

Mira Mesa Town Council

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2013

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (April, 2013) – approved.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – First quarter report distributed. Account balances: Checking: \$37,706.46, Savings: \$15,880.18, CD: \$12,377.48, TOTAL: \$65,964.12.
- V. Recognition of Business of the Month, “Mira Mesa Women’s Club”. Louise Jefferis gave the history of women’s clubs starting with the exclusion of women from a press club meeting in the 1880’s. There are over 3200 women’s clubs in the USA. 7 million volunteer hours last year. \$38 million donated. International organization with clubs all over the world. 6 departments – art, conservation, education, home life, international outreach and public issues. MMWC donated to Verne Goodwin scholarship fund, and the Mira Mesa library. Many US libraries were created by women’s clubs. Focus of home life is on comfort pillows for mastectomy patients. They volunteer at Feeding America. Raising \$5000 for Heifer America. Preparing for stand down for homeless vets. Making 200 bags before stand down occurs. Need new ideas and new members are needed. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Mira Mesa Senior center at 7 PM. Must attend two general plus one board meeting and participate in one project to join. Started in early 1970’s. Have 23 members.
- VI. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Susan Steffen, Community Relations Officer, acting Captain Bill Ramos. Bill Ramos has been on police dept since 1988. Used to live in Mira Mesa. Daughter went to school here. Susan Steffen – no serious problems lately. Mostly juvenile related crime. NE division Facebook page is very active. Nextdoor.com is new social page from police department. Collects neighbors to form online neighborhood watch. Question about transients on Mira Mesa Blvd. Can’t arrest them if they are on the median. Don’t give them money. Downtown they can earn \$300-500/day.
- VII. Presentation: County Supervisor Dave Roberts

Provided refreshments with no government money. First new elected supervisor in 20 years. 4 months in office today. There is a sharing of duties between the city and county. Working with Bob Filner to promote solar energy. Residents can add solar and then pay off on tax bill over 20 years. Father of 5 adopted children. Proposing improvements in adoption system. Trying to get foster children into loving homes. Prescription drug take back program – just had a collection day. Can go to county buildings any time to dispose of them. Taken to secure facility and destroyed. Number one killer of children. County grant program – will meet with local residents to go through all grant requests. Bari is on the review

committee (volunteer service). Neighborhood reinvestment program is about building community. Newsletter is automated – posts to Twitter and Facebook go into it. Questions – how is county doing at getting food stamps out to people? Working on it. About 40% successful at this point. Using CalFresh program. Out of 20+ state fairs around CA, only Del Mar state fair is profitable. There is an issue with impacts from various uses of the fair site. Each supervisor will add one person to the Fair Board. The proposed One Paseo project is 3 times the zoning. Mitigation proposed is to move traffic over the Via de la Valle. Have going to Los Penasquitos Canyon for a tour on schedule now that he is on the task force. Values open space. Expecting grant requests from Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon.

- VIII. Report from Clairemont Town Council – Mitz Lee. Mitz attended the meeting and was asked by the president to give a report. Scott Peters, Kevin Falconer and Lorie Zapf were there. Visited garden houses. 9-5 – all day. Good idea. Lorie Zapf opened house to visit. ~800 people visited houses.
- IX. Presentation: Candidates for District 6 Council (3 candidates, time limit 5 min each; introduction only, no Q&A). Don Azul, Chris Cate, Mitz Lee.

Chris Cate – VP of San Diego County taxpayers association. Involved in reform efforts. Looking for ways to rebound and move city forward. Worked to pass prop. B. Want to reinvest \$ into neighborhoods. Has lived various places around SD. Went to USD. Lived in Washington DC. Starting auto body business in Kearny Mesa. Still operating business. Goal in running for District 6 is to bring Mira Mesa back to City Hall. Make sure Mira Mesa's voice is heard, and has strong advocate downtown.

