

MMTC General Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance – Cub Scout pack 1209
- Welcome and Board Officer Introductions

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

- President
 - Philippine Festival is June 7.
 - National Trails Day, at the historic ranch house in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve is June 7 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 - No meeting in July; the next meeting will be in August.
 - Street Fair committee needs help; next meeting is June 26.
 - Board meeting is second Thursday of each month at 6:45 at the Senior Center; there is one member-at-large position opening up.
- Newsletter Editor
 - Applications and information about 4th of July are on the back table.
- Treasurer
 - Beginning balance \$74,412.92; Income \$2,324.47; Expenses \$467.99; Ending balance \$76,259.40.
 - \$10,000 was transferred to the Business Checking Account
 - Pending: \$1,600 income from the Volunteer of the Year dinner
 - Graffiti Paint Fund has raised \$445

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

- State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)
 - Education was fully funded through Prop 98.
 - Small Business of the Year is the La Jolla Veterinary Hospital.
 - Copper is being stolen; a bill is in place to put a three-day hold on all sales of copper.
 - George Plescia's office is looking for an intern.
- State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly)
 - Fire related bills just passed the senate. Three bills are in the assembly. One bill will reimburse the local government for fire response and recovery, and the county would work with CalFire more closely. Another bill has to do with voice-over-IP and calling 911 and is to go into effect the following year.
- State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)
 - "Republicans unveil" handout – California has a very big deficit; this is to push for budget reform.
 - Form on education shows what the state has spent on education and lists issues related to education.
 - The Senator is against using a lottery to fix the budget.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – MMTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (Robin Stutsman)

The following high-school seniors received scholarship award checks, based on their community service:

- Jessica Even
- Christina Harrison
- Katelyn Mitchell
- Alice Chung
- Evaline Trevias

OPEN FORUM

- Brick Sale & Pathway at MMHS – Kathy Madsen
 - Selling bricks to brick in the entryway to the stadium.
 - \$100 per brick – 4”x 8” 3 lines of copy, 21 characters per line
 - \$75 per brick for current students and faculty members
 - More information: www.bricksrus.com/order/mmhsf
 - E-mail: Mmhsfoundation@att.net
- Patrick Hunter – Executive Director, Citizens’ Review Board on Police Practices
 - Independent organization to review complaints against the police department.
 - 75 cases are reviewed per year on average.
 - 23 volunteers, working an average of 20 hours per month, review the cases.
 - There are two levels of complaints: serious and not serious. Internal Affairs handles the serious complaints.
 - All case documentation is available to the reviewers.
 - He will return to make a longer presentation.
 - More information: www.sandiego.gov/citizensreviewboard or call 619-236-6296.
- Brian Maienschein
 - He and his office have served for 8 years without one of them missing a MMTC meeting. Khoa is unavailable tonight, so Brian came.
 - He wants to thank us for the honor of being our councilman for the past eight years.
- Sadia Haleem
 - She was nominated for the National Youth Leadership Forum.
 - She has a 3.8 GPA and does volunteer work.
 - She needs to raise \$2,500 to participate in the NYLF and is looking for sponsors; she has raised \$125 so far.
 - Motion made to donate \$200 to sponsor Sadia; motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- MM Recreation Council Presentation – Bruce Brown and Joe Frichtel
 - Parks & Recreation Dept., along with MMRC, designed and built many parks in MM since 1986.
 - There is a large deficit in developable acres for parks; Mira Mesa is 80 acres short.
 - Mira Mesa Community Park will expand across street to old Carroll School site; construction might start as soon as July 08, or as late as July 09, due to the recession.
 - Challenger Middle School Park is 33 acres; only 9 acres is usable due to fairy shrimp.
 - MMRC is a 501(c)3; donations are tax deductible.
 - Carroll Canyon development is an ongoing project; will be a park there eventually.
 - Cell phone towers built in parks have been paying \$50,000 per tower to local parks. Real Estate Assets decided to not charge to have cell phone towers put up, so the companies could put them up for free. MMRC looking into this.
 - Some current projects:
 - Canyon Hills is designated to be a regional park; it cost Mira Mesa \$12,000,000 to buy the land, but the state should pay for improvements and maintenance.
 - Westview Park was expanded from 5 acres to 9 acres.
 - Camino Ruiz Trail will allow access to Penasquitos canyon.
 - To get involved:
 - Be at least 21.
 - Have between 2 and 4 hours a month to volunteer.
 - Show up at the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Lopez Ridge Park.
 - More information: www.miramesatowncouncil.org – click on ”Recreation Council.”
 - Donate to the graffiti fund by going to the miramesatowncouncil.org website.
 - Questions:
 - Q: Is there a time frame to fix playground equipment at Maddox Park?
 - A: Existing equipment maintenance comes from the general fund, but the general fund is not funded.

- Q: Is there a solution to the fairy shrimp dilemma for Salk School?
 - A: An agreement is in the works and the funding is available.
- Neighborhoods for Clean Elections – Newt Ferris
 - The purpose of the group is to get support from town councils and to gather signatures for petitions to be on the 2010 ballot to have the City of San Diego have “Clean Elections.”
 - A Clean Candidate must pledge to raise no funds from special interests or anyone else.
 - In return, a Clean Candidate will be eligible for campaign funding from the Clean Elections Fund.
 - A Clean Elections Ordinance would create a Clean Elections Fund.
 - More information: www.sdcleanelections.org.
 - A candidate for Mayor, City Attorney or Council may chose to run as a Clean Candidate.
 - Clean Candidates will be designated as such on the ballot and in the voter pamphlet.
 - The cost of this program to the people of San Diego will be approximately \$6 per resident per year.
 - Clean Elections measures are already in force in Arizona, Maine, and several cities across the country. Arizona funded the program by increasing traffic tickets by 10%.
- Fresh and Easy Market coming to Mira Mesa – Bruce Evans
 - ABC license depends on whether the license would meet the “Public Convenience or Necessity.” The police department makes this finding based on the number of existing licenses in the census tract, crime rate, etc. Public support is an important consideration. 5% of the store will have alcohol.
 - The Mira Mesa Community Planning Group supported the ABC license.
 - Motion: The MMTTC voted to support the ABC license for Fresh and Easy (23 in favor, 1 opposed).

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- 4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)
 - They meet every Wednesday in June, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center
 - They are raising money for next year. Bank of America will match donations up to \$10,000 for activities in Mira Mesa.
 - Black Mountain Masonic Lodge holds a pancake breakfast at 7 AM on July 4th at the Teen Center. The tickets are \$5; \$3 will go to the Fireworks Fund and will be matched by Bank of America.
 - The Town Council will donate some funds as well.
- Banner District (Steve Sluyter)
 - He needs volunteers!
- Community Pride (Jim Brown)
 - Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM, Jim's House: 8605 Pagoda Way.
- Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr)
 - Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM, at the Senior Center.
- Planning Group (Ted Brengel)
 - Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Library.
 - Discussing: Water project; Stone Creek/Carroll Canyon; Casa Mira View; access to managed lanes on I-15.
- Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel/Bruce Brown)
 - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 PM, Lopez Ridge Park
- Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) (John Sunde)
 - He needs volunteers!