

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2007 MMTC MEETING

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Jeff Stevens
- B. Cub Scout Troop 1209 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Welcome and Board Officer introductions.

II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. The minutes of the March 5th meeting were approved.
- B. President's Report: Jeff sent a letter of support for the Phillipino Fair. If anyone has any issues that they feel the town council could help with, contact a board member, come to a meeting and present it at Open Forum time or e-mail the council at: issues@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$19,405.04; Savings: \$29,719.59; Street Fair: \$22,488.87; CD: \$11,708.58

III. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon):
 - 3/10 8500 block of Taurus: a robbery. One of the suspects was caught. Later, another suspect was observed going into another home. A SWAT action occurred and a hand grenade was found and that suspect was captured.
 - 3/10 8100 block of Mira Mesa Blvd. in the Marshall's parking lot: a man was jumped in the parking lot and his car keys were grabbed. The police were able to tow his car before the suspect could steal it.
 - 3/10 San Diego National Bank was robbed. The suspects are two black males driving a teal colored Mercury Cougar.
 - 3/17 PMB Remittance was burglarized.
 - 3/26 the Plaza Wine & Spirits was robbed at gunpoint.
 - 3/31 Quality Suites was robbed.
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
 - Call Khoa at 619-236-6655 with any issues you would like to discuss.
 - There will be a clean up at Sandburg Elementary School on Saturday, April 21.
 - On Thursday, April 26 from 5:30PM until 7:00PM at the Senior Center there will be a shopping cart forum.
 - Mira Mesa will possibly have another clean and green day in June.
 - Funds were found to install a solar powered, stand alone speed sign to be put on Sorrento Valley Rd.
 - Khoa will look into the traffic light at Calle Cristobal and Camino Ruiz that some residents found confusing.
- C. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister):
 - Rebecca brought along some brochures on safe tire pressure.

- A new Circuit Program for libraries has been initiated. You can now search online for a book you need, and if it is at one of the colleges or universities, that book can be shipped to your local library branch.
- Project “Helmets for Kids” has given out over 3,000 bicycle and skateboard helmets to children. This is a non-profit, free event. A “mini city” is erected and firefighters and police are there to give health and safety presentations. Mira Mesa is interested in partnering with Ron’s office to hold an event.

IV. OPEN FORUM

- A. A resident was concerned over a light post in front of her house that recently had a box put on it with the letters “NEXTEL”. That is possibly a new cell tower and would be legal. Jeff will see what he can find out about it.
- B. Chuck has contacted the Veterans organization about changing out the frayed American flag at the Senior Center but was unable to get help from them. The new area director of the Rec. Council needs to be contacted to see when it will be put up.
- C. Another resident had a formal request for a streetlight on her street and was referred to Khoa.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Banner District (Linda Goycochea): The resolution approving the Banner District was waiting for approval from the city council and city attorney’s office when Khoa found a 2000 ordinance already recorded. Linda will be sending a letter to the offices of Supervisors Pam Slater-Price and Ron Roberts to get a six-month extension on the use of the grant money we received for the banners. The committee is working with the banner designer as well as volunteers and will try to have some designs ready for the May meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. San Diego Hunger Coalition (Tia Anzellotti): This is a countywide anti-hunger organization. The Food Stamp Program helps people with little or no income by providing them with an electronic card that can be used to purchase groceries. The amount of benefits received varies according to household income and number of people in the house. Currently, there are over 800,000 people in the county who could qualify, but only 26% are actually receiving this benefit. This is a federal program that is funded according to the level of participation. April is Food Stamp Awareness month. The SDHC hopes to increase awareness of this program by putting information in SDG&E bills and putting out flyers in both English and Spanish.
- B. Meals on Wheels (Ruth Ann Michelson): Meals on Wheels is a non-profit program that has been in existence for over 45 years and provides up to

two meals a day, seven days a week, to seniors in need. Clients pay for the meals based on their ability. With over 100 daily routes, this program is in need of caring volunteers. Community Bible Church has allowed their parking lot to be used as a distribution point for Mira Mesa. In addition to delivering hot, nutritious meals to seniors, the volunteers also do a daily safety check. For more information, call 619-260-6110 or visit www.meals-on-wheels.org.

VII. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- A. Shopping Carts Update (Terry Forshey): Last year, this group got re-organized to tackle the problem of abandoned shopping carts and is making some headway. Their main goal is to try to get the city council to pass an ordinance, as many other cities have done, to help regulate this problem. This would require grocers to pay attention to where their carts go and to come up with a plan to keep control of them. The group is trying to gather data to present to Councilman Maienschein to prove the need. Mira Mesa would be the test case since we are the primary complaining community. Khoa is trying to get the 800-number for the Shopping Cart Retrieval Service publicized. At the last meeting, only 2 of 21 invited grocers attended. The next meeting will be on April 26 at the Senior Center.
- B. Volunteer of the Year Recognition Committee (Courtland Young): The town council will be honoring Volunteer of the Year, Chuck Sweet, on Saturday, April 28 from 6:00 –11:00PM at the Senior Center. Invitations will be out this week. Stir Fresh catering will be setting up a Mongolian Barbeque center and the Kiwanis will host the wine and beer bar. Mayor Sanders is scheduled to be present during the first hour, so come early!
- C. Mira Mesa Planning Group: This group recently held elections and there are still three vacancies. They decide on all future development and traffic concerns for the Mira Mesa community and is seeking additional volunteers.
- D. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens): At the March meeting, the city ranger reported that work was underway to connect a trail from the Camino Ruiz Park to the canyon.
- E. Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book club will meet on Monday, April 26 at 7:00PM at the library to discuss the book of poetry by Lawrence Ferlinghetti called A Coney Island of the Mind.
- F. The Theatre Guild is already starting work on designs for the Monster Manor. In September, they will be looking for more volunteers.
- G. H.E.R.O.E.S. (Mike Davis) Upcoming events include:
 - April 14: cleaning the major areas inside the Epicentre and painting selected interior areas starting at 8:00AM. There will also be a brief volunteer appreciation ceremony around 10:00AM to kick off volunteer appreciation week.
 - April 21: painting benches and staining concrete at the Sandberg Elementary Beautification Day.

- April 28: “Rebuilding Together San Diego”, a countywide nonprofit organization will hold their yearly event that covers all of San Diego. This group has helped HEROES in several ways, and we request that you visit their website:
www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/volunteer.html

The meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Davis