Mitz Lee – Wears many hats. City commissioner on human relations. Difficult to transition from volunteer to candidate. Working to raise money for Mira Mesa fireworks. Mira Mesa is her home. Husband in Navy, moved to Mira Mesa after wedding. Raised two children. Little league Mom. Soccer Mom. Den mother. Two boys are eagle scouts. Railings at entrance to Los Penasquitos Canyon were Eagle Scout project. Quality education important. Represented Mira Mesa on School Board 2004-2008. Survived cancer in last two years.

Don Azul – Born and raised in San Diego. Combat veteran of two wars (Iraq and Global War on Terror). Understands issues in district 6. Keeping neighborhoods safe, making sure kids have excellent education are worth fighting for. Have 6 point plan: Jobs and the economy, public safety, education, veterans, helping the homeless, improved transparency and open door policy. Will create more business improvement districts. Will keep police officers on the job. Will move council office from City Hall to the heart of District 6 – here in Mira Mesa. Citizens are my constituents, not the downtown establishment. Will take 12% pay cut along with his staff. Agree with Mira Mesa's motto: Excellence in Education, Richness in Culture, Innovation in Industry. Will fight to keep San Diego strong and free and safe.

- X. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama) – Starting budget season. Gray water can be used for irrigating water, etc. Trying to streamline permit process. Spearheading pothole fixes. Just need location of potholes. List of 600 potholes we made with Carl has been lost. 311 app no longer supported. Also cracked sidewalks. Can be reported online, or to Kenny, or both. Shopping carts

still a problem – has talked to grocery stores and they are all signed up with contractors to collect them.

- b) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal and Jay Bariuan) – passed out new monthly newsletter. Chair of budget and fiscal review committee on education, public safety, business and economic development committees.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen) – passed out flyer on Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Having “Congress on Your Corner” at the library May 25th 10-11:30 PM – check website in case of time change. Supports no cuts to Social Security and Medicare. Question – opposed to CISPA. Does not like Peters vote in favor.

XI. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

(2 minutes allotted to each group; group must sign up to be guaranteed recognition)

Red Shoe Day – Maria Pankau. Collecting money for [Ronald McDonald House](#) at Camino Ruiz and Miramar Road. Looking for 12 people to stand on corner on June 27th.

Relay for Life – Gail Hernandez, Maria Pankau. Relay for Life is May 18th. Still need teams. Paint the Town Purple is supporting event. Decorate houses with purple. Maria – Keisha and Madison doing opening ceremony 9 AM. Trying to form a Miss Mira Mesa Team. Someone on team needs to be there for 24 hours, but individuals can be any length of time. See Madison or Maria to sign up. Need \$100 for team. Motion to approve \$100 (Pam Stevens/Jennifer Kvalvik). Passed 30-0.

Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Mitz Lee. Selling T-Shirts. Have 120 of them. Hoping to get \$6k community enhancement grant. Paid \$12k deposit, so will at least get 10 minute show.

Miss San Diego Cities Pageant – Last year’s Miss Mira Mesa Monica Fung will be participating.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Alex. Two things going on – Mira Mesa’s Got Talent May 25th 7-10 PM. Two judges confirmed. Final auditions Thursday at Wangenheim. 6-9 PM. MMTC has check for Theatre Guild (in budget, \$200). Mailed letters to get donations for resurrection of Monster Manor. [MiraMesaTheatreGuild.org](#). Also starting KickStarter campaign.

Rolling Readers (Alex Nguyen) – presented last month. Board recommended a \$250 donation. Motion to approve \$250 (Pam Stevens/Mitz Lee) – Approved 29-0-1.

Mira Mesa Banner Committee – San Diego County Fair pays for banners to be put up and down Mira Mesa Blvd. Photo shoot. Theme: Game On! 40 banners will be put up on May 16th. Very colorful.

Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe. May 17th Miramar Graduation. Memorial weekend Top Gun tournament.

MMMAD – Tom Derr. Tuesday, July first next meeting.

LPCPCAC – Pam. First LPCPCAC meeting of year this month. Friends are doing their usual schedule of activities.

XII. Adjournment (8:42 p.m.)