

Mira Mesa Town Council

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2014

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Boy Scout Troop 474
- III. Alex Nguyen and Andy Nguyen. Andy is president of VAYA, the Vietnamese Youth Alliance. The Tet Festival held in Mira Mesa Community Park over the weekend was very successful. Lots of people. Things went smoothly, much better than last year.
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting (January, 2014). Approved with no changes.
- V. Treasurer's Report – still waiting for some money from Scripps Mesa Fireworks. With that would be \$5k in black. Checking: \$37852.31. Savings: \$15,886.14, Scholarship: \$12,396.15.
- VI. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Kanoa, Community Relations Officer. Miramar area had 3 commercial burglaries at night. Mira Mesa had 6 residential, 2 commercial burglaries, 30 vehicle breakins, 13 stolen vehicles. Not including thefts from vehicles left unlocked. Neighborhood watch - many are inactive. Shannah can help reorganize neighborhood watches. If you see a crime, try to describe any vehicle used. Stealing catalytic converters from Toyota trucks is a problem city-wide.
 - b) SDFD – Capt Flores, Public Information Officer. Distributed information on wildfires. Leave without hesitation if there is fire danger. An evacuation center will be set up. Choose an escape route away from the fire.
- VII. Filipino Sun Festival – Lauren Garces. Planned for April 5 at Mira Mesa Community Park. Sun symbol has 8 rays on the sun representing the 8 different provinces in the Philippines. 11 AM – 6 PM. Expect 10-20,000 people.
- VIII. Mira Mesa Schools Cluster – Bob Turner

There are 9 schools in Mira Mesa, soon to be 10. Principal, administrator and parent from all schools are on the cluster committee. All community members are welcome to attend and participate. Bob Turner is chair. Meet last Monday of each month at Mira Mesa High School in the media center. There will be changes to school enrollment areas when Jonas Salk Elementary School is completed. 3 year round schools will likely be changing to traditional year. Trying to get boundary changes for Wangenheim. Battling the school district on lots of issues. Want the district to look out for our needs. They will only do it if we push them. Cluster is a good way to do it. MMHS is only school with a community school reform. Want to do it with all of the Mira Mesa schools. There is a special meeting on SDUSD Vision 2020 on March 3, at the same time as the MMTTC meeting. Trying to get it changed to March 24th. Thanks to Ted for clearing path to get Fireworks for Homecoming game. Solved insurance

problem by MMTTC becoming cosponsor. The next MM cluster council meeting is at 5:30 on February 24th. Main topic will be redistricting of school attendance areas when Salk opens.

Sabrina – Taste of Mira Mesa is Wednesday March 26, 6:30-8:30 at Hologic. No alcohol.

- IX. Introduction of 2014 Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa. Also did Scripps Ranch this year Sarina Jassy, Miss Teen Scripps Ranch 2014; Allie Kennedy, Miss Scripps Ranch 2014.

Miss Mira Mesa – Brittney Charlot

Miss Teen Mira Mesa – Haley Hernandez

- X. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama) – Lorie was at Tet Festival, Kenny at Miss Mira Mesa. They have been looking into complaints about uneven street widths caused by new bike lanes. When streets are repaved the new striping consistent with the bicycle master plan is installed. Miramar Road from 805-15 will be repaved by mid-2015. Also Black Mountain Road. Email Kenny for info on smaller roads. Email kpnakayama@sandiego.gov. New mayor will be elected on Feb 11. Everyone should vote.
 - b) Interim Mayor Todd Gloria (Steven Hadley) – distributed newsletters. Putting together transition briefs for the new mayor. It will take a couple of weeks before the new mayor is in place as ballots are counted and certified. Question re water usage. San Diego used to have desalination plants at Pt. Loma, but they were shipped to Guantanamo Bay. No new desalination plants, but looking into more reuse. Don't flush drugs. Filtering systems get most stuff out, but have trouble with prescription drugs. Question on Landfill lifetime. More is being recycled now which will extend lifetime.
 - c) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Lindsey Masukawa) – Regular monthly meetings will start on Monday Feb 10. There are openings for appointments at 3, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 in the Mira Mesa community office, 10717 Camino Ruiz, Ste 134, San Diego 92126. Call Brett Fisher Brett.Fisher@sdcounty.ca.gov for appointments.
 - d) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen) – Scott was at the Tet Festival. HR 357 is the GI Bill. ACA is happening. 500k people in Calif are signed up. Let Anthony know if there are problems.

