

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order (7:02 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting – approved.**
- 4) President’s Announcement – Ted Brengel.**
 - a) Have been preaching traffic safety. Speeding does not help you get around in Mira Mesa. Bicyclists should make themselves obvious.
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Community Relations Officer Shannah Oliveras, Officer Gary Hildreth. 7 stolen vehicles 7. 18 last month, so going down. 2 recovered. 15 car breakins, down from 30. 7 residential burglaries. One was when home was being remodeled, window left open. Video surveillance caught one of the burglaries. There are affordable video cameras. Sliding glass door. Keys left in doorlock. Encouraging NextDoor.com: will send helicopter messages – easier to read than hear. Crimemapping.com. New Captain Sandy Albrektsen. Police and Paws Sat 8-9 Penasquitos. Q: considered directional microphone from helicopter? Not yet. Q: nonemergency number would not take info on car doing wheelies because 4 hours after observation. Rob: round of applause for catching violent home invasion burglars. Q: Hoarder problem. PD is following legal process to take care of the problem.
 - b) SDFD –William Melendez battalion chief. Install PulsePoint for emergency info. Don't walk or drive in water during rain – more dangerous than it looks.
- 6) Introduction of 2016 Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa – Maria Pankau**
 - a) Grace Caligagan is Miss Teen Mira Mesa, Morgan Sibley is Miss Mira Mesa.
- 7) Featured Program: Welcome to Miramar College! – Stephen Quis, Miramar College Public Information Officer**

Stephen has been at Miramar College for 15 months. Two bond issues have made a huge improvement in the college. Props S and N in 2002 and 2006. Q: Will course offerings be expanded? A: Maybe. Courses depend on operating budget instead of bond issue. Q: Will Miramar have 4 year degrees? A: No. Not now. There is a pilot program at some schools. Pitched a program in automotive tech, but didn't get it. Rio Hondo did. Emphasizing transfer preparation, workforce training and career development. 14,000 student enrollment. 7,606 full-time student equivalents (FTES) (includes sum of partial

students). Huge number for a community college. That is how funding is allocated. FTES*\$4700. Palomar College is building a facility for 1000 FTES in RB. Miramar has 80 majors, 90 career certificates, 5 sports. Nations 17th fastest growing community college. Students must be over 18, with or without HS diploma. Also HS students in special programs. \$46/unit, average \$138/class. Some classes on base at Miramar. Law enforcement and firefighter training. Lifeguard. Aviation technologies: operations and maintenance. Diesel technology. Automotive technology. Biotech center. 11 new faculty. ~100 full time faculty, 330 adjuncts. Water polo. Master Plan estimates 25,000 students. Partnership with City Park and Rec. Business classes for HS students. 100 kids at SRHS. Mira Mesa has personal growth, English, Math. Serra, UC also in service area. Wave of future is CC classes on HS campuses. Vernal pool project on Hillery and Black Mountain Road. Middle of quad is old runway. Lighted lines are for old runway. TAG program still exists to some UC schools including Irvine, Riverside and Santa Barbara. Students can apply to other UC schools, but admission is not guaranteed. Work through Transfer Center. Can also do summer courses to fill in courses for other colleges. March 26 summer schedule will be available. Q: Maybe Miramar College could do online courses for civics, personal care. During recession did furloughs, reduced classes, but managed to preserve faculty and programs. Q: Performing arts center. A: Need min \$13 million. In very early stages of kicking tires on concept. Will place in lot 1 next to vernal pools. 400 seat theatre. Could be revenue generator. NFC discussing performing arts center? Probably will have dance program, then music program, acting later.

8) Special Report from MMTTC 4th of July and Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Bari Vaz

- a) No more Epicenter to use – Pancake breakfast will be at Senior Center
- b) Park is under construction. Will move Fun Day to ballfield area. Will be able to stay there long term. Will not be affected by construction. Will have carnival rides. Will have activities evening of July 3rd. Family friendly entertainment. Food vendors.
- c) Parade will take place as normal.
- d) Found out indirectly in January that school district has a “no fireworks” policy. Sent in rental agreement, was refused. Have been doing this since 1972. In past there was a joint use agreement, so was allowed in joint use area. Joint use agreement was terminated a decade ago. Got approval to do it this year only. As of right now, SDUSD will not allow them. SMR Website has way to send email to Board. Had to suspend fundraising when fireworks were in doubt this year. Need \$10k by April 1. Now need to accelerate fundraising. Have not found another spot suitable for fireworks. John Lee

Evans has been noncommittal, but will be doing something with Board so show can continue.

9) Announcements

- a) Tet Festival Report – Andy Nguyen, Yen Luu. Festival was Feb 12-14. Biggest turnout since moved to Mira Mesa. Happy to have support of community. Alex – had great help from AFJROTC this year. 20,000 attendees. Jan 27-29, 2017 next year's event.
- b) Senior Center 1-month closure for Roof Repair and Air Conditioning Installation – Pam Stevens. March 28 for 4-5 weeks. Need to relocate VOY dinner.
- c) MMTC Volunteer of the Year Dinner Set for April 16, Location TBD – Pam Stevens
- d) Scholarship committee – Jon Labaw. MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarship will be starting. Will be distributing applications, posted on website within next week or two. Tell any high school students who volunteer that it is available.

10) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) –Feb 29 State of City speech. Went very well. Gave proclamation to MMTC band. Threw out first pitch for Mira Mesa Youth Baseball. Trying to get joint use agreement established so fireworks can continue.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – County has AAA bond rating. Only two counties have it. Free tax preparation. Getting to Zero initiative for awareness and prevention of AIDS and HIV. Monday 14th 10-11 am at Senior Center. Transportation forum tomorrow morning.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – Library has free tax preparation. Congressman visited Flint, Michigan. Working on hazardous waste cleanup. Lead in water affects children more than adults. Artwork – winner selected will be displayed in Capitol for a year.
- d) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen) – 150,000 homeless people in California. Transitional housing projects. Brian was first commissioner on homelessness. Trying to establish transitional programs statewide. Sponsoring 12 week internship programs. Introduced intern Diamond Cavazo who will be acting as community rep. Go to prison and jail to work with people. Transition back home. What can we do better to make this work?

11) Government and Community Resources

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. For misdemeanor 16 hours of community cleanup, clears record.

- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. Jeff was elected chairman at the last meeting. Will be filling two vacancies at the next meeting. Updating bylaws. Stone Creek subcommittee has been having a series of meeting to evaluate the largest project ever proposed in Mira Mesa.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Tomorrow workshop on fields next to Salk. Next month Wangenheim. Following month Canyon Hills. Easter egg hunt 24th.
- d) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jon Labaw. Met on 29th. Morgan Hill lawsuit: sued Cal dept of education to receive all info from all students. Judge ordered them to release everything including private information. Judge has rescinded some of it. But school cannot easily separate personal from non-personal requested info. Clinic at Walker school starting. Girls high school basketball won CIF division 3.

12) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) Treasurer's Report – Bari Vaz. Distributed report. Balances: checking \$37,646, savings \$15,894, scholarship \$12,420.
- b) Membership – Lainie Hardman. If not a member, please join.

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

- a) Susan Sragovicz – On 15th Firehouse subs will give 20% of everyone who comes with tickets. All day long.
- b) Kendrick Neal – Pastor at First Baptist Church. SD is hotbed for sexual trafficking. Partnering with Generate Hope. March 19 2:30-4:00. Libraries are also distributing information. Evidence of it happening at MMHS and Wangenheim.
- c) Terri Ang – Did a great show at Wangenheim – Art.

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