

# ***Mira Mesa Town Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

March 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

- I. Called to order (7:02 p.m.) –  

Ted Introduced Miss Mira Mesa Keshia Lee Llarenas and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Madison Dodd.
- II. Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Relay for Life – Gail Hernandez. Asked people to come to event and form teams. At Hilltop Park. May 18-19. Want to end cancer. Motion (Stevens/Sweet) to donate \$200 to Relay for Life. Approved 26-0. Tom Derr suggested that MMTC have a team. Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa will be there.
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting (February, 2013). Approved by acclamation since no changes.
- V. Treasurer’s Report - \$36,939.38 in Checking. \$15,878.86 Savings, \$12,373.48 CD. Draft budget to be presented to Board next week.
- VI. Recognition of “Business of the Month, “Marvin Miles, Property Gallery”. Marv has been painting out graffiti for many years, together with Bruce Brown, Ted Brengel, John Sunde and others. Same group plus others painted 13,000 feet of wall along Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Ruiz. Helped start RSVP, now president. RSVP volunteers have put in 180,000 hours of volunteer service. Also involved with fireworks fundraising. Office next to Big Lots.
- VII. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
  - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Susan Steffen, Community Relations Officer. Noted that Marv helps with RSVP foundation. Penasquitos RSVP was down to \$80. Marv helped them stay alive. There have been two Mira Mesa incidents. Arrest of forgers, male and female. Caught trying to buy jewelry. Found ID’s credit cards, false checks, social security numbers in house. Awesome arrest. Feb 13 serious injury accident at Carroll Canyon and Maya Linda. Motorcycle and auto. Speed trailer slows drivers who see them.
  - b) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Natalie Hone, Community Relations Officer. Caught BevMo bandit. Lived at Flanders and Caminito Alvarez. 21 year old male with alcohol problems. Carmel Valley has a lot of trouble with break-ins. One on Ave del Gato today. S. Steffen – has been an increase in eastern area also. Have been taking car keys from inside house and stealing cars. Neighborhood watch – See P. 7 of the newsletter.
  - c) Ted thanked Alex for an excellent newsletter this month.
- VIII. Report from Clairemont Town Council – Don Azul. James Madison High School warhawks are CIF champions. Clairemont Town Council fiscal cliff is over – finally passed budget. September is 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CCCSD not approved yet because

had not yet reviewed language of bylaws. Last day today – resigning from Board because running for District 6 City Council seat. Opponent from Carlsbad moved into district. Clairemont Town Council will send a replacement.

- IX. Report from CCCSD – Ted Brengel. Ted noted that there are email addresses for all Board members and the whole board: [board@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:board@miramesatowncouncil.org). CCCSD is a coalition of town councils to share ideas. At organizational meeting the conversation kept drifting to support for specific issues. Had rep from Mayor's office, reps from 10 town councils. Del Cerro makes big money on their newsletter. Next week the MMTC Board will review the bylaws.
- X. Senator Block's office – Joyce Temporal and Jay Bariuan. Introduced themselves. Senator Block introduced 10 bills. Passed out fact sheets.
- XI. Presentation: Bus Rapid Transit – Barrow Emerson, Senior Transportation Planner, SANDAG. Distributed four fact sheets. Managed lanes. Bus transit stations and services funded by Transnet sales tax. New regional services will be starting and both regional and local services will come to station at Miramar College. DAR open by next March, transit station by Christmas, new buses in January. Trying to get more transit for people in Mira Mesa, and people out of cars on roads and into transit. 7 very bad intersections. Traditional solution is transit queue jumps and transit signal priority. Makes bus arrival times reliable. No room for bus lane. Shared right turn is proposed solution. Trying to do with minimal impacts, but may need to relax some standards. Will implement shared bike and bus lanes. There are impacts. Will not impact buildings, but will impact sidewalks, landscaping, some back yards. Width of landscaping may be reduced. May need to modify entrances to buildings on MM Blvd. 3 or 4 properties may need to take part of back yards. Environmental document produced before decision. Transit rates will not increase. Jim Hearn – how about access to Post Office? Probably will not be affected. Queue lanes are typically ~200 feet from corner. Ted – may relieve some traffic on MM Blvd.
- XII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
  - a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama). Salk is going straight to City Council, but needs to be written up before vote. Lori and Kenny are going to leadership institute in Washington DC.
  - b) State Senator Marty Block, District 39. See above.
  - c) Congressman Scott Peters – Anthony Nguyen. Does not support sequester. Jeff – no one supports it, but Congress is letting it happen because they can't agree on an alternative. Will take question to Scott. Jim Hearn – not just military - lines at the airport today were 2 hours long.
- XIII. Presentation: Tet Festival – Alex Nguyen. Introduced committee that put on the Tet Festival. First year at park. Police estimated 20,000 attendees. How did community like it? Some issues with turf. Next year will mark out problem areas. May come back next year. Especially with Plaza de Panama fight at Balboa Park. Need better publicity and better parking control. Some people parked in condos at Mesa Cove. They should not do that. Some issues with parking at Little League field. Mitz – thanks to Alex for hard work in bringing Tet Festival to Mira Mesa. Alex to get award Rising Star Outstanding Civic Volunteer for 2013. Alex thanked Tom Derr for bringing his snakes to festival.

- XIV. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance  
Call for groups to present (2 minutes allotted to each group)
- XV. Mike Edmond, Mira Mesa Theatre Guild - Love, Sex and the IRS. Plot: Jon Trachtman and Leslie Arthur are out of work musicians who room together in New York City. To save money, Jon has been filing tax returns listing the pair as married. The day of reckoning comes when the Internal Revenue Service informs the "couple" they're going to be investigated. \$15 for adults. \$12 for seniors, MMTC members. 4 more shows on next two weekends. Friday, Saturday, 7:30 PM, Wangenheim.
- XVI. Recreation Council – Joe. March 14-18 Circus Vargus. Please support them. March 27 Taste of Mira Mesa at Gen-Probe. First annual seafood and fairy shrimp festival April 14 at Wangenheim. VOY dinner April 20 honoring Bari Vaz here at Senior Center. April 27 Chalk the Walk at recreation center. Memorial weekend Top Gun soccer tournament.
- XVII. Maria April 27<sup>th</sup> Linda Vista community fair. Misses will be there. Need convertible.
- XVIII. Mitz Lee – Scripps Mesa Fireworks. To date we have \$5600. \$500 in PayPal. Councilman Peters will donate. Applied for community enhancement grant, but can't spend it on fireworks. Spend on security, etc. Fireworks cost \$26,000 need \$12,000 for deposit. MMTC advance Scripps Mesa Fireworks money to make deposit, to be reimbursed later. Will consider in April. Bari noted that last year could not get to \$26k, but managed to do a very good smaller show for \$16k. Good backup plan.
- XIX. Joe – HEROES painted southeast San Diego police station.
- XX. Christina – VOY dinner will be at the Mira Mesa Senior Center on April 20. New Orleans style food. \$25. Invitations to go out within next couple of weeks.
- XXI. Tom Derr – March 23 is Science EXPO Day at Petco Park. Tom's snakes will be there.
- XXII. Madison Dodd – MMHS is doing Les Misérables on March 15 - 7 PM, March 16 - 7 PM, March 21 - 6 PM, March 22 - 7 PM, March 23 - 2 PM, 7 PM.
- XXIII. Adjournment (9:00 p.m.)