

Mira Mesa Town Council – Minutes

October 2, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance – Flag Ceremony by Mira Mesa Girl Scouts troops 3434 and 3049.

2) Approval of Minutes from September Meeting - approved

3) President’s Report – Ted Brengel

- a) Time for nominations for the Mira Mesa Board of Directors. If interested, please let Jon know.
- b) Street Fair is next Saturday.
- c) Tragedy last night in Las Vegas. Few moments of silence.

4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

- a) None present

5) SPECIAL PROGRAM: Mira Mesa Schools Night

Principals from Mira Mesa schools, grades K-12

Deidre Hardson, Jonas Salk Elementary School – Year 3. Wonderful school. 700 students – more than expected. Science is huge part of what we do. Try to allow students to lead. Looking forward to having our own field. Students excel academically and socially.

Dawn Powell, Mason Elementary School – oldest school in Mira Mesa. Have 540 students. 27 garden beds. Nutrition class. Strong in reading and writing instruction. VAPA - Dance, theater, music and visual arts.

Tobie Pace, Hickman Elementary School – 3rd year at Hickman. Smallest of the schools – 420 students. 3rd school in San Diego to have leadership program. Loves the community, proud to be Hickman Hawk.

Geoffrey (“Geoff”) Martin, Sandburg Elementary School – 7th year. More involved parents are the better the kids do. 546 students.

Mrs. Darius Ashton, new principal, Ericson Elementary School – First new principal. Honored to be in Mira Mesa again. Been VP at Wangenheim for several years. Two kids, 1st and 4th grade. San Diego native – parents were also Vikings but at La Jolla High. New music teacher. Fall festival coming up. 700 students.

James Lee, new principal, Hage Elementary School – Was VP at Hage last year. Came to Mira Mesa in 1985, went to Ericson, Wangenheim and MMHS. Nieces and nephews go to Ericson. 700 students, still getting more students from Casa Mira View as well as military families. Listening and speaking are focus.

Justin Phillips, Walker Elementary School – Second year. Dressed up by students. Loves Walker. Closed campus. Old music room is now neighborhood parent center. Administrator of preschool next door also – 75-100 kids, so now pre-K-5.

Kathryn (“Kate”) Dominique, new principal, Challenger Middle School – complete outsider, from a tiny town in Ohio, loves meetings like this. Taught at several San Diego schools, then went to New York City. Came back to be VP at Dana. Enjoyed working 5-6-7-8. Great fit for school. Working with Matt at Wangenheim. 975 students. Band concerts in October. October 26 advanced orchestra is playing with MMHS.

Miko Uhuru, Wangenheim Middle School – VP. Grew up in skyline/mission park. Wonderful community. Been here for 2 ½ years. Daughter goes to MMHS. Year 5 at Wangenheim. Laptops for all grade levels. New art program. 931 students, growing. Want students to be collaborative problem solvers.

Jeff Sabins, Mira Mesa High School – Construction projects behind schedule. Found problems in stadium. Hopefully ready for graduation. Getting rid of 23 bungalows. New band and orchestra facility 10,000 sq. feet. Kids come well prepared from feeder schools. Highest retention rate in district. Over 50% graduated with 3.5 GPA or better. Band went to Rose Parade, Kennedy Center, going to Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. \$350,000 price tag. Raising money. Getting 400 11th graders to Hamilton at \$10/ticket. ROTC kids are amazing. 9000 hours of community service last year. Over \$2 million in scholarships last year.

Beth Davis, Acting Principal, Christ the Cornerstone Academy – 1 week before school started administrator retired. Beth retired last year, but has come back. Just filling in until we can find a new principal. 161 kids.

Jennifer Kvalvik – can provide students for your festival.

Susan Sragovicz – raised money for schools with Chalk the Walk.

6) Government and Community Resources

- a) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager – Hard act to follow. Doing great things here too. 1000 books before kindergarten. Can join online. Annual book sale together with Street Fair, starts on Friday, continuing through 7th. Mental health program. Diwali event. Diabetes workshop. Halloween program. Banned book club on the 17th because last Tuesday is Halloween. Reading The Sandcastle Girls, the one book, one San Diego book.
- b) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Pam Stevens for Michael Spencer, president. Will have a booth at Street Fair.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. Next meeting 10/16. On agenda is North City Water Project, stop sign at Westmore and Garde, and traffic calming on Flanders.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Bruce Brown, Chairman. Next meeting Tuesday, October 10. Main topic is Canyon Hills Park. Will vote on GDP. City Attorney has made a ruling that Recreation Council money is City money. Do not yet know what that means.

7) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up to speak at membership table)

- a) Joleen Tomonaga – Neighborhood watch coordinator. Have a problem house – parties every weekend with 60-100 people. Going on 5 months now. Some damaged personal property. Urinating into neighbor's bushes. Posted info on what to do on NextDoor. Talking to landlord also.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Put together plan to address homeless problem and Hepatitis A problem. Two years ago started neighborhood watch program. Want to expand in Mira Mesa.
- b) State Senator Toni Atkins – Jason Weisz – Finished first year of two-year session. New fee will go toward affordable housing, community plans, and homelessness. SB 214 adds two seats for San Diego River conservancy. Want to extend from Santee to the ocean. Comment: need joint powers authority. County is in charge of social services. Regional task force on homelessness is sort of like that. Ron Roberts wants to solve problem before he retires. Toni will be at Street Fair at 2 PM.

9) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] & Newsletter – John Horst. Newsletter is on the website. Want to increase participation in parade.
- b) Membership – Jenn Kuyper. Need more people – please join or renew.
- c) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. Street Fair is next Saturday 10-5. Please come and join us,

10) Adjournment [8:30 pm]