

Mira Mesa Town Council – Minutes

February 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order – Ted Brengel, MMTC president

2) Pledge of Allegiance – Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3170, Hannah Lehrman, leader

3) Ted Brengel: introduced Miss Mira Mesa Morgan Sibley and Miss Teen Mira Mesa Grace Caligagan

4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD):

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Oliveras, Community Relations Officer. Lots of accidents today. January 2017 statistics: zero stolen cars, 9 commercial burglaries, 15 car breakins, 5 residential burglaries. In one case a motion sensor alerted residents, who called police. Two tented houses were burglarized. Sunday 4:30 am, family out of town, relative had a party in house, burglar snuck in. Tuesday ~noon, unlocked sliding glass door. Get it done, San Diego is an app for reporting non-emergency problems. Report potholes, parking violations, etc. We are expanding neighborhood watch. On Friday Feb 3, two officers delivered a baby in the Post Office parking lot.

5) Featured Speaker: San Diego City County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar

- a) Happy to see level of involvement in the community and incorporation of law enforcement into the community. Jason Paggio is community liaison and land use advisor. He is also handling the community grant program. Gaspar told a story illustrating a problem with government taking action too quickly and without enough thought. Need to thoughtfully decide what to do. Need clearly defined goals. She will be tackling mental health and homelessness. There are ~8000 people on streets in San Diego County. Early prison release has increased it. Prop 57 will also have an impact. Insufficient resources. County is responsible for San Diego as a region. Cities have their own programs. Need to work together. Have outstanding relationship with Chris Cate. Looking at youth intervention programs. Keep kids out of gang activity. Transportation is a big issue. Committed to seeing that infrastructure projects move forward in spite of failure of Prop A. Housing affordability crisis. Ken Kaplan – no one has any concrete or pragmatic solutions to homelessness. Gaspar: There is a conflict between laws requiring “Housing first”, meaning anyone must be accepted, and efforts to get people off drugs and alcohol as a condition of housing. Hope to have solid framework in 8 years. Jeff Stevens – Housing affordability may not be completely solvable because we have finite land. Key is to provide public facilities, roads and transit and protect quality of life while increasing housing. Often we only get the housing, which degrades public support, Gaspar: Yes, housing is part of an ecosystem and residents will be more accepting of new housing if existing problems are solved as part of it. Email: Kristin.gaspar@sdcounty.ca.gov.

6) Mira Mesa Senior Center Update – Sandy Smith

- a) Under new management since September.
- b) Partnered with San Diego Continuing Education. Everything is free to our seniors. Rent building out on weekends to make money. 5 classes with college. Painting. Ukulele and guitar. 50 people painting

today. Lunch every day, partnered with serving seniors. Everyone asked has agreed to partner. Zumba, Tai Chi, Yoga, Bingo, Ballroom and line dancing. Garden tower. Margaret Prouty – roses, expanded to war memorial. Planted 50 rose bushes. Senior mobile technology lab. Free tax preparation. Nutritional classes. 30 pounds of food per month, free. Kristin Gaspar, Chris Cate, Anthony Nguyen representing Scott Peters all have office hours at Senior Center. It is a requirement that half of people attending events at the senior center need to be seniors. The senior center defines seniors as 50 or older, but other organizations using it or collaborating may have different definitions. On Tuesday February 28 from 12:30-2:00 there is a seminar on “Senior Scam Stopper” through Scott Peters office – class on avoiding fraud, etc.

7) New Business: MMTTC Budget for 2017 – Treasurer Bari Vaz

- a) Bari summarized budget items in attached budget. Motion to approve (J. Stevens/B. Brown). Approved 24-0-0

8) Other MMTTC Committee Reports [8 pm]

- a) President’s Report – Ted Brengel
 - i) Neighborhood watch – needs more traction. Ted suggests we have a coordinator to spearhead effort to serve as go-between between police and neighborhood watches.
- b) Membership – Lainie Hardman. Please renew or join.
- c) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – John Horst
 - i) No one came to meeting at 6pm. Looking for people to help. Wants to have “Avenue of Heroes”. Booths dedicated to memory of those who have served in military.
- d) Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens.
 - i) Honoring Sabrina Bazzo. Tentative date of Saturday May 13, Backup is April 29. Will be a fabulous party.

