

## February 5, 2007 MMTC Minutes

### I. OPENING

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Jeff Stevens
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by members of Scout Troop 1233
- C. Welcome and Board Officer Introductions
- D. Announcement of the death of community leader Tim Allen. A motion was made and carried (John/Chuck) to approve up to \$150.00 for a memorial for Tim in accordance with the family's wishes.

### II. OFFICIAL REPORTS

- A. The minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting were approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Alan Philpott): Checking \$19,173.00; Savings \$29,707.58; Street Fair \$22,463.87; CD \$11,641.87
- C. Membership Report (Glen Clarkson): We currently have 103 members. Glen will try to reach new move-ins with a welcome letter and newsletter.
- D. Programs Report (Kathy Madsen): Next month we will have a speaker discussing the new water and sewer rate increase.
- E. Police Department: Paul was not able to attend however Arlette reminded everyone about a change in policy regarding reporting noisy parties. People who call in to complain about excessive noise will no longer have to agree to sign a complaint in order for the police to respond.
- F. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  - The council recently approved a refinancing plan for the downtown ballpark.
  - MTS passed an ordinance that there may be no smoking within 25 feet of a bus or trolley stop. It will be the responsibility of the transit officers to enforce this ordinance.
  - There will be free tax preparation for low-income citizens. Call to set up an appointment. (The MM Senior Center is also offering this service.)
  - The Carroll Canyon Road extension project has been added to the Cal Trans corridor plan. Khoa will know more in early March. He requested the TC write a letter of support. A motion was made and carried and Jeff will send a letter.
  - The city budget for next year is due out in April.
  - The mayor is proposing to transfer Park and Recreation grounds maintenance workers to the general services department. Joe Frichtel suggested people send letters to the mayor asking him to leave Parks and Recreation as is. Jeff agreed to draft a letter from the TC.
  - The city is in agreement with the school district regarding the Salk school site mitigation land exchange. The grounds will be retested and then Fish and Wildlife will be approached. If they're also in agreement, things will go forward. This process can take 6 months.

- Khoa will request street sweepers to clean up Kearny Villa Rd. debris.
- G. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jim Gonsalves): Jim provided copies of the District 3 Slate which features a picture of Ms. Slater-Price with Chuck Sweet, John Malo, and Lily Supnet at the ceremony honoring the Senior Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also included in the District newsletter are the supervisor's new assignments for the year.
- H. State Assemblyman George Plescia: Sarah Sykes is the new community rep.
- I. **Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol** (Jim Brown): The RSVP has been running campaigns at various stores but so far not many people have signed up to join.

### **III. OPEN FORUM**

- A. Joe Frichtel spoke about the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library. This group is almost disbanded. We need to find out why and what we can do to help them continue.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Since no one had any changes to the MMAD budget, the motion to approve it (Chuck/Glen) was carried.

### **V. MAIN PROGRAM**

- A. Operation Home Front (Teri Patterson): About five years ago, in response to the 9/11 attack, a group of women formed Operation Home Front as an emergency support services provider to low income military families. Their toll free number is 866-424-5210. They provide military pre-deployment assistance, groceries, baby items and service providers who offer their services either pro-bono or at deeply discounted rates (Tom's Master Mechanics is one of those providers.) Operation Home Front also has an Injured Hero's Fund. 95% of every dollar they receive goes directly into programs or to the families. They are a non-partisan group and rely on grants and donations. They work with the Navy Relief and the Navy League to not duplicate their services, but unlike those groups, Operation Home Front's services are not on a payback basis.
- B. MMYC 2007 Budget: Alan reviewed the proposed budget for this year. –
- The budgeted amount of \$1,000.00 for advertising is to help Glen target new move-ins and also to target businesses. These expenses include postage, flyers, and ads in the Sentinel.
  - Robin Stutsman questioned why there was no Budget Committee as in past years that usually included former board members. The Budget Committee is not a standing committee. There were several motions made to have an ad-hoc committee for next year, which was then amended to have the ad-hoc budget committee for this year and next year. John Daley suggested we have a

committee review this budget and bring it back to next month's meeting. This committee will include the President, Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP along with Robin and Chuck. A vote passed to refer this year's budget to the Budget Committee and present it again at next month's meeting.

