

Mira Mesa Town Council

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:05 p.m.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (January, 2013) – approved by acclamation.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – John Horst. 3 checking accounts have been consolidated into one so we do not get charged fees on low balance accounts. Defer budget and bank balances until next month.
- V. Recognition of “Business of the Month,” A-1 Self Storage.
- VI. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Susan Steffen, Community Relations Officer. Mostly quiet this month. There was an officer involved shooting. A man would not respond to officer requests and was threatening to throw a rock. At a “routine” traffic stop found methamphetamines, marijuana and \$1800 cash. Trying to restore neighborhood watch via MMTC. Using for email miramesacommunityoffice@gmail.com. Photo enforcement lights are being removed. Poway still has them. There is a Facebook page for SDPD Northeastern Division.
 - b) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Natalie Hone, Community Relations Officer. Northwestern Division starts at Camino Santa Fe then west and up to Villa de la Valle. They also have a Facebook page. Bevmo bandit - has hit 5 times since November. Hit yesterday during Superbowl power outage. Jim Hearn – please give photo of bandit to RSVP. They patrol that shopping center. Christiane Hoffman – need more traffic enforcement around Qualcomm.
 - c) SDFD – Abel Flores, Mark Dembrowski, Oscar Salcedo. Wintertime – electric blankets cause fires. Fire engines use Hillery and Westonhill to avoid Mira Mesa Blvd gridlock. Lots of traffic accidents recently. Not many fires. Most fires are electrical. Take safety precautions. Beware of warm outlets. Don’t put too many plugs in outlets. Only one heat producing appliance per outlet. Fluorescent bulbs are good, but require a special dimmer. Surge protectors help prevent fires.
 - d) Don Azul – rep from Clairemont Town Council. Going on ridealongs with PD. MM and Clairemont are similar communities with similar issues. 72,000/76,000 residents. Forming joint public safety committee to address crime related issues within our two communities. Draft and implement strategies that help both communities. Appoint 1-4 members. Motion to approve MMTC participation in public safety committee (Ballew/Frichtel). Passed 29-0.
- VII. Presentation: SANDAG Transportation Overview - Barrow Emerson. SANDAG administers ½ cent sales tax. Summarized MM transportation projects. Distributed fact sheet. Bus rapid transit is in planning stages. New transit station at Miramar College

and Hillery. 11 bus bays for local and regional buses. Electronic “next bus in X minutes” signs. Getting access to 300 parking spaces in Miramar College parking structure. Station should be open before Christmas. Red line UCSD to MM transit center will run all the time at 15-30 minute intervals. Downtown to Escondido with limited stops. More frequent 810 buses. Traffic mitigation/calming is being done as part of the DAR construction. Dave Schumacher – long range projects. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. More transit. Bus Rapid Transit, Trolley lines, high speed rail. UTC to Mira Mesa trolley. Much more frequent bus service. 10 minute access. Managed lanes.

- VIII. Introduction: 2013 Miss Mira Mesa Keshia Lee Llarenas and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Madison Dodd – Maria Pankau.
- IX. Presentation: Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church Community Garden – Sheryl Gobble. 38x63 feet. 20 plots 4x12 feet. Pilot plots at MM Blvd and Reagan. Fundraiser to erect a chain link fence. Security for garden. Earth day activity on April 20th. Tables, compost. Open to any resident. Thinking people living in apartments who don't have access to garden.
- X. Presentation: Monster Manor – Alex Nguyen. Will be back again this year. Want more adult volunteers. Featured on KUSI and has won awards. Need sponsorships. Expect to be back at Target again. Occupies site for 10 weeks. Third Thursday of each month is MM Theatre Guild meeting. Feb 21st is next meeting 6 PM Wangenheim.
info@miramesatheatreguild.org.
- XI. Presentation: Walker School – Rochelle Dawes. MMTTC donated food with Christ Community Church. Walker partners with them. Free tutoring Wednesday. Have over 75 students come for tutoring. Fill out volunteer application form and TB test. 79% of families at school below poverty line.
- XII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama). 3300 eateries in San Diego generate \$3 billion in revenue. Trying to get rid of sidewalk café fees. Getting lots of questions about Salk elementary school. Still going through process. Waiting for brush management plans from school district. Hoping that after this week will all be fine. Aware that we are trying to meet deadline. Land Use and Housing committee in March, Council in April. Have also been hearing a lot about Hillery drive. Mostly a CalTrans project. Jerry Ollinger – shopping carts are increasing in number again. Suggests calling Seafood City, Lucky market to ask them to collect their carts.
 - b) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77. Rob Knudsen (formerly representative of City Councilman Brian Maienschein) – good to be back. Brian in Sacramento Monday – Thursday. At field office on Friday. Doors always open. Brought newsletter. AB68 – joint sponsorship with City attorney – notify when criminals are being medically transferred. Working on bill to help military spouses who are transferred here. Expedited licenses.
 - c) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 – Sworn in one month ago. There are public health clinics to get flu shots for \$10. Students are staying in Mira Mesa Schools. Weekly newsletter. Sign up at supervisordaveroberts.com. Strongly supports community grant programs. March 1 applications are due. No exceptions. Quality of life activities. Panel of 7 people to review grants and help make selections so they are real community projects not supervisor's personal

pet projects. Starting to have dedicated office hours. Couple of hours each month. In community office. Introduced community representative Lindsey Masikawa. Lindsey lived in Mira Mesa for year while going to school. Lindsey will have direct line. Universal health care is coming and county has responsibility to implement it. Getting program started for individuals to install Solar power and repay through taxes. Paseo project proposed at 3 times plan density so can't support. Also a problem with a "peaker" power plant in Tierrasanta that would destroy views from Mission Trails park.

- d) Congressman Scott Peters – Sara Czarnecki. Open house Saturday Feb 16, 10-12, 4350 Executive drive. scottpeters.house.gov.
- e) Julio deGuzman – City attorney's office. Introduced himself.

XIII. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

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

Maria Pankau – Misses are available for all community events. Contact Maria.

Rashida Elimu – Harmonium Youth Program Coordinator, (858) 356-2943. Got a grant from the City do to sewage system and roof repairs. Open again. Want to be hub of community service. Jan 22 fully open and operational.

Joe Frichtel – Recreation Council. Tuesday next meeting. A lot of vandalism at parks. Please report anything suspicious.

Pam Stevens – LPCPCAC. No meeting in January. Next meeting March. www.penasquitos.org is good site for info (Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve).

Pam Stevens – MM Theatre Guild. Play opening March 1 – "Love, Sex and the IRS". 3 consecutive weekends. Tickets available on theatre guild website www.miramesatheatreguild.com and at the door.

Pam Stevens – MM Banned Book Club Book Group –Great January meeting with David Brin. February another special event: The Rent Collector. Trying to get video chat with the author. Feb 26, 6:30 PM.

Mitz Lee – Chair of Scripps Mesa Fireworks. Please send donations. Pass out envelopes. Need to raise \$30,000. Wednesday 6:30 at community office. 501c(3). Check to see if employer will match donations. Use envelopes.

Alex Nguyen – San Diego Tet Festival – Feb 15-17. 3 day Festival. Free. MMTC has booth.

Madison Dodd – MMHS is doing Les Miserables March 15-17, 22-23.

Ted Brengel – Community Office is at 10717 Camino Ruiz, Suite 228.

XIV. Adjournment (9:15 p.m.)