

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (December, 2014) - Approved.

IV. Installation of 2015 Board of Directors – Chris Cate

Ted introduced the Board members. Chris gave the “oath of office” to the MMTTC Board members.

V. Councilmember Chris Cate

Sworn in Dec. 10. Council went on break shortly after, but he used the time to talk to staff. Working on the Westview Park shade structure. Now on track. Mitz is chair of the neighborhoods first committee, and independent body. District 6 will attend their meetings. Big issue at the City now is the budget. For July 1. Waiting to hear about traffic signal optimization at Lusk Blvd. Want to expand signal optimization all along MM Blvd to improve traffic flow. Chris is vice chair of three committees: environment, charter review, public safety. Also on economic development committee. Email is chriscate@sandiego.gov. Questions: Calle Cristobal has been repaved but no lines. Line paving now started after a month. Harold – have been waiting for multiple years for street to be repaved. Will find out when it is due for repaving. Bruce – officer retention? Working on improving police pay. Jim Hearn – why are downtown restrooms so expensive. Would like to know also. Ted – how is the City doing on its debt problem? On track now. Passed Prop B. Retiree health care partially addressed. Jeff – now that the economy and City revenues are improving, is it possible to roll back some of the fees that were added or increased over the past decade? Yes, it may be possible to do that. John – example, had to pay extra for police to arrest someone at Street Fair. Ted – how about benefits? DROP is done for new employees. Existing DROP is cost neutral now. Bari – MM is drastically short on park space and community amenities like civic centers. Short on locations for meetings. Had meeting with Joe, Jeff and Bruce to discuss parks. Looking at how to revamp lease agreements for Senior Center and Teen Center. Allow some cost recovery from events for all ages. Use longer term leases. Alex – piggybacking on civic center discussion. There is a long term plan to build theater. Can you meet with Theatre Guild about performance space? Yes. Pam – MM is walkable community, but public transportation is lacking. Maybe get internal shuttle system.

VI. Government and Community Resources

City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio de Guzman

Criminal division prosecutes crimes. Trying to use community court as alternative to criminal court. For first and second time offenders. Want three way partnership with police and community. Remember nonemergency police number 619 531-2000. Want to get rid of neighborhood offenders. Community courts are downtown, but community service may be where offense is committed.

Ted – medical marijuana dispensaries are illegal. What can be done? Need to follow due process. Alex – City has closed 40 within the last month. 5 more this month.

Library - Barbara Schwartz – Upgrading AV system. City doesn't move fast, but will be happening. Trying to get new carpeting, repairs to bathroom. Have implemented a new PC reservation system. More people can use. Allows up to 120 minutes/day. Library card and picture ID needed. Jan 23-24 spay/neuter – neuter scooter. 100 people came to the library to hear One book/One San Diego author Leslie Tenorio. 100% of book income (\$200) was donated to library. KPBS paid for refreshments, entertainment. Now open longer hours. Until 6 PM on Saturday. Newsletter errors – 7th Resume writing is not happening. On 21st also not happening. Maybe left over from prior month. Library has volunteer tax assistance. IRS has more limited phone support during budget. Accept books during open hours. In good condition. No encyclopedias or magazines.

VII. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Mayor Faulconer – Anthony George. Rep for District 6 and 7. MM is the most active community he has been to. State of City speech is Jan 14, 6-7 PM Balboa Theatre. Advise arriving 45 minutes early. Q – what is infrastructure plan? Working on it. Waiting for budget.
- b) Chris Cate – Luis Pallera is Mira Mesa rep. lpallera@sandiego.gov.
- c) Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Honored to be reelected. Top 3 things – people not happy with Congress; cut waste; no budget, no pay. Jobs, innovative sectors, STEM education. Veterans. Try to get Scott to a meeting in February. Joe – should be no pay or benefits or retro pay unless budget passed on time. Comment – San Diego VA medical care is quite good.
- d) Marty Block – Joyce Temporal. Back from medical leave. Marty chairs banking, education committees. Introduced bill to keep college costs down. Eliminate UC 5% tuition hike. Incentive program if they graduate in 4 years. Newsletter has more details. Jon – don't penalize kids who can't get classes. Bill will offer more courses.

