

# ***Mira Mesa Town Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

April 1, 2013

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:01 p.m.)
- II. Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (March, 2013). Approved.
- IV. Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens asked people to get their reservations in for the Volunteer of the Year dinner honoring Bari Vaz. The dinner will have a New Orleans theme and will be held at the Senior Center on April 20<sup>th</sup>, ticket cost \$25, available online or by mail. Stone Brewing Co. will be donating beer for the event.
- V. Treasurer's Report. Balances from John H. Presented annual budget (attached). Consolidated and simplified some categories. MTMC is applying for a \$9200 grant to cover about half the cost of the Fourth of July event (excluding fireworks). Police protection for parade is \$4,000. Lots of small costs add up. More no parking signs are required, even in red zones. The cost for the parade and fun day in the park are getting close to \$20,000. Scripps Mesa Fireworks is raising money for fireworks separately. The budget includes \$1,000 for nonspecified donations, in addition to \$1500 in specified donations. The budget has a 10% cushion for unexpected expenses. Motion (Sweet/Frichtel) to approve budget. 31-0 approved. Checking balance \$36,242.26, Savings \$15,879.49, Scholarship \$12,375.38.
- VI. Recognition of "Business of the Month, "Collins Family Jewelers"
- VII. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) – none present due to holiday.
- VIII. Presentation: Congressman Scott Peters

Congressman Peters introduced himself and said that he enjoyed Taste of Mira Mesa. He was elected in November. Wants to work to avoid situations like Salk Elementary School which took 32 years before construction could start. He is on the Armed Services Committee, Emerging Threats (particularly cyber threats) Committee, and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. Questions and responses:

Christiane Hoffman – sequestration. Peters is opposed and wants a budget. They were given two budgets to vote on, but both were extremely partisan and had lots of issues. He was part of a group of 30 who voted against all budgets.

Chuck Sweet – border crossing delays. Peters said that every 45 minute delay costs \$3 billion in trade. Juan Vargus, Susan Davis and Scott Peters went to border to ask the Federal Government to complete the crossing. Mexico has finished their part. U.S. has not yet funded phases 2 and 3. Will cost \$121 million.

Bruce Brown – immigration reform. There is a bipartisan effort in both house and senate. Can't ignore 11 million people who are part of the economy. Legislation will

allow the U.S. to bring in skilled workers and to take care of people who are already here. There has been a lot of progress this year.

Physical fitness of youth – Peters said he has not been directly working on it, but has a general interest in obesity, health and walkability of communities.

Mike Davis – cybersecurity. Mike works on cybersecurity and can help. Major attacks happen every day on critical infrastructure. Water, power grid, banks. Congress was briefed by the director of [Cybercom](#). Sequester is causing a problem in hiring young people who would go into this area within gov't. Another problem is protection of privacy while monitoring.

Jim Hearn – story last night on problem of school districts due to sequestration. Fed gov't does not pay property taxes, but pays schools directly. Has been cut due to sequestration. Peters says the Federal Government should pay for it.

Mitz Lee – Thanks for visiting and supporting the fireworks with a generous donation.

Don Azul – Are we still going to get a third aircraft carrier? Not sure.

Pam Stevens – Thanks for work on Penasquitos Canyon task force. Comments on open space? City Council was great job even with Mike Aguirre. City of neighborhoods. Acquired quite a bit of land near Otay Mesa and other areas, so San Diego won't become like LA.

