

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2013
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:03 p.m.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (June, 2013) – approved with no changes.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (John Horst) – Bank balances: checking \$35,681.25; savings \$15,882.16; Scholarship \$12,383.66. Detailed income/expense compared to budget for the first 6 months of 2013 were distributed at the meeting.
- V. Street Fair (Jeff Stevens) – last day for vendors to register without late fee is August 10. Applications have been coming in at a fairly rapid rate, as they usually do just before the deadline. We will have a beer garden this year, in addition to the usual food, entertainment and fun.
- VI. Miss Mira Mesa Keshia Lee Llarenas and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Madison Dodd are both planning to run for Miss Greater San Diego USA in September. The contest is on September 21. MMTC will sponsor them, and the expense is already in budget.
- VII. Recognition of Business of the Month, Scripps Hospice (formerly Horizon Hospice). Pam Stevens reported that long time director Bruce Ackerman has retired and Horizon Hospice has merged with a much larger company. We thank Horizon Hospice and Bruce Ackerman for their long association with MMTC.
- VIII. Recognition of first responders
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Susan Steffen, Mira Mesa Community Relations Officer, is retiring in 39 days, just shy of 24 years. Shannah Kanoa was introduced as her replacement. Tomorrow is national night out, and there will be an open house at the Rancho Penasquitos police substation. Shanna will be taking over NE Division Facebook and Next Door. Next Door participants can form subgroups of 6 residences or more.
 - b) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Natalie Horne, Mira Mesa Community Relations Officer. There were 10-15 commercial burglaries over last month. Suspects took trailer generators on Sorrento Valley Rd. They were caught on a surveillance video. They were wearing orange construction vests. Two cases in June and July. There was a good arrest on July 4. Armed robbery. Pursued to C street, taken into custody. All cash returned.
 - c) Question – any more info on Amber alert? Almost everyone got it on cell phones. Only info available.
- IX. State Senator Marty Block – The fact that we choose to be here at an MMTC meeting is good thing – means that we care about the community. Alex – newsletter is great! Will be participating in Street Fair. Promised will be less hot this year. 39th Senate district. RB is in district, also Del Mar and Solana Beach. In Sacramento Monday-Thursday most weeks. Recessed from Senate sessions now and back working in the district. Concentrating on four areas: 1) Constituent services. Joyce Temporal is Block's rep – can assist constituents with problems. www.martyblock.com. 2) Participation in events like the Street

Fair. Will be putting on events like a forum for legislative ideas. Good ideas can include removing laws as well as creating them. Senior scam stoppers workshop on Nov. 4, RP library. Small business meeting in December. New Tax credits for small businesses were just approved. 3) Legislation. Had greatest percentage of bills of any Senator signed by the governor. Signed all 25 bills. Block worked with Dumanis on many of them. Producing legislation is an arduous process that screens out bad bills. Worked on the bill to expedite transfer of licenses for military spouses. Veterans affairs, public safety, education are top areas of interest. Block was president of the San Diego Community College District Board. 4) Budget. Had \$42 billion deficit when first came to Sacramento. Required painful cuts. This year have a \$5 billion surplus, can restore some cuts. Budget is on time and balanced. Important legislation this year – increase penalties for human trafficking; more funding to schools that have harder problems. Should mean more money for SD Unified. Block sends a newsletter every month. 2/3 Democratic majority in both houses has helped working together. Coauthor of bill #182 – in reaction to long term loans taken out in Poway school district. Provides guidelines that must be followed to prevent such loans. Working its way through with little opposition.

- X. Elder Abuse - Jesse Navarro, Community Relations Officer for San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis. Was police officer in Mira Mesa, starting in 1974. Still here, not retiring. The DA's office prosecutes bad people. Drug dealers, murderers. Misdemeanors and felonies. Most common misdemeanor is DUI. Drug possession. Domestic Violence. Second largest DA's office in state. LA is larger. 4th largest in the United States. Over 1000 employees. Over 300 attorneys. 170 investigators. Most cases generated by the police dept. San Diego police is biggest customer. The crime that affects the most people is identity theft. Introduced Marta from Dave Roberts office. Tips for preventing senior oriented crimes: 1) Selecting caregiver – do background check. There is not a mandatory background check law for caregivers in Senior homes. 2) Keep inventory of all jewelry and keep in safe place. Also other important documents. Keep in fire safe if possible. Or safety deposit box. Use Cross-cut shredder to destroy documents. Don't put outgoing mail in the mailbox. Don't raise red flag on mailbox. Entitled to get one free copy of credit report per year. One from each company. Read your bank statements. Find trusted family member or friend to look at bank statements. Someone who can review it when you are not able, or who might notice something wrong. Door to door salesman – don't open door. Sometimes mail is fished out of public mailboxes. Better not to leave mail in outside mailbox outside of regular hours. Safer to drop inside post office. One story – prosecuted husband and wife who were selling insurance to seniors. Not licensed insurance agents. No actual insurance. Caught them in Las Vegas. Check background before hiring anyone or buying and services. Crooks may require payment in advance, then abscond with it. Only required to pay 10% in advance. Adult Protective Services is the place to call to report abuse. Number is 800-510-2020. Seniors may feel embarrassed to report, so many crimes go unreported. 40% are committed by family members.
- XI. Senior Community Centers - Phong Vien Nguyen, volunteer with Senior Community Centers. Grew up in Mira Mesa, graduated MMHS 2002. Started volunteering for Senior Community Centers of San Diego last year. Works to improve the well being of low income seniors. Main objective is meals. Serves 1000 meals per day across San Diego including the Mira Mesa Senior Center. Also deliver to homes. Introduced Rebecca Trahouse, who works for Senior Community Centers. They want seniors to stay healthy. Provide healthy meals, fresh food. Example: Carol moved into a new apartment, fell down stairs. Provided meals during her recovery. Phong – has been very impressed with this organization. 20% of population will be over 60 soon. Of all senior meals served in San Diego, 50% served by SCC. ~20 agencies provide the rest. 1 year of meals costs ~\$2000,

