

## January 8, 2007 MMTC Minutes

### I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order 7:02 PM by President Jeff Stevens
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome and board officer introductions. There is still a vacancy for a newsletter editor. Let Jeff know if you are willing to volunteer for this position.

### II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. The minutes of the Dec. 4, 2006 meeting were approved. (Brad/Chuck)
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Glen Clarkson is working to improve the membership tracking process and has set a goal of trying to increase membership by 25%.
- C. Treasurer's Report (Alan Philpott): Checking \$18,790.46; Savings \$29,701.27; Street Fair \$22,463.87; CD \$11,606.97

### III. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon):
  - There has been a long-term problem at the storefront with a number of serious leaks. Khoa was able to get a city worker out to patch the roof.
  - The staffing is stretched very thin. RSVP has been a very important help and the police probably wouldn't be able to run the storefront without help from Les and the RSVP volunteers.
  - The vandalism at Good Shepherd Church is estimated at \$30,000.00. One teen and one young adult or in custody. This crime is considered felony vandalism.
  - Officer Lennon passed around a picture of the very distinctive vehicle driven by the suspect in the Hillcrest murders. Call the police if you see this vehicle, although he is thought to have already left the San Diego area.
  - There was also a flyer with a picture of the suspect in the Miramar Lake sexual assault. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.
  - On Dec. 12, two men tried to cash a forged check at the Washington Mutual in the 8200 block of Mira Mesa Blvd. Both men have been caught.
  - During the holiday season, cases of road rage and domestic violence increase. There was an incident of road rage in the Target parking lot where one person was hit in the back of the head with a tire iron. The suspect is not yet in custody.
  - There were two Asian gangs damaging cars with baseball bats and tire irons in the McDonald's lot.
  - Depending on your location, when you call 911 from a cell phone in the city, your call will go directly to the police.
  
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  - Brian sent a memo to the mayor's office to have an inspection done at the storefront. Khoa will work with HEROES and Rebuilding San Diego on this.
  - The December Alpha Project food drive was a big success. They were able to deliver three SUV's filled with food. A special thank you to John Daley and Ericson PTA for their help.

- Due to changes made by MTS, we had lost weekend bus service on Mira Mesa Blvd. and Camino Ruiz. Beginning Jan. 28, the 921-bus route will be restored on weekends.
- The city formed a Gang Commission. They have begun a “listening tour” and on Monday, Feb. 5 they will meet at the MM Library from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

C. MCAS liaison Major Dan Burton introduced himself. He will work to establish a relationship with the MMTC. The National Cemetery is progressing. The VA is handling that. A complaint was raised about the debris on Kearny Villa Rd. That area is the responsibility of the city and Khoa agreed to try to push that forward.

#### **IV. OPEN FORUM**

A. Dr. Sarah Young addressed the membership about the inadequate disability services program in the county. She wants to make sure that the disabled are adequately represented and employed. The Equal Opportunity Commission meets twice a month. They had only one disability services person who has since left and so they need to get a replacement. There will be an open hearing on the second Saturday in April at 1:00 PM at the Veterans Museum. Sarah will write a short article for the town council newsletter and website.

B. Linda, the president of a local homeowner’s association had contacted the town council about the shopping cart problem. She also cited a problem with dogs (boxers) running loose and was referred to Animal Control. Linda is also concerned about the number of semi’s parked in the dirt lot area on Westmore. Since construction is scheduled to begin on that site in a few months, that should no longer be a problem.

C. Volunteer of the Year selection: Jeff read the biographies of those nominated. John passed out ballots and Steve and Brad helped with the counting. Congratulations to Chuck Sweet who was elected Volunteer of the Year.

#### **V. MAIN PROGRAM**

A. Charlotte Pannel-Taylor, from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program, and Alexis from the American Cancer Society in San Diego presented an eight-minute video on uniting communities for the Relay for Life. The Mira Mesa relay started in 2002 and was held at the Rec. Center for three years. This year, it will be held on May 19-20 (10:00 AM until 10:00 AM) at Penasquitos Hilltop Park. Beginning in February, they will meet the first Monday of every month at the Scripps Ranch Library. If anyone is interested in putting together a town council team, speak to Jeff.

B. Roger Springer from the San Diego Cyclo-Vets Omnium spoke about their bicycle race to be held in April. The first day of the race will be at Fiesta Island, day two will be in the city of Boulevard, and the third day criterium will be in Mira Mesa on April 15 from 6:30 AM until 6:30 PM. He requested the town council send a letter of approval

that is needed for city zoning requirements. The motion to approve the criterium was made and passed (Brad/Tom).

## **VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

A. Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr): The 2008 proposed budget, can be viewed on the TC website. The committee has accepted the proposal and presented it to the Town Council for final approval. There will be no increase in out of our pocket expenses. Brenda made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. Glen moved to amend the motion to wait for 30 days to review the budget and vote on it at the February meeting. Brad seconded Glen's amended motion. A count was taken of those wanting to approve the budget now and those wanting to table the vote for 30 days. It will be considered for final approval vote at the February meeting.

B. Community Pride (Jim Brown): This committee is in need of more volunteers who will receive training from the city. It is okay for residents to remove illegally posted signs. Those concerned about debris on Kearny Villa Rd. can call Environmental Services.

C. Stakeholders meeting will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Jan. 24.

D. The first meeting for this year's Street Fair will be at 6:00 PM on the third Thursday in April.

E. The new Banner District co-chairs, Linda Goyochea and Debbie Vincent, just recently met for the first time.

F. Planning Group (Ted Brengel): This is an election year for the planning group. If you would like to serve on the board, you must be a member for two months. The election will be in March and the new board seated in April. They will meet the fourth Monday of Jan. and Feb. at 7:00 PM at the MM Library.

G. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel): The Ned Baumer pool is still closed. In March, gym construction will begin.

H. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens): This group meets the third Thursday of odd months at 7:00 PM at the Adobe Ranch House in Penasquitos Canyon. They will be reviewing the new ranger station plans and plans for the new trail from the Camino Ruiz Park to the canyon.

I. Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book Club will be discussing the book 1984 by George Orwell on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7:00 PM.

J. The Fourth of July Committee will get reactivated on January 17 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center. The Casino Night fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 10.

K. Mira Mesa High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen): The Taste of Mira Mesa will be held at Gen-Probe this year on Tuesday, Feb. 6. At a cost of \$20.00, this is a real bargain. We expect this year's event to be even bigger and better than last year, which raised \$15,000 for the high school. Kathy had invitations available. The high school will present the musical, "Cinderella" the weekend after the Taste of Mira Mesa.

L. Senior Center (Chuck Sweet): The center is waiting on the final approval to put Verne Goodwin's name up on the building. They are in the process of putting in new lights and have upgraded the fire alarm system.

M. CERT (Brad Buffet): There are now 18 active and trained members.

N. HEROES (Mike Davis): The next scheduled event is painting an elderly widow's home and fence on Whitehall Circle on Saturday, Jan. 20.

O. Blue Star Mothers (Sarah Young): This group is 40 people strong. They have decorated warrior centers at Balboa Park and Camp Pendleton. Sarah will start making monthly reports for this group.

P. Kiwanis (Courtland Young): This group is looking for more members and more projects. They meet every Wednesday at 7:15 AM at Mimi's Café.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM