

MMTC GENERAL MEETING
December 7, 2009
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Troop 8488 Presents Colors

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

MINUTES APPROVAL

- o Minutes Corrections: None. Minutes are approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS

- o President:
 - o Ted Brengel is the new President.
 - o Thank you to all who help make Mira Mesa a better place.
 - o Volunteer of the Year
 - o Budget approval
 - o Meeting day and time: City Budget - \$180 million deficit and libraries could be closed on Mondays; thus, the meetings might have to change.
 - o What day would most people prefer for the meeting? Monday (15), Tuesday (6), Wednesday (4), Thursday (2), Doesn't Matter (6).
 - o If Monday is not a possibility, Tuesday (12), Wednesday (6), Thursday (7)
- o Treasurer:
 - o Beginning balance \$86,699.39; Income \$1123.68; Expenses \$2,311.20; Net cash flow (\$1188.52); Ending balance \$85,510.87.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

- o Police Department (Officer Susan Steffen)
 - o Slight increase in bank robberies – 2 this past week in Rancho Bernardo.
 - o Industrial area on Miramar Road – bottom windows are being smashed and laptops are being stolen. Two officers are working undercover in the area. They pursued a stolen car; the car crashed and one person was taken into custody.
 - o Fatal injury incident on Pomerado Rd.
 - o Slight increase in business burglaries in Mira Mesa.
 - o Packages are being stolen in front of home; leave a note asking delivery person to only deliver to individuals and to not leave packages.
 - o Question: How is the gang population doing? Is it growing?
Answer: It has not increased and there has not been any territory rift lately; it's been quiet.
- o City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)
 - o Budget
 - o Station 44 is on the list for brown-outs; it is one of 13 stations that currently have 2 units. 8 out of 13 units would be browned-out.
 - o Library hours will be reduced from 41 hours to 36 hours a week.
 - o Park and Rec – revenues are going to a general fund.
 - o Police Department – reduction in mounted forces and canine units.
 - o Environmental Services are switching to 4 10-hr shifts from 5 8-hr shifts.
 - o Salk Elementary Update
 - Appeal was filed with the 9th Circuit

- Dec. 14 at 9 AM – Special meeting regarding the budget. Come in early due to lines.
- Question: Two issues the Council is not discussing: Fees and Fines are not being collected and the Pension Fund.
Answer: Major companies that were listed in the UT article have paid up.
- Erica Holloway (Pam Slater-Price)
 - Slater-Price to be Chair of the Board next year
 - State of the County will be in Mira Mesa in February
 - There will be cut in critical services, but public safety is one of the top priorities as crime goes up during tough times
 - War on Youth Rx Abuse – Oxy Task Force. Children are using Rx medications to get high and have been overdosing. Oxycodone is one of these drugs and its abuse resulted in over 50 deaths last year.
 - Take-Back day resulted in over 300 lbs of Rx pills surrounded in a few hours.
 - Sand bags are available; contact Erica if any are needed
 - Taxes are due 12/10
 - Question: What is Pam's view regarding the campaign add against Supervisor Horn and the Merriam Mountain project.
Answer: The vote is coming up this week; there will be testimony all day Wednesday.

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

- 4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)
 - Casino Nights will be moving to the MM Chamber of Commerce. Tentative date is 3/12.
- Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens)
 - Trails are closed due to the rain; water in the creek is 9 feet higher than normal right now. Contact rangers for reopening information.
- Mira Mesa Farmer's Market (Cathy)
 - Last Farmer's Market for the year is December 15; will resume on February 9, 2010
- Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)
 - Banned Book Club will meet next on the last Monday in January, which might change due to library hours.
- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith)
 - Made over \$15,000
- Recreation Council (Joe Fichtel)
 - Thank you John for getting benches at Canyon Hills Park.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Elections for 2010. Hang Chau, the nominee for Secretary could not be elected in November because she was not a member yet, so that action was deferred to December. Motion to elect Hang Chau secretary was moved (Sweet) and seconded (Buffett). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteer of the Year Nominees
 - Kathy Madsen, John Sunde, and Sandy Smith
 - Ballots were counted and Sandy Smith is the new Volunteer of the Year.
Congratulations, Sandy!
- RSVP Presentation (John Sunde)
 - Territory: Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, and a small part of Sorrento Mesa

- They need more volunteers. They had 70 and are now down to 24. Anyone over 50 is welcome.
- Color Guard members are members of RSVP
- They
 - have no weapons
 - patrol the community
 - sign off 'fix-it' tickets
 - help police officers with administrative tasks the police no longer has time to handle
 - they secure accident scenes
 - help elderly who can't leave their home – YANA (You Are Not Alone)
 - respond to accidents and help secure the scene when asked by the police
 - check on vacation homes
 - volunteer at the Police Academy with role plays
 - use equipment that reads license plates to recover stolen cars
 - participate in Breakfast with Canine
 - help with community events – December Nights, Monster Manor, 4th of July, etc
- Anyone can do a ride-along. Fill out a piece of paper and go through a light background check
- Please reach out to the City Council to save the PSO positions
- \$200 is donated to RSVP from the Mira Mesa Town Council
- Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Budget Approval
 - 2009 Actual Year End Operating Reserves \$1,076,991.17
 - 2010 Estimate Year End Operating Reserves \$1,044,187.29
 - Median Improvements was cancelled, but landscaping is being redesigned to drought-resistant landscaping
 - The budget is located at <http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/doc/MiraMesa%20MAD%20Budget%20FY2011.pdf>
 - Budget 2010/2011 Approval Motion is moved and seconded. All approved; no opposed. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM

- Orlando is very sick. They are working on getting a plaque up and need approval from the Board to purchase this plaque. They will have a total cost by next meeting.
- Discussions are occurring regarding recognizing volunteers such as Orlando going forward.
- A group of saxophones from Mira Mesa High School will be performing in front of decorated homes this holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, January 11th 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 February 1, 2009** at the Mira Mesa Library. This is subject to change if library hours change.