

MVECAP Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2019

El Paso Electric Eastside Operations Center

Members present: Mike Barnes, Mario Solano, Ralph Carrasco, Chris Gamboa, Bertha Trejo, Raquel Ochoa, Rachel Ochoa, Rosa Figueroa. EPE: Jessica Christianson, Alejandra Chavira, George De La Torre, Hillary Foster.

1. May minutes unanimously approved, motion made by Mike Barnes, second by Jessica Christianson.
2. Projects
Possible future projects discussed include benches on County bus stops for busy school routes. Additionally, MVECAP is looking at solar night lamps with poles near the mailboxes. MVECAP will discuss street lighting with County Commissioners Court at an upcoming meeting.

Donations for community churches- EPE needs contact information on the churches to receive donations, discussion will continue. MVECAP needs to inquire whether schools would accept equipment donations.

3. New Business- Discussion on Agreement
EPE members talked about the recent agreement announcement in which EPE is to be purchased by IIF. It was discussed that the agreement has no impact on the MVECAP settlement, since it is a contractual obligation that stays in place. The agreement specifies that annual community contributions will continue, and there will be establishment of an economic development fund for the region over 20 years.

Other discussion included whether it would be possible to put the MVECAP money in a conservatorship where it could accrue interest, but the issue is that if it was a bank account, there would need to be a specific name attached to the account. Further discussion around possibility of having a joint check. EPE to look into options.

Further discussion on projects- one possible project for the Square Dance Area Funds is a linear park in partnership with the County, in the amount of \$32,500, for matching funds. County is about to enter budget process, so it's time to talk to them moving forward.

Another item included printing fees for flyers in order to gather 300 forms for petitioning gas lines. Motion to approve \$800 for flyers and communications for gas lines, made by Ralph Carrasco, second by Rosa Figueroa, approved unanimously. EPE will work with HDNHOA to pay out. Further discussion about funding Wi-Fi, but this would need to be tied to a monthly account and it would require towers etc, MVECAP to discuss with the County in a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019, 6:00 pm.