Alex Nguyen – money for arts? Having a Congressional art competition to be judged by local artists. Gallery of exhibits downtown in museum of contemporary arts. Winning art will be hung in capitol for a year

- IX. President's report - Ted Brengel. Verne Goodwin was the first Mira Mesa Town Council volunteer of the year in 1984, at which time we established the MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarship fund. We collect donations to the scholarship fund at the time of the annual dinner, but it is otherwise independent of the dinner. Scholarships are given to graduating Mira Mesa students based on volunteer service.
- X. Presentation: San Diego 2-1-1 - Bill York. 2-1-1 is a 3 digit dialing code, set up to connect people with resources. This used to require a lot of frustrating phone calls. Everyone knows 911 and 411. 2-1-1 has been proliferating across the country. Trained specialists. 208 languages. Launched in 2005. The company was previously Infolink, part of United Way. They were the place to call during the 2007 fires. Searchable online databases. See [www.211sandiego.org](http://www.211sandiego.org) for more information. There are 300,000 veterans in San Diego. There are 6000 veteran's programs from 400 agencies. Average wait time at 2-1-1 is about 1.5 minutes. Jim Hearn – RSVP gets questions about obtaining transportation. Does 2-1-1 help with this? Yes, connects to a SANDAG agency and local services. Gail Hernandez – Is relay for life on list? No, not specifically. Could be added, but requires some verification. Chuck Sweet – do you work with fire and police departments via email? Yes.
- XI. Report on MMTC Foundation – Ted Brengel. MMTC initiated the MMTC Foundation, but it is a separate organization with a separate Board defined by its bylaws. It is a 501c(3) organization, so a major donor can now make a tax deductible donation toward eligible community activities. March 17, 2013 received 501c(3) status.

- XII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama). Has a leaky pipe. Missing meeting.
  - b) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen). Rob introduced intern Paula Jahn. She is a former MMTc scholarship recipient, happy to be working in Mira Mesa. Rob described two bills that Brian is sponsoring: 8186 - military relocations. There are 70,000 military families in CA. There is a problem with licenses in other states taking up to 18 months to transfer to CA, which is a problem in particular for military spouses. Creating a temporary license to allow spouse to start working. 8465 - Criminal background check for youth organizations.
  - c) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal). Joyce reported Sen Block has education town hall Thu Apr 18 to hear thoughts on California budget. 6 PM University City High School. SB 316 student safety. Require all classrooms to have doorlocks that can be locked from the inside. Sponsored by California Federation of Teachers.
  - d) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3. Dave Roberts said it is hard to believe he was sworn in just 85 days ago. Staff went home today on holiday, so he is at the MMTc meeting in person. The County Board of Supervisors is working well together. Solar initiative had a setback in Court would not recognize federal loans. Audit of mental health services. Community Enhancement grants. They are not slush funds – taken very seriously. 7 local elected officials will send a representative to review grant requests. Lani Lutar will also help. Open and transparent projects. Purpose to build community. Supervisors cannot see them until May 11. Public hearing. Committee meets on 12<sup>th</sup>. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Neighborhood reinvestment program. Predecessor spent all the funds for the year, but will have new funds on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Working with Congressman Peters on a problem that can cause an active duty spouse to lose out on insurance. City, county and feds are working together. John Horst - When are you accepting apps for NRG? Taking them now. Community Enhancement Grants are ~\$520k per supervisor, from the TOT tax. Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants will be ~\$1 million each. For hardscape, baseball fields, etc. Gail Hernandez – Is solar going to be available to renters? There is a program for offsite generated solar to be used on your bill. Diane Jacobs looking to create alternative energy company to create competition for SDG&E. Jim Hearn – can SDG&E raise our rates to cover their expenses? Can be overruled by PUC. Roberts – supervisors will be fighting that.
- XIII. Presentation: Heifer International, Mira Mesa Women’s Club, Susan Sragovicz. Going to buy an ark. Gift ark from Heifer International. To be distributed all over the world. Mission is to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Go to a community in serious need and give them animals, train them on how to take care of them. Give away one offspring to someone else in community. People have steady source of food and income for first time in their life. One of the first things they do is send their kids to school. Education is the key to a better life. Heifer also trains people to be health workers, and does gender equality training. Most women in the world are still treated as property. Teach farmers sustainable farming techniques.
- XIV. Presentation: Rolling Reader, Hoa Quach. San Diego based nonprofit. Asking for MMTc support. Has been active at Mason and Ericson for many years. Don’t have enough money to buy books. \$5/book. Trying to buy 125 books. Jennifer Ruark – wonderful program. Hoa is product of Rolling Reader. Will discuss a donation at the Board meeting and present proposal next month.

