

Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO)
Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting hosted virtually by the Village of Los Lunas via Cisco Webex

Meeting Minutes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Charles Griego called the meeting to order via Cisco Webex at approximately 6:05 p.m., and welcomed and thanked all those in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves. The following individuals were in attendance:

Charles Griego, Mayor, Village of Los Lunas
Gregory Martin, Administrator, Village of Los Lunas
Peggy Gutjahr, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Rio Communities
Bill Brown, Councilor, City of Rio Communities
Jim Winters, Councilor, City of Rio Communities
Joshua Ramsell, Councilor, City of Rio Communities
Lisa Adair, Clerk, City of Rio Communities
Bryan Burks, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms
Rick Goshorn, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms
Holli Davies, Community Development Regional Manager, Facebook

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the last VALEO Meeting, which was hosted virtually by the City of Rio Communities on September 15, 2020, were sent out prior to the meeting. Members were asked to review minutes and provide comments before they are posted on the Valencia County website.

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Facebook Community Action Grant Program**

Los Lunas Village Administrator Greg Martin introduced the topic and guest speaker, Holli Davies with Facebook.

Holli Davies, Facebook Community Development Regional Manager, introduced herself and discussed the Facebook Community Action Grant Program, and data centers, in general.

Community Action Grant Program

They look at three different areas:

1. Serving broad community/audience
2. STEM education
3. Providing technology

They normally have a live awards ceremony, but due to COVID the awards for the most recent round may be announced virtually early next year. The grants are designed to provide financial assistance and promote non-profits, schools, municipalities, etc.

Questions and Answers (Q&A):

Q: Do you donate to local libraries?

A: Yes

Q: What is the grant cycle?

A: The grant cycle opens in the fall for 6 weeks, when we take applications, then make announcements in the spring.

Q: Is there a recommended dollar amount?

A: We recommend applying for the full project amount. Applications are reviewed by a local committee. Award amounts vary depending on strength of application. Award amounts typically range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Q: Rio Communities Councilor Bill Brown simply wanted to compliment and thank Facebook for their generous grants to the Optimist Club.

Facebook Data Centers

- 140 million businesses use the Facebook platform on a daily basis.
- Goal is to build businesses and help economy grow.
- Facebook also owns WhatsApp Messenger, or WhatsApp.
- The Los Lunas Facebook Data Center was announced in 2016, and started serving traffic in 2019.
- The Los Lunas Facebook Data Center has had a significant economic impact in terms of jobs created and investment in the local and state economy.
- Construction jobs on-site have been as high as 1100 daily, and are now around 200 daily.
- Facebook Data Centers are built to be energy efficient and sustainable (less water, power, etc.), using 100% renewable energy, and net zero emissions.
- Facebook strives to give back to the community, working with local schools, encouraging STEM education, and inspiring diversity within the industry, as evidenced by their community giving program, including grants, COVID relief, WIFI on buses, laptops, etc.

Ms. Davies thanked everyone for their time and the opportunity to speak. She invited anyone who needs help, or has any questions about anything related to Facebook grants, or Facebook Data Centers, in general, to email her at hollidavies@fb.com.

➤ **(Time Permitting) I-25 Interchange/East-West Corridor Project Update Video**

Due to time constraints, Mayor Griego asked Administrator Martin to send the link to the I-25 Interchange East-West Corridor project update video to VALEO members after the meeting, and encouraged everyone to watch it on their own time. Following is the link to the video, which can be found on the Village's Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/1Fngzptg4e/>

PROPOSED 2021 VALEO MEETING SCHEDULE:

The following dates and tentative hosts were approved by the group for the 2021 VALEO Meeting Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
February 16, 2021	City of Belen
May 18, 2021	Town of Peralta
August 17, 2021	Village of Bosque Farms
November 16, 2021	Valencia County

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

(Minutes prepared by Los Lunas Village Administrator Greg Martin.)