

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

April 2, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

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

2) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Stolen vehicles: 2 in Mira Mesa, 4 in Miramar, 1 recovered. Car break-ins: 7 in Mira Mesa, 4 in Miramar; Commercial burglaries: 4 in Mira Mesa, 4 in Miramar; Residential burglary: 6 in Mira Mesa (2 attempt only). Kitchen window. Living room window. Shooting on Miramar strip club. Bouncer got into argument with customer. Still under investigation. Stabbing at park – no info yet. Homeless outreach team starting. AI – mess made by homeless at Maddox Park. Question asked about fatal accident on Calle Cristobal. Comment made it was a foggy day and question about whether that was a factor? Answer: accident is still under investigation, no cause identified yet. No further word about condition of 4-year-old son of deceased, who was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

3) Approval of Minutes from February and March Meetings. Approved.

4) President's Report – Ted Brengel

- a) Accident on Calle Cristobal. People drive too fast on that road.

5) Scripps Mesa Fireworks: 4th of July Fireworks Fundraising Update – Michael Spencer

- a) Deposit has been paid. On track, but still need more money before event. Would like more people to donate. Vulcan, Hansen, Garden Communities, Mira Mesa Mall have made donations. T-Shirt contest judging is starting. Sat and Sun May 5 and 6, Savagewood brewery, 9879 Hibert Street getting 20% for Fireworks. There will be t-shirts for sale as a fireworks fundraiser at Scripps Mesa Fireworks booth at D6 Night Market in Mira Mesa Community Park, Saturday, May 19, 4-10pm.

6) Featured Speaker – City Attorney Mara Elliott

- a) Anne Marie Council is rep at most meetings. Appreciate work of the 4th of July committee. 360 in City Attorney's office. \$350 million budget. Prosecute misdemeanors – trespass, nuisances. Write local laws. Sit with Council on Tuesday. Wants to hear from public. Both prosecute and defend cases against San Diego. Prosecution could be contractor leaving mess, dumping in the Bay, etc. Got priority 1 tasks done during first year. Deputy City Attorneys work with each police division. Prop 47 reduced drug offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. Were able to help people exit the system. People do not like having these programs in their community, but they work. 80% cost savings. Need regional support. County does health and human services, not City, so need to pool resources. Family justice center for abuse assistance. 30% of people come from outside the City. Working with District Attorney to make sure we have County support. Main work has been elder abuse. Problem with people with early Alzheimers with guns in the house – how do we remove them? Growing issue. 65,000 people with dementia in San Diego. Encourage MMTTC members to come to City Council meetings. Marijuana – very complicated, no good solution for the difference between state and federal law. Immigration – City does not enforce immigration law. City Attorney has specific responsibilities. City is our client, not businesses. Jim Hearn – Recreation Department is always working from behind. Recreation council money going into City pot. Difficult thing about being City Attorney is that often make people unhappy. Putting City money into private accounts is against City and State law. City should not have delegated control of money to volunteers. Unfortunate that it rolled out the way it did. Appreciate frustration. New system is legal. Came to attention when one of the attorneys was reviewing a playground issue. Raised issue to management. Informed client quickly, but roll out was slow. 11 years ago voters approved

strong mayor form of government. Two sides do not always communicate and often do not agree.

Kaanchan – City sponsored homeless facilities in Mira Mesa. Question for Council office. Q: How do you get keys away from seniors who should not be driving any more. Q: In 2017 there were 1300 sex trafficking victims. A: If you are a victim or a witness, we do not ask your immigration status. Libraries are another hub for victims. Trafficking is a felony which we don't prosecute, but can prosecute nuisances such as massage parlors which contribute to it. Q: Process to shut down illegal marijuana operation. Can do that. Chula Vista is hiring a deputy city attorney just to deal with marijuana issues. Ann Marie will be back next month.

7) MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarships – Pam Stevens

- a) Three \$1000 scholarships for 2018 Verne Goodwin scholarship awards. Any student who lives in Mira Mesa even if they go to school outside. Based on volunteer service.

8) MM Volunteer of the Year Dinner (May 5, Honoring Tom Derr) Report – Pam Stevens

- a) Tom has 29 snakes at home. Rehomes rattlesnakes. Chair of Maintenance Assessment District. Saturday May 5 at Senior Center. \$40/person. Form is live on MMTC website. 6-10 PM. April 26 is RSVP.

9) Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman
 - i) Approved stop sign at Flanders and Dancy.
 - ii) Approved new brighter signs at Mira Mesa Market Center and new signs at Teak Warehouse on Miramar Road
 - iii) April meeting – 3Roots update (Western Carroll Canyon), Community Plan Update.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Bruce Brown, Chairman
 - i) April 10, Lopez Ridge 7 PM. Preview of 3Roots project. New owner – Lennar, largest home builder in the United States.

10) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera
 - i) Thank you for attending State of City speech. Traffic signal timing being extended east to Camino Ruiz. Currently ends at Camino Santa Fe. Budget out in May.
- b) State Senator Toni Atkins – Jason Weisz
 - i) Human trafficking is \$820 million business. Want to stop it. Training hotel workings to be observant for it. Toni sworn in as Senate Pro Tempore. Good for San Diego. In May will have new budget numbers. Fully fund rainy day account. Earned income tax credit. Fed and State have increased it for <\$54,000 family income. (619) 645-3133.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen
 - i) Sent message. The Congressional Art Competition, An Artistic Discovery, is open to all high school students in the 52nd Congressional District. The Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Deadline: Wednesday, April 25th. Artwork must be received with completed forms by 4pm. Info: <https://scottpeters.house.gov/artcompetition>.

11) Open Forum

- a) Rita – Important to elect new leaders. ~1300 sex trafficking victims/year.
- b) Jenn – William Male Scholarship Foundation. Mylinh was a student of his. Looking for stories about Bill for a newsletter.
- c) Joe – recycling at Miramar College on Saturday. Household batteries. Fluorescent lights.

12) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Membership – Jenn Kuyper.

- i) Renewal is 3 months from now – June 30. Can renew online or in person at a meeting. Encourage more participation. Investment in our community. Jenn was born and raised here.
- b) Newsletter Editor – Chris Thibodeaux
 - i) We have a newsletter again! Lots of good stuff for May newsletter. Try to get input for newsletter by mid-month.
- c) Fourth of July Parade and Fun Day – Bari Vaz. Organizing meeting within a week. Email Board@miramesatowncouncil.org
- d) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. Street Fair will be Saturday, October 6. Organization starting this month. First meeting Thursday April 26 at 6:45 PM in the community office.

13) Adjournment 8:35 PM