

# **Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes**

**March 6, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

## **1) Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – Ted Brengel, MMTC president**

## **2) President's Report – Ted Brengel**

- a) Read Across America was a great event – Chris Cate, John Lee Evans, Miramar Officer read stories to kids at Walker.
- b) Introduced Morgan Sibley, Miss Mira Mesa. Tomorrow will be at One San Diego.

## **3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Oliveras, Community Relations Officer. Introduced Lieutenant Duane Voss. Stats for Feb 2017: 7 stolen vehicles, 3 recovered. 14 commercial burglaries, 16 car break-ins, 9 residential burglaries. Residential burglaries are usually during the day through an unsecured door or window. Some forced entries through rear windows or sliding glass doors. Lt. Voss: came up from canine division. Took over from Lt. Sharp. [dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:dvoss@pd.sandiego.gov).
- b) SD Fire Department – John Fisher, one of 3 battalion chiefs covering this area. New fire chief a year ago. Quite a few water rescues with rain, cars stuck in water. Citygate standards of coverage study report. Need an additional station near Camino Santa Fe and Carroll Road. Replace your smoke detectors if it is not one of the newer 10 year models. Lots of grass has grown, will become a fire hazard when dry.

## **4) Featured Program: San Diego Unified School District Board Member John Lee Evans**

- a) Question from previous meeting – State rep said education is fully funded, so why are there cuts? 90% of funding comes from State. Lottery is < 2%. Remainder from Federal Government. Last 4 years \$/pupil ranked ~45th in country. Prop 98 created a guaranteed minimum funding, but it has become a ceiling. Constitution says California should be in the top 10% for funding. Gov Brown in 2012 had a goal to get us by 2020 back to level of 2007. Need \$350 million more to optimally fund San Diego schools. Part of the problem is due to State pension fund. Increasing employer part from 8% to 18%. Have bond funds but can only be used for new construction. School Board job is to live within the means that we have. This year have \$125 million shortfall, about 10% of operating budget. Most of cost is personnel. Trying to maintain class size and career programs. Many more cuts in administration than in classroom. There will be layoff notices. Lawn may not be cut quite as often, etc. Working closely with department heads. Q: we have the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, relatively high taxes, we don't pay teachers particularly well. Why are we short \$124 million? A: There have been various stopgap measures, such as temporary sales tax. Start planning in December, but don't get accurate numbers in January, and numbers usually go down. Pension problem. Expect \$50 million deficit next year. Q: Are we still busing kids from one part of the City to another. A: Some, not very much. Special education students. Has been gradually decreasing. Pension funds are CalPERS for staff, CalSTRS

for teachers. Problem with low interest rates, low earnings on pension fund. Work year will be reduced by 2 weeks to save money. Some teachers are being offered the opportunity to retire.

- b) Lee Dulgaroff - \$60 million in bond money being used for improvements at Mira Mesa high school. New building to replace old portables. New building for band and orchestra.

## 5) Government and Community Resources

- a) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Pam Stevens reported for Michael Spencer. Need to sign Fireworks contract in April, so need to have money in hand. Still need a lot. Go to Scripps Mesa Fireworks website [www.miramesafireworks.org](http://www.miramesafireworks.org) to donate.
- b) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager. Just finished RFID conversion project. Have new express checkout machines. Did inventory while closed. Some books did not exist and records have been corrected. San Diego seed library and California Rare Fruit Growers. Partnership with California rare fruit growers. Making seeds. March 11 grapes and warm season vegetables. 2:30-5:00 pm. Take seeds, grow plants and harvest seeds, then return seeds, Music at Mira Mesa series. Need more attendance. Basic computer instruction class starts March 13.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
  - i) February 23 meeting – approved a school for special needs children on Kearny Villa Road operated by the Institute for Effective Education. Presentation by SDG&E on mitigation plans for the Sycamore-to-Penasquitos 230 kV Transmission Line Project. Most issues appear to be resolved by night construction and cooperation with businesses along route.
  - ii) March 20 – elections from 7:00 to 7:30, meeting at 7:30. On the agenda is Hanson Aggregates proposed revision to their Carroll Canyon Master Plan: 1800 multifamily units+industrial, just east of Camino Santa Fe.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Bruce Brown, Chairman
  - i) Workshop at Salk Elementary School March 14, 7 pm for planning new parkland just south of Salk. Final GDP on May 9. Under construction about 18 months later. Open in 2020.

## 6) Open Forum

- a) Tommy Hough – San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action. Live in Mira Mesa. Roads are beginning to fall apart already. Gold Coast is worse than Ho Chi Minh Trail. Need to think about doing more permanent repair. San Diego residents spend \$1900/year on cars. Live by Mesa Verde Park. Have homeless people living in park, some veterans. Veterans have vouchers and can get help, but can take 100 days.
- b) Valerie van Zimmeran. Member of school board at Good Shepherd. April 29, Golden Eagles benefit open to public – golf, Casino Night.
- c) Rita – people get complacent with ability to help with government. Have elected officials bring in list of bills in progress.

## 7) Recognition of Elected Officials

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Working on neighborhood watch in Mira Mesa. Have signs. Need block captains. Participated in opening ceremonies for both Mira Mesa Youth Baseball and Mira Mesa Little League.
- b) State Senator Toni Atkins – Jason Weisz. Thanks Dr. Evans for presentation. 42.5 cents/dollar goes to education. Bills: SB2 creates regular funding stream for affordable housing, which would include homeless veterans. New fee of \$225 on recording filing. Most will come from commercial units. Lost close to \$1 billion when redevelopment ended. Still have housing affordability issue. Other bills – SB230 Human Trafficking. SB270 training to spot signs of human trafficking. Treatment for individuals who have been trafficked. Q: How much of lottery money is going to schools? A: Lottery funding is miniscule. Last year funded education at \$52 billion, went up by \$1.5 billion.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Town Hall Monday 3/13 at Clairemont high school. Make reservations at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-hall-with-rep-scott-peters-tickets-32165250129>.
- d) City Attorney's office - Ann Marie Council. Mara Elliot will be guest speaker in May.
- e) Ted introduced three representatives from Navy Federal Credit Union.,

**8) Other MMTC Committee Reports [8:40 pm]**

- a) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – John Horst
  - i) Sending out parade application soon. Will have electronic signatures. Community Enhancement Grant application has been submitted. [John.H.Horst@gmail.com](mailto:John.H.Horst@gmail.com). Could use some volunteer help.
- b) Ted/John – Newsletter. Experimenting with newsletter online. [www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org](http://www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org). Has a viewer so it can be read like a book. Will still mail to members who request it. Will print some issues to leave at local businesses.
- c) Vice-presidents' Report [Programs, Membership] & Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens
  - i) See John Horst to renew or join MMTC as member
  - ii) VOY dinner will be on Saturday May 13 at the Country Inn and Suites. Honoring Sabrina Bazzo.
- d) Banner District Committee – Jennifer Kvalvik. Pictures for County Fair banners will be taken on March 16 at MMHS 2:45 PM in the media center. Western theme.
- e) Treasurer's Report – Bari Vaz. Checking account balance \$29,965,69. Savings \$15,895.36.
- f) Pam – Sarah Young interviewing Veterans.
- g) Joe – Taste of Mira Mesa April 8 5-9 PM at UCSD Faculty Club. \$35 pre-event, \$40 at the door.

**9) Adjournment**