

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order (7:05 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Daisy Girl Scout troop 3434 and Junior Girl Scout troop 3049.**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting - approved**
- 4) President's Announcement – Ted Brengel**
 - a) Thanked Miss Mira Mesa Sabrina Randall and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Isabella McFarland for serving the community well for the last year. Ted presented a bouquet of flowers to each, and thanked Maria Pankau for organizing the event. The next pageant will be on March 5 in the Miramar College auditorium. Still accepting applications until Wednesday.
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Oliveras, Community Relations Officer. Stats for the last month: 18 stolen vehicles, 6 recovered, 30 car breakins, 7 commercial burglaries, 5 residential burglaries. 243,000 residents in Northeastern division. Breakins are crimes of opportunity. Don't leave anything visible in cars. Don't leave garage door opener in car. 3 hot prowls – victim home during crime. Unlocked front door. Rear locked door – forced entry. Garage door opener used to open garage and gain entry. Dog woke up and scared suspect away. To report crime call 619-531-2000. Wait time is 30-45 minutes. Don't hang up. Neighborhood watch is being organized. Call to participate. Crimemapping.com, NextDoor.com – virtual neighborhood watch. Capt. Dawn Summers is retiring after 33 years. There is a safe prescription dropoff box in the police station lobby. Patrols: 6am-4pm 9 officers, 2-midnight 11 officers, 9pm-7am 8-9 officers. They cover the whole NE division. Number of officers is based on the number of incidents, so it is good to report incidents. House on Belgian St. should be cleaned up soon. PD has been working on it through an established process.
 - b) SDFD – John Fisher, Battalion Chief recently transferred to area. CityGate study trying to reduce response times. Got grant for new radios. 129,880 calls in 2014. Residents can pick up 10 sandbags per household at fire stations. Two local newscasters injured by falling Eucalyptus tree branches in Mira Mesa. Call 619-527-7500 for downed trees.
- 6) San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate budget meeting.**
 - a) Enjoying married life. Distributed City memo on budget priorities. Working on Epicentre transformation. Looking for neighborhood watch block captains; installing new neighborhood signs. Distributed 4700 sandbags. Boy scouts help fill bags and carry to

cars. Ken – budget workshop last year was very good – make a video next time? 22% increase in traffic flow due to smart traffic signals. Street resurfacing priorities based in part on complaints. OCI less than 70 is considered bad. Parkdale is 27. Shopping carts is Luis' project. Cartsnap has a contract with CSCRC. Complaint that Cartsnap is not working right.

7) Video: Athlete Ally at Mira Mesa High School – Ken Kaplan with videographer Tony Marquez

8) 2016 MMTC Budget – Bari Vaz, MMTC Treasurer presented budget. 37-0-0 approved.

9) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – 13th Mira Mesa Tet Festival. In opening ceremonies, 23rd recognize MMHS band at City Council. Feb 29th – State of district at Alesmith 5-8 pm.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza). Bari for Harold - \$6.3 million approved for new mental health services. Free tax preparation at County. The County has enlisted more than 500 volunteers to help taxpayers file their returns electronically. See www.countynewscenter.com. San Dieguito Park improvements funded in part by a \$75,000, Third District Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant, brought pedestrian and equestrian pathways, additional parking and drought-tolerant landscaping to the park's frontage on Highland Drive. Supervisor Roberts hosts his monthly Face Time meetings in Mira Mesa from 3-5 pm on the second Monday of every month at the Mira Mesa Town Council Office at 10717 Camino Ruiz, Suite 119, San Diego 92126. His next meeting will be on February 8. He does this in order to give locals an in-person opportunity to chat without traveling too far. Anyone interested is invited to drop in, or call the supervisor's office at 619-531-5533 to make an appointment.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – Tet festival coming up. Congressman will be in opening ceremony. Happy New Year. El Nino workshop two weeks ago. Seminars on scam avoidance. Encourage businesses to help pay employee's student loans.

10) Government and Community Resources

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman, Call nonemergency number to report crime or 911 for crime in progress. Next month community courts.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Starting ESL classes. Mira Mesa is amazingly diverse. Loves working here. Starting Thursday. Free. Dueling divas of oboe – starting concerts at library. Also guitar duo. 4 more concerts. Working

with SDSU. Looking to get local artists also. First in April. Persepolis at banned book club. Free tax preparation.

- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Acting Chairman. John Horst resigned as Chair since he is running for Congress. Jeff is vice-Chair and acting Chairman. Planning Group will elect a permanent Chair and vice-Chair at the February meeting. There is one business and one residential vacancy that will be filled by the Executive Committee at the March meeting. If interested in filling vacancy, plan to attend meetings on Thursday February 18 and Monday March 21.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Next Tuesday meeting. Will have Wangenheim project manager at meeting. Starting in June construction will affect streets near Mira Mesa Community Park. Construction for next 3 years.
- e) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Vice Chairman. K-5 kids bring home laptops and/or ipads. Need to train parents. Rolled out at Salk this fall – working very well. Used as tool for homework, not toy. Teachers also getting training. Walker parking lot bringing onsite clinic for healthcare, checkups. 80% at Walker low income. Once/week initially. Open to students only for now. May open to families and general public later.

11) MMTTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Membership – Lainie – to join please sign up in back (or later on website).
- b) Banner District – New banners just installed got quite a test with the high winds. A couple of them ripped, but most came through OK. Old banners would have been shredded. Repairs will take some time as there are requests for repairs from all over the City. Del Mar theme – Mad about the Fair. The cast of Mary Poppins came in costume for the pictures that will be used on the banners.

12) Open Forum – Mira Mesa Community Groups, Events, Topics not elsewhere on

Agenda (2 minutes allotted to each group. One speaker per group. Group must sign up at Membership Table to be recognized)

- a) **Pam Stevens** – MM Theatre Guild is doing “Art” - geared more for adults and older kids (some adult language). 3 person show. Long time friends. One of them buys a white painting. Very witty. Wangenheim 3 weekends in February 19-20, 26-27, March 4-5 7 pm. 2 pm matinee. March 5 is perfect storm of entertainment in community: Pageant, Art and Mary Poppins. www.theatreguild.com. See http://miramesatowncouncil.org/calendar_of_mira_mesa_events.html for all times.

- b) **Pam Stevens** – Volunteer of the Year dinner Saturday April 16 for Jim Hearn. At the Senior Center. 6-10 pm.
- c) **Sasha and Terry Josiah** - family has been here since the 1970's. Works at Kindercare. First MMTC meeting. Published first children's book. Terry has a company educating on power of music: Music Life Change.
- d) **Lainie Hardman – Girl Scouts**. Pam donated cookie samples in back. This is cookie season. There is an app if you don't know a girl scout. Will be at Vons, Petco, Starbucks, Big Lots, H-Mart, Bowling alley, Babies-r-us, 7-11.

13) 50-50 won by Maria.

14) Adjournment (8:55 p.m.)