

Mira Mesa Town Council – Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (April, 2015) – approved.**
- 4) President’s Announcement – Ted Brengel.** RP had lovely parade and fair this weekend. Misses were there.
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Sgt. Rich Hinzo. April police statistics – 7 residential burglaries, all daytime. 17 car breakins, no stolen vehicles, one recovered. Sat April 18 had theft at drive-up ATM as money being dispensed to woman in auto. Sign up for nextdoor.com. Q: can’t understand messages from helicopter. A: Usually are for missing juvenile or elderly person. Maybe put on website so can look up if heard. Jim – can call 531-2000. A good suggestion, but they may be inundated with calls. Prowls are mostly late teens – early 20’s.
 - b) SDFD – Glen Holder. Recommend free software called PulsePoint. Several fatal car accidents. One kid coming out of high school. 4 year drought is likely to be worst fire season ever. Very low humidity, dry brush. Usually this dry by September-October, not this early. Tom – season for rattlesnakes also. Yes, they do remove some. Tom is a “herpetoculturist.” Stay away from downwind of fire.
- 6) Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa – Ted introduced Sabrina Randall and Bella MacFarland.**
 - a) **Maria - Relay for life is May 16th.** Sign up on Relay website. Will have a tent at Hilltop Park. Give Jeff, Pam or Maria name, email address and time you want to walk.
- 7) San Diego’s Water Crisis – David Akin, Consumer Advocate, City of San Diego, Public Utilities.** Good to see this much community involvement. Worked as attorney. Now helps facilitate interaction with City. Public utilities is a big department. Maintains 28 reservoirs. Utility bill is volume in HCF plus base fees. Four rate tiers. Also wastewater included in utility bill. Lowest winter consumption is used to calculate sewer service charge. Leaks, esp. toilet, waste a lot of water. Low flow toilets may not give any sound. Make sure you install a water pressure regulator. 40-60 psi is good pressure. Can buy device at Home Depot to measure pressure. Most homes in Mira Mesa need pressure regulator replaced. Read 7,000 to 9,000 meters/day. Sometimes make mistakes. Now in Level 2 drought alert condition. Governor issued executive order to save 25%. SD may get reduced to 16% due to desal and water conservation efforts. Can’t water between 10 and 6. May go to two day watering. No runoff from watering allowed. No irrigation within 48 hours of rain. Repair leaks within 72 hours of discovery. No washing of paved areas with hose. Joe – reclaimed water is exempt from restrictions. Q: homeowners association penalizing residents for watering too little. Q: How does new development affect water use? A: must identify a source of water, use drip irrigation. Q: where can you go for incentives and rebates? A: Go to the City website. Waste no water program to report water waste. 619 533-5271. Out of funding for turf rebates, but will have more in July. Rebates for graywater system available soon. Residential water survey – will come out to do for free. Email David or check website. Q: what is typical? 200 g/day not unusual. No rebates for artificial turf because stormwater does not like chemical runoff. Customer care 619 533-3500. Response time much better than it used to be. DAkin@sandiego.gov. 619-533-4275. Best to email. Q: High school is washing parking lot. Further refinement of purple pipe water is more likely the future than desalination because it takes less energy. Prop 218 requires baserate+cost, so can’t do supersaver rate. Bill bimonthly so don’t need twice as many meter readers.
- 8) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives**

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Thanks David Akin – first person he always contacts for water issues. Budget briefing is Wed May 20 7 AM at SDG&E. RSVP to attend. D6 night market May 30. Q: Why did Chris vote for One Paseo? If we had similar issue would Chris vote for us or project? A: Will present statement on One Paseo in next month's MMTC newsletter.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – lives in Mira Mesa. New rep for Supervisor Roberts. Rattlesnake season. Bike to work month. Never biked 25 miles in City before. Harold.Meza@sdcounty.ca.gov. Q: why are gas prices going up so much? A: not regulated by county. Can connect with right person. Comment: Cap and Trade, other hidden fees are raising prices. Q: no maintenance of bike lanes. Get dirty. A: Can connect with bike-to-go which is working on such problems. Q: bus stops unsafe due to traffic and pollution. Takes too long to go by bus. No parking at transit station and only goes to UTC. Dead birds at bus stops. A: will connect with right people to discuss transit issues.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou). Bipartisan amendment to support military mental illness program. Revoke passports of people associated with terrorist groups. In two weeks Scripps Ranch community fair.

