

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

January 8, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order by President Ted Brengel and Pledge of Allegiance

2) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Shannah is moving on to other things. New community relations officer is Christina Santos csantos@pd.sandiego.gov. December Stats: 8 stolen vehicles, 3 stolen vehicles recovered, 15 car break-ins, 8 commercial burglaries, 3 residential burglaries. Don't leave anything of value visible in your car. New captain effective 1/13/18 Chris Knighten.

3) Swearing in of 2018 MMTC Board, followed by State of the District talk – District 6 San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate

- a) Thank you for feedback on strategic plan. List of things advocating for derived from residents. In next few weeks City Council will be developing budget for next year.
- b) Thanks to people who took homeless survey. 1600 responses.
- c) Westmore property. County did air quality inspection. Home will be demolished. Receiver will be appointed to pay back City and handle property.
- d) Recreation councils – will have two members from Mira Mesa on working group for new regulations.
- e) There is an inch of clay beneath surface on Parkdale and Gold Coast. City needs to remove and replace streets. Will be done in 2019.
- f) Water rates – getting lots of comments. Look at bill and meter and let Luis know if there are discrepancies.
- g) Soccer City – tried to get as much information as possible. Lots of good and bad information was floating around. Wanted to get best information so sent City Attorney memo to Soccer City people and asked for comments. Have not yet taken a position on either initiative, but main responsibility is to get good information.
- h) Unpermitted marijuana dispensaries – Planning Group will be reviewing lots of applications. City Council made regulations. Voted against it because would not put cap for each district. District 6 will be most impacted because of large industrial areas separated from residential. No signage. No odor. Sending letter tomorrow to Weedmaps.com. There are hundreds of Marijuana delivery services, only 16 are legal.
- i) \$10 million budget shortfall. April 15 will get Mayor's budget. Pension bill going down by \$1.5 million due to better investment returns. Libraries may close on Sunday. Police officer salaries were increased. Now rehiring officers who left for higher incomes elsewhere. Budget does include new Marijuana income, but conservatively.

4) Approval of Minutes from December Meeting – approved.

5) President's Report – Ted Brengel

- a) Need a new newsletter editor. Please volunteer.
- b) Need to get more people to know MMTC and become involved.

6) Government and Community Resources

- a) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager. Citizenship class, free through continuing education. Improves language skills. Go over 100 questions you need to know. Greatly improves

chance of success. Can apply for citizenship at class. Library Next – to support STEAM programs. To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis is this month's banned book club book. Working on getting sign language class.

- b) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, president. Thank everyone who donated last year. Now doing drive for 2018. Final touches on local restaurant promotions. Announce T-Shirt design winner at D6. March time frame will ask for new T-Shirt designs. Looking for volunteers and new ideas. Scrippsmesafireworks.org.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman – Have received 18 applications for Marijuana Production Facilities. 16 of these have asked to be on the agenda on January 18. We will only be soliciting information at this meeting. Vote after City review is completed.
- d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, vice chairman. Looking for things that are wrong with our parks. Want to spend the money we have before July 1. City will not take money before then. Community Park will not be finished until May. New stop sign will be placed on Westmore by park. Q: someone is living in the gazebo at Maddox Park.
- e) Mira Mesa Community Foundation – Bari Vaz. No updates yet on Epicentre. No one responded to RFP because of large number of repairs needed. Trying to get meeting to discuss. At Christmas someone donated \$100 of Grocery Outlet gift cards that Foundation distributed.

7) Open Forum

- a) John Labaw – Chloe Holstad diagnosed with Leukemia. High School Senior. Has Go Fund Me page. Was supposed to graduate in June. Now Mom can't work. <https://www.gofundme.com/chloe-holstad-medical-fund>.
- b) Kathy Lippitt – Training sessions through sheriff's department on Marijuana manufacturing. Contact Michael.helms@sdsheriff.org to RSVP. Learn what these facilities are that are coming into the community.
- c) Barbara Gordon – 18 Marijuana Production Facility applications. 3 are already open. 7920 Arjons has cut hole in the roof and put in vents. Marijuana smoke going next door. Neighbors unhappy. 8485 Production. Used to be a carpet warehouse. Auto Parts store next door must close doors because of smoke.
- d) Pam Stevens – Mira Mesa Living is now online rather than print and will now come out twice per month. Subscribe (free) online. Can be more timely now. On deadline for Jan 15 issue. Michelle Tsai is publisher.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Distributed list of accomplishments. Opposed to \$18 billion border wall (over 10 years). Got a tour of border and agents told him more technology would be better. Fed budget is funded through Friday the 19th.

9) Other MMTTC Committee Reports

- a) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Have some new Hologic banners. Sponsoring cervical health awareness, then reproductive, then HIV, then breast cancer. County Fair will put up 35 banners. Matt Mulvaney, orchestra director, asked for his kids to be put on the fair banners. Theme: How sweet it is!
- b) Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens. Will honor Tom Derr this year. Probably in April or May. Will have fabulous party.

- c) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] & Newsletter – John Horst. No report.
- d) Membership – Jenn Kuyper. No update.
- e) Treasurer’s Report – Bari Vaz. Distributed report for 11/1 to 12/31. Took in a lot of money for 4th of July and Street Fair.
- f) Cluster Committee - John Labaw – next meeting Jan 29th 5:30 at high school media center.

10) Ted to contact Mayor’s rep and ask how street repair funds are allocated after report that repairs are more frequent in Carmel Valley.

11) Charlene Ellsworth - Chalk the Walk is October 13.

12) Adjournment – 8:29 pm