compares with \$5000/mo at assisted living facility. Info is at Senior Center, in brochure, or on website. Jennifer K. – is there an opportunity for HS students to volunteer. Yes, they help serve meals, for example. April 10th is big fundraiser. SCC is a 501c(3). Christiane – restaurant flyer might be good fundraiser as it ties into meal delivery. Seniors are considered 60 or over. Can have younger visitors sharing meals.

XII. Carol Kim – candidate for City Council introduced herself. New to politics, not to community service. Started career as teacher in inner city school in LA. Now working for education-oriented nonprofit. Wife and mother, understands what families are going through. Kids go to Hage Elementary. 37 years old. Parents were small business owners. Parents immigrated in 1970's from Korea. Mother was a nurse in Korea; in US made baby blankets sold at swap meets. Opened a retail store selling clothes. Understands how much work goes into small business. 2 out of 3 jobs generated by small businesses. Worked in education most of life. Lots of job openings, but not matched by people with skills in San Diego. Create partnerships and coalitions between businesses and schools. Also worked with military. Interested in support for military families.

XIII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama) – Has funding agreement for fireworks. Lorie asked Mayor to step down. Does not want to discuss this issue more. In legislative recess this week. Ken Nakayama will be in Mira Mesa on the 13th 1-5:30, until the recreation council meeting.
- b) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen) – student loan rate reduction was approved last week. Retroactive to July. Working on immigration reform. Asking Boehner to come up with plan by September 30; otherwise will introduce legislation independently. National outreach to recognize outstanding libraries and museums for their services to their community. You can nominate your library. Congress on the corner will be in Poway on Aug 31. Question – why did congressman vote to approve NSA program. Will check. Question – why did Congress exempt itself from Affordable Care Act. It Didn't.

XIV. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance (2 minutes allotted to each group; group must sign up to be guaranteed recognition)

- a) North City Prevention Coalition. Kathy Lippitt. Working to reduce alcohol abuse, particularly when it leads to drug use. Social Host law prohibits giving alcohol to underage minors, including in private homes. Invite all to alcohol quality panel meetings. Some products with alcohol hide that fact.
- b) Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring second annual Festival of Beers (Joe/Bari). August 24th.
- c) Mira Mesa Women's Club. Susan Sragocicz. Raising money for Heifer international. Bunco night on September 28th. Susan will teach you how to play Bunco. \$20 tickets. Looking for sponsors also.
- d) Maria Pankau – 4th of July. Parade, Funday, Fireworks. Great Day. Have awards for parade, presented previously, some not picked up – Awards included MMHS ROTC, marching unit, Stranglehold, comic entry, MMHS Sapphire Sound, marching band, RC Realty, commercial entry, Scripps Mesa Fireworks.

- e) Chris Jereza – Church of Christ. Iglesia Ni Cristo. Wants to do Community Cleanup. Sept 21 doing Miramar Lake. Want to do something in Mira Mesa also.
- f) Bari Vaz – Mira Mesa 2014 – Mira Mesa is 45 years old next year. In San Diego 45 years is historic. MMTC wants to put together an event per month to celebrate. Reach out to everyone.
- g) Marv Miles. Happy Birthday to Ted!
- h) Mitz Lee – thank you for supporting fireworks. List community partners in next newsletter. \$5000 from City, \$3000 from County were a big help. MMTC is lending money while waiting for grant money.
- i) Alex – send info to newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org.
- j) Maria - starting Miss Mira Mesa contest for 2014. Inviting contestants.
- k) Brandy – MMTC memberships are due.
- l) Ricky McCabe – Pharmatec. Can provide information on drugs being abused.
- m) Joe – new Tot Lot at Walker Park is now open. Saturday movie in the park. Two weeks Madagascar 3 at Hourglass park. 8 PM.

XV. Adjournment (8:45 p.m.)