- C. Banner District Discussion (Linda Goycochea): Linda explained the Banner District project. A grant of \$12,000 has already been received and another \$3,000 had been pre-approved from the Street Fair towards the banners. The committee is still working with The Décor Plan, which has consulted on other banner districts. They are working on various designs, which incorporate a Mira Mesa image branding, and will hopefully have several designs to present at the next meeting for the membership to vote on. The cost to roll out the new banners will be around \$5,000 to \$6,000 with maintenance costs estimated at around \$1,000 per year. There would probably be the standard Mira Mesa image banners plus additional banners that would go up for special events (such as the Fourth of July). Those banners would be up for 24 hours each day for a particular time period. Linda and Debbie Vincent are the only members of this committee and requested additional members. Chuck Sweet volunteered to help. A motion was passed (Arlette/Glen) to approve the Banner District to proceed with the permit process. If you have ideas for designs, give the committee your input and Jeff will try to include them on the TC website.

## **VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Community Pride (Jim Brown): This group is down to only one active member and they need nine. They have been busy removing radio station Z90.1 plastic signs. Jim suggested we call the radio station and let them know we don't appreciate them putting their signs up. Also, the Teen Center bands have been putting their signs up so high that they can't be removed. They also need to be contacted.
- B. Street Fair: Robin Stutsman has agreed to chair the committee this year with all board members being actively involved.
- C. Clean & Green Events (Mike Davis): Mike needs the TC to provide a set of non-conflicting preferred dates for the next clean and green day. He has not received a response from the city yet but the "e-waste" people have agreed.
- D. H.E.R.O.E.S. (Mike Davis): They painted an elderly widow's fence and home on Jan. 20 and had well over 20 volunteers. John Malo requested they assist with some areas that need fixing/cleaning at the Senior Center. That event will be on Saturday, Feb. 17. The Kiwanis group are leading the community effort to build a dorm room at Fire Station 38 with HEROES painting the inside and outside. Mike is working with the new Harmonium volunteer coordinator, Cliff Beyer, to find ways to help fix-up the Epicenter/teen center and possibly add other venues. "Rebuilding Together San Diego" has their yearly event in April. They have helped

HEROES on several projects and we request Mira Mesa volunteers visit their website ([www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/volunteer.html](http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/volunteer.html)) to sign up to help on their April project. HEROES is still looking to locate those needy seniors and disabled people who need assistance.

- E. USMS MCAS (Mike Davis): Major Dan Burton has been reassigned. The new temporary point of contact is Mr. Juan Lias. His phone number is (858) 577-6603 and his e-mail address is: [juan.lias@usmc.mil](mailto:juan.lias@usmc.mil)
- F. Planning Group (Ted Brengel): The Carroll Canyon Business Center, south on Camino Ruiz, has 2 vacant lots. A proposal has been received to put 2 car dealerships maintenance facilities there. Ted wants to know what Mira Mesa residents want to see go there. Their next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:00PM at the library. What had originally been planned and approved there hasn't happened with the owner and developer blaming the problem on wastewater.
- G. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens): Their next meeting will be March 15. Funding for the construction of the trailer is available. The funding for the environmental portion is also available and is under review right now but could take up to 6 months for the consultant. They are looking for new docents and ranch hands.
- H. MM Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 26 to discuss the book I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou. The group will also be going to the Poway Performing Arts Center on Feb. 24 to see the play 1984. This was the book discussed at the January meeting.
- I. Fourth of July Committee will be holding their annual Casino Night fundraiser on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM to 10:00PM at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall.
- J. The Senior Center is still waiting on the final approval from the city for the name change.
- K. The Kiwanis group meets every Wednesday at 7:00AM at Mimi's Café. They will be planning the FS 38 extension.
- L. Blue Star Mothers (Dr. Sarah Young): Anyone can join this group; it's not just for moms. They have been around since WWII to support military personnel who are serving now or have served in the past. They are making bumper stickers and are planning a big party to be held on the USS Midway sometime around September. Visit their website at: [www.SDNCBlueStarMothers.org](http://www.SDNCBlueStarMothers.org) or call them at 858-201-6479.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14PM