

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order (7:05 p.m.)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting (May, 2015) - approved
4. President's Announcement – Ted Brengel said that the D6 Night Market was a great success and thanked Bari Vaz for her work in organizing it.
5. MMTC Verne Goodwin Scholarship Awards – \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors Emily Le, Keith Minh Huynh and Yasmine Reyes. They were also presented with “College Survival Baskets.” This was an outstanding year with many high quality applicants and the committee would like to have given more scholarships.
6. Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Announcement – Ken Kaplan. At the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group meeting at 7 PM in two weeks in the library meeting room, two important proposals will be before planning group. The first is Stone Creek, which will increase the community population by 14,000. Second is the question of how to unclog the west end of Sorrento Valley Blvd. Not fixing it is like playing Russian roulette with western Mira Mesa businesses. The Planning Group has done a lot to unclog it. \$20 million in FBA funds have been spent, and another \$10 million is budgeted. However, this is bigger than FBA can handle. There is a proposal to fix it, but it is expensive - ~\$100 million over 6-8 years. Just heard that SANDAG has made a tentative commitment to take the lead on this project.
7. Ted introduced Jennifer Navala from San Diego County Health & Human Resources. They are pursuing intergenerational coordination. They are having a meeting on June 10 to discuss local issues related to health. Trying to have younger generation interact with older generation. Teach gardening, Encourage physical activity. Walk to school. Distributed flyers and referred to website livewellsd.org.
8. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
 - a. SDPD Northeastern Division – Sgt. Little, Officer Oliveras. Two residential burglaries during May. Both during day. One in house being fumigated. Two commercial burglaries. One at the little snack shack in Camino Ruiz Park. Now that summer heat is coming – remember to close garage doors and windows. Lock doggie doors. Criminals sometimes enter through them. Take remote controls out of cars. 13 vehicle breakins. Often in malls and business parking lots. Make sure nothing of value inside is exposed. Lock cars. Empty backpacks can attract burglars who don't know they are empty. There was a shooting by Cotixan Mexican restaurant. May be gang related. Under investigation. Victims did not come forward. Operation identification encourages residents to make list of valuables. They help to identify criminals if stolen items are recovered. Oversized vehicle ordinance affects mobile homes and detached trailers. They cannot be parked on City streets between 2 and 6 am, or any time within 50 feet of intersection. Can get a daily permit if need to park. Door to door salesman should have tax ID's. Phony ones may be looking for unlocked doors. Can call police if they create a disturbance. www.arjis.org has countywide statistical data. Can also get message updates to your email. Best way to prevent crime is to harden environment – lock doors, don't leave valuables in cars, etc. Ted – long wait times at nonemergency number. Answer: call 911 if you think it is important

and can't get through. Lots of officers at retirement age reducing number of police. Takes some time to hire new. Use NextDoor.com. Get notices by email. For inside look, holding police training open to the public. June 13-20.

9. Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa – Ted introduced Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Bella McFarland.
10. Fire Prevention and Response – Deputy Fire Marshal Eddie Villavicencio, SDFD
 - a. Mira Mesa is a plateau. There are brush management issues on canyon edges. 435 canyon rim homes. ~2000 calls re fire hazards per year. Distributed handout on fire safety. After 2003 and 2007 fires the fire department started to become more proactive. Used to have ~850 fires/year. Now down to ~500. Embers are like pixie dust: they land on roofs, ignite pine needles. Create defensible space. Trying to slow fire down. Density of vegetation controls intensity of fire. Thin vegetation. However, also need to be cautious about sensitive species, erosion. Delicate balance. Mira Mesa is both established and growing. Homeowner is required to do brush control. City can do it and then bill owner. Most people are doing it. There is a CD in addition to brochure in the handout package. PulsePoint is free app for notification. Be selective about notices – otherwise can be too many. Locator drains battery. “Ready, Set, Go” – plan for emergency. What to take, arrange to take quickly, look for alternate routes, listen for trigger to leave. “Failing to plan is planning to fail”. Fire safe council is like neighborhood watch for fire. Scripps Ranch got ~\$1/2 million in grants to improve fire safety. Have 19 fire safe councils. Best place for house numbers is on garage. Law says must have letters 4” high visible from street. Speed bumps are bad for fire engines and speed of response. Bari – we haven't been hit with fire. How do we get out if there is one? CERT is intended for emergency situations.
11. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives
 - a. Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Mira Mesa Blvd will be the first major street to get optimized traffic lights. Chris voted to rescind One Paseo to get a better project. Question: the city put up no parking signs by the school after cars were parked. They were put up in the morning of at 7 am. That is not enough notice, and some cars were towed away. For street fair we have notices up for 3 days. Jeff – slurry sealing on local streets is very welcome. Please also try to get Parkdale done before Salk opens.
 - b. Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – Enjoyed D6 night market. National Defense Authorization Act passed.
12. Government and Community Resources
 - a. City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Stay away orders: when someone commits an egregious crime can require that arrested person stay out of crime area. Can get stay away order for people causing trouble. Non-emergency police number is 619-531-2000.
 - b. Mira Mesa Branch Library – Pam Stevens – There is an adult summer reading program. Book group: Homer's the Odyssey is next book. Played excerpt from audio book. June 30th 6:30 pm is discussion by book group,
 - c. Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, vice-chair, reiterated Ken Kaplan's earlier comments. Two very important issues will be on the agenda at the June 15th meeting – Stone Creek and a proposal to do a major improvement

of the intersection at Sorrento Valley Blvd and I-5, where many of us have watched trains for an extended length of time while trying to get to or from work.

- d. Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Next meeting is Tuesday June 9th. There will be a presentation on a cell phone tower proposed at Christa McAuliffe park.
- e. Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jon Labaw. The Council had its last meeting of the year last month. Meet again in August. Biggest thing is opening of Salk Elementary school this fall. Changing boundaries caused some problems. Kids redistricted out of Sandburg and moved to Hickman are being allowed to stay at Sandburg.

13. MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a. 4th of July, Bari Vaz - a little over a month away. Parade is filling up. Capping at 60 units. Fun Day still has space for non-food vendors. Many cultures, one community is theme for this year.
- b. Street Fair, Jeff Stevens – Planning is underway. Special event application has been submitted. Application posted to website in early May. Have 25 vendors signed up already. To apply as vendor, please go to website and fill out application. To participate in organizing committee, see Jeff.
- c. Treasurer's Report – treasurer absent due to illness. Deferred to August meeting since there is no meeting in July.
- d. Membership – Lainie. Ann Tran is a new member looking to volunteer on committee. Thanks to those who renewed their membership. Can do that on website also. Can also contribute to scholarship fund.

14. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

- a. Theatre Guild – Pam Stevens. Had a great Mira Mesa's got talent last weekend. Some contestants will perform at the Fourth of July. Planning for Monster Manor and Light Fright. Watch Theatre Guild website and Facebook page for information.
- b. Barnes and Noble Mira Mesa – Valerie Jones. Summer reading program. 19th year, encouraging children to read and expand their horizons.
- c. Ivy Cerin– take a week out of your life and use public transportation. Trying to raise awareness and improve public transportation.

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