

Mira Mesa Town Council – Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016 - 7:01 p.m.

- 1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.) – Ted Brengel, MMTC president**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Brian Morse, Troop 1212.**
- 3) MMTC Verne Goodwin Scholarships: Jon Labaw, Scholarship Committee Chair -**
Presentation of three \$1,000 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Mira Mesa based on their involvement with community service.
 - (a) Connie Viado Uht, office manager/scheduler for City Councilmember Chris Cate -** remarks about growing up in Mira Mesa and being one of the first MMTC scholarship winners. 30 years ago.
 - (b) Introduction of 2016 Scholarship Winners:** Celeste Esparza, Roselynn Conrady, and Vivian Hoang
- 4) Featured Program: San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate, “Mid-Year District 6 Report”**
 - a) Distributed information on the FY2017 budget. 284 streets will be repaved. 253 streets slurry sealed. Next week dedication of Marauder Way signs. No residences with addresses on the street, so only the High School address is changed. July 1 ribbon cutting ceremony at Senior Center. Harmonium lease terminated. Belgian Street house cleaned up following all legal requirements. Gold Coast, Marbury, Parkdale, Hillery repaved by end of calendar year. Neighborhood watch help will be provided. Will provide signs. Foundation pays for K-9 units. Q: Chargers are doing a signature drive to build a stadium. Claiming not use any tax money. True? No. Opposes initiative. Q: can Parkdale be done during Summer Break? Maybe, will check into it. Citizen’s initiative only needs simple majority to pass. Council office can post to NextDoor but does not see posts to NextDoor unless they are posted to the Councilmember.
- 5) Miss Teen Mira Mesa.** June 25 Applebees 8-10 fundraiser for Pageant
- 6) Featured Program: New Park Projects in Mira Mesa – Bruce Brown, Mira Mesa Recreation Council**
 - a) Who and what is the Mira Mesa Recreation Council
 - i) Council policy 700-42. Defines standard operating procedures and bylaws. Subject to Brown act. Serves as recognized conduit and sponsor for community input regarding park and recreation facilities and park development projects.

- ii) Meet second Tuesday of each month at Lopez Ridge Community park. Advisory group – makes recommendations to Park and Recreation Board. Does not make any final decisions. Voting membership limited to 10 at large plus 5 organizational members.
- iii) Recreation Council and Planning Group are creations of the City. Planning group handles long range planning. Planning Group determines where parks are located, Recreation Council what is done with them. Six parks projects currently underway. McAuliffe Park was lost to vernal pools. Phases 1, 2 and 3 of Mira Mesa Community Park. Phase 1 in progress. Phase 2 and 3 being redesigned, mostly because of new storm water regulations. Phase 2 and 3 construction begins FY2019. \$40,549,823 from FBA is total cost. Packing things into Mira Mesa Community Park because McAuliffe was lost.
- iv) Park projects are very slow. In 1986 committee identified 6 new parks, added to community plan in 1992. Added to FBA in early 1990's. Carroll School site across from Recreation Center purchased in 1996-1997. Navy proposed housing on that site – found them another site near Hage. Designed GDP through community workshops in 2004. Ground breaking and start of construction December 2015. Between 1982 and today have had 8 mayors, 8 city councilpersons, three Council districts 1, 5 and 6. The three community groups try to keep these on track.
- v) Project 4 – 4.1 acres west of Salk Elementary School and southwest of Maddox Neighborhood Park. Need to design GDP so new park is seamless and integrated. Want to have workshop at Salk Elementary School. Also 2 acres of joint use. Have \$5.9 million in FBA for this project. McAuliffe was used as mitigation for Salk. Consultants will be on board soon. August or September will have workshop. 2019 target completion date. There is a height differential between the Salk and Maddox sites.
- vi) Expand Wangenheim Joint Use Field. Expanding by 4.0 acres. Have \$5.6 million in FBA. Want to add parking, restroom and make seamless single park. Over Memorial Day there were lots of kids and families at the Top Gun soccer tournament. Money earned from this comes back to the community. Consultants almost on Board. Public workshop later this year. Target completion 2018-2019. Turf GD area.
- vii) Resource Park within Canyon Hills open space (Mt. Struiksmas). 60 acres, but <16 acres developable. \$5.9 million in FBA, but need another \$5.2 million. Planned construction FY2020. Road, restroom are expensive. Will be a passive park like

Mission Trails, Cowles Mountain. \$11.1 million total cost. Consultants under contract. Citywide input since it is a Resource park not a population based park.

viii) Park names – some of the park names have little to do with the Community or even the park's location. Some parks are named for their location, but others, such as Breen, Maddox and Mesa Verde, are not. Canyon Hills was the name of the housing development that Barrett was building in the late 1980's when the site was purchased by the City. Have an opportunity to redesign park areas so they are seamless. Current park acreage deficit 47-80 acres. Jan 2017 start process of updating community plan.

