

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2007 MMTC MEETING

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Stevens at 7:02PM.
- B. Girl Scout Troop 8202 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Welcome and Board Officer introductions.

II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. The minutes of the February, 2007 meeting was approved.
- B. President's Report (Jeff):
 - The budget committee worked on fine-tuning the new budget. The numbers are the same but the format was changed slightly.
 - There was an article on the Salk school site situation in the Union-Tribune. Jeff will try to arrange for city, school district, and Fish & Wildlife representatives to all come to the May meeting.
 - The water and sewer rate presentation was cancelled for this meeting.
- C. Treasurer's Report (Alan): Checking: \$19,794.60; Savings: \$29,713.28; Street Fair: \$22,488.87; CD \$11,676.87
- D. Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon):
 - RSVP now has a license plate reader that is rotating through the various communities. This can help detect stolen cars, vehicles with stolen plates or outstanding tickets. Some units are getting as many as 5 to 10 hits per day.
 - There was a home invasion on in the 10800 block of Camino Ruiz. The victim was bound and taped and a shotgun was used. That is still under investigation.
 - A pursuit that included a canine unit and helicopter concluded with two males being arrested.
 - A party in the 8500 block of New Salem resulted in three people being shot. The suspects were Asian males driving a Honda Accord.
- E. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
 - The Camino Ruiz Park is finished and they are working on a trail that will lead to the preserve. Funding was found for this project.
 - The groundbreaking for the Hourglass Park field house will be on March 12 at 10:00AM.
 - On April 21 there will be a community cleanup at Sandberg School.
 - Funding was negotiated for the extension of Scranton Rd. and Carroll Canyon Rd. up to highway 805. Groundbreaking is not expected until 2009.
- F. Mayor Jerry Sanders (Steven Lew): Since Steven covers districts 1, 5, and 6, he will only be able to attend the MMTC meetings on odd numbered months.

- Organizational changes to the Parks and Recreation Dept. has some jobs allocated to other departments. All community groups and unions will be included in the roll out.
- The increase in the water and sewer rate passed in the City Council. This will provide the necessary revenue (about a 6.5% increase) to improve the infrastructure and upgrade water treatment facilities. The increase on your own bill will vary depending on your usage. An Independent Rate Oversight Committee and annual audits will insure that the money is properly used. The San Diego Taxpayers Association has approved this.
- You can go to the mayor's website and register to receive e-mail alerts about important issues. The information may differ from what is reported in the newspapers.

- G. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jim Gonsalves): Jim brought the lasted issue of the District 3 Slate that highlights the county's safety record and reduced number of worker's compensation costs. Also, the California Coastal Commission has approved the necessary permits to begin work on the new San Elijo Lagoon Visitor's Center.
- H. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister): Rebecca had several handouts available including: Aging & Independence and the HELP Connection. The Department of Environmental Health is looking for people to serve on various boards.
- I. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Sarah Sykes): There are 2,865 bills before the Assembly and Senate right now. \$432million has been allotted for San Diego County transportation and roads construction. SB10, the Airport Authority Reform Bill would require an elected official on the board. The land use function would revert to SANDAG. California is looking at an earlier primary in February 2008. Elizabeth Riggs was named Woman of the Year from this district.
- J. Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol started in Mira Mesa over 12 years ago and at one time, had 70 members. They are now down to less than 28 members and cannot always insure that 1 car goes out daily. They have been actively seeking new members. To qualify, you must be over 50 years old, have a driver's license and be of good character. You would have a background check by the Police Dept. and receive 40 hours of training. Khoa is working on organizing and Open House to help with recruitment.

III. OPEN FORUM

- A. Resident George Bailey pointed out that the American flag at the Senior Center is in poor shape. The cost is \$500 per flag and requires city workers to remove the old flag and put up the new flag. The center does have two more flags.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mira Mesa Town Council Budget: Robin Stutsman and Chuck Sweet participated in the budget committee review and Barbara Peluso also provided input. The motion to pass the new 2007 budget passed. Jeff received a letter from Relay for Life requesting a donation and he requested that \$200 of the \$800 discretionary budget item be donated. That motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Health presentation by RN Quynh Gredig and Quinn Savona: During the 2006 Street Fair, the public health nurses conducted a survey to assess community needs in Mira Mesa and identify high priority issues that the Stakeholders group could impact and decide on possible interventions. They received over 400 surveys. Some of the recommendations they made, based on the findings of the survey were to:

- continue to support community events
- increase community events
- distribute the newsletter more widely
- encourage the use of the website
- use the library as a focal point for communication about community events
- assess community safety

B. Meredith Foellmi from Harmonium spoke about the many Epicenter program changes. They offer nutritional cooking classes, weekly art and music programs and are also going into the “6 to 6” daycare program. There has been an increase in the facility usage. In March, there are 14 concerts and on March 25 there will be a Family Fest from 4:00PM to 7:00PM with food, prizes, and fun. The café is being turned into an art and ceramic studio and the kitchen will be downsized. For the summer, they will be offering weekly day camps catering to youth ages 11 to 15. The inside and outside has recently been painted and they are working with HEROES and Kiwanis on other projects. The youth are constantly painting over graffiti. The Epicenter receives funding from grants and venues, and all money goes back into program.

VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

A. Banner District (Linda Goycochea): Khoa is drafting the resolution for the City Council to approve our banner district. We still need approval of the bracket design from the city engineers, liability insurance, and permits. The banners can only stay up for 30 days before needing to be swapped out. Hopefully they will have some designs to show us soon.

B. Clean & Green/HEROES/MCAS Miramar (Mike Davis):

- HEROES cleaned/weeded/spruced up the grounds at the Senior Citizen Center on Sat., Feb. 17.

- The website is mostly done with many thanks to Doug Dillard. Check it out at: www.miramesaheroes.org
 - “Rebuilding Together San Diego” will have their yearly event on Saturday, April 28. They have been a big help with several HEROES events and it is requested that you sign up to volunteer at their website: www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/volunteer.html
 - On April 14 they will touch up the paint inside, clean, and help with kitchen removal at the Epicenter. On May 5th, they will paint the outside and the two inside murals.
 - HEROES has been asked to paint Fire Station 41. No date is set yet.
 - The city is full up with other communities until at least June with respect to a major clean up event but the “e-waste” people have agreed to participate.
 - The new Miramar Community Plans & Liaison is Mr. Juan Lias. His number is (858)577-6603 and e-mail is juan.lias@usmc.mil
 - Brad Buffet has volunteered to be the CLF alternate.
 - Jeff will start putting Mike’s report on the website.
- C. Planning Group (Ted Brengel): This group has open board positions. There is a big apartment complex project going behind Best Buy.
- D. Fourth of July Committee (Debbie Vincent): Casino Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 10 at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. This is the biggest fundraiser for them.
- E. MMHS Foundation (Kathy Madsen): The Taste of Mira Mesa raised \$9,000 for the high school.
- F. Kiwanis are planning a spaghetti dinner in April.
- G. MM Library (Pam Stevens): The Friends of the Mira Mesa Library, which was in danger of being disbanded, met recently and had enough people come and volunteer so that this group will continue. The Banned Book Club will meet on Monday, March 26 to discuss Kurt Vonnegut’s book Slaughterhouse-5.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM

