

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order (7:02 p.m.)

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (June, 2015) – approved.

4) President's Announcement – Ted Brengel

- a) Free vacation house checks are available from RSVP. Go to the police storefront to sign up.
- b) Had a spectacular 4th of July. Thanks to Bari and Dave.
- c) Harmonium has stopped their performance venue and may not renew their teen center lease. Bruce Brown suggested we form a committee to come up with ideas for the future of the building. Ted read from Bruce's letter listing a number of issues with the facility. Ted asked Bruce Brown to chair an MMTC committee to work with Chris Cate's office to find the best possible use of the building.
- d) Ted would like people to 1) make a list of the 5 best attributes of Mira Mesa; 2) what motto should Mira Mesa choose.

5) "Neighborhoods First Coalition" – Councilmember Chris Cate.

- a) During campaign Chris and Mitz looked for a way to allow neighborhoods to come together to provide their input to City Council. Put together committee and developed a strategic plan. Work with existing Planning Groups and Town Councils without superseding them. Want our involvement as a town council. First issue is to set budget priorities - by January.
- b) Epicentre – have been getting updates. Asked Harmonium to hold workshops to see what the community wants in the future. Dealing with same issues with other properties in D6.
- c) Sarah – alternative health clinic for veterans as possible option. Talk to Howard Ou.
- d) Jim H. – does the police department know about the problem with Harmonium? Ted- RSVP board knows about it.
- e) Bruce – plan should address immediate and long term funding needs.
- f) Q: What is your position on Stone Creek? Legally cannot tell a predetermined position. Ted: might be a great project, but needs appropriate facilities and mitigation. Jeff – provide name to be on mailing list for future meetings.
- g) Al – No recreation council input on NFC.

6) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Anthony Martinez for Officer Shannah Kanoa, Community Relations Officer. 23 car break-ins during July. Make sure you lock cars. 2 commercial burglaries. 8 residential burglaries, two in fumigated homes. NextDoor.com is like an online neighborhood watch. NextDoor will also announce information difficult to hear from helicopters. Night out 5:30-7 at substation tomorrow (Tuesday). Can't really do much about late night vandalism at neighborhood parks. Problem with mentally disturbed vagrant in Lopez Canyon. Working on problem, but takes a long time. Q: Own a small business on Dowdy drive. How often do you patrol? Ans – passes multiple times per night, but it is a big area to cover. Is there a website that will tell where crimes are occurring? CrimeMapping.com.

Lainie – motorcycles have been zooming up Camino Ruiz between Westmore and Capricorn between 1-4 pm.

7) Green Nectar Marijuana Dispensary – Ebon Johnson, owner

- a) May 23 at 10 pm stood in line until 8 am to put in application to be one of the first MMCC's in San Diego. On June 18 Planning Commission voted 5-0 to accept our application at 7128 Miramar Road. 4 applicants presented to MM Planning Group. This one was not selected. What is community looking for in successful business in this community? Surprised that selected one did not meet requirements. Marijuana has many medical uses. Match customer up with best strain to alleviate their symptoms. Helps promote bone growth.
- b) Joined MMTCC. Trying to be a part of community.
- c) Questions were collected and handed to secretary Jeff Stevens who asked the questions. Following is a summary:
 - i) Where do you get your product – from legal sources? A: It is currently not legal to grow marijuana in California, so although MMCC can legally buy and sell it, the product necessarily comes from farms that are not legal.
 - ii) If the business is intended to be a medical supply facility, why choose a name like “Green Nectar.” A: Most of the medical marijuana stores use similar names.
 - iii) What type of marketing are you planning? A: Not really necessary and not planning a marketing campaign currently.
 - iv) Can you take credit cards or use a bank account? A: Because of legal issues, cannot use or accept credit cards? Probably cannot use a bank account either. Cash business.
 - v) Do you sell derivative products such as hashish or more concentrated forms of marijuana? A: Yes.
 - vi) Are you open to collaborating with other holistic health care providers for pain management? A: Yes.
 - vii) Is there a doctor on the premises to authorize sales? A: No.
 - viii) Do you deliver? A: Yes.
 - ix) Will you be selling plants and seedlings? A: Probably.
 - x) How do you tell if the prescription is for the person you are selling to? A: check ID.
 - xi) How do we keep MJ away from kids? A: Teach kids that this is an adult product. Under 18 not allowed in store. Protect better than grocery stores, which have medical drugs and alcohol.

8) Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa: In pageant at Kroc Theatre University Ave Saturday at 4 PM.

9) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Thank Bari for inviting Chris to be Grand Marshal in the 4th of July parade. Presented proclamations to Col. Farnum who is leaving Miramar. Q: How much will the City have to put into the retirement fund this year? Rumored to be going up. Ask Chris to address the issue. Harold – complained about condition of his street, was supposed to be fixed in April 2015. Now pushed to April 2018.
- b) Mayor Kevin Faulconer (Anthony George) – Plan for zero waste. 75% trash reduction by 2020, 90% by 2030, to zero by 2040. Working on repaving streets. Ted – particularly important to get Parkdale done.

Question on contribution to pension fund. Gold Coast is full of potholes. Fixed some of them, but needs more permanent repair.

- c) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – Thanks to Bari for 4th of July parade. MM Street Fair – will be there. Standing water lingering after the storm could hatch great numbers of mosquitos. Make sure that your property is free of standing water to protect yourself and your neighbors against West Nile virus. National Association of Counties' conference presented Dave with a "Best in Category" award for the County of San Diego's use of information technology.
- d) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – HR26400 consumer debt relief act. Make it easier for people to pay off loans. Partnering with Google, Aug 13 meeting to promote small businesses. Workshop on grants in arts and humanities. Aug.18 workshop on scam avoidance. Harold – pushing STEM education, but companies are pushing for H1B visas reducing available jobs. Lainie – thanks for support for Planned Parenthood. Also supported girl scouts.
- e) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen). Warned against senior scams. Example: someone called Rob's Mom and said Russians have hacked her computer. 8778 – move to digital copies of DD214. Q: 350 to limit petroleum to 50% of current level in 2025. Has passed the Senate. Rob will investigate. NoMoRobo.org can stop robocalls. 8069 to prevent use of titles in business? Probably a rumor.
- f) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal). Reconvene Aug 17. SP352 helps victims of elder abuse get protective orders. Passed by vote of 72-0. Ending summer internship program. Looking for fall interns. Sen Block will be at the Mira Mesa Street Fair.

10) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager – Back after 3 months. Sept 1-30 library fine discount month. Can return overdue books and pay 50% of fine. Must come in person and pay with cash or check. Family enrichment workshops. Communication with your teenager. Banned book club – left hand of darkness. Aug 7 - Meet Me in St. Louis and Grease.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Vice-Chairman. Next meeting will be on August 17, at a special one-time location: the new Jonas Salk elementary school. Stone Creek subcommittee will start meeting in September.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Little League field construction starting before end of year.

11) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Street Fair – Jeff said we are actively preparing for this event on September 19. Vendor deadline is August 8. We will have a beer garden again and plan to auction off a large screen television.
- b) Membership – time to renew!

12)Adjournment (9:10 p.m.)