

# ***Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes***

**September 8, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Ted thanks Bari for organizing candidate forum.**
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting (August, 2014) – approved.**
- V. Presentation – Miramar College-Dr. Patricia Hsieh, President & Brett Bell, VP Admin. Services**
  - Dr. Hsieh:
    - By 2025 Miramar College will have 25,000 students.
    - 2-3% growth every year. Now 3% above target.
    - Prop 30 has provided funding for improvements. Miramar will expand and add more classes.
    - MTS transit station is under construction.
    - Feeder schools are Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, Serra and University City High Schools.
    - Miramar College mobile app will be launched in the next few weeks.
    - Have hired 22 new faculty members, after 5 years in which we could not hire anyone.
    - We are here to prepare the workforce.
  - Mr. Bell: Showed map of the college showing new buildings under construction. Science building is largest building – 9 labs, two lectures halls and faculty office.
  - Student resource and welcome center is in a renovated building that was “temporary library” for 40 years.
  - Fire technology and EMT. Moved from Naval Training Center. Now fully contained on campus.
  - New administration building.
  - MTS transit station. Corner of Hillery and Westview Parkway. Next to 4 story parking structure.
  - DAR will open October 1.
  - Current enrollment is 14,000.
  - Planning for a 4 year master’s degree program.
  - SDCC has nursing so Miramar doesn’t.
  - Traffic concerns – arranged multiple access points onto major streets to minimize problems.
  - Have faculty/industry committee to ensure that academic programs are relevant to industry.
  - Performing arts center has a location on the master plan but no funding to build it.
  - Athletic programs always do fundraising.
  - Question – the transition from a community college to 4 year college can be tough because students go directly into major classes. Perhaps have AA in electrical engineering. Would better prepare students for future and for immediate employment than general classes.
  - Software engineering and web development would also be good 2 year programs.
- VI. Presentation – SANDAG MTS Rapid Service-Judith Leitner, Manager of Marketing**
  - New high speed routes are starting.
  - Starting June 12 will have 15 minute interval service to downtown. Will be able to get to Padres stadium on 235 + trolley.
  - Weekday route to UCSD and Miramar College.
  - SDSU to downtown.
  - Express routes from North County to downtown.

Along Mira Mesa Blvd to Sorrento Mesa.  
Will have signal prioritization.  
Existing 20 + new 235 will add about 3000 more riders than previously.  
Will have one of the new buses at the Mira Mesa Street Fair.

## **VII. Government and Community Resources**

a) Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District – Joe Frichtel

VOTE REQUIRED: Increase areas of coverage inside existing maintenance zone:  
Senior & Teen Center, Camino Ruiz median between Capricorn & Aquarius, upgrading Black Mtn Rd median between Mira Mesa Blvd & Gold Coast, maintenance of south side of Galvin Rd & installation of monument sign on Mercy Rd; no additional cost to residents.

**Motion (Frichtel/Lee) – to support MMMAD proposal to expand maintenance areas. (Approved 27-0-0).**

b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – John Horst, Chairman – Planning Group made a recommendation on medical marijuana community cooperatives. Want City to hold off on issuing permits until enforcement issues are solved. Supported two applications once those problems are solved. Ted and John trying to meet with Scott Peters and someone with US attorney's office to discuss how this works, perhaps get federal enforcement.

c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Meeting at 7 PM tomorrow.

## **VIII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives**

- a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Liezl Mangonon) – Councilmember Zapf is in DC on official business. Legislative recess for over a month. Agenda out Wednesday. Will be at Street Fair all day. I love a clean San Diego at 9 AM at Lopez Canyon Park on September 20 (!). Oversized vehicle ordinance is now in effect. Grace period is over. Will be providing some tickets to the Padres game on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Jason Bercovitch) – Congress has been on recess recently. MTSP links nonprofits and military members before they get out of service. Working to allow students to refinance student loans. Congressman Peters will be at Street Fair.

## **IX. MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements**

- a) Treasurer's Report – Account balances: Checking \$31,984.86, Savings \$15,889.34, Scholarship: \$12,409.06.
- b) Membership – renew now. All memberships expired July 31.
- c) Street Fair – Looking forward to a great Mira Mesa Street Fair on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **X. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance**

- XI.** Boy Scout Cameron Tran. Ask for permission to do project at Senior Center. Eagle project is putting rock into the median in the parking lot. Total cost will be ~\$1,800. 23 sq yards of rock. Asking for donations. Noted that a typical MMTC donation is \$100-\$200, so will not cover full cost. MMTC will take under advisement.
- XII.** Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Alex) – Monster Manor construction will be starting next weekend. Still raising money. Can donate at [MonsterManor.org](http://MonsterManor.org). October 10 is scheduled opening day.
- XIII.** Brad Weinreb – Running for Superior Court Judge. Has been state prosecutor. Voted one of top lawyers. Supported by all three top law enforcement officers. Over 100 judges have endorsed.

**XIV.** Jon Labaw – elections in November. Looking for people who would like to be on the Board.

**XV.** Joe Frichtel – Two weeks after Street Fair Oct 3-5 is Miramar Air Show. John Stokes has left San Diego. Need to get new contact for Salk's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**XVI.** I love a clean San Diego – 60<sup>th</sup> year. Unfortunately on same day as Street Fair.

**XVII. Adjournment (9 p.m.)**