

Mira Mesa Town Council – Minutes

October 3, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order – Ted Brengel, MMTC president [7pm]**
- 2) Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance led by Brownie Girl Scouts from Troop 3139 and Troop 3434** (leaders Renee Abbott and Shannon Weaver)
- 3) President’s Report – Ted Brengel:** Board introductions, thanks to Lisa Balderston for her excellent work on the MMTC newsletter for the majority of this year, and thanks to John Horst, who is stepping up to become newsletter editor beginning with the November issue. Showed new newspaper Mira Mesa News. Recommended “Where am I?” page on MMTC website.
- 4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD):**
 - a) SDFD – Lee Melendez. Station 44. 191 calls last month, most medical. 8 fires. Ready, set, go program – emergency preparation for wildfires. If you get order to evacuate, please evacuate quickly.
- 5) Education Night – Mira Mesa principals [K-12] discuss their schools**

Salk Elementary School – Deidre Hardson. Former principal of Mason. Similarities between Salk and Mason. Character education program. Teachers working together to solve problems. Focus on STEAM education. All schools will be Logo schools, started at Salk. Looking forward to park. Currently kids playing on hot concrete or blacktop.

Mason Elementary School – Dawn Powell [represented by Deidre Hardson]. Getting a 9,000 sq ft garden for gardening program. Prime time program. Geared toward music, dance, theatre. Mason and Salk work together closely.

Hickman Elementary School – Tobie Roof. Second newest principal in Mira Mesa. 4th and 5th graders have computers to take home. Grant from Panda Express. Partnered with author of 7 habits of highly effective people. Leadership day all run by students. Learning life skills at a young age.

Sandburg Elementary School – Geoffrey (“Geoff”) Martin. Start of 6th year at Sandburg. Community of leaders work together really well. About relationships as well as learning. Was a middle school science teacher. Life is all about learning. Sandburg is a great school.

Ericson Elementary School – Barbara Israel. We have a wonderful community in Mira Mesa. In 4th year as principal, on third VP, as they keep getting promoted to principal. Working on narrowing achievement gap. Hispanic students in grades 3-5 made 25 point gains in math and literacy, PTA and foundation work together to create after school programs. Mad science. Fitness.

Hage Elementary School – Eric Takeshita. Known as Mr. T. 8 years at Hage. Grew up in San Diego schools. Believe in the “Hage Way”, collaborate, cooperate, read every day,

enjoy learning. Every school in Mira Mesa is a good school. Casa Mira View has increased enrollment, so have a new VP.

Walker Elementary School – Justin Phillips. New principal – 26 days on the job. Loves the community. Had some families running through a soccer tunnel. Experienced staff; some there for 15 years. Full time counselor. Don't have to go to magnet school. Working on closing achievement gap.

Challenger Middle School – Diane Ryan. Thanks to MMTC for opportunity to come share info about schools. Shows that education is valued. Have lots of parent involvement with little kids, less so in middle school. Tough time for kids – trying to figure out their lives. Teaches good values. Staffs at elementary schools to great job preparing for middle school. Latino culture club. Mascot is cheetah.

Wangenheim Middle School – Matt Fallon. 6th year at Wangenheim, 11 years at MMHS prior to that. Get phenomenal kids from elementary schools. One school system serving all of your kids. New digital citizenship curriculum. What gets posted online stays, even if deleted. Family science night. Partner with SDAA, hospitals. Family math night. Digital photography is new elective. Still have darkroom. 4 sections of band, 2 choir, 2 orchestra. Experienced importance of music education. Woodshop and metal shop. Forge with slag heap. New vision statement.

Mira Mesa High School – Jeff Sabins. Lot going on. Academically very successful. Parents working with teachers. #1 in test scores in District this year. #1 in English, #4 in math. Teacher had all students take AP math exam, 83 of 86 passed, and 50 scored highest score 5. Tagalog. Students who take 3 engineering courses are guaranteed entrance to SDSU. JROTC very involved in community. Shoot for 2000 volunteer hours. Some get 10,000. Only students bused in are military. Largest high school in San Diego. Second year principal this year – feeling much more comfortable. Homecoming Friday night. Next 3 years undergoing massive construction. Demo 22 old bungalows. 10,000 sq ft band facility. Band kids graduating at a 99.9% rate.

Twain High School/Twain Mesa Satellite campus – Jeff Sabins. Twain is working to support MMHS. Case manager to handle cases. 40 students. For students who need an accelerated program to catch up.

Innovations Academy (K-8 charter school) – Christine Kuglen (could not attend)

Good Shepherd Catholic School (K-8) – Ladonna Lambert, principal (unable to attend) – parent representative Valerie Van Zummeren. Have preschooler. Valerie and husband both in military. Committed catholic, Christian education. Loves the school. Faith filled Christians active in community. One class per grade. Partner older kids with younger kids in math.