9) Government and Community Resources

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Prosecute offenders and infractions. Talked about community courts last couple of months. Run out of departments 1, 3 and 9. Offer offenders community court. After 16 hours of community cleanup dismiss charges. 60% take program. 89% pass the program and do not have criminal record. PB has separate program for infractions only. Lots of them in PB.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. New programs. New watercolor class. Free. Chair yoga. People from 10-80's are doing it. ~20 people. Thursday at 10 AM. People feel library is safe, but it is like any other public area so keep eye on wallets, purses, computers, phones etc. Lainie – loves coming to library with daughter.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens. At last meeting current officers were reelected: John Horst, Chair; Jeff Stevens, Vice-Chair; Walt Kanzler, Secretary. At next meeting there will be a presentation to the full Planning Group on Stone Creek, a very large project proposed for Carroll Canyon. Master Plan and detailed drawings for Stone Creek are in the reference section at the library.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Next meeting next week Lopez Ridge. Chalk drawings at Community Park very nice. Top gun soccer tournament over Labor Day weekend. 7-10,000 people coming in for tournament. Lots of crowds. Be sure to pick up Mira Mesa Living. Also check out MMTC website which has links to everything.

(3 minutes allotted to each group unless otherwise noted)

10) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Scholarship Committee (Lainie) – MMTC/Verne Goodwin scholarship is based on volunteer activities and community service. Due by May 18. Can mail them to MMTC mailbox or email them to Lainie. Will be awarding three \$1000 scholarships. If you know high school seniors who have done good volunteer work, please let them know about this opportunity.
- b) Membership (Lainie). Everyone can join MMTC and is encouraged to do so.

11) 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)

- a) Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Mira Mesa's Got Talent auditions are May 5 and 7 at 6 PM at Mira Mesa High School. Show is May 30th at 7 PM. Details at www.miramesatheatreguild.com.
- b) Iyana Cerin – Water best to go to parks rather than medians. Lost park space at Mesa Verde due to school fence. Joe – have replaced medians with low water use landscape.

- c) Kim Ciniello – had water assessment. Most of the regulators in Mira Mesa are over 30 years old. \$1.6 million for more outreach. Should be used instead to test or replace water regulators.
- d) Stan Cerin – Best way to save water is with incentives. Rain barrels cost ~\$150. Not much water (~\$0.40) with 5 good rains. Reward people who are coming up with clever ways to save more water. Can be a problem with mosquitos. Puts fish in water to prevent. Rather than alternate water days, just use less. Some plants need water daily.
- e) Jim Brown – save water. Take a Navy shower. Have lived at same address and am seeing ugly things. Sunday UT advertiser is litter. Picks up papers that are on street. Sometimes get 50-75 of them. Street sweepers used to come out once/week. Now rare. Have schedule, but they don't follow. Getting ready to slurry streets around Mason. Too much stuff on street. You are supposed to sweep your own gutter.
- f) Lainie Hardman – Mira Mesa Girls Softball is having a creative fundraiser. Going to Golden Acorn casino. May 9. \$20 for bus ride. Free money to gamble. Need to be 18.
- g) Donna Carter – note that water saving tips are in newsletter.
- h) Ken Kaplan – Hudson Taylor is general manager of Padres. He was championship wrestler. Got tired of homophobic comments and started nonprofit called Athlete Ally's to change attitude in locker rooms. Met at reception and asked if interested in speaking to MMHS. Scott Giusti said to do it in fall. Asking MMTC and Recreation Council to be sponsors. Request MMTC Board approve sponsorship at next Board meeting. No cost to sponsor.
- i) Ted – Woman's Club sponsored Chalk the Walk. Beautiful artwork. Check it out. Right behind recreation center. Ted will provide pictures.

12) Adjournment (9 p.m.)