- XI. Sorrento Valley Town Council – Julia Schriber. Introduced herself and SVTC Board members Susan Carolin, Lil Nover, Ken Kaplan, and Wayne Cox There has been a lot of confusing signage, hurt feelings. To clarify issue SVTC has requested four Sorrento Valley signs. One, at Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Santa Fe, was removed from their requested list at the request of the City Council office. Boundaries of the Sorrento Valley neighborhood are taken from a City map developed by the Police Department. The three requested signs are on Calle Cristobal just east of Camino Santa Fe; Lusk Blvd and Vista Sorrento Parkway; and Sorrento Valley Blvd and Vista Sorrento Parkway.

Jeff Stevens had the following comments: There is a general problem that there is no unique answer to the question "Where am I?" but we usually live with this without difficulty (e.g. Community of Mira Mesa, City and County of San Diego). Police

Department neighborhood maps complicated the problem by not following community plan naming and boundaries. Sorrento Valley neighborhood as defined by PD is inconsistent with Sorrento Valley in the Torrey Pines Community Plan. City has well-defined procedure for community identification signs and neighborhood identification signs. Recommendations: do not put sign at Lusk Blvd because of conflict with Sorrento Mesa name; get neighborhood use permit for neighborhood identification sign on Calle Cristobal; coordinate with Torrey Pines Planning Group on sign for Sorrento Valley Blvd.

Donna Carter – continuing of this is very divisive. Why not have more unity? Ted – this is in the province of MMCPG. MMTC is to provide a forum to hear issue. Margaret Jahn – 30 years in Mira Mesa and very proud. This map hurts me. Nothing wrong with Mira Mesa. Julia Schriber – we recognize that we are within the community of Mira Mesa. We have put that on our website. Jon – why does boundary not follow zip codes. Neighborhood follows the power line. Jim – keep talking about police department. They set it up for patrols. Was 243 and 244. Recently changed because there was an increase in police divisions. Maria – you said that you agree that you are part of the community of Mira Mesa. Signs that caused controversy were community signs. Why was that a problem? Because few people know about community planning groups. People think they are neighborhood signs. Felt like identity was being erased. Need to move on, but need some assurance that identity is not being erased. Presenting today so that there are no surprises. Good to know what concerns are. Don't want another blow-up. Christina – thanks for having different attitude tonight than at MMCPG meeting. Would be good to incorporate long history of being part of Mira Mesa into signs to show that you are with us. Julia – we might be able to do that. Christiane – follow the idea of what is done in North Park, with neighborhood of Alta Dena. Say Alta Dena, a neighborhood of North Park. How about a sign with Sorrento Valley and with "A neighborhood in Mira Mesa" in smaller print.

XII. Recognition of Mayoral Candidates in attendance (or their representatives)

Gerrilyn Dacao - Volunteer for David Alvarez. Resident of Mira Mesa. Going to walk the walk. Working on plan to attract new industries. Please vote on Feb 11.

Terry Wyatt – candidate for District Attorney. Deputy District Attorney for last 27 years. Department needs new leadership. More resources in juvenile justice system. TerryWyattForDA.com.

XIII. MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

45th Mira Mesa anniversary committee – Bari. Looking for input as to how to best celebrate it. Wed. 6:30 Callahans. Info on MMTC Facebook page.

Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens. VOY dinner tentatively set for March 15th. March 29th is backup date. First day of spring break. Miramar Café on Miramar Road will be venue.

XIV. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance (2 minutes allotted to each group. One speaker per group. Group must sign up at Membership Table to be recognized)

MM Womens Club – Martha Pritchard. In group for 19 years. Chalk the Walk will be at Recreation Center on May 10th. 9-4. Raises funds for arts projects in schools. Would

MMTC be able to make a \$1000 donation. Ted – will discuss at next Board meeting and bring to next general meeting.

MM Theatre Guild – Pam Stevens – Lend Me a Tenor opens Friday February 7 at 7:30 PM at Wangenheim. Runs for 3 weekends Feb 7-8, Feb 14, Feb 21-22 (Note- Saturday Feb 15 was cancelled because of a planned power outage at Wangenheim). Should be hilarious evening. MiraMesaTheatreGuild.org. GoldStar.com can also get tickets. Shrek at MMHS runs for two weekends, Feb 7-8 and Feb 13-15.

MM Library February 24 – Book club is reading Kate Chopin novel The Awakening, which is on the Banned Books list. The Fil-Am Cultural Group of San Diego North County, Inc. recently donated \$1,000 to the Mira Mesa Branch of the San Diego Public Library System to enhance the library's Filipiniana Collection.

LPCPCAC – Proposed Cell phone tower at parking area off BMR. Will have a fake water tower instead of fake tree. Verizon.

Mary Jane Schroeder - Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer. Third in the nation last year. Dedicated volunteers.

Joe Frichtel – Needs tree money. Hopefully have a proposal by next month. Circus Vargus is coming to Mira Mesa Community Park at the end of the month for 5 days. Thursday Feb 27-Monday March 3. www.circusvargus.com.

XV. Adjournment (9 p.m.)