

Mira Mesa Town Council

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2011
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:00 p.m. - Ted Brengel, President)
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting (January, 2011)

Minutes approved by acclamation.

- III. Recognition of “Business of the Month”, Chick-fil-A

Brent and Ashley Baillio were introduced. Chick-fil-A is sponsoring a coat drive for homeless children in San Diego. So far 117 coats have been donated. This month, if you donate a new stuffed animal or a new or slightly used child’s coat, you will receive a free sandwich. February 28 is sock day, and if you donate new socks on that day, you will receive free food. Sock Day is sponsored by Chick-fil-A and The Mira Mesa Bible Baptist Church.

- IV. Representatives from the San Diego Fire Department were present: Officers Steve Bixler, Steve Powell, Kiera Maloney, and Eric Thomas. There are two rotating crews in Mira Mesa, who are shared with Sorrento Valley and Scripps Ranch. There is also one Hazmat Unit for this area.

- V. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives (8:00 – 8:20 p.m.)

- a) Councilmember Carl DeMaio (John Ly) JwLy@sanidiego.gov

Everone is invited to Carl’s Sate of the District Address on February 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Marshall Middle School.

The City Council voted to put the utility lines underground from Gold Coast West to Westonhill.

The Ned Baumer pool heating issue has been resolved. It was 80° today. Caltrans has a coop agreement with the city for the Hilliary Access Ramp. Caltrans has agreed to put \$2.5 million upfront for the project with a report on progress within 30 days. The mobile home park in this area will have a double right-turn lane to help with traffic in that area.

The new city hall will not be addressed during Mayor Sanders term. This agreement lead to the council approving new sprinklers for the existing city hall.

Julio DeGuzman, Director of Community and Government Relations from the City Attorney’s office was introduced. (deguzman@sanidiego.gov).

Question: Is fluoridation here to stay?

- b) Mayor Jerry Sanders (Stephen Lew) jerrysanders@san-diego.gov
- c) Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Chasen Bullock) Chasen,Bullock@asm.ca.gov

The state legislature is getting more information daily on fluoride. There is no update at this time.

State budget: Governor is asking for 12.5 million in cuts. Proposals are to extend taxes, shift services to county and city. He promised to keep K-12 funding intact. These are proposals for right now.

Nathan Fletcher is looking forward to working with the new governor. #1 is budget. Toni Atkins is setting up a homeless committee and has invited Assemblyman Fletcher to be a part of that committee.

Question: Electronic signs along freeway say to call 511 for traffic info. Does this foster more drivers using their cellphones? Answer: Call Caltrans.

- d) State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly)
- e) County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Nadia Moshirian) pam-slater@co.san-diego.ca.us

Senator Kehoe kicked off the Healthy Lifestyles Initiative, a 10-year program promoting a more healthy lifestyle.

Small Business Seminar February 25, 8:30-11:00 at Mira Costa College in Encinitas.

There are several vacancies on county committees. For a listing go to www.sandiego.cob.com

Reminders to pick up after our pets, key rings, and doggie bags were handed out.

Question: Can we have the next Small Business Meeting in Mira Mesa?

- f) County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott) ron-roberts@sdcounty.gov
- g) Congressman Brian Bilbray (Will Zasadny) Will.Zasadny@mail.house.gov

Will explained the Mt. Soledad Cross, War Memorial Protection Act.

Congressman Bilbray voted to repeal "Obamacare". He would like to see people be able to cross state lines for their insurance, keep children on their parent's plan until age 26, and work on malpractice reform.

Tax forms are no longer being mailed out. You can contact the congressman's office for forms.

Question: Will small businesses really have to have 1099 for every place they spend over \$600? Answer: Not yet.

- h) Congressman Duncan Hunter (Ellen Malin)

VI. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance (8:30 – 8:40 p.m.)

- a) Call for groups present (2 minutes allotted to each group)

Jennifer Kvalvik announced that the Senior Exhibitions at the high school will be on March 16, from noon to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to be on the panels. Contact Jennifer at MMHS.

