

## ***Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes***

**April 4, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Girl scout troop 3049.**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting – approved.**
- 4) President’s Announcement – Ted Brengel**
  - a) Al White, volunteer for many years in community, died in an accident last week.
  - b) Introduced Miss Teen Mira Mesa Grace Caligagan.
  - c) Need volunteers for Asian Cultural Festival and D6 Night Market.
- 5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
  - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Capt. Sandy Albrektsen. Officer O’Malley. Capt has been here about a month after retirement of previous Capt. Came from investigations, in charge of sex crimes and child abuse. Was also a community relations officer. Northeastern has 100 officers for 300,000 people. Officers are under a lot of stress. Like being appreciated by MMTC. 11 stolen vehicles, 6 Hondas. 4 recovered vehicles. One bank robbery at US bank. Heroin addicts stole a car with Lojack and fell asleep in it. Residential burglaries are usually daytime, commercial at night. Violent crime is very low in Mira Mesa. Suggestion: post phone numbers on NextDoor.
- 6) Special Report from MMTC 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Bari Vaz**
  - a) Family fun day will be in new configuration – all field area where kids zone was before. Carnival rides decided not to come this year. Adding July 3 movie in the park.
  - b) **Scripps Mesa Fireworks** – had \$9,000 as of March. Needed \$18,000 by April 1. Very little response to request for donations. Got special donations from businesses. Will be able to produce a show with \$20,000. Shorter show without Kyxy or longer show without. Future shows are in question due to low donations and availability of school. Only 29 people donated out of 100,000 in Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch. Individuals and corporate donations are same each year. **(Full statement is attached).**
- 7) Relay for Life – Maria Pankau**
  - a) Same time as D6 Night Market. Need people on team. Relay for Life San Diego.
  - b) April 23 – Linda Vista cultural parade.
  - c) **Featured Program:** Walker Elementary School Mobile Family Health Clinic -- Walker Principal Rochelle Dawes and SDUSD Special Projects Nurse Katharine Greenway. Tim Fraser from Family Health Centers. 3 mobile medical units. 20 brick and mortar clinics.

Mobile unit will be at Walker 8:30-12:00 Wednesday. Walk-ins OK. Insurance not required. Base visit is typically \$25. 170,000 patients in San Diego County. Invited to take tour. Have hospital transfer agreements. Do not accept Tri-care. If people use the clinic, it will stay. Averaging ~5/day. Would like to see 8 or 9. Do flu shots and other immunizations.

**8) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives**

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Thank Ted for help in renaming Reagan Road to Marauder Way. Mira Mesa Senior Center is closed while roof being replaced, air conditioning installed. Programs transferred to Rec Center. Harmonium lease of Epicentre being terminated. Legal process in progress to clean up hoarder home. Chris has no position yet on Charger stadium proposal.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – Lives in Mira Mesa. County has free tax preparation until April 15. Countynewscenter.com. County has AAA bond rating for second year in a row. MMTC to honor Jim Hearn April 16. Supervisor will be there. Supervisor has not yet taken a position on the Chargers stadium. Mira Mesa Facetime MMTC office 11:30-1:30 April 11.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – Funded programs for Seniors. Combats elder abuse, fraud. Modernization of senior centers. Bill to protect veterans from predatory lenders. Art contest. Winner will win trip to DC. Peters served on Board of Contemporary Art Museum.

**9) Government and Community Resources** (3 minutes allotted to each group unless otherwise noted)

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution and Collaborative Courts Unit – Julio DeGuzman
  - i) Prosecute offenders with misdemeanors. Offer Community Justice Initiatives (Used to be community courts). 16 hours of community cleanup, no criminal record. 2/3 take advantage of it.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Pam Stevens, on behalf of branch manager Barbara Schwartz
  - i) New youth services librarian Marta Brandes-Miesner
  - ii) Saturday – concert - dueling divas of oboes. One is former Air Force Band. 2 pm.
  - iii) ESL
  - iv) April 15 – quilting – popular course for adults.
  - v) Secret life of bees at this month's book group

- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
  - i) Last meeting – finished bylaws revision. Elected Bruce Brown and Marv Miles to fill two vacancies. Next meeting April 18 – Pedestrian bridge over Mira Mesa Blvd. Speed “lumps” on street in Westview area. Stone Creek subcommittee at 6 pm.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman
  - i) Next meeting – Canyon Hills.
- e) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Vice Chairman
  - i) April 25 – John Lee Evans will be there. Redoing stadium seating, probably over the summer. Stadium out of commission for a year. Maria – to start middle of October. Would like it to be after band tournament.

