

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

February 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by President Ted Brengel, Pledge of Allegiance led by Mira Mesa Girl Scouts**
- 2) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Community Relations Officer Christina Santos introduced new Captain Christopher Knighten. Captain Knighten thinks the new police chief is fantastic. Has known him for a long time. Last month statistics: 6 stolen vehicles, 4 recovered. 24 car break-ins in Mira Mesa, two more in Miramar. 8 commercial burglaries. 2 residential burglaries, one attempt. Car break-ins happening all over the district. Don't leave bags in cars exposed. Contact Christina to set up neighborhood watch.
- 3) Approval of Minutes from January Meeting – approved.**
- 4) President's Report – Ted Brengel**
 - a) New MMTC newsletter editor, Christopher Thibodeaux, will start with March issue.
 - b) **SAVE THE DATE** for MMTC's Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Dinner: **May 5, 2018.**
- 5) Main Program: Non-profits Round-up – Pam Stevens, 1st vp/program chair**
 - a) Girl Scouts – Stephanie Kwiatkowski, chair, Mira Mesa Girl Scout Service Unit
Stephanie K. 37 girl scout troops over 300 members. Starting girl scout cookie sales. Developing leadership skills. Forming new troops continuously.
 - b) RSVP – Margaret Prouty. 42 volunteers in Mira Mesa. Patrol in white vehicles. Shifts from 7:30 in morning until 2:30 in the afternoon. Check on schools, parks, vacation house checks. Work in pairs. You are not alone program for elderly people living alone. See if they are having any problems. Respond to emergencies. 3 days of training for that. Security check for new members.
 - c) TOPS – Margaret Prouty. Used to be 45 pounds overweight. Pay \$500/month to rent room at senior center. Most people lose weight. Hard part is keeping it off. Important to get acknowledgement every time you lose weight. Meet in the craft room at Rec Center.
 - d) Mira Mesa Women's Club has been in the community since 1974. 28 members. Did over 75 projects last year. Comfort pillows. Sent all over world to women undergoing breast cancer treatments. Chalk the Walk makes money for school art programs. Scholarship program. Walker school food donations, especially over winter break. Exceptional teachers at Mira Mesa High. Meet at church behind Tofu House.
 - e) Mira Mesa Senior Center, operated by non-profit AQE – Mitz Lee and Sandy Smith
Mitz is president of Alliance for Quality Education. Doing D6 Night Market. Voice in public education. Now managing Senior Center since September of last year. Chris Cate was very helpful. Closed for 6 months last year to do air conditioning, new roof. Just got new floors. Want to create a place for seniors: socially engaged so they don't feel isolated; intellectually engaged; physically fit; nutrition. Sandy is program director. San Diego continuing education; Rediscover San Diego (tours); square dancing, gardening, bingo, yoga, ... Serving seniors M-F. Technology for seniors. Free services – elder law, Medicare info, at Senior Center so people can get to them. Elected officials come to Senior Center. Scott Peters once/month.

- f) San Diego Astronomy Association – Kevin Kasner
Educational and outreach organization. Have members around the world. Reach out to schools, campground, have star parties: Hickman, Ericson, Wangenheim, Challenger, will do it at Mason. Hosted 128 star parties last year; 15,000 people looked through telescopes. To request a star party email outreach@sdaa.org. SDAA website: sdaa.org.
- g) Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters – Carmen Kasner. One of the largest programs in San Diego. Field Shows, 4th of July. School district only pays for director, so MMIMB needs to raise money for everything else. Barbecue competition next Saturday. \$10. Will have judges. Also MMHS drama program – doing Hunchback of Notre Dame. 3rd, 4th weekends in March. MiraMesaTheatre.org. Not a lot of advertising because of licensing agreement.
- h) Mira Mesa High School Foundation – Jennifer Kvalvik. April 21 Taste of Mira Mesa, coming back to Mira Mesa at Country Inn and Suites. \$35 presale. Supports lots of programs at MMHS and other Mira Mesa Schools. Culinary program with served dinner at the show on March 17.
- i) North County Middle Schools for Urban Youth Collaborative – Karin De Jauregui
Works with SD Unified to connect churches to schools to help. Campus beautification. Talks to churches to see how they can help. Food distribution.
- j) William Male Foundation – Jenn Kuyper
Bill Male passed away 2 years ago, and set up scholarship for the arts. Mylinh Arnett is in charge of Foundation. Still a small scholarship foundation.
- k) Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – Tim Arends, president, and Pam Stevens, community liaison
Do shows. Encourage students to participate. Don't currently have a home, so 2/3 of costs are paying for venue. Trying to find a more permanent facility. Want to bring back Monster Manor. Have been doing Mira Mesa's Got Talent.
- l) Semper Fi Miramar Rotary Club – Ernie Giles
Rotary International. In cooperation with Gates foundation have been working to eliminate polio. Motto Service above Self. Support marines, sailors and their families. 501c4, but have 501c3 foundation. Provide NCO sword. Welcome home bags for sailors coming home from deployment. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. 12 applicants this year. Reading program at Hancock Elementary School (Tierrasanta). Would like to expand into Mira Mesa High School. Funded Marine Corps Ball. Pay for it through annual poinsettia fundraiser. Poker nights. Small club looking to expand. Meet Thursday at Denny's on base. Need driver's license, insurance and registration to enter base.
- m) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Amy O'Connor. Raise funding for fireworks show. Tasked with raising \$40,000. Made a lot of improvements. Find the cracker fundraiser. Have 600 followers on Facebook pages, trying to increase. MiraMesaFireworks.org. March second T-Shirt design contest.
- n) Mira Mesa Community Foundation – Jeff Stevens
Started by MMTC 5 years ago. 501c(3). MMTC scholarships handled through Foundation so tax deductible. Trying to turn former Epicentre Teen Center into a Community Center. Have money to renovate and had partner to operate, but could not continue when City came up with estimate of \$3 million for needed repairs. Still want to do it working with City to resolve issues.

6) Government and Community Resources [8:10 pm]

- a) Barbara Schwartz, Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager

- Friends of the Library, a nonprofit that supports the library. They do book sales, handled as donations. Funds things that the City does not pay for. Tax laws changed in December so tax forms could not be printed until late January, so only have 1040EZ. Downtown has more. Closed for President's day. Parking lot is being used as overflow parking by nearby apartment complexes. One car was stolen. Please do not park there. Trees were vandalized Saturday. 8 trees spray painted. Work order given to remove it. Not sure how it will be removed.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
 - i) Last meeting – 15 Marijuana Processing Facilities. Main issues: inconsistency between state and Federal Law causes unusual problems. For example one may cause neighboring businesses that are part of the same industrial condominium to lose their insurance. All have carbon air filters, but people who have been near them still detect strong odors. Some proposed in commercial areas. Security – all cash business.
 - ii) This month, Thursday Feb 22, one more MPF plus two stop sign requests: Flanders and Dancy and Carroll Road and Distribution.
 - c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Bruce Brown, Chairman

Meeting next Tuesday, 7 PM Lopez Ridge Park. Still wrestling with spend down plan for \$240,000 before the City takes it into a special fund downtown. Subcommittee is working on spend down plan. First phase of Mira Mesa Community Park will be open sometime in March. Want it open after completion, when restrooms are open. Later this year working on phases 2 and 3, to include swimming pool, new recreation center.

7) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up to speak at membership table) [8:20pm]

- a) Kathy Lippitt – working with businesses impacted by marijuana business. Marijuana edibles are now worth more than meth. Some bad stuff coming from China. Odor has not been resolved in other areas. Calaveras kicked out cultivators and politicians who allowed them. Advocates have been pressured to make regulations under threat of expensive ballot initiative. Only thing that works is for City to say no.
- b) Karen D.J. – I Think Big – motivational assemblies.
- c) Andy Tran, Vina Vol - sdtet.com for this year's Tet Festival. Theme is Spring Blossoms. More food vendors than usual – up to 20 this year.
- d) Matt Valenti – running for City Council, wanted to learn about community. Current incumbent is under investigation. Last 7 years worked for small biotech company in Kearny Mesa. Want to help solve problems for the community. Affordable housing, homeless crises. Opposed to what City did to Recreation Councils. Would not have put up with that.
- e) Tommy Hough – Tommy2018.com. Lives by Mesa Verde Park. Was on Homeless count last Saturday. Channel 8 team was following them around. Homeless all over. Homeless kids doing homework in their cars. Have too few police officers. Lots of concerns not being addressed.
- f) John Horst – candidate for Congress. Running as Republican for CA 52 seat. Mental health is run by county, housing by City. Need to put under one roof. Create joint powers authority to deal with this problem. Can then route Federal money to this problem. Needs leadership from outside City/County. Authority to govern depends on consent of governed. Problem with Marijuana. Veterans, cancer patients who have been helped by Marijuana. Need to get it off of schedule 1. Then they can use banks.
JohnHorstForCongress.com.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports [8:30pm]

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Looking for people with high water bills. Some reported up to \$6,000. State of District.
- b) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. Wrapping up 2018 legislative package. Maternal mental health grants (1893). CalWORKs Housing Assistance (1921). Provides temporary housing assistance for 16 days. Current requirement is consecutive days.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Planning continuing resolution vote tomorrow or Wednesday. Feb 12 next town hall. 6 pm. MMHS auditorium. 250 seats. Questions by lottery system. Senior scam software seminar.

9) Other MMTC Committee Reports [8:45pm]

- a) Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Dinner, Honoring Tom Derr as 2017 MM VOY – Pam Stevens
- b) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] - John Horst. Probably will be too busy to do this. Talking to Bari and Dave about doing it again.
- c) Membership – Jenn Kuyper. Can join all year long.

10) Adjournment