

MVECAP Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

El Paso Electric Eastside Operations Center

Members present: Mike Barnes, Mario Solano, Ralph Carrasco, Simon Gutierrez, Rachel Ochoa, Bertha A. Trejo, Dave Hall, Ingrid Schrader. EPE: Alejandra Chavira, George De La Torre, Hillary Foster, Jessica Christianson, Eddie Gutierrez, Albert Montano.

1. August minutes unanimously approved, motion made by Mario Solano, second Mike Barnes.
2. County Meeting Update
MVECAP community members met with Commissioner Leon and the El Paso County Public Works Department regarding the linear park grant funding. Any funds to be given for linear park would be dependent on a state grant for the park. Members received clarification that the County can put up and cover streetlighting projects in the area. Other discussion regarding placing benches around bus stops in Montana Vista, the County will be applying for funds later this year, but some of the bus routes might change, which would change placement of benches. The County is currently looking at the busiest areas both for the school and County. Bench pricing at less than \$1,000 per bench, single seat, 8 ft long, or back-to-back bench, cost includes installation, and they would be installed in county easements.
3. Projects
MVECAP went through the previous projects for new members. Installation on mailboxes has been paid, EPE waiting on receipt.

Need information on backpacks and school supplies as approved in \$1,500.

Discussion around how we will move forward with Church donations, whether we send out or otherwise. Possibility of having Churches come in and take pictures with donation.

Cosmetic equipment- second invoice for further cosmetic equipment, in the amount of \$1,554. Includes laundry detergent for washing towels and other cosmetic equipment, etc., all these include supplies that can be bought online. These supplies would be the remaining variance of the previously approved \$5,000. We will move forward with new list of balance of funds.

Mailboxes- after removal of previous mailboxes, the poles remain, and there may be some safety concerns. Motion to approve \$250 for removal of poles, Ralph Carrasco, second Bertha, unanimously approved. Credit card/ money order for the project. Mailboxes on Flagger are County responsibility, County placed lighting on those mailboxes. Meeting pending with County on additional lighting for mailboxes.

Square Dance Area Funds- discussion around helping to cover cost and equipment for extension of water lines, Hunt communities to come in and do the work.

LED sign installations- location is a County easement, next to mailboxes. Quote does not include warranty from vendor. MVECAP needs to talk to County and allow the LED signs, will talk to Norma Palacios with El Paso County to discuss. EPE has quote, contact is Luis Sanchez.

4. New Business/ Discussion

New suggestion- possibility of donating community laptops/ tablets for Montana Vista low income families. Project Bravo helps other families with low income, seeing about working with them to supply laptops/ tablets. Cint ISD provides students with tablets and laptops. First priority would be students, but second would be adult education, helping parents and families obtain these kinds of resources. Project Bravo has process in place in order to bring in new applicants and identifying families for this kind of funding.

Project Bravo Energy audits- \$39,000 of allotted amount for free energy audits that remains. If all parties agree, we could reword scope of work or radius of eligibility. Funds are restricted, and currently on hold. MVECAP to look at what Project Bravo could provide, moving away from energy audits. EPE to look at what we can do with Project Bravo. Possibly help around getting equipment etc. for conversions of natural gas, and extensions of water.

5. Update on plants

No major updates on the plant. No emissions exceedances of concern. Coming up is commissioning on black start system, backup generator for black start of the generators.

Discussion around doing a tour for Community Solar facility etc., to offer tours in the future.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 2, 2019, 6:00 pm.