Christ the Cornerstone Academy (K-5) – Lark Mayeski. Thank MMTC for cleaning up shopping carts. Were in 4th of July parade. Handed out 2000 flags. 2 year olds through 5th grade. Academic excellence, math, computers, PE, art. Well rounded program. In May, 4th and 5th grade students going to Sacramento and San Francisco for US History. 12-17 students per class. Test very high. Students go to Yale, Harvard and other top schools. Go to Mira Mesa schools after 5th grade. Kindergartners ran 138 miles. Trying to teach life lessons that really matter. Faith, family and academic excellence.

6) District 6 2017 Strategic Plan – City Councilmember Chris Cate, inviting MM residents to NFC Public Forum on October 18, 2016, 7 – 8pm at Mira Mesa Senior Center. Seek inputs from Town Councils, Planning Groups, etc. from all neighborhoods. Budget sets all policy priorities. Collection input for July 1, 2017 budget. Forum at Senior Center on October 18, 7-8 PM at Senior Center. Jan 20, 2017 will be producing a budget for next year. Not going to be good because pension bill will increase by \$44 million. 90 requests last year.

7) Recognition of Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – still opposed to Prop C. Language is the language and is law of the land no matter what additional agreements are made. Not legally binding. City issues debt. Still paying \$40 million of debt on old stadium. Question – replacing gas lines, will that be before street is repaved. Lanie – thanks for support of Comicon.
- b) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – went to Washington DC to talk to Sen. Feinstein. Yellow dot placed on window alerts first responders to info in glove compartment. Going before Board of Supervisors tomorrow. Nov 8 is election. Please vote and keep me employed.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen) – Congress will pass budget for 2017.

8) Open Forum

- a) Martha Pritchard, MM Women’s Club. Chalk the Walk Art Festival October 15. Businesses purchase squares and local artists and kids make chalk art. Ted takes pictures.
- b) Tony Reyes – newly appointed president of Kiwanis. Immigrated from Philippines in late ‘70’s, early ‘80s. All graduated from MMHS. Problem with student loans. Provide college planning education. How to access govt. support for school. No charge. How to fill out FASCA form. Over 1 million seniors having SS garnished to pay for student loans.
- c) Lanie Hardman – MMHS orchestra and band are going to Kennedy center to perform. Concert 5:30, food 6:00 Wednesday barbecue. \$5.

- d) Ken Kaplan – MMCPG voted 13-4-1 to support Proposition A, SANDAG Ballot initiative. 0.5 cent tax increase.

9) Government and Community Resources

- a) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Pam – great job fundraising at Street Fair. Made over \$500, Michael Spencer made photos of people with fireworks in background, emailed to them with donation request.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library. Pam.
- c) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Criminal division of City Attorney's office. 3 way partnership with community and police department. 619 531-2000 to report crimes. 911 if in progress.
- d) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
 - i) Last month – SDG&E transmission line through Miramar generated a lot of heat. Voted to support Measure A, SANDAG 0.5 cent sales tax for transportation. Pure Water program was well received. Open house Saturday, Oct 22, 10am-3pm, North City Water Reclamation Plant on Eastgate Mall at Miramar Road. Next meeting two weeks from today, October 17. Elections in March. Need to attend and give your name to the Secretary to become eligible to run or vote.
- e) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Oct 11th. Meeting at Wangenheim on how to redevelop fields. Outreaching to get names for new parks. November meeting. Send names to Joe or go to miramesarecreationcouncil.org. Having some minor vandalism at parks. AI will put on NextDoor.,
- f) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Vice Chairman. Talk about schools. Principals, PTA, concerned parents, Trustee John Lee Evans. 24th 5:30 pm in media room.

10) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements [8:50pm]

- a) Parliamentarian's Report – Jon Labaw: Nominating Committee Now Forming to Make Recommendations for 2017 MMTC Board, Election by MMTC members at November meeting – Seeking Nominating Committee Volunteers AND any volunteers interested in running for 2017 Board.
- b) Treasurer's Report – Bari Vaz. Deferred.
- c) Membership – Lainie Hardman. Please join MMTC.
- d) MM Street Fair – Jeff Stevens; Great weather, good attendance. Next year October 7, first Saturday in October. Two reasons: Miramar Airshow will now be the 3rd or 4th Saturday in September. Cooler weather more likely.
- e) MM Volunteer of the Year nominations due date heads-up– Jeff Stevens

i) Saturday after November meeting – November 12. Will put notice on website. Email nominations to secretary@miramesatowncouncil.org.

11) Adjournment 9:10 PM