Kathy Madsen announced that this year's Taste of Mira Mesa will be at Gen-Probe on Wednesday, March 30. All public schools in Mira Mesa can benefit. Tickets will be available next meeting. We still need donations for the silent auction, and more restaurants. Also, The MMHS Foundation and athletic department will sponsor a Golf Tournament on May 15. We are looking for single hole sponsors. Call Kathy Madsen for more information: 858 578-4110

Jeff Barkley of the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild presented the council with a \$1000 check for the July 4 celebration.

Sandy Smith reported that the July 4 committee will meet next Wednesday night (February 9), with new faces, new plans, lots of fun.

Jeff Stevens, Street Fair will be September 17 this year. The hours will be extended by ½ hour. Committee will start up again in April.

The Banner District Committee needs to be resurrected. Andrew Samida from Yogurtland offered services in helping design and printing the banners.

February 10, 11, 12 is a Celebration of the Navy in San Diego. On the 12th there will be 100 planes flying over the bay in a review of Naval Aircraft, including the Blue Angels. Best vantage points are: Embarcadero, or Harbor Island. Many of the aircraft will be taking off and landing at Miramar that day. It will be noisy.

We were reminded that there are many Private Schools in the Mira Mesa area, including Christ the Cornerstone. PE, music, and computers are all offered.

Bari Vaz reported on the redistricting committee. San Diego City will have one new City Council District added because of the Census. The main goal of the Mira Mesa Redistricting Committee is to be sure that all of Mira Mesa stays in the same City Council District. This includes educating the public that Mira Mesa goes from I-15 to the 805. Community meetings will begin this month and should wrap up by mid March.

VII. Second Presentation – New MMTTC Membership Benefits

Maria explained the benefits of Membership. There are approximately 130 members, and there are 80,000 people living in our community. We all need to reach out. There was discussion on how to publicize the businesses offering reduced rate services to members.

VIII. Budget:

Jeff Stevens presented the budget, which has been on-line for a week. The budget committee suggested spending some of our reserves that we have accumulated over the years, to help our programs. Chuck Sweet motioned to approve the budget and John Malo seconded the motion. Discussion included the assurance that the extra \$12,000 we were spending was in fact, reserves and we were not going into the red. Assurance was given. The budget passed with 17 yes, none opposed, and 1 abstention. Ted indicated that we can, at any time of the year, vote to change the budget if needed.

IX. Open Forum:

Richie Ludwig, from Mira Mesa Little League expressed concern over the violence in and around the Mira Mesa Mall. He was disappointed that the Police and Police gang unit did not show up at our meeting tonight to address his concerns.

Roland Pietzeh, a citizen concerned about the violence at Galvin and Black Mt. Road reported that the pedestrian overpass is a problem area with gang fights, graffiti, homemade bombs, street lights knocked out or spray-painted over, and groups of young people congregating at Galvin and taking over the street. He wanted to discuss this with the Police tonight as well.

Note: These issues are being forwarded to the Police with a request that they be addressed specifically at next month's meeting.

John Mayo reported that there was gang activity behind the Senior Center twice this month.

Ed Mayeski reported that his home had been burglarized twice this month.

Kathy Madsen reported that a couple dozen known gang members (many not from Mira Mesa) were identified by the Police at our Fourth of July Family Fun day in the park. The police suggested an alcohol free event next year to deter gangs from coming to the park. This will be discussed at a later date.

Pam Stevens asked us to Save the Date of April 16 for the Volunteer of the Year Dinner honoring John Sunde. It will be held at Country Inn and Suites.

Amy Clark – Complimented Tom Derr and his committee for the beautiful landscaping on Mira Mesa Blvd.

Christina Hoffman suggested that we call, e-mail, and reach out to the Police when there is a problem in our neighborhood. They need to know and they need to hear it from us.

Ted Brengel asked that we revisit our Agenda next month, by again inviting the Police and Gang Units to address the council.

8:45 PM. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Madsen, Recording Secretary