(1) Why is Recreation Council recommending names for projects 4-6? Tie name to neighborhood. Maddox has no relationship to Mira Mesa. MMRC's recommendation "Stevens Neighborhood Park" after Jeff and Pam Stevens. They have made and continue to make community contributions. Lived in neighborhood for 36 years.

(2) Wangenheim – new sign to distinguish recreation space from school. MMRC recommendation Julius Hitchens. 20 year member AYSO, Regional Commissioner. Top Gun Tournament. Coaches boys and girls soccer. Also MMHS golf team. Personifies the best in recreational volunteers.

(3) Ken Kaplan spoke about Canyon Hills Park. MMRC recommendation Bruce G. Brown Resource Park. Extensive resume. Planning Commission 1999-2004. Park and Recreation Board 2007-2016. Historical Site Board 1995-1999. 1986 served on committee that identified new parks. FBA committee since 1985. Coached and Managed MMYBB, AYSO. Founding member of Mira Mesa and Calle Cristobal MADs. Started RSVP. Started Klassic Kids. Initiated police storefront in Epicentre. Runs Brown Family scholarship.

ix) What gives MMRC the right to recommend names of parks? Council policy 700-42.

x) Why can't we keep existing names? We can – Recreation Council recommendations go to Park and Rec Board. Identifies park area as separate from school.

xi) Who will pay for signage? Will be part of development of new GDP.

xii) Why don't we use social media like NextDoor? Open to any avenue. Will use it more in the future.

xiii) Park and Rec recommends naming after geographical location. Why doesn't MMRC do this? Could, but this is an opportunity to rename whole area.

- xiv) Sandy Smith – No one deserves recognition more than people involved, however do not think that Recreation Council should name parks after current members of Recreation Council. Could set bad precedent. Opens the door for less scrupulous people to take advantage of situation. Julius is real estate agent, so park name could be interpreted as compensation. Asking Recreation Council to rescind action and discuss further. Parks should not be identified on website by new names until approved. Wants to take care of problem in Mira Mesa before going downtown. Wants full statement in Minutes (see attached).
- xv) Sarah Young – population does not go to recreation center, did not see notice. Do better noticing and do not name after living people.
- xvi) Sylvia Ollinger – just heard about name changes recently. Improve notice.

7) Recognition of Elected Officials

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – August 20 Mira Mesa Community Foundation. Letter or support for upcoming Charity Bowl Corn Hole tournament.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Ted read report) – attended lots of events on Memorial Day. 11:30 AM-1:30 PM in Community office. Next meeting on June 13.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou) – awarded 8 overdue medals to family of Filipino veteran from WWII.

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

- a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Community Courts now offer treatment.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. Heard Issue with vehicles making an unsafe left turn across Galvin Street going into the entry of Hage Elementary school while pedestrians are crossing the entry. Approved delineator cones to be installed on the street to prevent vehicles from turning left into the school entrance.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Meeting next Tuesday, Lopez Ridge 7 pm.
- d) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council announcements – Jennifer Kvalvik, Vice Chairman; May meeting postponed to June 13, will be last meeting of school year. 5:30.

9) MMTTC Committee Reports and Announcements

- a) President's Report – Ted Brengel
- b) Treasurer's Report – Bari Vaz. Postponed

- c) 4th of July – Bari Vaz. Fun Day will have same footprint as Tet Festival, away from Recreation Center so can remain the same when construction begins next year. No carnival, but otherwise will have full fun day as in previous years.
- d) Membership – Lainie Hardman. Please renew memberships.
- e) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. County Fair banners are up. All MMHS drama kids.
- f) MM Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. Now accepting vendor applications for September 17 Street Fair.

10) Open Forum – Individuals or Community Groups wishing to speak on topics not elsewhere on Agenda (2 minutes allotted to each individual or group.) One speaker per group. Speakers must sign in at Membership Table to be recognized.

- a) **Sarah Young – So Brave Foundation.** Mission: to provide low cost or no cost care for Veterans with PTSD and their families.
- b) **Teri Ang – Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** just had Mira Mesa's Got Talent. Had some great performers, many from Mira Mesa. Lee Ann Kim was MC.
- c) **Sandy Smith – please come to Recreation Council meeting next week.**

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

Mira Mesa Parks – Renaming/Naming

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I do not believe when the city entrusted the various recreation councils to advise on the needs of their respective communities that they could have ever imagined that they would use that power to name parks, part of the parks, buildings or monuments after sitting members of said councils.

I also believe these actions set a dangerous precedent for the entire city.

Therefore I am requesting that the members of the council rescind the three actions taken to name the parks in order to open this subject up to further review and public discussion.

I am also requesting that the Parks should not be identified on the Website by their proposed names until such time that they are approved by Area Park Committee and City Park and Recreation Board.

I believe it makes more sense to deal with this matter in the community now then to bring it downtown.

Sandy Smith
Concerned Citizen
Resident of Mira Mesa