VIII. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

- a) Cluster Council – Jennifer. Represents all 10 schools now, including Salk. Schools need info as well as providing info. Bob Turner is chair, Jennifer Vice Chair. Taste of Mira Mesa March 21 at UCSD Faculty Center. Dressier this year. Bigger place. Have bar. Lots of free parking.
- b) Joe Weil said that he 1984 moved to Mira Mesa so that kids could go to Salk, now under construction.
- c) Ted introduced Haley Hernandez – this is her last meeting as Miss Teen Mira Mesa. Pam – need info about public part of pageant. What time will it start and how do we get tickets?
- d) Planning Group – John Horst. Will propose to move meetings to library. Will have elections in March. To run for Board or vote, need to be at one meeting prior to March. Planning group covers many issues that most people hear about too late. Jan 20th and Feb 17th. Both Tuesdays. January at Vulcan. February probably at the library.
- e) Joe – Recreation Council next week. Working on new website. Lots of good things going on but still short on acreage. Need at least 30 acres somewhere.
- f) Teri Ang – Mira Mesa Theatre Guild. Monster Manor was very successful. MM Got Talent coming up on Saturday May 30.
- g) Pam Stevens – Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. Go take a hike! Most trails are now open. Stay out of preserve for 24 hours after rain. Can call City ranger to check on trail conditions. (858) 538-8066. Preserve is City/County. Ranch house is on County land. Penasquitos.org is maintained by Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon. Preserve task force is composed of two council members and county supervisor whose districts include the preserve.
- h) Pam Stevens – banned book club. This month science fiction classic – Foundation trilogy by Isaac Asimov. Discussion group open to anyone who wants to come and discuss book. Meet in small library meeting room. Tuesday Jan 27th on flyer and in newsletter.

IX. MMTCC Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report – John Horst distributed a report on last year's income and expenses. Got expenses right in last year's budget. Total about \$4,000 in red. Need to make some minor adjustments to budget. Current account balances: Checking: \$31,322.20, Savings: \$15,890.95, Scholarship: \$12,413.70. Total: \$59,626.85.

Membership – Sent email regarding membership updates. Please renew and bring in new members. Lainie will go to other community meetings to recruit new members and let people know MMTC is here. Harold – MMTC should contact new residents.

Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. The date is set for the banner photo shoot for the San Diego County Fair, Thursday Jan 22nd at 3:00PM Media Center at Mira Mesa High School. These will be lifesize photos on banners. Contact Jennifer if you would like to participate. The 2015 theme is "A Fair to Remember" a celebration of World's Fairs and Balboa Park. This will be a fun and educational theme as we look forward to working closely with Balboa Park for their Centennial Celebration while highlighting the international innovations and traditions of World's Fairs. With this theme, we are looking to feature San Diegans and reach out to historical clubs, social science students and anyone who loves The San Diego County Fair. Also looking for clothing donations. jkvalvik@sandi.net.

FASCA – Sotero Dumaguing. Filipino American Senior Citizens Association. First time to an MMTC meeting. Just passing through to visit sister. Happy to be here.

Bari – Mira Mesa Senior Center. Board of Governors phased out. Members of FASCA and Golden Friends now managing center. Want to increase membership and activities. FASCA is a member of MMTC and 858 578 7325 is Senior Center number. Hoping to increase full day 9-4 or activities. Want to hear what you want added. Senior is 50+.

VOY committee – Pam and Sabrina will co-chair.

X. Adjournment – 8:45 PM



Figure 1. 2015 MMTC Board of Directors with City Councilmember Chris Cate. From left to right: Eric Kolbeck, Nickie Bascos, Pam Stevens, John Horst, Bari Vaz, Chris Cate, Ted Brengel, Jeff Stevens, Jon Labaw, Lainie Hardman. Board members not in picture: Donna Carter, Sabrina Bazzo.