

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2006 MMTC MEETING

I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Arlette Balew.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome and introduction of board.

II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Motion made and carried (Jeff/Steve) to approve the minutes of the March 6 meeting.
- B. President's Report
 1. Arlette spoke about rumors regarding the Town Council's compliance with the IRS. Due to an address change and mail being missed, our tax-exempt status was revoked. Arlette has already checked into what is needed for reinstatement: a statement of good standing (already done); 990 info tax return (to be done in next few days). This process can take up to 45 days.
 2. Arlette read a letter of appreciation from a service member in Iraq for a care package received.
 3. SD North Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to be held on Wed., April 19 at Miramar Memorial Golf Course. Tee time is 8:00 AM and cost is \$130/person.
 4. Due to the resignation of Brian Wissinger as Treasurer, Jeff Stevens has agreed to assume the position. The vote was unanimous to elect Jeff.
- C. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Stevens): Checking account: \$2,383.87; Savings account: \$27,615.54 which includes the \$25,000 transferred from the Street Fair Account; CD: \$11,279.09

III. OFFICIALS REPORTS

- A. Police Department (Annie Anderson):
 1. At the Sommerset Village Apartments, graffiti has already been painted over. Call the storefront if you see any graffiti problems.
 2. On Mar. 17, at the Rec. Center, a party sponsored by a former employee turned into a gang incident with a stabbing. There was also a gang related shooting on Mar. 27 at Carl Jr.'s. The suspect is in custody. Some of the people involved are kids from the Mira Mesa area and some are coming up from South San Diego.
- B. Mira Mesa High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen): Kathy thanked everyone for their support of the Taste of Mira Mesa fundraiser. They cleared over \$10,000 and are already planning for next year's event. On May 25, there will be a Spring Open House which will include a faculty/student basketball game.
- C. Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
 1. Last week's punch and cookies event was a success and more are being planned.

2. Brian's office is working with the SD County Labor Council to assist seniors by installing curb cuts for handicapped access.
 3. The mayor's budget hearings are scheduled for April 14 with details of specific departments budgets to be presented on May 3 and May 4.
 4. On May 20, there will be a community clean up at Mira Mesa High School, sponsored by the Environmental Services Dept. They will provide all the trash receptacles. Volunteers are needed.
 5. There will be free income tax preparation on April 8 and April 15 at the Mira Mesa Library.
 6. The Airport Authority was going to hold a town meeting but no information was received on that.
- D. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jeff Gonsalves): The District 3 Slate newsletter was available. Some of the highlights include: partnership with District Attorney Dumanis and Sheriff Kolender to open the North County Family Violence Prevention Center to offer counseling, referral services and shelter vouchers for victims of domestic violence; cellphone 2-1-1 access for information on community and health issues and disaster alerts; a strong economy forecast for 2006; the rising cost of health care.
- E. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister): Rebecca is the new, official representative from Roberts office. Her direct line is 531-6454. April is financial literacy month and child abuse prevention month – flyers were available. Rebecca also stressed that people call the MTS with concerns over bus route/schedule changes. There will be an electronic recycling event on Harbor Dr. on April 29.
- F. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Andrew Lund): Andrew was filling in for Aaron Pottichen. Assembly Bill 2010 will be heard the week of April 10. This deals with a federal healthcare credit system that allows you to put in money, tax-free into a healthcare account. Bill 2037 would allow a tax credit for monetary donations for schools extracurricular activities.

IV. MAIN PROGRAM

- A. Rear Admiral Jose Betancourt, the Chief Administrative Officer for the San Diego City Schools was the featured speaker. As CAO, he is responsible for the supervision and execution of school system business operations, facilities management, safety and security, and financial operations. Admiral Betancourt taught in the Texas public school system before starting his naval career. With over 132,000 students in the San Diego Unified School District, Betancourt has identified three main goals: improving student achievement; improving the safety, cleanliness and appearance of the schools; improving the morale and attitude of all employees. He is particularly concerned about middle and high school students and wants to establish a culture of commitment to high standards with everyone taking initiative for improvements. Admiral Betancourt has

toured the Jonas Salk school site and brought with him a drawing of the site to explain in detail the problems encumbered by the biological opinion of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fairy shrimp are a biologically endangered species and we can't just bulldoze over them. The main resolution would be to find mitigating land by working with the city council and offering a viable solution if the city will set aside other land. McAuliffe Park, near Challenger, already has 20 of its 30 acres encumbered by fairy shrimp and so is fenced off and unusable as a park. We can try to either buy the land or exchange a parcel for the 10 acres of that site that we need. This would satisfy Fish and Wildlife to have one site set aside for the shrimp. The possible completion date would not be until 2009. Admiral Betancourt stressed the need for our elected officials to see the wisdom of this plan.

