

September 10, 2007, MMTC Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Stevens

Board members present: Jeff Stevens, Alan Philpott, Kathy Madsen, John Daley, Ted Brengel, Stephen Sluyter

Board members absent: Arlette Ballew, Beth Davis, David Tam, Courtland Young

Minutes of August meeting approved (Sweet/Daley)

Board Reports:

- President: Maria Pankau has volunteered to serve as newsletter editor. Approved (Daley/Philpott).  
MMHS Band requested \$200 for the "High Music Award" trophy at their band tournament parade. This will be a perpetual trophy sponsored by the MMTC. Approved for this year Daley/Sweet.
- VP: October meeting will feature school VIP's so the format will be a little different. All Committee Chairs are asked to submit their reports to Kathy ([Rmadsen1@san.rr.com](mailto:Rmadsen1@san.rr.com)) and she will print them up for distribution. Come to visit with the school VIP's and share your ideas over refreshments!
- Treasurer: Beginning balance August 1, 2007 = 83, 236.59, ending balance = \$87,441.31.

Officials Reports:

- City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  1. The City Council just approved Brian's tobacco ordinance, requiring all retailers selling tobacco products to pay an annual fee which would be used by the police department to fund programs aimed at stopping illegal sales of tobacco products to underage customers.
  2. The Mira Mesa Banner District proposal was passed by the city council last week.
  3. Funds for two flashing speed signs (the signs that tell motorists how fast they are traveling) have been obtained. The signs will be posted on Sorrento Valley Blvd. in both directions.
  4. Gabrielle Alves, an aide to the Carmel Mt. Ranch and Sabre Springs area was introduced.
  5. Brian will present a \$4000 donation to the Mira Mesa Street Fair, at the fair on Sept. 29.
- State Assemblyman George Plescia (Sarah Sykes)
  1. The state budget has passed, fully funding education K-12, the State Colleges and Universities, and includes 1.8 billion for a CHP Comprehensive Management Plan.
  2. A bill is in place to regulate online traffic schools.
  3. George has presented a water conservation bill, an extension to the 1992 water conservation bill.

OPEN FORUM

- Scott Barnett, candidate for local school board introduced himself.
- John Lee Evans, candidate for local school board introduced himself.
- Jeff Olivero, Principal at Mira Mesa High School invited all interested parties to the Planning Group meeting, Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the library to see the plans for the proposed \$1.5 amphitheater to be constructed at MMHS. MMHS was selected for this free project as a result of excellence in the school and community support.
- Ross McCollum discussed the Noel Project, a local congregation raising money to add on a bedroom and bath to a 2-bedroom house owned and occupied by a family of five, with three boy with moderate to severe mental and physical handicaps, and the father will significant health

issues. The parents have been sleeping in their living room for years. See [www.friendsofnoels.org](http://www.friendsofnoels.org) for more information, or the MMTC website.

- Tawana Todd expressed concern over what she believes to be nuclear waste seeping through her property at the west end of New Salem.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Mitchell, Director of Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council presented the history and evolution of his council to help alleviate the devastation of brush fires. He suggested three main ideas:

1. Look over your community, decide where firebreaks are needed, form neighborhood committees to work together to establish their firebreaks.

2. Establish a 501 (3) (c) Corporation within the community to try to get grants to help get the firebreaks established. Scripps Ranch is currently working on its 17<sup>th</sup> neighborhood. With the grants they are able to access the use of the California Conservation Corp., which is much less expensive than professionals.

3. Jerry and his group will mentor a group if it is established here.

Jim Hearn and Chuck Sweet volunteered to form a Mira Mesa Fire Safe Council patterned after the Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council. Kathy Madsen offered the services of the MMHS Foundation treasurer to help with the 501 (3) (c).

Eddie Villavicencio, Deputy Fire Marshall, SDFD, and Mark Castiglione, Fire Prevention Inspector for the SDFD gave a slide presentation and discussion on protecting your property from brush fires. It is important to create a defensible space around your home. Zone 1 is 35 feet from your house (a normal backyard) and Zone 2 is 65 feet from your backyard. Remove all dead wood, dead brush, etc. Prune bushes in an umbrella shape. Remember that flames will be three times as high as the bush they are burning. You will need a permit to prune on city property. Call 619-525-8607. Creating a defensible space can give the fire department more time to reach your home. Eddie suggested that we have Barb Ayers from CERT make a presentation to the Town Council, and was surprised to find out that we have an active CERT Team right in here in Mira Mesa!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Banner District (Linda Goycochea). Linda discussed the liability insurance, the last hurdle for posting banners and then presented the banner designs for a vote, after which a motion was approved to order 60 banners with the words "Mira Mesa Welcomes You" in the main banner area and "Mira Mesa Town Council" in the bottom section. (Bregel/Sweet)

Planning Group (Ted Bregel). The two items for the planning group meeting next Monday night are 1) The trail from Camino Ruiz Park to the Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, and 2) the MMHS amphitheater. The no-turn signs on Black Mountain Road will be revisited upon completion of a review by the traffic department.

Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel) The recreation council has received permission for a Memorial to Tim Allen at Sandberg Park.

Fourth of July (Pam Stevens) Fourth of July Committee Meets Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at the Senior Center. Volunteers are needed for next year's Fourth of July.

Friends of the Library (Pam Stevens) The Banned Book Club meets the last Monday of the month to discuss controversial books. Bring your suggestions for books for discussion to the meeting. The Library

is going onto a new computerized system, city-wide this week. Please be patient if everything isn't quite as smooth as you would like.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens) This month's meeting is Thursday, September 20 at the Adobe Ranch House. The big item is the trail presentation, which will be presented earlier at the Planning Group.

MMHS Foundation (Kathy) Memberships are available from Kathy.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith) The Monster Manner is under construction.

Senior Center (Chuck Sweet) Plans are rolling to get Verne Goodwin's name up on the Senior Center.

Halloween Committee (Chuck Sweet) This year's carnival is going to be held indoors which will help in keeping track of the kids, and keeping them occupied.

Sea World is having an electronic recycling event this Saturday from 8:30 to noon. People who recycle will be given Sea World Coupons.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Madsen