MMTC GENERAL MEETING
June 1, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Boy Scout Troop 1203 Presents Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Contingent from the Mira Mesa High School Band plays the National Anthem
President Stevens asks for confirmation of $200 donation/trophy sponsorship for Band Tournament – Motion (Chuck Sweet/Bari Vaz) to confirm. Approved unanimously.
Mira Mesa High School Band Director John Dally introduced himself, and said they will be in the Fourth of July parade as well as the band tournament on November 7.
Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

MINUTES APPROVAL
- Minutes are approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS
- President:
  - 6/6 Volunteer of the Year Dinner for Ted Brengel. Robin Stutsman: Tonight is last night to sign up.
  - Street Fair Committee meets Fourth Thursdays at the Senior Center at 6:30.
  - Street Fair vendor application is now online at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm. Will also be mailed to past year's vendors.
  - San Diegans Against Abandoned Shopping carts is suspending operations due to slow progress. MMTC will continue to pursue this issue.
- Treasurer:
  - Beginning balance $83,172; Income $722; Expenses $5,290; Ending balance $78,604.; Largest expense was $5,000 donation to the Fourth of July celebration.

Scholarship Award Presentations
Scholarship committee chair Alan Philpott announced the 2009 Mira Mesa Town Council scholarship awards. This year's scholarship winners are Brittany Kvalvik, Nikkita King, Rochelle Labao, Brittany Outlaw, Adrian Bacong, and Charity Quijano. Each was presented with a $500 check.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS
- Police Department (Officer Jeff Carter)
  - A suspect now believed to be in the South Bay has been identified as responsible for a number of crimes in the community.
  - On May 15, the Autozone store was robbed. There have also been robberies at AM/PM markets.
  - 4 churches have been burglarized recently.
  - There is a problem with security in the area behind the Edwards Theater where car prowls have been common.
  - Motion (Stutsman/Sweet) to send a letter to the Theater and/or shopping center asking for better security in that area.
- City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)
  - The City and School District staffs have agreed on a plan for Salk Elementary School. Still needs both City Council and School Board approval.
  - Camino Ruiz Park trail is in progress.
  - John has been working with Jeff Stevens on several approaches to solving the abandoned shopping cart problem, but none of them have worked yet. Police

can't do anything because there is not a City ordinance prohibiting abandoned shopping carts, and the stores do not want to prosecute their customers. Jeff – last year the shopping cart retrieval service picked up 6300 shopping carts in Mira Mesa. Chuck – kids have been seen riding carts down Black Mountain Road and are very likely to get in an accident.

- Volunteer Summit, 6/6, 10 AM to noon in Rancho Bernardo.
- County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)
  - Public hearings on the County Budget will be June 8 and June 9 at 9 AM.
  - Public hearing on appointment of the new sheriff will be 6/16 at 9 AM. Candidates have until 6/10 to apply.
  - Turn out for the election was only 30%
  - Budget is bad. There have been layoffs
  - Water will continue to be an issue.
- County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)
  - As of June 1, need a passport to get into the US from Mexico.
  - ID cards are being issued for medical marijuana.
  - County will have four aircraft on call during fire season.
- State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)
  - Oscar is recovering from the Rock and Roll marathon.
  - Assemblyman Fletcher has sponsored the following bills:
  - AB 1367. Bill extends the deadline for receiving absentee ballots from members of the military and from any Californian living overseas.
  - 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. Has Sierra Club backing. Will be voted on tomorrow.
  - AB 23 – Cal Cobra. Bill to close loopholes between Cal Cobra and Federal Cobra. Signed by Governor.
  - AB 313 – Rancho Santa Fe homeowner's fees. Bill passed Assembly.
  - To get any bill status, go to leginfo.ca.gov
  - State Budget deficit is now $24 Billion. Nathan wants a budget solution that creates jobs and limits spending.
- State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)
  - As Senate Republican leader he feels voters have spoken and do not want higher taxes.
  - "Restore California" is the new reform package.
  - CalFire has 2 DC101's at Victorville and a 747 at Lake Elsinore to help in case of fire. CalFire can come to a future meeting.

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

- Community Pride (Jim Brown) – Water restrictions started June 1. Odd number addresses can water Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday; even addresses Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. Watering is limited to 15 minutes per location.
- MMMAD – Jeff Stevens reported for Tom Derr that the next meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7 PM at the Senior Center.
- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Alex Nguyen)
  - Monster Manor has been nominated for best of San Diego. You can vote for them at http://bestof.signonsandiego.com/2009/vote/best-family-attraction/
  - Will be doing "A Christmas Carol" in December.

NEW BUSINESS

- John DeBeck – proposal to establish a San Diego Coastal Unified School District

- Why do it? There is too much special interest influence on the School Board, and too much entrenched inefficiency. There is also a lack of attention to individual communities.
- To do this requires a ballot. Need signatures of 25% of registered voters in the new district. There need to be public hearings and other steps, so this takes time. There are also a number of requirements including not increasing racial segregation and not increasing costs.
- Set up district elections instead of district-wide elections that are too easily influenced by special interest money.
- New district could include only 3 high schools or as many as 9 high schools. The last would include Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch.
- The Board would be organized around High School clusters.
- District officers would be a chief educational officer/superintendent, chief financial officer, chief accountability officer/attorney, and chief facilities officer.

OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, June 8th 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 **August 3, 2009** at the Mira Mesa Library. There is no meeting in July.