

MMTC GENERAL MEETING
May 4, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Troop 1212 Presents Colors

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

- o Minutes Corrections:
 - o Addition: p. 5 AB 23 Cal Cobra apply to companies with less than 20 employees; Federal Cobra applies to larger companies
- o Jeff Stevens makes a motion to approve the minutes.
- o Albertine Feurer seconds the motion
- o Minutes are approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS

- o President:
 - o 6/6 Volunteer of the Year Dinner for Ted Brengel; invitations will go out soon.
 - o Street Fair Committee meets Third Thursdays.
 - o Town Council Scholarship; application is on the website. Due date is 5/8.
- o Treasurer:
 - o Beginning balance \$83,585.85; Income \$513.10; Expenses \$926.43; Net cash flow (\$413.33); Ending balance \$83,172.52.
 - o Checks: (1) Sandy Smith \$5,000 for 4th of July and (2) Mervin Miles \$560 for paint

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

- o Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon, Lt. Rick O'Hanlon)
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- o SD Fire Department
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- o City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)
 - o Memo released regarding saving \$22 million dollars without tapping into reverses.
 - o 5/8 at 1PM Press Conference about the Civic Center.
 - o Carroll Canyon Road will be voted on 5/5/09.
 - o Level 2 Water Emergency as of 5/5/09.
 - o Volunteer Summit, 6/6 in the morning. More details to follow.
 - o Lights and pot holes were fixed.
 - o Audience questions and comments:

- Traffic camera lights flash randomly for no reason.
 - People are attempting to save much more than the 5% mandated by the emergency status. These individuals will be started at a lower baseline, which is not fair.
 - The Welcome to Mira Mesa sign was hit by a car. The insurance company will pay for it; we might get a brand new sign with a different look.
 - Is there a Camino Ruiz Trail update? No update
 - Is there a Salk Elementary update? Park & Rec and the School Board met; they are discussing language. The school should be built by 2011. The rest of the studies will take till the end of the year and the build will take another year. The Unified School District might not want to handle the maintenance of the Vernal Pools. Note: There is no maintenance for Vernal Pools; this should not be an issue. This is not serving the community. This is ridiculous; it needs to be done. Our community should not have to put up with this. We must demand answers. They must be locked into a room and not allowed out until things are resolved. Perhaps we should file a lawsuit. John Ly will write a memo and will CC Planning Group, Rec Council, and Town Council members.
- County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)
 - 25th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento on 5/7 (Vigil) and 5/8 (Enrollment Ceremony).
 - Lawnmower exchange on 6/16 at the County Administration Center at 8 AM; first come, first served. Participants must bring a functional, gas-powered mower that has been emptied of gas and oil to exchange for a cordless, battery-powered mower; they must also have a photo I.D. and proof of residency in the county, such as a utility bill.
 - Swine Flu – take the same precaution as you would with any other flu; schools have been closed for a couple of weeks.
 - Special Elections on 5/19. 5/4 was the last day to register.
 - Bring a passport whenever returning into the US, even from Mexico.
 - The County Operation Center is being rebuilt.
 - Food Stamps process improvement plan was approved.
 - Audience questions and comments:
 - Mail carriers will be collecting food on 5/9; make sure to have plenty of food to give them.
- State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)
 - Swine Flu: Under control in California, but the state wants to assure the issue is addressed. Fletcher receives daily briefings. www.cdph.ca.gov.
 - Holocaust Memorial Week. Edy Lange was recognized. Maddy Jennewein was the student who interviewed Edy and wrote an essay. California needs to reflect on the atrocities and violence of that time. We must honor the survivors and make sure all generations hear their stories.
 - AB 1367. Bill extends the deadline for receiving absentee ballots from members of the military and from any Californian living overseas. The Bill passed through a key committee last week.
 - AB 1300. Bill establishes a pilot program to provide incentives to local Fire Safe Councils to clear dry brush, basically fire fuel, from property – reducing the likelihood of uncontrolled burns.
 - AB 23 – Cal Cobra. Bill to close loopholes between Cal Cobra and Federal Cobra.
 - AB 313 – Rancho Santa Fe. Bill will be heard on the Assembly Floor this week.

