

Minutes of the April 5, 2010 MMTTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE Reports

SD Fire Department (Chief Mike Finnerty—Battalion 7)

.. No report

SD Police Department (Ofc. Susan Steffan)

.. No report

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

.. “Spring Cleaning”: June 19th, 8-9 PM, Mira Mesa High School

.. Budget to be released by April 18th.

.. April 28th, 9:30 AM, Miramar College Field House—”Small Business Forum”.

.. City Heights displays efficient use of “granny carts” in place of shopping carts.

.. Mira Mesa Blvd paving pushed back to September, 2010 from July, 2010.

.. Introduction: Felipe, Councilman DeMaio’s new Chief of Staff

State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly)

.. Bill introduced to introduce self-defense classes to high school students still going through committee and taking input.

.. Legislation to create greenway by Del Mar Fairgrounds as a buffer around the facility.

.. Information in Senator’s newsletter regarding May 8th primary election.

Q: Where have the stimulus funds gone? How many jobs have been created?

A: Senator’s newsletter has information

.. “Cash for Appliances” program introduced; refrigerators, dishwashers, etc. accepted. Tax credits available.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Non-profit Executive Council (Mike Davis)

.. HEROES event on April 24th, outside of Kohl’s.

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (Linda Geldner)

.. New meeting date/time to be announced shortly, due to Mira Mesa Library closure on Mondays.

Mira Mesa Street Fair (Jeff Stevens)

.. Beginning preparations for Street Fair. Meetings will be on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Senior Center. First meeting on April 22nd.

Mira Mesa 4th of July (Sandy Smith)

.. Funding is needed for the event; total annual cost is \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Durr)

.. Installed water-saving plants, river rock, and ground cover on the median by Jack In The Box on Mira Mesa Blvd. Project will reduce water usage by 2/3.

Community Announcement (Pam Stevens)

- “ Announced book series entitled “Images of America”; will be working on a Mira Mesa edition, which should be available next year. Looking for pictures of the original Mira Mesa schools and buildings—e-mail Pam if you have a photo to share.

Volunteer of the Year Dinner (Pam Stevens)

- “ Date is May 15th; information will be sent out soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Painting of Utility Boxes (Mike Davis and Leo Reyes)

- “ Overall positive responses so far.
- “ Minimal concern over graffiti. Q: What is the cost to paint a box? A: Can be estimated at around \$25 , after price of supplies.
- “ Open to donations and financial brainstorming.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Huber, Construction Administrator, San Diego County Water Authority, San Vicente Pipeline Project

- “ San Diego County Water Authority is an independent agency, governed by a board that represents 24 agencies.
- “ San Vicente Pipeline has been under construction for five years.
- “ Colorado River and Northern California are main suppliers of SDCWA pipelines.
- “ In case of severe earthquake or drought, pipelines are planned to distribute emergency water from Lake Hodges and San Vicente reservoir for up to six months.
- “ Work on the pipeline around I-15 and Mercy Rd (West Shaft) will continue until September 2010.
- “ Local rain does not affect our water supply very much. Majority of it comes from snowfall in the Sierras. A lot of recent snowfall will be absorbed into the dry earth.
- “ Please continue to conserve water. Conservation tips are available at www.sdcwa.org.
- “ Thanks to Joe Frichtel for his work in obtaining benches for park as part of this project.

Q: If we are cut off from northern California, we have six months of available water?

A: Depends upon many variables. Assumptions, according to analysis, state that repair would take anywhere from two to six months. Water usage would need to be rationed to at least 75% of usual usage.

Q: Can we make drinking water from salt water?

A: We are currently developing desalinization plants in Carlsbad and Camp Pendleton. The plants are very energy intensive.

Q: How much of our usage would a desalinization plant handle?

A: About 10%

Q: How high is San Vicente dam? How much water can it hold?

A: It is 170 feet high, holding 90,000 acre feet of water. When completed it late 2014, 242,000 acre feet will be accommodated.

Q: Does this serve agriculture districts as well as residential?

A: Yes.

Q: We have hard water, would the desalinated water be the same?

A: Desalinated water is completely free of minerals and we must manually add minerals. It would not remarkably decrease hard water.

Q: What is the cost of desalinated water?

A: Not sure, but it is the most expensive option. Please consider conservation.

Q: Does the water taste better now than it did in years past? Why?

A: In recent years, water quality standards have improved. State requires more treatment. Depends on district, chemicals, and methods. Also, possible seasonal effects.

Q: Will the residents of Alemania Road continue to be affected by construction?

A: Construction is still going on, but should be finished by the end of the year.

Q: What is the estimated lifetime of the pipeline?

A: Around 150 years.

Q: Where are the pipeline workers coming from?

A: There are three mining operations, two different tunnel machines, and conventional tunneling equipment are being used. Contractors that work worldwide have been involved.

Q: Is there a website with the information on this tunneling work?

A: www.sdcwa.org (Infrastructure section)

Q: Was it difficult to create the tunnels?

A: Not particularly.

Q: How is my friend's water bill \$7?

A: Not sure, some portions of Orange County receive treated wastewater and other cost-effective renewable solutions.

OPEN FORUM

Margaret Jahn remarks that Mira Mesa banners can be difficult to read.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, May 5, 7 PM, at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.