

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2006 MMTC MEETING

### I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Arlette Ballew.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome and board introductions.

### II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Motion made and carried (Jeff/Jim) to approve the minutes of the June 5 meeting.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$10,970.56; Savings: \$29,666.39; St. Fair: \$2,613.86; CD: \$11,440.67  
Our tax status has been restored and is in good standing. The council is looking into the benefits of 501c3 versus the current 501c4 status. Our new insurance company is Hartford. You may now join or renew your membership on-line at the TC web site.

### III. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. Police Department: Annie Anderson was absent so Arlette read her report. There have been several robberies of fast food restaurants. A handgun was used. The suspect is a black or Asian male in his 20's to 30's, driving a green SUV. The Danwell homicide was probably a result of a domestic dispute. Annie will be returning to patrol duty.
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)
  - 1. The new 11- acre Camino Ruiz park is now open.
  - 2. The Committee on Gang Prevention and Intervention will be meeting once a month. They are looking for candidates for a 2 year term.
- C. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jim Gonsalves)
  - 1. An airport meeting, that included the marines, was held on July 26. Arlette attended and represented the TC. We are encouraged to talk to our neighbors about the airport initiative.
  - 2. Supervisor Slater-Price's office approved a \$6,000 grant for our banner district and a \$10,000 grant for the Theatre Guild.
- D. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister)
  - 1. Roberts has not taken any position on the airport initiative.
  - 2. The Take a Hike program was started.
  - 3. Rebecca had pamphlets available on property taxes, what to do after an earthquake, and the new MCS bus route schedule.
- E. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Aaron Pottichen)
  - 1. The San Diego County budget was passed on time with the city of San Diego doing a little better than last year. San Diego Unified School District received 9.2 million; law enforcement 4.5 million; streets and roads 41 million.

2. There will be a Town Hall Meeting about the airport on Aug. 17, 6:00PM at Scripps Ranch High School. The Airport Authority has been invited.
- F. State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin) Ellen is the new field rep.
1. The senator's office is not completely pleased with the budget that passed.
  2. Illegal immigration puts an added strain on the budget.

#### **IV. MAIN PROGRAM**

- A. Fourth of July Parade Awards presented by Debbie Vincent and Karen Berger: Commercial – Hansen Aggregates; Marching Team – Boy Scout Troop 1212; Marching Band – Mira Mesa High School; Non-Marching Band – Community Bible Church; Car Club – Model A Restorers; Decorated Float – Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church; Decorated Vehicle – Mira Mesa Girls Soft Ball; Comic – Moose Clown Club; Judges Choice (for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row) – Phillipino/American Retirees of Southern California.
- B. Turning Point Pregnancy Resource Center (Camille Cassin): Camille is the director of the nonprofit crisis pregnancy center. The center offers pregnancy testing, counseling, medical referrals, parenting education, as well as information on STD's. It is funded solely by donations and is affiliated with Care-Net. All counseling is strictly confidential. The center caters to many single and low- income families. Although it is non-denominational, it is a Christian based center and therefore offers alternatives to abortion as well as an Abstinence Education Program and Post Abortion Healing Counseling.
- C. San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (Lorlee Olejnik): This is a for-profit partnership between the Fire Department and Rural Metro Ambulance formed in 1997. With over 80 medical vehicles, they handle approximately 90,000 calls a year in San Diego and provide service for large events. They are self-sustaining, nationally accredited, and dispersed nearly 5 million in revenue to the city. Patients are billed for the ambulance transport. The city Medical Director oversees the EMS program. The Fire Dept. is normally the first responder because they are closer to the emergencies and have at least one paramedic who initially handles the situation and then transfers care to the ambulance crew. When a person calls 9-1-1, the call goes to the police department dispatcher and is then forwarded to the EMS dispatcher. They have bilingual and multilingual translators. To help insure prompt service it is important to: have your address visible, lock up pets, send someone outside to help flag the ambulance, clear a path to the patient, have insurance and medical information accessible. Right now, they are working on getting more Autonomous External Defibrillators in public facilities.
- D. Bylaws change to allow treasurer to use electronic checks (as opposed to having two authorized signatures). The change would be to get written confirmation from another authorized signer (via note or e-mail) so that

the treasurer would be able to use electronic checks. The motion was made (Chuck/Sandy) and passed.

