

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7 MEETING**

### **I. Opening**

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Brad Buffett, president.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Introduction of board members.

### **II. Board Reports**

- A. Secretary (Arlette Ballew):
  1. Board proposal to post complete minutes on MMTC website and have copies available at meetings, while putting only highlights in newsletter. Joe Frichtel suggested having copies in library a week before and after meetings to comply with Brown Act. Vote to accept proposal.
  2. Minutes of February 7 meeting approved.
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Programs (Mike Davis)
  1. Will be taking over organization of "Green Days" (recycling events), with advice from Marv Miles.
  2. HEROES program's first helping event on March 26 at senior trailer park. Will do repairs for someone on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Volunteers welcomed.
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Membership (Sandy Smith): Casino Night is March 19 at Good Shepherd Church. \$15 ticket price goes toward MM 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.
- D. Treasurer (Chuck Sweet): Checking: \$5845.70; Savings: \$2850.84; CD: \$10,948.15; Street Fair: \$24,817.12.
- E. President (Brad Buffett):
  1. 2 copies of MCAS Miramar Shareholders Report available.
  2. Copies of Diamond Gateway booklet available.
  3. Will be voting on new MMMAD budget. Copies distributed for review.

### **III. Reports from Government Representatives**

- I. A. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  1. Ribbon cutting for MM Senior Center parking lot on March 16 at 4 p.m.
  2. Khoa found over 100 potholes in MM last week. Notified City; they will be filled within a week. Please call office with locations of other potholes.
  3. Brian's "Town Hall" meeting at library rescheduled for April 14.
  4. Brian has sent memo to City asking for analysis of contributory plan vs. pension plan. Holding workshops in districts some time soon, with City Manager re. City budget for 2006.
  5. Water-improvement projects postponed because of bond downrating.
  6. Mayor didn't appoint Schippione to board. Brian sent memo to City Manager asking for protection for whistleblowers.
  7. Port Commission investigating deal with Cuban business.
- B. Mayor Dick Murphy (Marilyn Dela Cruz): Absent. Sent update (see separate article).
- C. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Natalie Clark): New administrative assistant and representative to MM.
- D. Mira Mesa Police Storefront (Officer Steve Higuera):

1. A series of residential burglaries in MM; have a suspect in custody. Know who suspect is for burglaries in Sabre Springs and Rancho de los Penasquitos.
  2. Car burglaries are increasing. CDs, wallets, laptops, purses, etc., are the targets, as well as cars. Do not leave anything showing in vehicle.
  3. Re. shooting at party: Crasher from outside MM was asked to leave, fired rounds, and hit someone. Was arrested that night. Not gang related.
  4. Re. kids on mini motorcycles and scooters: Law says you must be 16 or older; cannot ride in street or on sidewalk (can ride only on private property); must wear approved helmet, etc. If you see a child riding one, you may call the police dispatcher at 858-484-3155.
- E. Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (Larry Brady):
1. Started in 1992 in Rancho Bernardo; 1994 in MM. Eyes and ears of SDPD in neighborhoods.
  2. Must be 50 or older; take a 2-week class. First ride with officer, then training officer, then on own. Do bank and school checks, "You're Not Alone" checks, vacation house checks (for those away a minimum 72 hours). Not Sundays and holidays. Help with safety fairs, presentations in schools ("Stranger Danger," etc.), and fingerprinting.
  3. MM RSVP volunteers have put in 102,374 hours since forming and have done 17,000 YNA checks.
  4. Need new members. Call 858-538-8156.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Proposed charter school (Christine Carrera):
1. Momentum Middle School would be a public charter school for MM-Scripps Ranch areas, for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades, with focus on math, science, and high tech.
  2. Have approval from SD school district. Want to open in September, but need a facility, approx. 10,000 sq. ft. If you know of one, please contact at [www.momentummiddle.org](http://www.momentummiddle.org).
- B. Operation Samahan, Inc., medical facility (Mohammad S. Rahman, M.D.):
1. Multi-service medical center at 10737 Camino Ruiz, Suite 235, in MM (and another in National City), with medical doctors, dentists, and soon expanding to mental health services. Have cancer-detection program. Community clinic for low-income, low-insured individuals. Helps with Medicare, etc. Contracts with UCSD, Sharp, and other hospitals.
  2. Started in 1992. 6,200 sq. ft. Only such clinic between Linda Vista and Escondido. Received top excellence award for large-site medical providers in February.
  3. Contact Dr. Rahman at 858-578-4220, ext. 308, or at [mrahman@operationsamahan.org](mailto:mrahman@operationsamahan.org).

#### V. Community Open Forum (None)

#### VI. Main Program: Home and Community Safety (Dennis Everett):

- A. Does community outreach for Greenwood Memorial Park and Mortuary, a branch of Dignity Memorial. Gives three basic talks on preventing child abduction, senior safety, and general safety.

