

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Girl Scouts**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (September, 2015) - approved**
- 4) President's Announcements – Ted Brengel**
 - a) Mira Mesa Priorities – will be placed online shortly. (See attached document).
 - b) Dedication of Westview park shade structure this Saturday at 11 am.
 - c) Thanked Mira Mesa Street Fair sponsors: DIAMOND: Vulcan Materials Company Western Division, Garden Communities, Magic 92.5 and Jammin' Z90.3, EMERALD: Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group, Mira Mesa Living, RUBY: Mira Mesa Office and Medical Mall, Vons Stores, Sandwich Emporium, Submarina, SAPPHIRE: Callahan's Pub and Brewery, OPAL: Bamboo Flooring by Cali Bamboo, My Glam Jam Nails, Scripps Pediatric Dentistry
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officers George, Taisor and Huynh. Crime report for the month: 2 stolen vehicles, 2 vehicle recoveries. Burglaries have increased, but two burglars were caught. Be sure to secure doors and windows. These are crimes of opportunity. Join crimemapping.com and nextdoor.com. There was a fatal bicycle accident on Camino Ruiz due to fog. Jim – RSVP will do vacation house checks. Barbara – thanked police for helping to return a lost boy from the library tonight.
 - b) SDFD – Battalion Chief Grace Yamane supervises 7 fire stations in the NE part of the city. Moving to Mission Valley. There will be a new battalion chief here at station 44. There is still some fire danger even after the rain. Vegetation will grow, then dry out. People 65 and older more likely to die in fires.
- 6) Ted introduced Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa.**
- 7) Mira Mesa Schools Presentation – School Principals**
 - a) Dr. John Lee Evans – Salk Elementary School actually exists and is open and beautiful. Joint use park is alongside. District provided money for the park. The City will build it. MM schools are some of the best schools around. VOSD did fact check and found it to be true. Good because all work together. MMHS band will be in Rose Parade. 10/27 9 am Salk dedication.
 - b) Good Shepherd – Ladonna Lambert. Gold Coast down street from Salk. 1982 opened. Catholic school. New building. 3rd year as principal. Pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school. 260 dedicated parents.
 - c) Ericson – Barbara Israel – High achieving school. Diverse culturally and academically. Family friendly. Develop critical thinkers, problem solvers. Student council. Safety patrol. Very few behavioral issues. Working on narrowing achievement gap between non-english speakers and others. All Mira Mesa schools are receiving 1:1 computing. All will have computer to take home, and wireless card. Got rid of shelving from the 1970's. Electronic marquee.
 - d) Hage – Eric Takeshita – 7th year at Hage. Strive hard to work with community. Principals visit each other's schools. 683 students. Across street from Garden Communities apartments. Now starting to see families move in. 65 new students this year. Office is friendly to visitors. Building Hage students with Common Core standards.
 - e) Hickman – Tobie Pace – Principal since Jan 2015. 16 years in Solana Beach. Incredible parents. Loves community. Hickman was impacted by Salk-enrollment dropped from 600 to 449. Sense of family with current 18 teachers. May 16 beautification day – school cleaned up by Families, teachers, HEROES.

Covey – 7 habits being taught. Lighthouse school. Positive, lifelong learners. Four C's: Communication, collaboration, cooperation and creativity.

- f) Mason – Dawn Powell. Second year at Mason. VP 7 years prior. Went to Breen elementary, Ericson, Wangenheim, MMHS. Campout Friday night with about 200 families. Campus cleanup Saturday morning.
- g) Salk – Deidre Hardson. Grew up in Mira Mesa, graduate of MMHS. Principal at Mason last 7 years, now at Salk. So happy it is done. Couldn't have opened without AFJROTC. Had open house, tour. Lot to be ready for. Still have work to do. Orders still coming in. Teachers coming in. Embrace STEAM. We are the reason MM is getting 1:1 computing. Will be communicating with parents via email, Schoology. Oct 27 at 9am is dedication. Dr. Peter Salk will be there.
- h) Sandburg – Geof Martin. Starting 5th year. Dedicated, persistent and hardworking students. Character education. Mascot is "Paws" for Pawsitive attitude. It has been a learning experience to be in Mira Mesa. Awesome community. Ted is at school every day.
- i) Walker – Rochelle Dawes. 20 year English teacher before becoming principal. 50% English language learners. 85% economically disadvantaged. 7 habits of happy kids. Great community. "True Blue Buddies"- Mentoring program with police department. Police and public schools both get bad press. Good combination. Western BBQ. Partnership with Christ Community Church. CC purchased 2 tons of food and distributed to needy people in community. Updated computer lab. Need to update library.
- j) Challenger – Diane Ryan. 3rd year as principal. Not from MM, but have worked in multiple different clusters. Constant focus in this community. Happy to be part of it. 6th graders come in prepared, curious and kind. Have a year or 2 to be ready for kids from elementary school. 12-14 are difficult ages. Teachers are focused on developing connections with them. Preparing them for high school. Nurturing, risk-free environment. Focus on developing tech savviness of staff. Google classrooms. Value broad range of opportunities. Strengthening elective programs with more STEAM. Kids will be moving into jobs that don't exist yet.
- k) Wangenheim – Matt Fallon. 5th year. 11 years at MMHS teacher, counselor, VP. Schools are not individual schools but part of community. Kids are digital natives, staff isn't. Math teacher was finalist for presidential teacher award. Last year partnered with society of women engineers. All 8th grade girls full day of lab. Went to Innovation Center. Strengthening arts program. 4 levels of band, 3 levels of orchestra, choir, drama, woodshop, metal shop, yearbook. 33 students in district honor band. More than any other middle school. Very few kids can afford private lessons.
- l) MMHS - Jeff Sabins. Grew up in community. Walking around at Street Fair had lots of people say hello – good feeling of community. 80% proficient at language arts. Math scores are double district average. Can be scary for new freshmen coming in. Attendance rates #1 in district. Education is important to this community. MMHS is worst in cluster – Elementary, Middle are even better. Viewing party for MMHS band. Will be playing in game with Globetrotters, but is very bad. October 16th. 2500 seats available. Expect to sell out. Family here in MM. Lives here. I am where I want to end up. Next year stadium will be shut down for whole year.
- m) Ted – what do you want us to do for you? If you need help, ask for it.

8) Proposed Water Rate Increases – Cathy Pieroni, Public Utilities Department

- a) In business since 1901, when there were 20,000 people. 10-15% of water is collected locally. Colorado River and Northern California water project provide rest of water. SD is at the end of the pipeline. All costs are covered by ratepayers. Charges based on cost recovery. New desalinated water coming online. Higher costs to pay for it starting 2016. Pure water San Diego also starting. These are drought-proof sources of water. Repair and replace aging infrastructure. 35 miles/year. Reservoirs very low now. Cost of water increased from \$500/acre foot < 2006 to \$1,300/acre foot. Built reservoir near Hemet which has helped get through last couple of years. Up to 30 MGD by 2021, 83 MGD by 2035. Need

pipeline to San Vicente reservoir. 1/3 of SD future demand. \$335 million CIP costs in 2020. Currently 36% of expenses is buying water. Proposed rate increases are 9.8, 6.9, 6.9, 5.0, 7.0% by 2019. 41% total. All for water and infrastructure. 20% fixed costs, 80% variable costs. Charges are in HCF. There are 748 gallons per HCF. 4 tiered system. Can save more by conserving. Typical single family will be going up about 10%. Cal standard is that no more than 30% be fixed costs. Imported water reached crossroads in 1990. Climate is getting warmer. Joe – reduce personnel costs. Personnel are 12% of costs. Lost 370 positions during merger. New hires no pensions. Zero pay raises. Not raising rates would mean more main breaks, unreliable water supply, delay pure water program, possible credit loss. Public hearing November 17, 10 am. Can protest rates. If majority of rate payers protest can't raise rates. Rate increase Jan 1. San Diego tap water costs .009/gallon. Jim – MWD has been overcharging us for years. Answer: if suit against MWD is successful the money will be returned to ratepayers. Water will become less hard due to purity of recycled and desalinated water.

9) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Westview shade structure Saturday at 11 am. 24th threw out first pitch. 4 bikes presented to PD at Street Fair. Send questions about water rates. Meeting set up with Salk principal to discuss traffic. Requested two crosswalks.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza)- Live down street. Thanks for MM Street Fair. Housing for mentally ill patients. Facetime second Monday of every month at community office. Q: does Supervisor Roberts support the County general plan. Will find out supervisor's position.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou). Congratulations on great street fair. Trying to get bipartisanship in DC. Improved transparency for travel. 4 veteran bills. Spinal cord injury research. Q: what can be done to avoid threats of shutdowns all the time? Working on it.

10) Government and Community Resources

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Criminal division. Next month will talk about community courts.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Lots of programs going on. Libraries are education. Flyers in back. One book, one San Diego event. Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Stefan. Had a library fine discount month. Got quite a few, but still a lot of money owed.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – John Horst, Chairman. Stone Creek subcommittee meeting is next Wednesday at 6 pm at the Senior Center. Traffic study is on the website.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Fichtel, Chairman. Work on ballfields will start next month.
- e) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Chairman. Oct 26. Mmcluster.org. Raising resilient teens in our digital world – tomorrow. Challenger 6-7. Globetrotter tickets at MMHS office. Forming performing arts committee.

11) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Epicentre Committee – Bruce Brown. Meeting last Thursday. Need to do a better job communicating with City. Sending 3 letters to City: support RSVP, want civic center, youth center, theatre and educational center, want \$500k back. Will provide \$900,000 for improvements. Trying to get walkthrough of building. 28 people on committee.
- b) Treasurer's Report – Checking: \$49,704, Savings: \$15,893, Scholarship: \$12,419, Total: \$78,017.46. More than usual because we have Street Fair income but have not yet paid Street Fair bills.
- c) Membership – thank all members who have renewed. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

12) Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

- a) Lainie – Girl Scouts are selling nuts and candy.

13) Adjournment (9:15 p.m.)