9) Recognition of Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera)
 - i) DOTS – dedicated online transaction space. At police station on Salmon River Road. “Now, more than ever, online platforms such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, LetGo, Offer Up, and Shopify, have become an epicenter for scam artists and predators looking to take advantage of innocent people. D.O.T.S. will provide a convenient, public meeting place for carrying out or completing an online or private sale.” There is no appointment necessary. Optimal hours for transactions are Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, when SDPD has an officer present at the front desk.
 - ii) Questions: J. Stevens - housing summit last week has some very bad ideas – reduce influence of planning groups and local residents; remove fees that pay for public facilities, etc.. See comments to Gaspar above. L. Hardman – there are many, many potholes, particularly on Camino Ruiz. Christiane Hoffman – Flanders has had no parking signs, but some days nothing happens. Been going on for 3 months now. Resident of Mirabella – stream of water when it rains – students have to walk through to get to high schools.

- b) State Senator Toni Atkins – Jason Weisz
 - i) 900,000 people in district, larger than Congressional district, Budget released, no large investments in new projects, Good economic times will not last forever. Repeal of ACA is significant for Californians. \$20 billion at stake. Bad if repealed without replacement. Main effect here is on expanded Medicaid. 350,000 of your neighbors have health insurance who did not have it before. Jason.Weisz@sen.ca.gov. 619-645-3133. Q: Drought designation? A: Thinks it has been lifted, but not sure. Will find out and send to Ted. Q: Getting rumors of big cuts this year, particularly in education. A. No, moderate increases to education. More Q - School staff is getting lots of warnings about cuts. Comment: get rid of high speed rail.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen).
 - i) Letter to controller seeking answers regarding refugee ban.
 - ii) Signed letter that Bannon should not be on NSC.
 - iii) Both Senators opposed to Betsy Devos.
 - iv) Q: need to resolve issues with student loans.
- d) City Attorney's office. New rep Ann Marie Council, ACouncil@sandiego.gov, introduced herself.

10) UCSD MAPS (Minority Association of Premedical Students) – Brittney Charlot

- a) Miss Mira Mesa 2013. Went to USCD, aiming at being a surgeon. MAPS goal is to diversify the face of medicine. Asking for donations. See <http://mapsatucsd.weebly.com> for more information.

11) Open Forum

- a) Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Teri Ang. Usually does talent show end of May, but too many conflicts so will be doing in September instead.
- b) Pam – Banned Book Club – Feb 28 discussing two books by Mira Mesa resident Paul McGuire. About working with Chicano gangs in east LA in the '70's. 6:30 pm.
- c) Pam – MMHS Theatre department is doing Little Mermaid in March. Opens Friday March 3. May sell out.
- d) Margaret Prouty – Veterans Wall – Rose planting on Saturday. Will be repainting flagpole, replacing flag.
- e) Khoi Tran – VAYA. Did San Diego TET Festival. Did app for it. Run mainly by high school and college students. Love to wear traditional Vietnamese outfits. AFJROTC also helped. Need to find someone to do it next year. Cost ~\$100,000.

12) Government and Community Resources

- a) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, president. Looking for money. Can't get grants for fireworks. Will be synchronized with KYXY. Need \$40k, have \$11k. Vulcan made good donation.
- b) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager.
 - i) Tax preparation assistance. Not just for seniors. Music concert on 11th at 2 pm, vocalist Leonard Pattom. Seed library at 2:30 on the 11th.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman

- i) February – SDG&E powerline mitigation (they will also be having an open house on Feb 15, 4-7 pm, Holiday Inn Miramar); school for special ability children on Kearny Villa Road.
- ii) Elections at the Monday, March 20 meeting. To vote, come to the February meeting at sign up as an “eligible member of the community”. March will also have a revised plan from Hanson – 1800 units in Carroll Canyon.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Vice-Chairman. Tuesday 14th at Lopez Ridge. March meeting will be at Salk for second workshop. Challenger is having a mattress sale as fundraiser this Saturday 10-4.

13) Adjournment [9:02 pm]