

MMTC General Meeting
February 1, 2010
MINUTES

Call to Order, 7pm

- Boy Scout Troop 1212 Presents Colors
- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

Minutes Approval

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

Board Reports

- President:
 - Grocery Carts are a continued blight, we are asking for ideas; Mike Davis is taking the lead.
- Treasurer:
 - December beginning balance \$84,424.40; Income \$891.26; Expenses \$181.71; Net cash flow (\$709.55); Ending balance \$85,133.95.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

SD Police Department (Officer Susan Steffen)

- Vandalism on Scripps Poway Pkwy, damage \$55,000. After 1 ½ year, person is in custody.
- Rancho Bernardo, 4 cases, entered through unlocked sliding door or side door.
Note to residents: Ensure windows and doors are locked.
- Question is panhandling legal? Citizens' arrest can be cited if person is panhandling aggressively. People are allowed to stand in raised medium in driveway.
- Question: what if we hit someone who is panhandling? Answer: Pedestrian is at fault if they leave medium.
- One resident would like bicycle signs to address that bicyclist must follow same rules as vehicles.
- Question: Regarding a homeless gentleman who walks around with cart in MM.
- Homeless Outreach Team has been offered services, but he chooses not to take advantage of them. If he has a conservator/a family member, chooses to be responsible for this person, they can make Dave get help against his will. Can also be taken care of for Indecent Exposure.

SD Fire Department (Capt. Pepper)

- Mostly Flu problems
- Question: What is the depts. status with city budget cuts?

- Answer: Eliminated 8 units a day, Has-Mat Unit on black mtn. road will be split. Fire Engine will be here, and cruise unit will be displaced. There is a potential of large open areas that will be unmonitored.
- Question: Estimate of increase of homeowner's fire insurance cost?
- Question: Does this cut effect emergency ambulance response time? No, but first responders (i.e. fire engines) will be affected.
- Asked to come back in 90 days to update us and to let us know what we may have to do.

City Councilman Carl DeMaio

- Representative, John Ly.
- Budget update:
 - 100 million dollar deficit that is being "fixed" with one-time cuts.
 - Ballot measure to open services to competitive bidding will help save \$30 million/year.
 - All city contracts should be posted online and along with number of bids.
 - Politicians should have full disclosure if they receive contributions from contractors.
 - Auditor has identified millions of dollars in waste.
 - Prioritize - PETCO Park is being paid for out of general fund. Redevelopment agency should have to pay.
 - Convention center is being subsidized 14 million dollars a year.
 - 75% of budget is derived from labor costs. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, we are paying more.
 - Pension reform and retiree benefits (example Retirement cost is 69% of payroll, \$370 million)
 - What we need are stakeholders willing to come to the table and compromise. We haven't seen that from organized labor.
 - **Call to action: We need letters/calls to Union Tribune.**
 - We need to redefine role of management (Roads, Response Time "Fire Dept", Recreation – Libraries etc) – Restructuring plan for over 2 to 3 years.
 - Re: Cart Retrieval/blight. Mira Mesa Issue – identify worst offender, need stores to sign up for retrieval service.
 - Brown-outs, 3 stations were affected. Total savings is about \$12 million, with additional modification, is \$13 million. The chief says this is the best possible plan.
 - Carl DeMaio voted no against the budget. Issues should be presented to Carl.
 - Community Clean up day in Mira Mesa with electronic recycling is being scheduled.
 - Facility Investment Plan. Want a long term plan for 20/30 years in the future.
 - Source of funding from development.

- Deferred maintenance report for senior center, recreation center, and epicenter.
 - Would support strong mayor.
 - May create district 9
 - Bari is leading community plan update/vision.
 - Item 330 Vote is tomorrow – Abrams property, developer – that is not paying community fees.
- Roads need to be fixed. Pot-hole filler, one man machine is available.
- Labor contracts prohibit use of volunteers in position previously filled by contract.

