Montana Vista El Paso Electric Community Advisory Panel (MVECAP)

Community Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions and overall purpose of MVECAP was discussed with Montana Vista residents. The MVECAP organizational structure was introduced with recommendations offered for MVECAP officers and committee membership.

On motion made and seconded the following officers and committee members were approved:

Chair: Guillermo Silva

Vice Chair: Ralph Carrasco

Secretary: Eduardo Gutierrez

EPE Representatives: Albert Montano and Danny Salazar

Emergency Response: Lt. Thomas Quinn

Health Care: Hector Olvera

Biologist / Environmental Scientist: Jessica Christianson

Magellan: Cole Ballard

Montana Residents: Mario Solano, Al Garcia, Tina Silva

Next, Mr. Silva introduced the MVECAP bylaws. After discussion, on motion made by Mr. Carrasco and seconded by Ms. Silva, the MVECAP By-Laws were unanimously approved as presented. A copy of the bylaws is attached to these minutes.

There was discussion regarding information-sharing using MVECAP's new website and the overall process for communicating to community residents with meeting minutes, reports, and other relevant information.

There was also a brief overview of the current status and construction update of MPS 1 and 2 as well as the Eastside Operation Center. Specifically, EPE representative Albert Montano provided a status update on the MPS construction including timelines. Additionally, EPE representative Danny Salazar provided a status update regarding the activities surrounding construction of the Eastside Operation Center (DOC). Finally, EPE representative Jessica Christianson introduced herself and described her role with EPE.

There was feedback and questions regarding EPE's Energy Efficiency programs that are offered to help customers conserve energy and have an impact on their bill. This includes referrals to assistance programs offered by organizations, such as Project Bravo.

Questions were asked about which community projects will be given priority. There was discussion about how, in future meetings; the community will have the opportunity to review projects and proposals beginning in the first quarter of 2015.

The community was informed that residents living within one mile of the power station will be offered energy audits for their home to identify how they can conserve energy. There was a question from residents if anyone outside of one-mile radius could also qualify for program. Project Bravo and other organizations offer the same energy efficiency audits in the community, and residents may be eligible. Participants were encouraged to contact the organizations for additional eligibility requirements and information.

There were questions as to whether community funding would be directed toward street lighting, air conditioning for older adults or perhaps fencing. There was consensus that

these ideas should be presented at a later community meeting to allow as much participation

as possible in the decision-making process.

There were also questions on how the community can stay informed regarding any

health impacts of the power station, and EPE responded that information will be updated

regularly during MVECAP meetings and other forms of communication.

There being no further business, on motion made and seconded the meeting was

adjourned.

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ATTEST:

Secretary