

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
APRIL 17, 2006**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Welling, Wardlaw, Novinger, Painter, Others present: Johnstone, Uhazy

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility-President Deaver informed those present that the Cantil Land Fill project was dead, at least for now. The applicants have withdrawn their application. Establishing an accident potential zone (APZ) around the runways at Mojave and California City Airports was discussed. It was generally felt that the legislation that prevented incompatible land uses off the end of the Mojave Airport runway will serve the same purpose as an APZ. Tom Weil has been given additional responsibilities with California City and will not be able to support the Alliance the way he would like. The city needs to find a replacement for Tom.

Education-Johnstone provided a briefing on the Dialogue for Higher Education progress.

Approximately 53 individuals have RSVPed their attendance so far. Since the CSU Chancellor is sending his two top deputies to the Dialogue it is critical that a strong showing of community support be present. One of the major criteria for establishing a new campus is strong community support. A media blitz is planned just prior to the event to call attention to the importance of the Dialogue in establishing a program to obtain a comprehensive university in the Aerospace Valley. The events at the Dialogue will probably determine whether or not to proceed with the university plan. A suggestion was made that the Dialogue is in keeping with the mission of ECA and that consideration should be given to sponsoring this event. On a motion made by Johnstone and seconded by Uhazy the sponsorship was approved in the amount of \$250, provided Kern County had no objection. James Welling was tasked to contact the county.

**ACTION: JAMES WELLING CONTACT KERN COUNTY OFFICIALS TO
DETERMINE THE LEGALITY OF DONATING FUNDS TO THE DIALOGUE**

Dr. Les Uhazy briefed on the Antelope Valley Early College High School Grant funded by the Bill Gates Foundation. This grant is intended to provide an opportunity for minority students to obtain college credits while still in high school. Although there is some disagreement on how this program will impact the college students, the consensus is this would be a good program for the AVC and should provide great opportunities for high school students to obtain an education they might not otherwise be able to obtain.

Additional volunteers are needed to participate in both of the above projects. Volunteers should contact the committee chairs. Wen Painter volunteered to work with the Education Committee now that he is back on his feet from health problems.

Financial Report

Treasurer Welling presented the Treasurer's report. The balance as of April 14th was \$32,365.13. Dr Uhazy has a planned trip coming up in support of the Commander's Community Liasion quarterly meeting and Mr. Johnstone has a Southwest Defense Alliance meeting in Utah in August.