

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
November 5, 2007
Minutes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Troop 1203.
Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Stevens.

Board Members Present:

Jeff Stevens - President
Alan Philpott – Treasurer
Ted Brengel – 2nd. V.P., Programs
John Daley – Parliamentarian
Maria Pankau – Newsletter Editor
Courtland Young – Member at Large
Stephen Sluyter – Member at Large
Arlette Ballew – Member at Large

Minutes of October meeting approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS:

- President: Volunteer of the Year nominations due December 3 at the MMTC meeting.
Miramar canceled for today's meeting. The main presentation will feature Terry Walters from CERT.
- Treasurer: Beginning balance for October 1, 2007 = \$93,699.74, ending balance = \$80,755.51.

OFFICERS REPORT: Paul Lennon

- Captain Rosario thanks the community for support of MMHS as an evacuation site.
- October 9, 2007 – 8300 block of Capricorn – Lady of the house saw a man cut the screen on her window. Man was captured.
- October 14, 2007 – 7500 block Mira Mesa Blvd. – Auto accident – Mom and two children, 4 & 6 years old, went into tree. Mom broke her pelvis, children were OK.
- October 16, 2007 – Thomas Hayes Lane 11:30 am – Door bell rang. Saw no one through the peep hole, did not open door. Rang again two more times, then there was a loud bang in garage area. The side garage door had been kicked-in. An African-American man was seen walking away and getting into a white van with a logo on the side.
- October 28, 2007 – 9300 block Hillery – 19 year old robbed at gun point. A shotgun was used in the robbery. Suspects are young juveniles. Later police caught a young juvenile putting a shotgun in the trunk of a Cadillac.
- November 4, 2007 – 11200 block of Camino Ruiz, 4:00 AM - 7-11 store robbed by individuals, wearing bandanas and carrying a shotgun.
- Automobile break-ins. More than half of all cars broken into have some valuable item left in plain view.

OFFICIALS REPORTS

- City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)

1. Thank the community for their support during the fires. Thank you also for all the volunteers, donations and time at the Red Cross facilities.
 2. Salk Elementary: The School District has finished doing test pits and is putting together a concept mitigation plan. Will try to do a land swap with the city.
 3. Food Drive: The bins will be placed at the Mira Mesa library to collect non-perishable items for the Alpha Project.
 4. Khoa has been promoted to Chief of Policy. Congratulations.
 5. Question from the floor:
 Cal-Fire vs. Military equipment use:
 Why have the military planes sitting ready, in San Diego, not been used to fight fires? Will report on it next month.
 Ted Brengel: It worked much better for this fire than back in 2003. Cal-fire has learned from its mistakes. They are looking into reasons why things went wrong.
 Jim Hearn: Response was great. Recent report stated that the atmosphere is so dry that California is going to become a desert. Need to do something to prevent fires not just fight them! City needs to do something. Penasquitos Preserve is a problem waiting to happen.
 6. Will control contractors to clean-up the city with one contractor free to the fire victims. Fees will be paid 75% by the State and 25% by the City. District attorney is cracking down on bogus contractors.
 Comment from the floor: Century Club is talking about taking over the Torrey Pines Golf Course. The course needs to stay as city run otherwise it will become too expensive for the citizens to use.
- State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)
 1. Introduced herself as new staffer for Mr. Plescia.
 2. They are committed to help the rebuilding effort in the fire areas.
 3. Newsletter available in back for everyone.

OPEN FORUM

- Maria Pankau - Thank you from Mira Mesa Invitational Band Review and Field Tournament.
- Kevin Tran – H₂O (Homework, Help, Outreach) Youth Program set up by UCSD students.
 Currently in place at the UC branch, North UC branch and Mira Mesa libraries. The weekend program consists of story time, arts & crafts, math & science experiments and tutoring. Tutoring is for K-8 grades, everything else for all ages. They also help high school students with SATs and college applications. Maria will place an article in the MMTC newsletter about the group including their website – onestepgroup.org.
- Larry Niedens and Al Marcus – Corner of Santa Armita and Avenida del Gato (by Sandburg school) needs a stop sign. Already spoke to police about it and was told that the stop sign cannot be placed there because it doesn't meet requirements for a stop sign.
- Khoa Nguyen – There are alternative methods to get a sign posted.
 Comment – Contact RSVP to get someone out there to patrol.

- * Barbara Hall – Mira Mesa International Festival (Dance)
Working with non-profit organizations to host festival. Festival will include dances from all over the world. Is asking for support from MMTC for event slated to take place at the end of January. This will be an afternoon/evening event. Would like to start a community improvement fund with proceeds from the festival. Is talking to MMHS principal about having the event in the high school gym, also considering Miramar College and Harmonium/Epicenter. They feel Harmonium/Epicenter is not large enough a venue for festival. At this point performers are all onboard, they are looking for corporate sponsors and foundations for endorsements.