- E. Bylaws change for membership to be 12 months from date of joining. This motion was made (Sandy/Chuck) and passed.
- F. The TC board proposed the first membership dues increase in over 10 years. The proposal would increase individual dues from \$12 to \$20 and spouse/senior from \$6 to \$10. The business rate was already increased this year to \$50. Steve agreed to put the proposed increase in the newsletter and we will vote before the main program at September's meeting.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. A motion had been made several months ago to add two additional members-at-large. The vote had been tabled until our tax status was cleared. Now that we have cleared our tax status with the IRS, the membership voted to add the two additional members-at-large. A second vote was taken to decide whether the two new members should be appointed now to complete the current board term or wait until the next regular election. The membership voted to wait until the next election.

## **VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Community Pride (Jim Brown) - Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 4:30PM at the Library. If you see old yard sale signs posted on public light posts or street signs, it is okay to remove them. A letter was sent to Brian Maienschein regarding the problem with stray shopping carts.
- B. Stakeholders (Robin Stutsman) - Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every other month, 6:00PM at the Library. They will be helping the County Health Nurses conduct a survey at the Street Fair about the needs of the Mira Mesa community.
- C. Street Fair (Pat Brown) - Meets Thursday, Aug. 24, 6:00PM at Christ The Cornerstone Academy. There are a few entertainment slots open and they are looking for more food donations for the ROTC volunteers.
- D. Banner District Committee (Steve Barrera) We have received two \$6,000 grants (one from Pam Slater-Price and one from Ron Roberts) and we are asking for a letter of support from Maienschein's office. Contact Steve if you can help serve on the committee.
- E. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel) – Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00PM at Lopez Ridge. Miramar College starts back up on Sept. 5. On Sat., Aug. 12 at the Ned Baumer Pool, you could sit in the pool and watch a movie.
- F. Banned Book Discussion Club (Pam Stevens) – Will resume meeting in September (probably the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday) to get acquainted and discuss possible books for the upcoming year.
- G. H.E.R.O.E.S. (Mike Davis) – They will work on the date for the next “Clean and Green Day” after the city sets its priorities in late January. HEROES helped “Rebuilding San Diego” finish painting the Walker Development Center and also painted the storage containers for the MM

Rec. Center. Chuck Sweet donated a new sprayer that made the job go much faster. They have received their California tax-exempt nonprofit approval. Contact Mike Davis if you know of people in the MM community who need assistance.

- H. MCAS Miramar (Mike Davis) – The Airport Authority’s proposal for a “joint use” airport at Miramar was the major topic at last month’s meeting. Miramar has a new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting facility. The Public Affairs Office sponsors base tours and books the US Marine Corps color guard (858-577-6000). If members of the community feel they are not getting resolution on noise/other complaints, contact Major Ross Hettiger (858-577-6603).
- I. Halloween Committee (Chuck Sweet) – Volunteers are needed between 2P – 4P to help set up for the carnival on Halloween. Due to Verne’s illness, Chuck has taken his place on the Senior Center Board.
- J. Planning Group (Ted Brengel) – Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00PM at the Library. Regarding the Salk school site, the City would like to exchange 6 acres but they are still waiting for the School District’s counter proposal and response. Pardee presented their proposal for 1400 multi-family units near Best Buy.
- K. Newsletter (Steve Barrera) – Be sure to read the special airport report. Arlette had attended many of the meetings and contributed a great deal of the information.
- L. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens) – Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd months at the RP Ranch House. The trail from the new Camino Ruiz park to the preserve is going forward. The Ranger facility has been approved. The county caretaker at the ranch house has moved on so they are looking for a new resident caretaker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM