

## **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2006, MMTC MEETING**

### **I. OPENING**

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Brad Buffett, outgoing president.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome by City Councilman Brian Maienschein. Brian talked about the change from the former city-manager style of management to the new strong-mayor form. The city manager was a non-elected employee and therefore unaccountable to the public whereas with the strong-mayor format, Jerry Sanders is in charge and held accountable by the voters. Several members had questions for Brian regarding the future of San Diego's budget, budget priorities and processes. Brian stated that much of that information was not yet available but that he was very hopeful. Mayor Jerry Sanders will be giving his State of the City address this Thursday, Jan. 12. The City Council has also hired an independent budget analyst to study the budget and report back to the council as there have been problems in the past with misinformation. Brian feels that the media coverage about the state of San Diego has been inadequate and that the city is now fully funding its obligations. There have been a number of steps already taken and implemented to modify and clear up problems that can be traced back to the era of Pete Wilson. Although he felt that the first half of this year will be rocky, the city will get through this investigation and move forward. Our district has been solid but there is a great need to get our bond ratings back up. The Council is also working to bring full support to the state law known as Megan's Law.
- D. Swearing in of the 2006 Board. Councilman Maienschein gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected board members.
- E. Councilman Maienschein presented special commendation certificates to all of last year's board members.

### **II. BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 5 meeting made by Jeff Stevens and seconded by Steve Barrera. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Treasurer's report presented by Chuck Sweet. As of Dec. 31, 2005: checking account:\$2,456.36; savings \$2,609.22; CD: \$11,220.83. No revenue information available yet for the Street Fair.

### **III. OFFICIALS REPORTS**

- A. Police Department. – Annie Anderson introduced her new boss, Capt. Jim Collins, who addressed the meeting. Capt. Collins has been a member of the police department for 36 years and has worked in just about every department on the force. Although he is unable to attend every month MMTC meeting, he will make as many as possible and come whenever asked. Capt. Collins spoke about the series of burglaries in Mira Mesa. Four teenaged suspects (two males and two females) have been taken into custody. They are believed to have committed approximately 20 burglaries, taking items such as DVD players, computers, and jewelry. Most of the stolen items were found in their possession and much has already been returned to their owners. These juveniles were not from poor families but were thrill seekers operating during school breaks. All attended Mira Mesa High School. Additionally, there have been some shopping center car burglaries and petty theft, primarily with cars left unlocked and items visible. Capt. Collins recommends that people put their valuables in their trunks, lock their cars and also activate their trunk locks. There have also been some incidences of carjackings in Mira Mesa.
  
- B. County Supervisor Ron Roberts. Brad Buffett stated that the new representative for Roberts' office is David Peavey.

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

- A. Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Report (Tom Derr): In March of 2004, additional money was requested for beautification projects; however due to problems with language wording, many of the projects, such as creating a Banner District or a median on Camino Ruiz between Aquarius and Capricorn were not able to be accomplished. This resulted in an excess of \$270,000 which must be used or given back unless allocated for future projects. The MMAD committee recommends that we do a mail ballot, sent only to property owners, to change the language. The information on the ballot will inform the public of what improvements the district wants to do. The cost of the ballot, between \$30,000 and \$60,000, is already included in the budget. The motion by the committee was to approve the MAD budget, which includes funds for the balloting. Orlando Vernachia spoke in opposition to the MAD business practices. Jeff Stevens made a motion "to approve the budget as proposed, subject to the MAD committee returning to the Town Council for approval of the ballot language before the funds are spent". The motion was seconded by Brad Buffett and passed with 30 votes in favor and one opposing.
  
- B. Mira Mesa High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen): The foundation was established in 2004 because the school did not have enough funds for what needed to be done. Almost \$2 million in

capital improvements is needed. Many of the arts and music programs are operating with the old 1976 budget still in effect.

The Taste of Mira Mesa is scheduled for Tues., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Kathy passed out personal invitations to board members. Twelve restaurants have contracted to provide food as well as many impressive silent-auction items. There has been a good response from the business community to support this fundraiser. Kathy is collecting baskets to hold the silent-auction items.

The **Save Our School** golf invitational is Jan. 24 – 29. Discounted tickets were available immediately after the meeting.

- C. Airport Relocation Letter of Concern (Jeff Stevens/Ted Brengel): This issue was discussed at the Dec. 5 Town Council meeting, where a motion was passed to ask Ted and Jeff to draft a letter on behalf of MMTC, check the issues, and bring it to the Jan. 9 meeting. After reviewing the Tierrasanta letter opposing relocation, it was decided that while we are in full agreement with theirs, we wanted to simplify the verbiage. Here is the text of the letter that Jeff presented:

“The Mira Mesa Town Council is opposed to joint use of MCAS Miramar as a civilian airport and is opposed to inclusion of joint use at MCAS Miramar as an option in the Airport Site Selection Program to be presented to the County for a vote in November 2006. Our opposition is based on the fundamental incompatibility of the military and civilian operations at Miramar.

MCAS Miramar is strongly opposed to joint use and has presented the reasons clearly at multiple public meetings. The incompatibilities are severe enough that joint use would likely lead to eventual abandonment of military use of Miramar. The Mira Mesa Town Council supports continued military use of Miramar. We stand together with MCAS Miramar, as well as the other communities surrounding Miramar, to strongly oppose joint military/civilian use of MCAS Miramar.”

A motion (Stevens-Brengel) to send the relocation letter of concern from the MMTC was carried unanimously. Surrounding areas are going to come up with similar letters. The letter and additional information can be found on the MMTC website. Ted suggested that the MMTC might be interested in forming a subcommittee, possibly with Scripps Ranch. He will speak with SR reps, and bring information back to the next meeting.

## **V. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

### **A. Planning Group**

Jonas Salk School Site (Ted Brengel): The biggest issue is with the discovery of the fairy shrimp on the site of Salk School. The Fish and Wildlife Dept. decreed that over 4 of the site’s 13 acres must be reserved.

Now Fish and Wildlife wants 7 acres reserved. As things now stand, it appears we are going to lose the school. Jeff met with the Prop. MM Funding Committee, which said that we could build the school if we could get mitigation land, and a letter was sent to see if we can find the land. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be Wed., Jan. 18, 7:00 PM at the Senior Center.

B. Volunteer Recognition Committee ( Sandy Smith): No date has been set yet – looking at possibly April.

C. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory (Pam Stevens): The next meeting is Jan. 19 in conjunction with the Black Mountain Open Space Park CAC. The purpose of the joint meeting is to consider a proposal for the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept. Ranger facility to be built at Black Mountain and Mercy Rds.

D. MM Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book Club will resume monthly meetings on Mon., Jan. 23, at 7:00 PM at the library. The book to be discussed is *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

E. Fourth of July Committee (Sandy Smith): Meeting Wed., Jan. 11, at the Senior Center to discuss the Casino Night fundraiser. The theme is the Roaring 20's. They will also be voting on board officer positions.

F. Halloween Committee (Chuck Sweet): Will meet, beginning in January, on the third Wednesday at 10:00 AM at the Rec Center.

G. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (Brad Buffett): Training sessions will be coming up. See Brad for information.

H. MM Welcome Committee (Sandy Smith): Composed of small-business owners, to welcome and deliver information to new residents of Mira Mesa. The first meeting will be at 7:00AM on Jan. 17, at Sandy's office.

I. HEROES (Hometown Efforts to Rescue Our Endangered Society) Brad passed around pictures from the most recent project: painting a trailer for a senior citizen at Woods Trailer Park. HEROES has applied for 501C tax standing. The next project is on Sat., Jan. 28, at the Black Mountain Mobile Home Park.

## VI. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The 2006 board members introduced themselves and gave a little of their backgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Davis