- B. Judge Victor Ramirez – Candidate for the 50th Congressional District. Judge Ramirez retired in 2002 from the San Diego Superior Court Judge with over 23 years experience in civil and criminal cases. While serving as a judge, he was not allowed to speak out on public issues. Now, due to recent problems, he is offering his services. Corruption is never solved by people in the institution because of alliances and allegiances. He is prepared to help turn around what he sees as rampant congressional corruption. Judge Ramirez made three pledges: to always tell the truth; to not take any money or endorsements; to not attack or demean others but rather to work cooperatively to find solutions. He stressed that all of the other candidates are proven leaders, the question for the voters is to decide who has the staying power to see the necessary changes through.
- C. San Diego Park and Recreation Department – Joe Henderson: Mr. Henderson, along with Paul Jacobs from assessment engineering, brought drawings of the proposed zone changes and were seeking approval for the formation of the new Camino Santa Fe Maintenance Assessment District which will have no financial impact to the Mira Mesa MAD. That area is all commercial and public use. The motion was made (Jeff/Chuck) to recommend that the Camino Santa Fe Assessment District be formed as presented. That motion passed unanimously.
- D. Tim Allen of the Theatre Guild, along with the Guild's vice-president, Scott Jones, presented a slide show of the history and highlights of the Theatre Guild. When the Mira Mesa mall was redeveloped in 2001, the Theatre Guild lost its home and has been kept alive by a handful of supporters. Their biggest yearly events are the Haunted Manor and Breakfast with Mrs. Claus, with the objective to expand beyond the Mira Mesa area. Community groups wanting to raise money can contact the Guild at miramesatheatreguild.org. The Guild needs help with marketing and obtaining trailers. They asked the MMTTC to sponsor the haunt and make a donation. Arlette stated that the board has decided not to be involved due to the dispute between the Theatre Guild and the Fourth of July Committee over assets, but would take the matter up at the next board

meeting and get back to Tim at next month's general membership meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Motion made at the March meeting to change the meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM was discussed. The vote by hands was to oppose the time change.
- B. A second motion made at the March meeting to change the bylaws to add two additional members-at-large. We agreed to table this until we get our letter from the IRS clearing our status.

VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- A. Scholarship Committee (Robin Stutsman): Robin asked for volunteers for this committee that would entail reading scholarship essays one night in May. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Beth, Sandy, Steve, Pam, Debbie, Arlette, Chuck.
- B. Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Derr): Elections are coming up. Brad Buffett has resigned and they are looking for a new secretary and more new members to serve in this group. Voting will take place next month.
- C. Community Pride (Jim Brown): This group is also in need of more members. Jim wants the council to write a letter to COGGS (L.A. based company) regarding the posting of illegal signs. Jeff agreed to write the letter.
- D. Stakeholders (Robin Stutsman): Their next meeting is the fourth Wednesday in May at 6:00 PM in the library's small conference room.
- E. Street Fair Committee (Pat Brown): The next meeting is Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 PM at Christ The Cornerstone Academy.
- F. Volunteer of the Year Dinner (Sandy Smith): Please remember to send in your RSVP.
- G. HEROES (Mike/Beth Davis): They have recently completed the painting of two more trailers for seniors in the Woods Mobile Home Park. Vulcan Materials funded the paint. Over 40 volunteers showed up. HEROES has officially received it's 501c3 status and has been accepted into the MM Stakeholders group. HEROES is set to paint our local Fire Station 38 on Saturday, May 6. Frazee will likely donate the paint but sponsors are still needed to make up other costs. A motion was made (Robin/John) and passed to donate \$100 to HEROES.
- H. Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens): April is National Library Month. On Saturdays, from April 10 – Jan. 2, there will be knitting classes for teens. The Banned Book Club will be discussing the poem "Howl" by Alan Ginsburg. They meet the fourth Monday at the library at 7:00 PM.
- I. Los Penasquitos Canyon Reserve (Pam Stevens): The trails have reopened after the rains but be sure to call the rangers office to check on the status of the trails.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM