

MINUTES OF THE MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 6, 2009

Call to Order

Called to order at 7:02 PM

Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 616

MMTC Executive Board Change

Sandy Smith was nominated as Board member at large replacing Robin Stutsman. On a unanimous vote, she was confirmed as a Board member.

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon, Lt. Rick O'Hanlon)

There were several robberies in the area.

Jade Coast had home invasion - two (2) female lookouts and 1 male. Offenders caught and in jail.

Armed robbery on Londonderry.

Fire Department responded to 11200 block of Ganesta - found 333 marijuana plants growing in home. All burned. Male sleeping in home was arrested.

Burger King had a robbery in early morning hours by two (2) armed males. Opened safe, workers put into freezer.

Cold Stone - clerk threatened by male. Cash was put into a bag. African-American male in 20's escaped in a light colored car.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

Open Forum on April 20 at the Library to discuss Hillery Direct Access Ramps.

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Salk Elementary School will go before the San Diego Unified School Board for approval on April 28th. The issue will go to the City Council in May if school board supports.

Carl is against the pool fee increase for Mira Mesa High School water sports.

Shopping carts - less than positive results for retrieval. John called in several abandoned carts to the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Service and they were not picked up within the expected time period.

Camino Ruiz Trail is two (2) weeks behind schedule.

Roads - two weeks behind in road repairs; potholes all over. Call John Ly for pothole repair.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

Small business forum on April 23 by Slater to help local business.

Property taxes are due April 10. There is a 10% penalty if not paid.

May 19 election - May 4 is deadline for registering to vote in the election. May 12 deadline for voting by mail. Special election costing millions but voting by mail will be most cost effective.

Governor proposed special election because legislature is wasting money because they can't come together and agree. Special elections have cost about 900 million dollars since Arnold took office.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)

Community Coffee Event May 2, 2009 at Standley Recreation Center on Governor Drive.

Bill AB83 Protection of Good Samaritans. A person cannot be sued by a victim for being a good Samaritan.

Bill AB12 California Fostering Connection to Success Act. Allows State to receive matching funds to expand fostering to 21 years if special conditions are met. Aged-out youth currently are incarcerated (1 in 4) or homeless 1 in 5).

AB23 Cal Cobra. Health care insurance through 9/2/09. An individual qualifies for CalCobra if they are laid off. Federal funding will extend health care benefits at a 65% subsidy to laid-off workers.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)

Costal monitoring program has been restored.

MTS - budget issues, next five years. Reduces expenses and revenue. Eliminated all state transit additions.

Fire season is approaching. Encourage health and safety. Everyone needs to be prepared.

May 12, 2009 county will be approving budget. Budget will be affected by special election.

Lawnmower exchange program will be May 16, 2009. Trade in a working gas mower and \$150.00 for a brand new electric one valued at about \$450.00.

State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)

Thank you to Ted Brengel for a job well done for so many years.

Comprehensive reform for water - paying more, getting less. Water bond.

SB668 (Bonnie Dumanis) - tips and tools, child abduction.

Ready for new budget. (6 to 10 billion deficit). Deficit will be 16 billion over the next 2 years if there is no tax increase.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Casino Night (Sandy Smith)

Casino Night April 25th – Festivities plus Silent Auction.

HEROES (Mike Davis)

2 elementary school beautification

Clean and Green will focus only on a small area on Greenford this year.

Women's Club

Women's Club - Chalk the Walk - May 9 Mira Mesa Recreation Center.

Support from Pam Slater –Price has been great.

All expenses are covered.

Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)

Banned book group April 27, 7-8 PM - Maya Angelou's collection of poems.

May 11 book discussion - Zookeepers Wife.

Farmers Market

Grand Opening Tuesday April 21st. at Mira Mesa High School 3-7, and every Tuesday thereafter.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens)

Elected new officers, Marvin Gerst chair.

MM Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel)

Next meeting—April 14.

City wants to raise fees for all kids to use parks. Contact Mayor to say NO!

Mira Mesa Street Fair (Jeff Stevens)

September 26.

Meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of each month starting April 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year Dinner for Ted Brengel - June 6 at Miramar Officers Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Council Budget

Motion was made to allow the MMTC Board to spend up to the budgeted amount approved by the general membership. Budget items can be approved by the Board of Directors up to the amount specified in the budget approved by the membership. The specific amount will appear in the following month's budget report.

Jim Hearn seconded.

MMTC general membership has more authority than other groups.

Passed with 16 yeses, 3 nos.

This approves payment of the \$5,000 budgeted for the Fourth of July celebration as well as other explicitly budgeted items.

Kathy Lippett

Headshops update.

Alex Nguyen – Secretary, Mira Mesa Theatre Guild –

Shared brief history of Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, Mira Mesa's non-profit community theatre group, and Monster Manor, MMTG's current annual production.

MMTG is now also preparing to offer youth and adult acting classes, and to produce its first play in a decade, tentatively set for August.

MMTG is seeking individual, group, and business donations or sponsorships to bring these programs to the community. Individuals can join MMTG as members to help support its goals – see membership form at www.miramesatheatreguild.org.

Cost breakdowns for play production and Monster Manor are at www.miramesatheatreguild.org/sponsors.html. Nguyen said

MMTG is asking MMTC for donation of \$3,000 - \$5,000.00. Postponed decision on donation amount.

Charlotte Parnell-Taylor - Relay for Life

May 17-18.

Motion made and it was unanimous to give \$200.00 to Relay for Life.

Ted Brengel , Chairman, Mira Mesa Planning Group -

Has been Chairman for the Planning Group for 10 years.

The planning process uses the San Diego General Plan as a guide.

Mira Mesa is the largest community in the San Diego general plan.

Capricorn turn restrictions are gone!

Recapped some of the highlights of what's happened on the Planning Committee during his tenure. Fascinating and informative. The complete presentation is posted on the MMTC website at

<http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/doc/Plangrp/MMCPG%20Retrospective.pdf>.