

MMTC GENERAL MEETING
February 2, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Cub Pack 1203 Presents Colors

- Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

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| • President | Jeff Stevens |
| • First Vice President (program chair) | Pam O'Donohoe |
| • Second Vice President (membership) | Ted Brengel |
| • Treasurer | Alan Philpott |
| • Recording Secretary | Albertine Feurer-Young |
| • Newsletter Editor | Maria Pankau |
| • Parliamentarian | Debbie Vincent |
| • Member at Large | Marlon Austria |
| • Member at Large | Jon Labaw |
| • Member at Large | Robin Stutsman |
| • Member at Large | John Daley |

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Minutes Approval

7:10 PM

Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved; minutes are approved as written.

Board Reports (President, Treasurer, Programs)

Treasurer:

Balances

Beginning Balances:	84,085.04
Monthly Income:	243.29
Monthly Expenses:	752.07
Month Net Cash Flow:	(508.78)
Ending Balances:	83,576.26

Budget

One correction: Scholarship amount was increased to \$4,000 to account for 8 \$500 scholarships.

Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon)

- The gang detail is present as well as Captain Mark Jones and Lieutenant Andy Mills. The Captain stated that the gang issues in Mira Mesa have decreased significantly.
- Lieutenant Mills said that Mira Mesa has minimal gang activity. In 2005, there were 47 gang motivated shooting attributed to the Asian gangs, which were mostly based in Mira Mesa. In 2006, there were 19 gang-motivated shootings. In 2007, there were 19 gang-motivated shootings as well. Last year, there were 3 shootings city-wide; 2 of them were in Mira Mesa. The people in Mira Mesa are much safer as a result. On the prevention side of things, the gang commission is working on finding jobs and counseling for people who are likely to become gang members. There are about 4,000 recognized gang members in San Diego. Los Angeles has about 100,000 recognized gang members. Captain Johns has five officers and a sergeant for Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos. Operation E-Ticket has shown the problem stems from the community to the world; it's a

global problem. The schools, the churches, and the community must work together to eradicate the problem all together.

- Question: Is there a connection between gangs and graffiti of "13"? Answer: Yes, a known gang in Mira Mesa tags "13"; if you see graffiti take a digital picture before it's painted over so felony charges can be filed.
- Question: Where do the guns come from? Answer: They come from a variety of places – one of which is from gun shows in Arizona. Gun members also trade guns with other gang groups. A tattoo shop on University Avenue was selling illegal guns; a sting operation shut them down. Homicides due to gangs are down 25%.
- Question: How do we feed information to the schools? Answer: It is done through the Gang Commission. An officer works with kids full time as well. If you want to get involved, join a social group or a faith based organization.
- Question: Is it true that the Asian gang members are very different from usual gangs? Answer: It's somewhat true. The demographics are different. The main thing is that parents need to pay attention to their kids. They should check the children's bedroom and test them if they suspect any drug use.
- Please email Andrew Mills at amills@pd.sandiego.gov with any gang intelligence.

SD City Fire Department

- Captain John Tanaka is new to fire station 38. His crew consists of Andy, Patrick, and John. There are around 150 incidents per month; things have been relatively quiet.
- Question: Is there a renovation scheduled for Fire Station 38? Answer: Not that he knows of.

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- The Mayor stated there might be a level 2 water crisis. There is a panel on Feb 10th at 6pm and the Rancho Penasquitos Library.
- The E-Waste drive is on 2/7 at 9 AM at Casa de la Campanas at 18655 West Bernardo Drive in Rancho Bernardo.
- The Tet Festival was a wonderful event.
- The shade structure will be up soon.
- There will be \$40 million in cuts – salaries and furloughs (saving of \$7.2 million)
- Mira Mesa had the highest attendance in the city of San Diego.
- Pot holes – email John all pot holes so they can be fixed; his email is JwLy@sandiego.gov.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- Supervisor Diane Jacobs is the Chair of the Board now.
- Edgemoor Hospital is now open.
- We no longer have a County Assessor; the position is open. Applications will be accepted through 2/18.
- The San Elijo Nature Center is completely green and there are live animals on the site. It's now open.
- David Kreitzer, the county planning commissioner, just retired and was replaced by Peder Norby.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)

- The budget has not yet been passed. The state will be running out of money in the next few days.
- Nathan has been working to pass the budget to not only address our short term needs, but to also support our long term goals.
- Nathan's community assignments include being the Vice-Chair of Health. He is on the committee of accountability and oversight and of housing and community development.

