

Mira Mesa Town Council Bylaws Update

The Mira Mesa Town Council bylaws require that the bylaws be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they stay current and to make any changes that have become necessary since the previous bylaws review. A committee chaired by Parliamentarian Eric Kolbeck was formed to review the bylaws and has suggested a number of changes. Most of the changes are either related to the increased use of modern technology or are clarifying language. The main changes are:

1. Specifying that meetings may be either physical, virtual or hybrid. Currently the bylaws say that “MMTC General Membership meetings ... shall be held at any public place within the geographical area known as Mira Mesa.” This gives the impression that meetings must be held in person. During the pandemic, all of our meetings were virtual and we are currently doing hybrid meetings, broadcasting meetings on Facebook live. We need to update the bylaws to allow virtual or hybrid meetings.
2. Changing the newsletter editor language to allow electronic distribution of the newsletter. Currently the bylaws require mailing a hard copy newsletter to members who request it, but we are no longer producing a hard copy newsletter. Current practice is to post the newsletter on the website and email all members to let them know it is available.
3. Removing the requirement to do an annual independent financial review. This requirement dates back to a time of paper records. Currently, the Board does a review of the finances every year during development of the budget and the Board has the power to request an independent review if deemed necessary. An external annual review would be expensive if we hired an outside consultant to do the review, and we do not think it is necessary to do an external financial review on an annual basis.

Appended to the bylaws are the standing rules of all standing committees. These are not part of the bylaws, but are kept here to make them easy to find and access. During the bylaws review, the committee cleaned up the language in a number of the standing rules. We also added a set of standing rules for the Mira Mesa Business Association, a new committee for the business members of MMTC.

The procedure for amending the bylaws is specified in the bylaws: “These bylaws shall be amended by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the regular membership present at any regular meeting of the MMTC, provided a quorum is present and that prior written notice has been given.” We will be posting the proposed updated bylaws on the [MMTC website](#) and asking for a vote of the membership at the January 2024 meeting.