

## MINUTES OF THE DEC. 4, 2006 MMTC MEETING

### I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Arlette Ballew.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome and Board Officer Introductions

### II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Motion made and carried (Ted/Joe) to approve the minutes of the Nov. 6 meeting.
- B. Treasurer's Report: (Jeff Stevens) – Checking \$18,510.46; Savings \$29,694.97; CD/Scholarships \$11,577.78; St. Fair \$22,463.87. The amount in our checking account includes the \$12,000 grant for the Banner District and a \$5,000 grant for the Street Fair. Jeff reminded us to renew our memberships since most expire this month.

### III. OFFICIALS REPORTS

- A. Police Department: (Officer Paul Lennon) – During the Christmas season, thieves are preying on shoppers. Be sure to lock you purchases in your trunk, out of sight and also lock your car. Know your surroundings, look around, have your keys out and ready and be prepared. Many of the thieves are substance abusers.
  - 11/15 in the 10800 block of Camino Ruiz there was an assault with a deadly weapon. A group of people stabbed and robbed a man.
  - 11/15 in the 9700 block of Mira Mesa Bl. a lady's purse was snatched and she was dragged a number of yards. The use of force and fear is a felony.
  - A woman who had recently been paroled and was subject to search was found to have meth on her and \$1300 cash plus 22 T-mobile wireless modems. She was re-arrested.
  - 11/30 in the 10600 block of Dabney Dr. there was a report of a car prowler around five homes. Two people were arrested and there is a warrant out for a third man. Hondas are a special target of car thieves.
  - For information on Neighborhood Watch, call 538-8035.
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein presented a brief overview of some of the year's accomplishments. These included: the opening of Mira Sorrento Place, Community clean up (including e-waste), re-timing of traffic lights, working with HEROES to paint Fire Station 38, crosswalks at Ericson and Hickman schools, and working to try to save Bus Route 210. Currently, he is sponsoring a holiday food drive to benefit the Alpha Project of San Diego. The deadline to drop off non-perishable food items is Dec. 15. Drop off locations include the Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch libraries. The Town Council received a letter of support from Brian for our Banner District. As the chair of the Public Safety Committee, he is seeing a disturbing trend of children in possession of very realistic looking toy guns that they have been buying from ice cream trucks. A proposed ban on sales of those from mobile

- vehicles will go before the full council next month.
- C. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jim Gonsalves): Jim provided copies of the District 3-Slate which included information about a tax break for those who put fire sprinklers in their homes. He will bring information on the status of the 215 lawsuit to the next meeting.
  - D. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister): Rebecca brought flyers with information on: safety issues for seniors, the County Probation Dept., earthquake packets, childhood obesity, and a list of county parks with their telephone numbers and fees. Ron will be the 2007 Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.
  - E. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Aaron Pottichen): The current Assembly has the biggest class of new members (36). They will be focusing on ensuring that the transportation funding gets spent correctly and that San Diego gets what it needs.
  - F. Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (Les Brandon): During the holidays, the RSVP will be putting stickers on cars reminding them that they left something in sight and to use more caution.

#### **IV. MAIN PROGRAM**

- A. Councilman Brian Maienschein presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing board members and the new board was sworn in.
- B. April Panera, Deputy Director for Parks & Recreation spoke about the recent proposal to use some of Mcauliffe Park as mitigation land for the Jonas Salk school site. They are willing to give up 6 of the 9 acres to free up all of the Salk site and are working on plans for restrooms and ramps. However, there may be a hitch in the plan because of a recent court case that imposed an injunction on projects with vernal pool sites. They haven't heard back yet as to whether this injunction jeopardizes the deal. A motion was made (Jeff/Kathy) to encourage the city to pursue the mitigation plan proposed by the School Board and Parks & Rec.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Volunteer of the Year (Jeff Stevens): The nominees for Volunteer of the Year are: Chuck Sweet, Les Brandon, Ted Brengel, and Pat Brown. Jeff will post information about the nominees on the website and the election will be at the January meeting.

#### **VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Banner District – The planning group has approved the banner district if it is limited to Mira Mesa Blvd. and reviewed after one year. The new co-chairs will be Debbie Vincent and Linda Goycochea.
- B. Maintenance Advisory District (Tom Derr): The 2007 budget was not yet Ready.
- C. Planning Group (Ted Brengel): The bylaws need to be revised due to action by the City Council. The city attorney now says that they are covered by the Brown Act.

- D. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel): The Ned Baumer pool will be closed during the month of January for maintenance. The Hourglass ball fields will be closed one field at a time for maintenance and renovation.
- E. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens): Since there was no quorum in November, the next meeting will be in January. The park docents provide tours and guided hikes on Saturdays.
- F. MM Library (Pam Stevens): There is a Giving Tree in the library with tags for gifts and donations towards books. This will be up until Jan. 6. Our library will be open between Christmas and New Years. The Banned Book Club will meet in January to discuss George Orwell's 1984.
- G. MMHS Foundation (Kathy Madsen): The Taste of Mira Mesa will be on Feb. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This year it will be held at Gemco and will be much larger with more performers and restaurants participating. Last year's event raised \$15,000. Kathy will have invitations next month.
- H. The Senior Center was dedicated to Verne Goodwin and the library to Resty Supnet.
- I. MM Theatre Guild will host "Breakfast with Mrs. Claus" on Sat., Dec. 8 at Hometown Buffet.
- J. Kiwanis (Courtland Young): They are awarding students from Jerabek, Scripps Ranch Elementary, Scripps Ranch High School and Mira Mesa High School with Poinsettia Bowl ticket packages. These students will be recognized for their community service, athletics, and academic achievements. The Kiwanis meet every Wednesday at 7:00 AM at Mimi's Café.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM