

A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CLUB CRUCEROS DE LA PAZ.

Club Cruceros is proposing to spend almost thirty thousand pesos on a project to build a "library" in the Villas de Guadalupe colonia. To date most of the information has been vague verbal descriptions of the proposed project, but not much factual information has been published for the members to fully understand where the Club is proposing to spend club resources. The justification for the project has been described as a space where students can study after school.

This document represents a formal request to the Board of Directors to provide full disclosure of the project to provide transparency in the Club's financial affairs. The charity committee and Board of Directors does not appear to have done sufficient due diligence to ensure the prudent expenditure of Club funds.

Further it requested that these questions be published in the minutes for the Board meeting and that the answers be published in a document that is presented at the next general membership meeting or posted on the Club's website so members can determine if they support this project.

The Club does not have a stellar history in being able to effectively manage projects made to individuals or unofficial Non Governmental Organizations because we do not have the resources or authority to oversee the projects. The Club has not formally adopted policies and procedures for how charitable donations are selected, vetted, and managed, even though they have been proposed several times over the last ten years (most recently in 2009 and 2014.)

At present it is not known if the entire membership supports the Club's involvement in this project. Hopefully the answers to the following questions will help the members to better understand the project so we can decide if we support the Club's involvement or should reverse the Board's decision as provided in the bylaws.

Villas de Guadalupe Project Questions

1. What is the full scope of the proposed project, including structural, plumbing, lighting, restrooms, security, furniture, books, schedule of completion, etc?
2. Where is it physically located (Lat/Lon or street address)?
3. What is the total budget for this project from all sources?
4. What is the Club's total maximum contribution?
5. Please provide the names of the Club's appointed charity committee members responsible for choosing this project.
6. What is the perceived need and how was it verified?
7. What is the expected benefit to the community and how will this be measured?
8. Who are the community leaders in the Villas de Guadalupe colonia and have they endorsed the project to make sure that the community will support the "library" after it is constructed?
9. Are there similar facilities available to this community within 2 to 3 km? If so why this project?
10. Since this has been characterized as a "library" what types of books will be available and who will provide them?
11. Will the programs at this facility be offered on a regular schedule, if so what are the operating hours and days?
12. What other NGOs (FANLAP, Care for Kids, Rotary, etc.) are providing community support in this colonia and do they formally support the project?
13. What other community, governmental, or non-profit groups are providing funds? If none, why are we the only ones involved?
14. The Board requested the charity committee to seek input of the membership. The committee reported that the bylaws did not require this project to be approved by a vote of the members, so the Board decided to proceed without canvassing the members. Why was there no outreach to the general membership?
15. Since this is reportedly a brick and mortar project, who are the property owners where the building will be located?
16. Is this privately owned and if so what are the guarantees that it will remain a publicly accessible facility? Is this in writing?
17. What government approvals are necessary for the building and operation of a community library?
18. Is the facility associated with a religious organization or is it secular? (Note: legal Mexican non-profit groups are prohibited from making donations to political or religious groups.)
19. Will this facility be available at no charge to all participants from the community or will there be any "fees" or limitations?
20. What guarantees are provided to ensure that the facility will be completed and not abandoned after it is started?
21. Who will guarantee that the funds or materials donated will be used on this project and not diverted to private use?
22. Who will be responsible for providing detailed monthly progress reports during construction and after completion?
23. Who will operate the facility and what are their qualifications? Are they a legal, recognized non-profit organization?
24. What provisions are being made to maintain the facility? Is this in writing?

This project was started as a "quilters group" project, which has morphed into a Club Cruceros project, with essentially the same people involved. Would it be better to return this project to the quilters group, with no Club further involvement?