montano, Jessica Christianson, Eddie Gutierrez
- c. Officers: Chair Eddie Gutierrez, Vice Chair Ralph Carrasco
- d. Approved unanimously, motion by Jessica Christianson, second by Ralph Carrasco.

#### **2. Bylaws**

All changes to bylaws have been approved unanimously as proposed, motion made and seconded. Clarification that "Montana Vista" community does encompass all areas and communities in the area, and they remain members of the MVECAP. Additionally, it was determined that it was not necessary to include a Magellan employee as a member, but we could invite someone on an annual basis to speak to their operations. Other guests to invite to future meetings could include Dr. Olvera from UTEP to discuss air quality and other topics.

#### **3. Old Business**

Discussion around streamlining a process for paying vendors for future projects. Discussion around possibility of designating a trustee to disburse the funds. EPE needs to look at internal processes for payment of funds.

#### **4. New Business**

New projects: MVECAP would like to make donations to schools but need to present to the board of trustees of the school district. Other donations may also include churches in the community. EPE can disburse funds to non-profit organizations that are set up through EPE's Community Partners program, as approved by the MVECAP. Any donations and other events could potentially be publicized on the website as an opportunity to showcase the MVECAP's work in the community. Next project includes installation of 3 Solar powered lamps, at a cost of \$2,400. Additional discussion included the Project Bravo funds, MVECAP Community representatives to touch base to see where those funds have been spent.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 20, 2019