- AB 1300 – Fire Protection. Bill to be heard on the Assembly Floor Resources on 5/4/09; it creates a grant program to incentivize vegetation management around communities and to take the clear materials to biomass facilities.
- US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)
 - Congress: Budget was passed last week.
 - Swine Flu: Briefings from Homeland Security and CDC.
 - Bilbray will be back from DC by Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS (not all groups will present at every meeting)

- 4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)
 - Parade for application is in the back.
 - Games will be free to the children to play; please sponsor a booth.
- Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens)
 - Remembering John “Jack” Northrop – Equestrian; long-time Penasquitos Canyon Preserve CAC member, wrote about geology and trails in Preserve. Memorial ride and gathering at El Cuervo Adobe at west end of Preserve, 5/9.
- Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)
 - Book Discussion Group – 5/11 Zoo Keeper’s Wife.
 - 6/8 – Dr. Zhivago.
- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Alex Nguyn)
 - Show will be in December
 - Next meeting will be at the Field House, May 20th
 - Acting Class Proposal – Trey Barkley:
 - Will offer classes for children starting in June.
 - 2-3 hour classes will be \$5 to \$10
 - Looking for a donation of between \$1,500 to \$2,000 – Jeff Stevens: the board will take this under considerations and will discuss it at the Board Meeting.
 - Need volunteers and official instructors.
- Mira Mesa Women's Club (Dyanna Smith)
 - Chalk the Walk – 5/9.
 - John Estrada is a well-known artist who might be present.
 - Artist and sponsor forms are in the back.
- Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel)
 - 5/12 – Meeting – will discuss Mayor is trying to raise Field use fees
 - 5/9 - Chalk the Walk
 - 5/10 – Mother’s Day
- Volunteer Recognition Committee (Robin Stutsman)
 - Dinner is 6/6 at Miramar.
 - Invitations will be mailed 5/5/09.

NEW BUSINESS

- Zeny Ravelo – 4th Annual Philippine American Festival 2009
 - 6/6 at the Mira Mesa Community Park at 8575 New Salem Street
 - Free Admission
 - 10:00 AM to 5 PM
 - Singing, dancing, demonstrations, fashion show, food, arts & crafts, novelties, information, giveaways, and prizes.
 - Zeny Ravelo: 858- 484-2277; or email Zeny Ravelo, aguinaldofoundation@yahoo.com
 - Applications for food vendors are available

- o Joyce Tavrow – League of Women Voters
 - 5/19 – Statewide Special Election
 - Easy Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan guide to inform the public on the different propositions.
 - www.smartvoter.org
 - www.sos.ca.gov
 - www.lwvc.org/local
 - www.easyvoter.org
 - Prop 1A: Strengthens the budget reserve, creates a new spending limit, extends tax increases by 1-2 years.
 - Prop 1B: K-12 and community college funding
 - Prop 1C: State to borrow from future lottery profits
 - Prop 1D: Special funds for child development to replace General Fund
 - Prop 1E: Special funds for mental health to replace General Fund
 - Prop 1F: Stops state elected officials from getting pay raises when the state has a deficit.
 - Audience Questions and Comments:
 - Regarding Prop 1E: the money would not be borrowed; it would be recollected.
 - If all the propositions are necessary to balance the budget, what will happen if they don't pass? Other services will be cut.
 - The state legislature cannot say no and cannot have a balanced budget.

OPEN FORUM

- o Shopping Carts
 - Locks on shopping carts.
 - California Shopping Cart Retrieval Service is picking up thousands of carts in Mira Mesa.
- o Ramp for the 15 on Hillery
 - Traffic will become even more nightmarish.
 - Sub-committee of the Planning Group is working on this issue. The meeting is in 2 weeks at the Mira Mesa library and CalTrans will be here.
 - Several Mira Mesa residents living on Hillery did not receive any notice from CalTran regarding this issue and are very upset.
 - Anyone upset regarding this issue MUST come to the Planning Group Meeting on 5/18 at the Mira Mesa Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, May 11 at 6:45 PM** at the Senior Center. Unless otherwise scheduled, Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

FOLLOWING MEETING

The following regularly scheduled general meeting will be **on June 1, 2009** at the Mira Mesa Library.