#### **10) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements**

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Bari Vaz (read by Ted)
  - i) \$59,308.86 final balance. Checking \$29,773.32; Savings \$15,893.93; CD (scholarship) \$12,420.78; 4<sup>th</sup> of July Paypal \$136.02; General Paypal \$1,084.81.
- b) Membership – Lainie Hardman
  - i) Spread the word about MMTC membership. Thank Recreation Council for new flag for Girl Scouts.
- c) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik
  - i) Fair banners will be going up in May.
  - ii) TOMM logo will stay the same – may purchase banners.
  - iii) Joe – can we move TOMM back to Mira Mesa? Answer: Need enough space.
- d) Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens; ***Reservations Due April 6!***
  - i) Catered Mexican food from Tress Balch. Reception 6-7. County supervisor will be at reception.
- e) Scholarship Committee – Jon Labaw
  - i) Open to all graduating seniors who live in Mira Mesa. Application will go to Jeff today. Will get to high schools. Deadline is May 11. Announce winners at June meeting.

#### **11) Open Forum – Mira Mesa Community Groups, Events, Topics not elsewhere on Agenda**

- a) Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Teri Ang; Mira Mesa’s Got Talent coming June 4 at MMHS 7 pm, auditions May 17 and May 19 at Gil Johnson Recreation Center in MM Community Park. Students make money by running concessions. Good collaboration with school. More info on website.

- b) Mira Mesa Women's Club -- Chalk the Walk postponed from April to October 15.  
Looking for sponsors and artists.
- c) Call for members to volunteer at MMTC booth at two upcoming festivals in MM  
Community Park -- Asian Cultural Festival May 7, 10am – 6pm, and D6 Night Market,  
May 21, 4pm – 10-pm. Maria will have 6 girls there. Also at cultural festival.

## **12) Adjournment (8:40 p.m.)**

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

As previously reported, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Fun Day will be adapting to the new Park configuration. All of the vendors, games, and the stage will now be located within the area previously used for Kids Zone.

Just after last month's meeting, our long time carnival ride provider notified us that he will not be returning this year. He has done two 4<sup>th</sup> of July events every year – Mira Mesa and Santee. He stated that he has to cut back to one, and he makes more money at the Santee event. As of today, there are no other carnival ride vendors available who can comfortably fit inside our budget. We are seeking other entertainment for the children and teens to replace the carnival rides.

We have added a July 3<sup>rd</sup> Movie In The Park event. We are currently negotiating for the movie to be shown. The event will be presented by the same company that does the Clairemont Days event and this year's Dr. Seuss party. Movie title will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

### Scripps Mesa Fireworks

At the beginning of March, Scripps Mesa Fireworks announced that there had been only \$9,000 donated to the event, which has a cost of \$27,000. \$18,000 needed to be collected by April 1 to pay for the traditional fireworks show.

Up until the final week, we had received only \$1,000 in donations. There is good and bad news. The good news is that two companies in Mira Mesa – Vulcan Materials and Hanson Aggregates – stepped up with donations that doubled what was in the bank. This means that we will be able to produce a show. Unfortunately, we have still only reached \$20,000 – not enough to pay for the usual show. We are currently discussing the event with Pyro Spectaculars. Our two choices seem to be: (1) a shorter show without music, but with large shells; or (2) a show synchronized to KyXy radio, but with far fewer or none of the large (6 inch) shells that are in our traditional show.

After this year's event, Scripps Mesa Fireworks will have to consider whether there is enough interest in the fireworks show to continue producing it. We are currently facing two obstacles to future shows. Everyone has heard by now that San Diego Unified School District has informed us that our show may no longer be staged from Mira Mesa High School after this year. School Board

member John Lee Evans has pledged to push forward with a change to SDUSD's rules that ban future shows, but that effort will take months at the very least.

Our second obstacle is funding. Currently, the fireworks portion of the show costs \$27,000, and will only increase going forward. We will have to reduce the quality of the show this year due to a lack of funding. Unfortunately, there has not been a lot of response to our call for donations. Mira Mesa is a community of more than 75,000 people. There are over 30,000 in Scripps Ranch. Yet of this population of over 100,000 people, only 29 donated to the fireworks show. There are over 3,000 business licenses in the community of Mira Mesa. Yet only 6 companies or organizations donated.

The lack of donations seems to indicate that the fireworks show is an event that everyone will enjoy if it is presented, but not one that means enough to support financially. Our donors are, for the most part, the same individuals, companies and organizations that step up every year. The only reason we will have a reasonably sized show this year is that one of the corporate donors received special permission to greatly increase their donation. Otherwise, we would be looking at a 5-6 minute show.

Scripps Mesa Fireworks will stand with Dr. Evans to change the "no fireworks" rule currently in place. However, unless we can change the community's interest in funding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, that change will only benefit other communities.