

Mira Mesa Town Council – Minutes

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

1) Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

2) Approval of Minutes from October Meeting – approved.

3) President’s Report – Ted Brengel

- a) City attorney has decided after 50 years that the way Recreation Councils are operating is illegal. Other organizations operate the same way. City Attorney wants to dissolve recreation council bank accounts. Many questions remain. For more info come to the recreation council meeting on Nov 14. Wangenheim Middle School at 7 PM.

4) FEATURED SPEAKER: State Senator Toni Atkins

- a) Thanks for letting me attend. Jason Weisz is my representative. After Sep 15 the State Senate adjourns, so can get to community meetings. Have been State Senator for about a year now. Was assembly member, but didn’t include this area. Was on the City Council with Brian Maienschein. Worked for Chris Kehoe for 7 years prior to that. Busy year. Had 12 bills on governor’s desk, all signed. Raised \$250 million/year for low income housing. Makes up for ¼ of lost redevelopment money. SB1 gasoline tax. San Diego County will get \$400 million for roads from it. SB230 to combat human trafficking. 12,000 San Diego County individuals caught up into human trafficking each year. Economy has been good for last several years. \$26 billion deficit during recession. Now have \$10 billion reserve. 130 community meetings/month covered by 7 staff members who report to Toni. Have newsletter. 4 page limit for hard copy. Q: What safeguards were written into gas tax to prevent diversion to other uses. A: Written into language that money must be used for transportation. Has been used to pay debt service on transportation bonds. High Speed Rail coming from cap and trade. Can get reports on what tax is used for. Q: lack of affordable housing. Land regulations. Trying to undo what has put us in the position that there is no affordable housing. Concerned about losing resources from federal government. Q: high speed rail route had a preferred path through Miramar College. At what point will there be a final plan? A: Will look into it. Q: Housing discussions lately have been ignoring lessons of the past about building necessary public facilities and not creating ghettos. A: Agree these are important issues Q: Miramar College performing arts center? A: Have had bonds that have helped greatly.

5) MMTC Business: Election of 2018 MMTC Board – Parliamentarian Jon Labaw

Positions to be elected: President Ted Brengel; First Vice-president & Program Chair Pam Stevens; Second Vice-president & Membership Chair Jenn Kuyper; Secretary Jeff Stevens; Treasurer Bai Vaz; Newsletter Editor John Horst; 4 members at large: Erick Kolbeck, Teri Ang, Charlene Ellsworth. New and old Boards will meet at January meeting. Have two open positions: Parliamentarian: Jonathan Lea. Member at Large: Susan Sragovicz. Board approved by acclamation. 26-0-0.

6) Volunteer of the Year Nominations Due Nov. 13, Vote at MMTC Dec. 4 - Jeff Stevens

- a) The Volunteer of the Year need not be a Mira Mesa Town Council member, but should be someone who has made a significant contribution to Mira Mesa through volunteer work, not just during the past year but over the years s/he has been involved with the community. The Volunteer of the Year will be

selected by a vote of the membership at the December 4, 2017 MMTC meeting. Nominations will be accepted until November 13, 2017. Please send nominations to Jeff at secretary@miramesatowncouncil.org.

7) Government and Community Resources

- a) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager. Partnership with San Diego Continuing education (community college district). Starting citizenship classes next month. Currently none north of I-8. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Starting January, free classes for high school students to get college credits at SDSU. STEM classes. Similar classes are often expensive – this one is free, including the final test.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
 - i) Last meeting: Approved two stop signs – at Westmore and Garde and at Flanders and Aderman. Approved plans for the North City Pure Water project. Approved a Verizon cell phone installation on an existing pole at Winterwood Park.
 - ii) Next meeting: proposed stop sign at Flanders and Amanta. Senator Toni Atkins.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Bruce Brown, Chairman. Big issue is future of recreation councils after City Attorney ruling, wanting to take all recreation center funds. Have ~\$250k, so not a small amount of money. Used for shade structures, field maintenance, veteran's memorial. \$5k for Fourth of July celebration. Money is well spent, and all spent locally. Ruling is very upsetting. Councilman has been supportive. GDP for Maddox/Salk was approved. Canyon Hills GDP approved. Tuesday will review GDP for Wangenheim Joint Use park. Community Park expansion open in March. Next phase is swimming pool. Last phase is new recreation building. Tuesday, Nov 14, 7 PM. Ted requests that for next two months we notify MMTC members of recreation council meetings.
- d) Mira Mesa Community Foundation – Bari Vaz. Have been trying to take over Epicentre management in partnership with Lutheran Social Services. Late in process received a report on a City Inspection which said that \$3.4 million in repairs are needed. Have \$900k, but can't risk big expense like that. So did not respond to the RFP, nor did anyone else. Waiting to see what real estate assets will do. Ted thanks Bari for work on issue. Hopefully it is not over.

8) Open Forum

- a) Andrew Tongerlong – MM AFJROTC. Help with Street Fair, 4th of July. 25th year. Using equipment from first years. Started GoFundMe program. MMHSAFJROTC.org. Street Fair starts at 5 AM.
- b) Pam – Mira Mesa Golden Friends is winding down as a club. Senior Center is successfully operating. Judy Taylor is current president. Final meeting early December gala lunch for all current and former members. Country Inn and Suites.
- c) Pam- Mira Mesa High School performing arts – plays coming up in November and December. Band just did tournament and will be doing band and orchestra concerts.
- d) Pam – Madrigals will be performing at December meeting.
- e) Tom Derr – MMMAD. Not doing Ballot. Can do a lot of other things without it. Budget will be up on website for vote next month. Doing medians on Camino Santa Fe going south. Lights on Galvin bridge, looking at elevated LED lights on pedestrian bridge. Homeless have been knocking out lights.

City Council will send mailer for \$30k that will avoid the need for a more expensive vote and will allow expansion of maintenance areas.

9) Elected Officials

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Thanks Ted, Jeff, Joe and Bari for coming to press conference on Recreation Council issue. Wed Dec. 6, 2 PM. City Council subcommittee hearing on Recreation Council issue.
- b) County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, District 3 – Jason Paguio. 90th anniversary of Solar Turbines. Allocated funds to redo floors and wall panels for Mira Mesa Senior Center. Wants to fund vulnerable populations. She will be Chair of Board of Supervisors next year. Empowerment summit. Thursday 10-3.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Last month was Filipino Heritage month. Congress passed resolution. Gold medal to WW2 Filipino veterans. Health Care Debate. Few changes this year. Must enroll by Dec. 15. Viet Nam war honor veterans who served Nov 1955-1975. Will get Scott to our December meeting.
- d) City Attorney's office - Ann Marie Council. Works for Criminal part of CA's office, not the part dealing with the recreation council issue. Can cost less to put someone in rehabilitation program than to keep arresting them. Prop 47 made drug charges misdemeanors and allowed them to get treatment.

10) Other MMTTC Committee Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report – Bari Vaz. Current balances: Checking Account \$30,099.78, Savings Account \$15,896.26, Total Assets \$45,996.04. A more detailed report was distributed to members.

11) Adjournment 8:55pm.