

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2006, MMTC MEETING

### I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Arlette Ballew.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Motion made and carried (Frichtel/Buffer) to approve the minutes of the January 9 meeting.
- B. Treasurer's report presented by Brian Wissinger. As of Jan. 31, 2006: checking account: \$3,100.90; savings \$2,612.74; CD \$11,272.73; Street Fair \$35,407.08, for a total of \$52,393.45.

### III. OFFICIALS REPORTS

- A. Police Department – Annie Anderson was out ill with the flu so Arlette made the report. Remember to not leave anything in sight in your car; lock it up in the trunk. Also, do not leave house keys visible in your garage.
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  - 1. The Environmental Services Dept. has scheduled several oil and auto waste recycling dates in March/April and at Mira Mesa High School in April.
  - 2. Councilman Maienschein's office is working with the Labor Council to help seniors in need at no cost. Call Khoa's office for additional information. (His direct line is 619-236-7018)
  - 3. Brian has received numerous e-mails regarding the Camino Ruiz Village Development Project. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9 from 1P – 3P at 11295 Camino Ruiz, Ste. 1. Khoa suggested that people opposing the project attend.
- C. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (David Peavey):
  - 1. David introduced himself. He joined Roberts' office in December and is the new community rep for Mira Mesa and other areas primarily south of Hwy 8. His direct line is (619) 531-6002.
  - 2. There is unanimous support from the supervisors to move Jessica's Law along.
  - 3. They are accepting applications now for Community Project Grants and Community Enhancement Grants.
  - 4. There was a question from the membership about Roberts' position on overturning Proposition 215 (Medical Marijuana Law). Roberts opposes the overturning of the proposition and supports the use of medicinal marijuana. The issue is now in the courts to decide. David suggested people call each supervisor's office to voice an opinion.

- D. Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (Larry Brady): The RSVP is still looking for volunteers with a valid driver's license and no felony record. You must be age 50 and over.

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

- A. Michelle McBride expressed concern about the perceived increase in gang violence. Apparently, there have been rival gang shootings near Zapata and Sandburg Elementary School recently had a lockdown. Sandy Smith suggested she look into starting a Neighborhood Watch in her area and Arlette agreed to refer Michelle's concerns to Annie Anderson. It was stressed that citizens need to call the police whenever they witness things.
- B. Sarah Ann Freeman brought pictures of a neighbor's RV, that, although it is parked on his own property, blocks her view and sunlight and creates a blind spot when she backs her car out of her driveway. Although many neighborhoods have CCR's, few are enforced. Jim Brown suggested she contact the City Council Code Enforcement office.
- C. Patrick Hubbard from Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church talked about the oversized vehicle parking task force. At issue is how the San Diego law is set up with respect to private property and city streets. The main problem is that there is not enough available parking for RVs. The task force has been put on hold with the promise to be reinstated once our City Council issues/problems have been cleared up.
- D. Several people expressed concern about excessive speeding on Flanders Dr., between Camino Ruiz and Black Mountain. The city has already said no to speed bumps. Jim Brown suggested they call the storefront to have speed monitors set up.

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

- A. San Diego County Treasurer Dan McAllister: Mr. McAllister is also the chair of the San Diego School District Audit Committee, a former stockbroker, on the board of Big Brothers/Sisters, the only publicly elected official on the county's pension board, and one of only four county elected officials. His office bills and collects taxes and manages money for San Diego schools, community colleges, airport and water authorities and over 150 public agencies, managing more than 6.4 billion in assets. The increase in new, taxable parcels brings in more money for county needs. When McAllister was elected, the number one complaint was with the complexity of the tax bills and the difficulty property owners had reading and understanding it. Research showed that the bills had been formatted back in 1951. The time was right to update the tax bill by seeking the public's input so the bill was "taken out on tour". One of the things Mr. McAllister did was to take the bill back to his old Pacific Beach public school to solicit the opinions of children. He also went to over 2,000 residents in 2004 for their input. Some of the changes made include: changing to ocean/water colors, stacking the payment stubs, highlighting the parcel number, specific numbered line items, enlarging and

highlighting the website for on-line payments, differentiating between the “pay this amount if on time” versus “pay this amount if late”. The back of the bill was also updated with orderly, systematic information. His office is also trying to uncover problems with refunding money to people who have overpaid. Mr. McAllister brought a book with information on people who are due a refund that the members could peruse, or you can go to the website: [www.SDTREASTAX.com](http://www.SDTREASTAX.com), for more information.

- B. Women’s Business Center of California (Michelle Butler): This is a new organization sponsored by the Small Business Administration to help women interested in starting their own business. The center also helps other demographics that are usually under-represented in business. National University is the center’s sponsor. Low cost or free resources that are offered include: educational seminars on business basics, technology, marketing and financial literacy; one on one mentoring; counseling; networking events.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fourth of July Committee: The MMTTC received a letter requesting that it sponsor a table (blackjack, craps, poker) for Casino Night at a cost of between \$150 to \$200 dollars. The sponsor’s name would be visibly displayed. A motion was made by Chuck Sweet and seconded by Tim Allen to donate \$150 to sponsor a table at Casino Night. A friendly amendment to change the amount to \$200 was made by Marvin Miles. That motion carried.

## **VII. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Derr): The committee has been granted the ability to rework the verbiage on the contract with the city. The February meeting was cancelled but the committee will carry on next month.
- B. Community Pride (Jim Brown): If you’re too young for the RSVP, community pride needs you. If you see sign or parking violations, call the police storefront office.
- C. Stakeholders (Robin Stutsman): The next meeting is at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22 at the library.
- D. Volunteer Recognition Committee (Sandy Smith): The tentative date is April 20. No additional information available yet.
- E. Planning Group (Jeff Stevens): This month’s meeting has been changed to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Senior Center. There are several active sub-committees, one of which is to review plans for Carroll Canyon Business Park that is being graded now. That project has changed since it was originally looked at and needs to be reviewed. There is another multi-family unit project in the Vulcan and Carroll Canyon area.
- F. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel): The council has traded a number of containers for a storage room for flammable materials with Miramar College. Joe stressed that the community needs to prepare for a massive campaign regarding the Jonas Salk school site. Residents are urged to call

and send letters to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and to the school district. Peter Salk, the son of Jonas Salk, has vowed to do whatever he can to push this forward. The school district only needs three acres of mitigation land but seems resistant to carry this through. Additional information is on the MMTC website.

- G. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizen Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens): At the last meeting in January, the city park planner was authorized to proceed with a modular building for the rangers. The next meeting is Thursday, March 23.
- H. Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens): The next meeting of the Banned Book Club will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, Feb. 27 to discuss the book *Candide*, by Voltaire. The book chosen for March is *Flowers For Algernon*.
- I. USMC MCAS Miramar (Mike Davis): There will be more activity at MCAS in the next two months. MCAS Miramar is amenable to giving the community "joint use" briefs. The guest speaker at the February 15<sup>th</sup> SDMAC breakfast will be the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corp, General Magnus. With joint use being such a hot topic, there is a good chance it will come up at the breakfast. There is new access directly to the aviation museum off Miramar Road so there is no need to enter the base to visit. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM.
- J. HEROES (Mike Davis): The last completed project was painting another trailer for an elderly tenant at the Village Green Mobile Home Park. The painting of the fire station has received final approval and is tentatively scheduled for April.
- K. CERT (Brad Buffet): The group now has 10 to 12 members with fundraising the major issue right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Davis