- XV. Presentation: Relay for Life, Elvira Medina. Thanks for \$200 donation. May 18-19. Almost everyone has close relative or friend diagnosed with cancer. Help and support people who are battling these diseases and help fund research. Challenge MMTTC to start Relay for Life team.
- XVI. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance  
Call for groups to present (2 minutes allotted to each group)

Hage swim program. Lynn Barnes-Wallace. Played DVD describing program. Taught over 1000 kids to swim in 10 years. [lwallace@sandi.net](mailto:lwallace@sandi.net). Bumped out of Miramar pool, moved to Rancho Penasquitos YMCA. Two years passed. Taught 1200 kids to swim for free. City doesn't have enough lifeguards to support the program. Won't be doing it this year. Girls water polo is bussed out of community during winter, at least during January. Pool not being used effectively. Joe F. – for years Rec Council gave \$800/year to support the program, but then they left to go to the YMCA. Scheduling is difficult as the pool is in high demand and shared 50% with Miramar College.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Teri Ang. Just finished Love, Sex and the IRS. Biggest audience ever. Working well with Wangenheim. Mira Mesa's Got Talent coming up in May. Auditions are May 2, 9 auditions. There will be two categories – kids and adults, with 16 as the dividing line. 7 PM May 25 at Wangenheim. Requested \$200 just approved in the budget.

Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Mitz Lee. April 3 deposit is due. Will be able to pay \$12,000 deposit. Should have \$15000 by Friday. Vulcan is making an additional contribution of \$3000.

Martha Pritchett – Chalk the Walk. Women's club did it for two years, but the person in charge moved out of the community. MM Women's Club bringing it back again. April 27 9 AM -2 PM at the rec center. The event is to raise funds for kid's art projects in the schools.

Patrick Ambrosio, Samahan Philippine Dance Company, introduced himself.

Chris Cate – Mayors budget will be released in two weeks. Special event fees, etc. are part of that. Budget hearings will be done at City hall. In May each district submits budget priority memo. Community should be involved in budget hearings. Also suggest inviting the have Independent Budget analyst to a future future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM.

Jeff Stevens, Secretary, Mira Mesa Town Council

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## 2013 Consolidated Budget

### *Income (General Funds)*

Membership (Regular)	\$2,000.00
Membership (Business)	\$2,000.00
Business Advertisements	\$1,000.00
Street Fair Booths & Sponsorships	\$27,000.00
July 4th Booths & Sponsorship	\$12,500.00
Miss Mira Mesa	\$1,800.00
VOY Dinner	\$2,500.00
Interest	\$100.00

### NOTES

### *Income (Restricted Funds)*

Scholarship Fund	\$2,000.00
Community Pride Projects	\$1,500.00
Grant Income	\$9,200.00

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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$61,600.00</b>
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### *Expense (General Fund)*

Administrative	\$600.00
Bank & Finance Fees	\$300.00
Banner District	\$100.00
Donations	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00
July 4th Parade & Events	\$9,800.00
Miss Mira Mesa	\$2,350.00
MMTC Foundation	\$250.00
Promotions (Ads/Comm/Mktg)	\$3,000.00
Street Fair	\$17,000.00
VOY Dinner	\$4,000.00

See page 2 for Donations Details

\$9,200 grant funding will go to 7/4 activities.

### *Expense (Restricted Funds)*

Scholarships	\$3,500.00
Community Pride Projects	\$1,500.00
Grant Projects	\$9,200.00

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<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$55,600.00</b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
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<b>% GAIN/-LOSS</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
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2013 Consolidated Budget - Donations Detail

Mira Mesa High School Band	\$300.00
Mira Mesa Theater Guild	\$200.00
Mira Mesa Halloween Carnival	\$400.00
Mira Mesa High School JROTC	\$200.00
RSVP	\$200.00
Relay for Life	\$200.00
Others (as approved by MMTC membership)	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>