Representative Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- Presented Newsletter
- State of County Address is next week at Qualcomm Hall.
- Presentation is being set up about break-ins and prescription drug abuse. Pam Slater's Office is working with Oxy-Task Force. Children are stealing prescription drugs and selling.
- There has been a rise in pharmacy robberies.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Woo-Jin Shim)

- H1N1 vaccine is still available for free at county health clinic. 5055 Ruffin Road is closest location.
- County is working with several agencies to help educate individuals who qualify for individuals with EITC.

State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)

- \$20 billion deficit in the next 20 months.
- Response is working on job friendly state and public safety.
- **Re: EDD office response time. Senator Hollingsworth's office can serve as liaison to EDD office.**
- Presented information on how to get off junk mail.
- Question: What is Senator's position on S373 bill (bans transportation of Boa)? Response was deferred to Andrew Lund.

Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)

- Measure to ban in-state tuition for illegal immigrants.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Mira Mesa High School (Sara Leonard)

- Will be going through WASC accreditation process.
- Asking community members to share positive experiences with students by coming to the reception.
- Reception is on Sunday, from 5pm to 6:30pm.
 - sleonard@sandi.net
 - (858) 271-6578

- Town Council will send a support letter. Motion to support. Passed Unanimous.
- An 81-page report is available on MMHS.

Nonprofit Executive Council (Mike Davis)

- Power boxes (on Camino Ruiz and Mira Mesa Blvd) have been painted. Will work with high school to get additional designs
- NEC is also re-charging shopping cart issue.

Epicenter (Meredith F.)

- Teen Oversight Meeting, Wed, 24th 10am.
- Information will be provided on what the teen center has been doing.

Penasquitos Reserve (Pam Stevens)

- Advisory Meeting Thursday, Feb 4th
- Special Meeting at school, Thurs Feb 25th to discuss community trails. Link will be on MMTC website
- Regular on Citizens Mtg, Thurs March 18th
- Canyon Cam available

MMLibrary (Pam Stevens)

- Friends of Library meeting
- Library needs help with ongoing book sale
- Book discussion book, meets Feb. 22nd – Reading Fannie (Memoir of a woman of pleasure).
- One Book One San Diego – Outcast United. Author will do special event at Pt. Loma library. Book discussion date will be set in March/April.

Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr)

- 2nd median between Jack-in the Box and Tom@Tommm.com
- Meets 2nd Thursdays of every month
- Question: light bulb for Welcome to Mira Mesa has been out.
- **Action Item: Members, please check out median and return to the next meeting with input.**

NEW BUSINESS

San Diego Mediation Center (Bridget Lambert)

- Use skills taught in mediation training to reach residents.
- Mediation Center provides training and has a Business Center that manages issues such as Divorce Mediation etc.
- History: San Diego Mediation Center, grassroots effort that started in 80's in Mira Mesa to resolve conflict in non adversarial way.

- County funded program
- Effort to build capacity in neighborhood by training leaders in “exchange” to address conflict. Training is sponsored by federal stimulus funds. Program runs through end of summer.
- Save the Date, annual peace maker event.
- Question: Example of community concern. Answer: Neighborhood disputes, noise issues, property line issues. Can use public facilities for mediation/offices.

MMHS yearbook advertisement

- Motion to have MMHS yearbook page up to \$200. Passed.

Budget committee met

- Additional budget items this year to stimulate support and encourage more community involvement. These are one time expenditures/increases. Items include:
 - \$3000 for paint
 - \$5000 for 4th of July Foundation
 - Scholarships/Donations
 - Liability insurance increase
- Motion to pass (Mike Davis); 2nd (Tom Derr). Unanimous.

OPEN FORUM

- A resident wants Epicenter and stakeholders to meet to discuss solution to regular maintenance at Epicenter.
- Epicenter Program Director invites stakeholders to meet. Additional information will be sent out.
- Salk Elementary
 - Protest: School enrollment has dropped 20% since housing market
 - DAR project will affect Walker Elementary
- Mike Swartz, resident, uses Maddox Dog Park and wants lights for night time use.
 - Chairman Recreation Council (Joe) responded. Lights will be there before the year ends.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm

Next Meeting: **Monday, March 1st at 7 PM** at the MM Library. 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 April 5, 2010** at the Mira Mesa Library. This is subject to change if library hours change.