

Minutes of the August 4, 2008 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Police Department (LT. Rick O'Hanlon/Officer Paul Lennon)

Officer O'Hanlon reported that currently there had been 7 cases of robbery along Mira Mesa Blvd.—Camino Ruiz area. Suspects ranged between the ages of 15 -25 years, and were seen mostly in small foreign cars. They have leads at this time but not apprehension. They are taking things such as cell phones, ipods, etc. Don't walk alone.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen) (Khoa was not present but they sent a written report)

1. Street Division recently implemented operational changes & reorganized the electrical crews to be more efficient. Current response time to lights that are out is now 10 working days. In the past to get a street light repaired took at least 30 days.

2. At a Fire Committee meeting, the Park and Recreation Dept. gave a status report of the city's Brush Management Program. The city's 09 budget has increased to \$3,124,615. This is significant because the city thinned approximately 70 acres last year, this year will be able to thin 210 acres and in 09 will be thinning 590 acres.

3. Park and Rec Department has issued documents to initiate the tot lot upgrades at Maddox Park.

4. Regarding the Salk Elementary School Project, the city's Park and Rec's Dept. has given a draft MOU to the school district. The two parties are close to an agreement.

5. City Council recently voted to submit a ballot measure to prohibit alcohol on beaches and in shoreline parks. The measure will be on the Nov. 4, 2008 ballot.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

Two new superscoopers were okayed for fighting fires. They deliver 1620 gallons of water per drop and need just 12 seconds to refill their tanks. The water is mixed with fire retardant in the tanks.

8 new fire engines for the back country with 4 of them 4 wheel drive.

Will vote to put a new tax measure on the ballot. The measure adds a \$52.00 personal tax per parcel per year for regional fire protection.

Cal-Fire oversees San Diego County

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)

State budget 35 days late.

Assembly Bill 844, authored by George Plescia will help to solve metal theft. Thieves have been taking brass couplings from fire hydrants which prevents firefighters from hooking-up their hoses to get water. Brass is being stolen from various places including businesses and cemeteries.

Support for Sarah's Law. Requires doctors to notify a parent or adult family member before performing an abortion on a girl under 18 years of age.

Desalination plant in Carlsbad—decision to be made on August 16

Propositions that have qualified for the general election November ballot:

1. SAFE, RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED TRAIN BOND ACT FOR THE 21ST. CENTURY

2. PREVENTION OF FARM CRUELTY ACT
3. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT OF 2008
4. CHILD AND TEEN SAFETY & STOP PREDATORS ACT: SARAH'S LAW
5. NONVIOLENT OFFENDER REHABILITATION ACT OF 2008
6. SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ACT
7. THE SOLAR AND CLEAN ENERGY ACT OF 2008
8. LIMIT ON MARRIAGE. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
9. VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2008: MARSY'S LAW
10. CALIFORNIA RENEWABLE ENERGY & CLEAN ALTERNATIVE FUEL ACT
11. VOTERS FIRST ACT
12. VETERAN'S BOND ACT OF 2008

OPEN FORUM

Susan Lawson, State Captain for California—Soldiers' Angels

Spoke to the Town Council regarding Soldiers Angels, a national all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of all the active duty, and their families.

1. Send care packages to deployed individuals.
2. Individuals can —adopt a soldier
3. Need support from general public and associations.
4. Visit website at www.soldiersangels.org

Debbie Vincent and Karen Burger – Mira Mesa Fourth of July Committee

Presented 4th of July Parade awards

Commercial : Hanson Aggregates Marching Team : Mira Mesa High School JROTC Marching Bands : Mira Mesa High School Band Non-Marching Bands : Community Bible Church Car Club : Model A Restorers Decorated Floats : Praise Fellowship Decorated Vehicle : Knights of Columbus Comedy Entry : Moose Clown Club 2008 Float of the Year : Red Carpet Realty Judges Choice -Trophy (Best use of theme) : Boy Scout Troop 1212

Mike Davis – Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Discussed the new Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce - there are 300-plus businesses in Mira Mesa. They are still working on the by-laws and could use some help. Hoping to make Mira Mesa a destination, not a pass through town on the way to work. Businesses have a lack of sense of community. Influence, Teamwork and Support.

Bruce Brown, Robin Stutsman -Stakeholders

Paint the wall group has done an outstanding job along Mira Mesa Blvd. Ted Brengel and Mike Davis planning to paint visible wall on Mira Mesa and Camino Ruiz. Community Pride had \$1, 078 when it dissolved and request to put that money in paint fund. Robin Stutsman from Stakeholders proposed to share % of profits of street fair to paint.

NEW BUSINESS

San Diego Fire Department

The fire department was not able to be present for their presentation and we will try to reschedule them for a future date.

Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Inc. gave an outstanding presentation on fire resistant plants and ideas for making your lot safer from fire. His website is www.calown.com

1. Remove all non-native plants
2. Weeds and California natives do not co-exist

3. During the last two fires in San Diego county the native Manzanita did not burn
4. Thin and weed control.— Thinning by 50% removes 80% of the flash needed to aid a fire
5. A fire break should be set at 75 to 100 feet from a house. There should be no woody plants planted in the fire break area.
6. Place 1/8 metal screen over vents to prevent fire from entering the attic.
7. Hardscape (cement, brick work, stonescaping, etc.) should be used within 30 feet of your house. Especially under the eaves.
8. Keep wood and woody landscaping away from house.
9. Native landscaping saves water. Natives should be watered lightly from overhead every 10 to 14 days.
10. Most explosive situation in landscaping—natives mixed with dry non-natives.
11. Mulch helps to keep moisture in. Use only redwood mulch because it is naturally fire resistant.
12. Arbors can be safe by using wild grape as a climber on them

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

RSVP - (John Sunde)

Need more volunteers

Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Derr)

Meeting 1st Tuesday of the month

Community Pride (Jim Brown)

Curb side cleaning should be done by each homeowner.

Street Fair (Jeff Stevens)

The Mira Mesa Street Fair will be held on September 27th. Committee meetings are the Fourth Thursday of the month, and every Thursday in September.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizen's Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens)

Developing an open space management plan. See www.penasquitos.org.

Banned Book Club (Pam Stevens)

Sept 29 they will discuss ideas for the year/what to read

4th of July Committee (Debbie Vincent)

Meets second Wednesday of the month at the Mira Mesa Senior Center at 6:30 pm. Next meeting—Aug. 13.

Minutes submitted by MMTC Vice President Pam O'Donohoe