

# **Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes**

**November 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**

**1) Call to order by President Ted Brengel**

**2) Flag Ceremony by Mira Mesa Webelos Scouts Den led by John Weaver**

**3) President's Report – Ted Brengel**

a) Tommy Hough and Chris Cate introduced themselves and asked people to vote tomorrow.

**4) Approval by MMTC Members of October MMTC Minutes – approved.**

**5) Call for MM Volunteer of the Year Nominations [due Nov. 12] – Jeff Stevens**

a) Brandy Ludwick said she had a nomination to submit.

**6) Main Program: “Neighborhood Safety” Panel**

a) Police report, with information about SDPD staffing and recruiting – Christina Santos, San Diego Police Department Northeastern Division Community Relations Officer. Only one residential burglary. Not forced entry – credit cards stolen. Large division – extends to San Pasqual. 75 sworn officers. 3 reserve officers. To apply – take written test, 100 questions. Must be ~20 years old, US citizen, high school diploma. 475 yard obstacle course. Drag 150 pound dummy in 3 minutes. Background investigation, psychological. No maximum age. Takes 3-4 months to get hired – big improvement. Police academy, then 4 months of training with an officer. Have increased compensation. Have had good sized police academy classes. Neighborhood watch – Christina will go over stats with Watch members. Neighborhood watch captain becomes communication point with PD. New lieutenant. Will come to next meeting.

b) Neighborhood Watch and how to form a group if you don't already have one – San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate and Mira Mesa representative Luis Pallera. Let City Council know if we are forming neighborhood watch. Will provide neighborhood watch signs.

c) Scripps Mesa RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol), extra “eyes and ears of the police” in fighting crime – 55 and over. Vacation house checks. They will go by your house once per day to check.

d) Nextdoor.com, a private social network people can join to share information within their own neighborhood and adjacent areas of their community, and its role not only as an extension of the old-fashioned “backyard fence” conversation but in particular as a SDPD approved “digital Neighborhood Watch” – SDPD Community Relations Officer Christina Santos, Jeff Stevens, Parkdale/Salk Nextdoor.com lead. Stevens said that as a lead he can send postcards, and has done so to whole neighborhood resulting in ~250 new members. Good method for communicating with your neighbors. Can limit post to single neighborhood or whole community plus part of Penasquitos. Sometimes posts can go on too long and get off-topic or whiney. In that case, the poster should close discussion on the post.

**7) MMTC Business Meeting – current MMTC members to vote on two topics**

a) Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District ballot – Tom Derr, MM MAD Committee chair

i) Erica Ferreira – want to do modification to engineer's report. Need to send flyers to residents and businesses. \$40,000 for community activities. Needs City Council approval. First needs MMTC approval. Want to broaden scope of maintenance assessment. Change lighting on BMR bridge. Currently only does main medians and right of ways. Mercy, Camino Ruiz, Mira Mesa Blvd. Very specific. Motion to support MMMAD request to expand the scope of the MAD to include supporting community activities where appropriate (Teri Ang/Pam Stevens) Approved 19-0.

b) MMTC 2019 Board of Directors Election – Charlene Ellsworth, Parliamentarian

i) The following Board members were elected:

(1) President Ted Brengel

(2) First Vice President (program chair) Pam Stevens

(3) Second Vice President (membership) Brandy Ludwick

(4) Treasurer Jonathan Lea

(5) Recording Secretary Jeff Stevens

(6) Newsletter Editor Sabrina Bazzo

(7) Parliamentarian Charlene Ellsworth

(8) Member at Large Teri Ang

- (9) Member at Large      Jack Canning
- (10)      Member at Large      Kaanchan S Farkiya
- (11)      Member at Large      Debbie Vincent

- 8) San Diego Tet Festival Feb 8 – 10, 2019 in Mira Mesa Community Park – Special Announcement from VAYA (Vietnamese American Youth Alliance) – Dennis Duong [dennis.duong@vayasd.org](mailto:dennis.duong@vayasd.org)**
- a) In planning for event. Accepting booth applications. 14<sup>th</sup> year hosting event. 4 years in Mira Mesa. Formerly in Balboa Park. Sdtet.com. [info@sdtet.com](mailto:info@sdtet.com).

**9) Government and Community Resources [8:20 pm]**

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman.
  - i) Next meeting on 11/19 will have 3Roots as an action item, and at least one more Marijuana Processing Facility
- b) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel - next meeting the 13<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's Day celebration on 11/11 at Senior Center

**10) Open Forum**

- a) Jeff Stevens said that he was in the process of having more than 20 years of Mira Mesa Scripps Ranch Sentinels scanned and was disposing of excess issues. In going through them, he found pictures of a number of people who were present at the meeting and passed out copies to them.

**11) Other MMTC Board and Committee Chair Reports [8:50pm]**

- a) Treasurer – Jonathan Lea distributed current financial report.
- b) Vice presidents for Membership (Jenn Kuyper) and Programs (Pam Stevens) – Renew or Join Now! Dec. 3 meeting includes entertainment and MMTC members vote for Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year!

**12) Adjournment [9pm]**

***NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3, 2018***