

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 2 MEETING

### I. Opening

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Brad Buffett, president.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Introduction to board members and agenda.

### II. Board Reports

- A. Secretary (Arlette Ballew): Request to approve Minutes of the April 4 meeting. Motion (Sweet/Radick) to approve carried unanimously.
- B. Treasurer (Chuck Sweet): Checking: \$5627.01; Savings: \$2853.65; CD: \$11,002.52; Street Fair: \$24,601.72.

### III. Reports from Government Representatives

- A. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  1. Update on parks: Camino Ruiz undergoing grading and undergrounding of utilities; Carroll School site park plans submitted to City for environmental review; Mesa Viking and McAuliffe tot lots have been redone; Breen is 85% done.
  2. As part of Brian's neighborhood fight against crime, low-income and senior homeowners may qualify for free installation of security devices (such as security screen doors, deadbolt locks, and smoke detectors). Contact Labor's Community Service Agency at 858-277-2319, or call Khoa for more information.
  3. The City Council voted 8 to 0 to hold a special election for Mayor on July 26. Brian has decided not to run for Mayor.
- B. Mayor Dick Murphy (Marilyn delaCruz):
  1. The Mayor will step down on July 15, 2005. This will give him time to finish work on the City's 2006 budget and will allow time to set a special election for mayor.
  2. During his first term, the Ethics Commission, the Regional Airport Authority, and the San Diego River Conservancy were created. The downtown ballpark, State Route 56, and six libraries were built. Sewer spills were reduced, power lines were undergrounded, and violent crime was reduced.
- C. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lisa Hom): The hearing on locating sexually violent predators is on May 10. Ron wants to keep them from being located in his district.
- D. State Senator Christine Kehoe (Laura Hein):
  1. Laura is the new representative to the MMTTC ([laura.hein@sen.ca.gov](mailto:laura.hein@sen.ca.gov)).
  2. Senator Kehoe's newsletter distributed.
- E. S.D. Police Department (Officer Steve Higuera): Brought SDPD's Migrant Liaison Officer to meeting in response to last month's discussion (see Main Program).
- F. Retired Volunteer Senior Patrol (Larry Brady):
  1. On request, RSVP will do checks on houses while residents are on vacation.
  2. Still looking for recruits for RSVP.

### IV. Open Forum

Lopez Ridge Park Cleanup Day (Bruce Brown): On June 4, from 9 to 12, members of the MM Recreation Council and HEROES will clean up Lopez Ridge Park. Was Al Radick's idea. Khoa will arrange for a big dumpster. Will also replace 7 to 12 trees. Looking for other community volunteers to help. Call Bruce at 858-578-2186. Also looking for things to give to volunteers (certificates, water, etc.).

**V. Main Program** (SD Police Dept. Migrant Liaison Officer Boris Martinez and SD County Supervising Park Ranger Paul Kucharczyk of Los Pensquitos Canyon):

- A. SDPD Officer Boris Martinez (858-538-8005) knows that MM has growing concerns and complaints about garbage, fire hazards, and illegal camping in Los Pensquitos Canyon Preserve.
- B. Ranger Paul Kucharczyk (858-484-7504) says the PC preserve is 3,600 acres, shared by the City and County. Migrant tents have been seen in slopes on the edges of the canyon. His concerns are of the environmental nature. Distributed his card so that people can call him to tell him where the encampments are. He then calls Environmental Services Dept. May take then 6 weeks to 6 months for them to come clean the camps out.
- C. Usually, the police and rangers work together, tell the migrants they have to move, and then check back on them. The rainy season kept the police out of the preserve.
- D. Hiring illegal migrants is against Federal law, so local police cannot arrest people who pick them up at roadsides. Immigration issues. Not enough manpower.
- E. Can call the Border Patrol about the migrants, but they generally do not like to come to the interior.
- F. Re. fire hazard in preserve: no controlled burns planned adjacent to residences. In San Pasquale, they used goats in specific areas. This is environmentally friendly.
- G. Public comment: Not only migrant workers. Also are homeless people at Park 'n Ride near Goodwill site.
- H. Public comment: Issues are public health and sanitation, fire hazard from cooking fires at camps, and complaints about migrants drinking in public and harassing women at Camino Ruiz Village. Migrants' path has shifted to Alkaid Drive because of construction at Camino Ruiz. White pickup trucks from "subcontractors" pick them up but they work for major contractors.
- I. Whenever there's an increase in population, there's an increase in problems. The construction at the 7-11 and Camino Ruiz Park have displaced them. Most who choose to live in canyons do not want programs for homeless; they want to be near the roadside pickups for work. Police and rangers have informed them of the fire hazards and also that it is difficult to render aid to them in the canyons.
- J. Senators Boxer and Feinstein are divided over the amnesty issue.
- K. Public comment: Biggest problem is division of responsibility between agencies, so they just pass the problem around and nobody does anything. Illegal camping is on city land and is preserve's responsibility. First approach should be to enforce the law so people can't live in the canyon.
- L. People come to the rangers with problems and expect them to be dealt with from the bottom up. But rangers (and police) are hampered by lack of manpower and resources. Concerned citizens should contact their legislators. Solutions need to come from elected officials so that the energy is from top down, to the rangers and others. If

solutions are generated from the top, they are more likely to happen. More money is needed for the rangers (Dept. of Parks and Recreation) and Environmental Services to address the problems of the encampments. More pressure should be put on those who employ illegal workers. Contact all the elected officials you can about the problems.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Mira Mesa High School (Jennifer Kvalvik):
  - 1. Senior Exhibitions are May 11, 12, and 13. Seniors present portfolios on 4-year projects designed to give them real-world practice to community judges. Call Diane Galinato at 858-566-6828 to volunteer or for information.
  - 2. MMHS Open House is May 19 from 6 p.m. Includes MMHS Foundation's staff vs. students basketball game at 7:30. Brian Maienschein playing with staff. Will be food concessions, band, cheerleaders.
  - 3. First MMHS Grad Night is Friday, June 17 (night of graduation), 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Campus to be transformed by parents and staff who have been working on it for 4 years. Need volunteers to serve as monitors in 2½-3-hour shifts and to man booths, work the casino and other areas, etc.
- B. MMTC Mayoral Political Forum (Brad Buffett): MMTC board is considering having a forum for mayoral candidates, to present qualifications, stances, and issues. Jeff Stevens suggested having it July 11, instead of having no MMTC meeting at all in July. Will contact candidates to see if it is feasible.
- C. MM Banner District (Brad Buffett): MMTC board is reconsidering installing banners to promote community on Mira Mesa Blvd. Steve Barrera is collecting information on costs, designers, etc. E-mail Brad with ideas, comments.

## **VII. Community Group Reports**

- A. Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr):
  - 1. Still working on membership and improvements wish list. Need more input.
  - 2. (Brad): One idea was to "pretty up" Mira Mesa Blvd.
  - 3. Question: Thought MMMAD can't do construction. Answer: Trying to change that. Have to come up with ways to correct wording to do enhancements, but will have to be put on ballot, which is expensive. May be able to do some horsetrading.
  - 4. Question: When is street sweeping? Answer (Khoa): 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month.
- B. Community Pride Committee (Jim Brown):
  - 1. Homeowners are responsible for cleaning from the curb to the house.
  - 2. Committee cleaned up graffiti on Reagan Road this week.
  - 3. Committee is all volunteers. Meets at 4:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.
- C. Stakeholders Committee (Robin Stutsman): Director of Library Services would like to be invited to speak to Town Council.
- D. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee (Robin Stutsman):
  - 1. Need letter of support from Town Council for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.
  - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> of July events include the Masons' pancake breakfast, parade, Fun Day in the MM park, and fireworks.
  - 3. (John Daley): John talked to MMHS Principal Jeff Olivera, and he found the money so that the MMHS band will be in the MM 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

- E. Scholarship Committee (Robin Stutsman):
  - 1. May 16 is deadline for submitting entries.
  - 2. Meeting is May 25.
- F. Street Fair Committee (Robin Stutsman): Next meeting is May 19, 6 p.m., at Lopez Ridge community building.
- G. Community Planning Group (Ted Brengel):
  - 1. Master plan submitted for 1 of 3 major developments in Carroll Canyon, to be called “Stone Creek.” Plan is for 9,800 units, with 20,000 people, and 730,00 sq. ft. of commercial space. Vulcan is mining out the area faster than it anticipated. Some of the Camino Ruiz Park ball fields will be moved there eventually.
  - 2. Issue re. MCAS Miramar air-use area combined with noise area—could curtail future development in Mira Mesa. Working on it. (Khoa): Regional Airport Authority postponed adoption of its policy.
- H. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel):
  - 1. City conducting budget hearings. Planning to take more money away from parks. (Chuck): Also going to raise rates for use of parks.
  - 2. Miramar College graduation is May 26 at Hourglass Field. Area will be crowded that day.
  - 3. (Brad, Question): Has the Eagle Scout that MMTC gave donation to finished the kiosk project? Answer: Nobody knows.
  - 4. Police gave out 20 speeding tickets on Worthington and New Salem in one day recently.
- I. Halloween Committee (Chuck Sweet):
  - 1. Meeting is June 12, 12:00 p.m., at the Recreation Center, and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday after that.
  - 2. Halloween at the Park is 28 years old—oldest continuing event in MM. Will be held on Halloween from 4 to 9 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. **[SOMEBODY CHECK THIS!]**

*Respectfully submitted by Arlette C. Ballew*