- There will be an open house at Nathan's office; date is to be announced soon.
- Nathan would like to go speak to the senior government classes of all the high schools in the area. Please email Oscar at oscar.urteaga@asm.ca.gov if there is an interest.
- Fletcher's Capital Update – he gives a quick update of what's going on in the Capital. A teacher from Southern Escondido is mentioned.
- Budget reform – we must end the boom and bust cycles of spending in California. If CA were a country, it would be the 8th largest.
- Job creation: we have the third highest unemployment in the nation at 9.3%.
- Question: Is Nathan and the Governor going to receive IOUs like all of us?
Answer: Our office is not looking into it as it's not certain it will happen; we are expecting the budget to pass in time to avoid this drastic measure.
- Question: If the people are hurting, why aren't the legislature's members not having their pay cut like the people of California? Answer: All members of the legislature are working diligently to come up with a solution.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS-Allowable time-2 minutes 7:40 PM

- Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce (Mike Davis) – Give John Ly (Carl DeMaio's assistant) all volunteer group information for a project that will share processes, resources, and contacts associated with volunteer groups.
- Planning Group (Ted Brengel) – The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th at 7 PM at the Mira Mesa Senior center.
- 4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith) – Received a grant of \$6,000 from Pam Slater-Price. Casino Night is 4/25 starting at 6:30. Admission is \$20 per person. Sponsors receive four tickets. People who donate for the auctions will receive two tickets. Please contact Sandy Smith for sponsorship information.
- HEROES (Mike Davis) – "Cosmetic make-over day" on Saturday, 14 Feb, for Mark Twain Alternative Senior High School. HEROES continues to need full community support / visibility in looking for needy or disadvantaged seniors / disabled folks to assist, or worthy community projects too, please help locate them.

NEW BUSINESS 7:50 PM

Corey Beckwith – San Diego Fire Dept.

- Corey is the Captain with the SD City Department at Station 35 and VP of Local 135.
- He is presenting at many community meetings to explain what the firemen do when they are not on a call.
- Station 38 needs renovation; closing fire engines is a high risk solution to the budget crisis. Educating the public is very important to make sure the community understands the role of the firefighters.
- The mailing list will keep individuals informed as to potential cuts, what the fire department does, and other information that are relevant and information.
- There are 47 fire stations in the city of San Diego.
- The fire department:
 - Deals with fire suppression
 - Answers medical emergencies through the EMS system
 - Does FCIC programs
 - Is responsible to make sure libraries and public buildings are up to code
 - Is trained in Weapons of Mass Destruction awareness
 - Handles helicopter operation and HAZMAT
 - Is the bomb squad
 - Has a search and rescue team

- Handles the fire fighting
- The difference between an engine and a truck:
 - There are 47 fire engines, but only 4 truck companies in San Diego.
 - The trucks are much bigger and are usually involved in the search and rescue or ventilations. They don't carry water.
 - Engines usually carry water and are first on the scene.
 - Engine and trucks are staffed with 4 people and have at least one paramedic.
- The national standard is a five minutes response time; in this community, we only meet this 40% of the time due to lack of staffing.
- We are 300 to 400 firemen short.
- Please help support the Fire Department when cuts are mentioned. They are already very short-staffed. Calls are increasing drastically from three years ago and yet, staffing does not increase.
- Rolling brown-outs (closing two engine companies per day for 24 hours on a rolling basis in all double houses) can't happen. Response time would increase drastically. The City Council members listened to this and agreed, but it would have happened if the Fire Chief had stood up and educated the City Council.
- The Fire Department wants to continue attending the meeting to educate everyone about how the fire department works.

Kathy Blair – ITN San Diego

- Chuck Overbey is here for Kathy Blair.
- Independent Transportation Network for people 60 and over.
- <http://www.itnsandiego.org/>
- Mission: To provide a community-based, community-supported, economically viable and consumer-oriented, quality transportation service for seniors.
- Vision: ITN imagines a day when all seniors will have transportation when they want it.
- \$50 annual membership fee and \$11 on average contribution for each trip, which cover about half the cost.
- They are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

OLD BUSINESS

8:25 PM

'09 Budget Approval

- The budget is based on actual figures from last year.
- The budget is posted on <http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/>.
- Motion to approve the '09 Budget is made. Motion is seconded. Motion is approved.

OPEN FORUM

8:30 PM

Dyanna Smith – Chalk the Walk

- 5/9 at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center.
- Pam Slater-Price has made a donation.
- <http://www.mmwomensclub.com/ChalkAnnualFestival.html>

Orlando Vernachia – In opposition of the Hillery onramp for I15

- CalTrans is planning on adding a ramp to 15 on Hillery.
- There is already too much traffic in Mira Mesa.
- More traffic could be a risk to the community should a fire break-out; people would not be able to leave the area.
- Ted Brengel:
 - Managed lanes will be much longer than regular lanes.
 - There is a need for a direct access ramp in Mira Mesa – one by Galvin or

- one by Hillery. Galvin would be 30 feet from the school.
 - Traffic on Hillery is already very much impacted and this will make things worse; Hillery Drive could become impassable. The Planning Group is asking CalTrans what they plan to do about it.
 - The bus depot by the college is pending and is one reason why CalTrans prefers the Hillery option.
 - Mira Mesa Planning Group website:
http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/planning_group.htm
 - Debbie Vincent would like a community forum about this.
 - Orlando's neighbor, Ben, agrees. It can take up to half an hour to get out of their drive-way and people drive at very high speeds down Hillery.
- A young gentleman mentioned that:
- The school buses were very uncomfortable and took too long.
 - He would appreciate some help with this matter.