- B. Presentation on home and personal safety (crime prevention). See separate article.

## VII. Community Group Reports

- A. MMTC Volunteer of the Year Dinner (Barbara Peluso): Event raised the most money for MMTC scholarships in years.
- B. MMTC Bylaws Committee (John Daley, MMTC Parliamentarian):
  - 1. Bylaws are reviewed every 2 years and are available on MMTC website. Inviting public comment until March 18.
  - 2. Will be adding items for Stakeholders Committee and Street Fair Committee.
- C. MM Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Derr):
  - 1. Voting on bylaws at next meeting to increase the number of members.
  - 2. Budget is larger because of increase in assessment. Can't do some things they want to do because of restrictions. City is working with committee to change wording. Will cost about \$60,000 and is in budget.
  - 3. Will put changes to vote by MMTC. The vote is on new language and will not affect fees.
  - 4. Planned enhancements: Increasing cleanup in Zones 1 and 2 (streets and medians), and Zone 3 (medians only).
  - 5. Monument sign in western MM will cost \$15,433 to replace, but person who knocked it down is paying. (Also true for trees that people knocked over.)
  - 6. \$60,000 for help from City engineering services is included in budget.
  - 7. Increased allotment from 2 to 3 flags for pole at Senior Center because wind and weather destroys flags. Cost \$800 each.
  - 8. Tree trimming: Some people complained about traffic jams during rush hour, but cannot trim only one side at a time because of process.
  - 9. No median on area of northern Camino Ruiz between Calle Cristobal and Capricorn. Need to do some community-planning horse trading to get developers to install median.
  - 10. Will discuss at next meeting whether to take on new part of Caminito Santa Fe. The business district there would help with that.
  - 11. Questions and answers:
    - i. Q: What are changes for? A: To enable addition of new maintenance areas, new enhancements.
    - ii. Q: Street Fair was to raise money to enhance MM; can't see spending \$60K to enable banners. A: There are many other things; suggest coming to meeting to learn what committee wants to do.
    - iii. Q: What is \$60K for? A: \$60K to City for helping with language change and \$60K to arrange for voting (mailing notices, etc.).
    - iv. Q: Will there be clarification of intended changes to the MMTC before any vote? A: Yes.
  - 12. Moved (Frichtel/Sweet) to approve budget. Motion carried (2 opposed, 2 abstained).
  - 13. Motion (Stevens/Sweet) that MMMAD bring any proposed ballot language to MMTC before spending any money on it. Discussion: 1) City's responsibility for basics: if you add, you have to pay for it. 2) We want better than what City pays for. 3) We should have the say in how our money is spent, not the City.

4) Not spending more money, just reallocating it. If we don't spend the money, homeowners get a refund if MMMAD collects more than what it spends and what it is allowed in reserves. Vote. Motion carried (1 opposed, 2 abstained).

D. Community Pride Committee (Jim Brown):

1. Need people in community to help remove signs on posts, etc.
2. Need more people on committee. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, at library, at 4:30.

E. Stakeholders Committee (Robin Stutsman): Paid to repave Senior Center parking lot. Next meeting is April 27.

F. Scholarship Committee (Robin Stutsman):

1. Need volunteers to read seniors' essays. One meeting required; rest is done by e-mail.
2. Entry form is on MMTC website; copies given to MM High School.

G. Street Fair Committee (Robin Stutsman): First 2005 meeting is on March 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at MM Rec. Center.

H. MM Community Planning Group (Ted Brengel):

1. Elections at next meeting.
2. Issues coming up:
  - i. Camino Ruiz Village: Developer wants to build 4-story, high-density multifamily complex at Zapata and Camino Ruiz. Would raze what is there and provide less commercial space. Neighbors and commercial establishments have petition against it.
  - ii. Issue of high-density housing in commercial-industrial (western) MM.
  - iii. Building of new Petco headquarters on Rehco Road.

I. MM Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel):

1. Saturday, March 12, 9 to 11 a.m.: Recycling of oil, antifreeze, and auto batteries at MM High School.

J. Los Penasquitos Canyon Park Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens):

1. Park closed because of flooding. Check with rangers re. opening.
2. Can visit ranch house, and tours of it are held on Saturday mornings.
3. Next meeting is March 17 at 7 p.m. at ranch house.
4. Q: Penasquitos Canyon names 1 of 4 most dangerous for fire hazard in county. A: Don't know rangers' plans. Will ask.

K. MM High School Foundation (Pam Stevens):

1. Charitable foundation. Next meeting is March 10, 6 p.m., at high school.
2. Thursday, May 18 is MMHS Faculty-Student Basketball Game.

L. MMHS Business Partnership (Robin Stutsman): Meeting is March 14, 9 a.m., room 213 at high school.

M. Northeastern Mira Mesa (Brad Buffett): State Senator Hollingsworth is planning an Open House at his office.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Arlette C. Ballew*