Comments:

- Alan Philpott – How about waiting until September and making the event a part of Street Fair?
- Barbara Hall – We are ready to go and will go on in January. We may think about becoming part of Street Fair at a later date.
- * Joe Frichtel: Banners along Mira Mesa Blvd. look great. They are very easily readable.

NEW BUSINESS:

CERT Mira Mesa – Terry Walters

- CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

They will respond to fires and massive earthquakes if police cannot get to the site.

They have the tools and training to handle search and rescue, medical triage, make survival resources available and provide logistic support to responders.

-Concept began 20 years ago in Los Angeles and has been in place in San Diego for three (3) years. Currently there are about 800 trained volunteers in San Diego.

-107 volunteers responded to the last incident (San Diego fires) for logistic support to the firefighters in Montgomery Field. 20 CERT volunteers headed to North County.

-Volunteers helped to set-up firefighter camps in the mini golf course next to the Sheraton in Kearny Mesa, kept media away and helped firefighters so they could eat and rest. Firefighters said that everything ran smoother this time. They also drove fire vehicles delivering firefighters and equipment.

-CERT also provided FCC guards and assisted in setting-up the evacuation facilities at Qualcomm Stadium.

-This was the first time CERT has been dispatched in San Diego and firefighters appreciated the help.

-CERT will now focus on helping the community prepare for future by:

1. Handing out flyers on preparedness
2. Teach about preparedness
3. Help clearing brush
4. Encourage youth groups to help clean-up canyons

-CERT encourages everyone to make a BUG-OUT list. This is a list of the items you want to take in case of an emergency. The most important items you want to take should be at the top of the list. The more time you have to evacuate, the more items from your list you can take.

-Important things to remember:

1. Always have hard-soled shoes by the side of the bed.
2. Have clothes ready to put on.
3. Remember your pets AND their food.
4. Medications and contact lens fluid.

-CERT helps people to help in protecting

1. Family
2. Neighbors
3. Community.

Also teaches to not be a hindrance to firefighters.

Get proper training and family ready.

-Don't get discouraged if you are not allowed to volunteer at a Red Cross facility. They require all their volunteers to be Red Cross trained.

- CERT training is best way to prepare.

20-25 hours of basic training, two times a week, in a 4-5 week time frame.

Next training scheduled for February/March time frame.

Age limits – over 18 yrs old, not top limit.

-CERT rally point for Mira Mesa is located at the Gazebo at the park between the firehouse and the recreation center. They will take volunteers from the community to help.

Other rally points include the park and ride by Miramar College and the dog park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

* John Daley – Parliamentarian

Board Member Nominations needs:

1st. Vice President /Programs

Secretary

Parliamentarian

Two (2) Members at Large

Nominees must be MMTC members. President's position requires at least one year prior board experience.

Returning Board Members:

President – Jeff Stevens

2nd. Vice President/Membership - Ted Brengel

Treasurer – Alan Philpott

Newsletter Editor – Maria Pankau

Members at Large: - Steve Sluyter

- Courtland Young

For nominations please contact John Daley via email at the MMTC website.

- Banner District - Banners are up. Need more designs for future banners. Specific events will have their own banners ie. 4th of July. Committee is looking for new members to enhance banner designs and to decide on maintenance and change over time.
- RSVP – Need members
- Tom Derr: No meeting tomorrow for MMMAD. Meetings are held first

- Tuesday of month each quarter
- Community Pride – Ron Paul’s flyers are everywhere. Call (858) 566-4858 to have political signs taken down
 - Street Fair – Made money! Still waiting on final report. Also, still waiting for check from the city.
 - Mike Davis – Military Liaison. Clean & Green collected 59 tons of stuff. HEROES project painted Sandburg Elementary; Challenger Middle is next to paint on November 17.
 - Ted Brengel – Planning Group
 - Planning Group meeting third Monday, November 19. Light agenda.
 - Marines – land reclamation of contaminated soil on base.
 - Controlled burn by Marines to prevent wildfires – Not during Santa Anas.
 - Theater Guild - Monster Manor a success. Share the wealth a success. Many of the young kids that started back when the manor was begun have now taken over and are running the operation.
 - Penasquitos Canyon – Pam Stevens. Meet third Tuesday of odd numbered months. Next meeting- November 15 at 7 PM at Penasquitos Adobe.
 - Banned Book Club – Pam Stevens. Group reads books that have been banned or challenged.
 - 4th Of July. – Meets the second week of each month
 - Blue Star Mothers – Sarah Young – Support children of military families. Group in Veterans Day Parade.
 - How do we host a service member for Thanksgiving? Contact Affairs Officer at Miramar. Sarah also a good Contact.
 - Kiwanis – Meet at Mimi’s Café Sunday mornings at 7:00am

Respectfully submitted
Maria Pankau