

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Approximate Time

7:00 Call to order
PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and introduction of Board Members

7:05 Minutes Approval

PM Changes: None; Minutes Approved

7:10 Board Reports

PM Treasurer's Report (Jeff Stevens):

Taxes have been filed

\$85,709.93 Balance; \$755.98 Income; \$180.00 Expenditure

2nd Vice President (Maria Pankau):

Note Mira Mesa Membership changes. Please address any concerns to Maria P.

Official's Reports

7:15 SD Fire Department (Chief Mike Finnerty – Battalion 7)

- PM
- Budget cuts led to rolling brown-outs where companies go un-staffed and move throughout the city.
 - Battalion has 9 companies, 2 fire engines are permanently shut-down (station 44 and 40). Ladder trucks cover all responses farther east.
 - Monthly stats
 - Responses increased to 12%, response time data isn't available.
 - Hazardous material response team has been moved.
 - Brown-out programs will be re-evaluated in 60 days.
 - Budget goal is \$14 million dollars budget savings – mostly reducing in overtime.

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- No salary increases
- MM blvd is being repaved in July
- Question: Will there be repair work done first? Answer: Most likely not.
- Comments on Roberts talk regarding county's positive economic status? No Comment.

7:30 Community Group Reports (not all groups will report)

PM Updates are on website, information is available through email, newsletter.

- Mike Davis – Saturday, March 6th 9am -12pm will picket CVS and

Vons store.

- March 18th – 22nd Circus is coming!
- Casino Night, Friday Night, March 12 starts at 5pm at Country Inn & Suites.
- Maria P. needs a mannequin.
- Dyanna Smith, MM Woman's club, correction: Club does not meet at Presbyterian Church. Meeting at 7pm at Senior Center, Third Tuesday.

Old Business

7:45 WASC Accreditation – Sarah Leonard

- PM
- Update: we have submitted a letter in support of MMHS. Letter will be available online.
 - Wednesday, 3pm at High School, the accreditation committee will offer a summary debrief.

8:00 Painting Utility Boxes – Mike Davis and Leo Reyes

- PM
- Two more boxes on Regan Road are painted on three sides, Mira Mesa Blvd and New Salem. Have issues, address at issues@miramesatowncouncil.org
 - Will continue down Black Mountain.

New Business

8:10 Ron Roberts – San Diego County Board of Supervisors

- PM
- County Resources Available
 - Lawn Mower trade-in program +\$150 will get you a rechargeable electric lawn mower on May 1st at county administration building (expecting 600 lawn mowers to be traded in). For more information, visit county website. <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/Portal/News/050609mowertradein.html>
 - State of County
 - Drop in sales tax/property tax has made things more difficult.
 - County maintains triple A credit rating, this is important because each level of government has to borrow money and this will affect our interest rate.
 - In 1995, County privatized and re-engineered finances to do things differently.
 - County has fewer employees today than in 1995.
 - \$0 deferred maintenance.
 - Domestic Violence is down.
 - County Responsibilities
 - County board of supervisors is similar to a council for unincorporated cities

- o e.g. Ramona
 - o County offers public health services whereas city council does not.
 - o Budget of \$5 billion a year
 - o Sheriff's department is responsible for the jails.
 - o Responsible for air-quality
 - o Trauma System (e.g. hospital systems)
- May switch county court responsibilities to state.
- Obtained regional fire helicopter for emergencies beyond two hours along with other fire-fighting equipment (super-scoopers).
- Questions: Merriam Mountain Project
<http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dplu/docs/0408028-SMARA.pdf>
- A hearing is coming up later in March, however, cannot currently address topic.
- Q: County pension fund issues?
- A: The city has full retiree health benefits; the county does not have that. A city adopted some bad practices that created a lot of liability i.e. the drop program allowed employees to work and accumulate money, the city was supposed to have a financial study within ordinance, but never did it. The County has always made the minimum payment. Unsure if city has ever paid necessary amount.
- Q: Were you in the city while council was making these decisions?
- A: Up until yr. 2000, the city was pretty well-funded.
- Construction projects include Medical Examiner Building (just completed). New government offices (\$180 million) on Clairemont Mesa Blvd, the second phase will begin in April or May. These projects are not funded by the federal government.
- Q: Chair of Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is board of supervisor.
- A: Supervisor Slater is on that.
- Q: Rancho Penasquitos Preserve, open space planning comments?
- A: looking regionally, identify a bound issue to better maintain open space, we are continuing to look for buying land at the right price. County has to approve redevelopment districts the city comes up with. Mayor Sanders has been great to work with.
- Q: Issues brought up on KPBS, food stamps and \$2 million fund.
- A: In 2006, changes were made to increase enrollment - 68,000 more qualified after changes, recent citing shows changes are positive. Supervisor started different program when county has savings to reinvest in community. List of programs that has been invested in is available (i.e. San Pasqual HS program for foster care youth).
- Community development block grant

8:30 Lilliam Blundell – California Mentor, program recruiter

- PM
- Helps placed adults with intellectual disabilities into communal environment.
 - o Apart of national company, mentor network
 - o In CA since 1997.
 - o 2nd year in San Diego County.
 - o Similar to foster care but for adults with intellectual disabilities (autism etc). Opportunity for individuals to supplement income with Tax-free stipend. Application, certification process 6-8weeks, live-scans etc, everything is at no-cost,

once completed, you can choose who lives in your home. Clients go to day programs or job.

- Funded through state and federal dollars. Vendor of regional center.
- Classes address concerns and skill development for families ready to take family.
- Has a referral bonus of \$200.
- Ages of clients: 18 yrs and older.
- There is a need for homes in Mira Mesa area.

8:40 Mira Mesa Women's Club and Mira Mesa Theater Guild – MMTC Donations

- PM
- MM Women's Club, Dyanna Smith – use \$500 for community service in MM. Plans have not yet been made. Work with school, breast cancer awareness, libraries.
 - \$1000 MM Theatre Guild, Tre Barkely, use donation for Monster Manor fundraiser and to raise money for the 4th of July.

Open Forum

- Logo and visioning project (Bari)
- Beginning April 15th, logo will be accepted by community
- May, will announce new logo.
- Farmers market started again every Tuesday!
- Willie Santos (professional skate boarder) working with Epicentre
- Saturday, March 20th, skate and donate BBQ to raise money for Skate Park. This will be 3rd fundraiser. For more info/updates: <http://miramesaskatepark.org/>

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 5th at 7 PM at the **Senior Center**. Unless otherwise scheduled. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

FOLLOWING MEETING:

The following regularly scheduled general meeting will be **on May 3, 2010** at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.