

# **Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes**

**March 4, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

**1) Call to order – MMTC President Ted Brengel**

**2) Flag Ceremony – Bear Den, Cub Scout Pack 1209**

**3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**

- a) San Diego Police Department – Christina Santos. Residential burglaries (4 total) – one came in through kitchen window, left backpack. Flanders drive – again came through window, took cash. Maya Linda – open kitchen window, stole shotgun, rifle and two laptops. 15 year old at home sick, called police on man trying to enter. Neighbors had surveillance camera which may identify thief. 7 stolen vehicles (6 Mira Mesa; 1 Miramar), 1 recovered. 14 car break-ins (13 Mira Mesa, 1 Miramar). 5 commercial burglaries (4 Miramar, 1 Mira Mesa).

**4) Approval of Minutes from February 4 MMTC Meeting - approved**

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

- a) Old library continues to crumble. Need facility like that for the community. Community has 75,000 people, and growing. Also need more park space.

**6) What Will Become of the Epicentre? Where Can Mira Mesa's Future Community Center Be?**

**– Bari Vaz, Mira Mesa Community Foundation President**

We have money in the community fund that we were going to use to create a community center. We put together a bid, partnership with Lutheran Social Services. \$3.5 million in repairs needed, so couldn't do it. No one responded to the RFP. Sitting empty. City is providing some money for repairs, but it needs a lot more. Real Estate assets manages property. Real estate assets is tasked to make as much money as they can from City property. CDBG grants used to do repairs, which constrains uses of building to those consistent with CDBG requirements. Can't sell or lease for commercial use, so have to give it to a nonprofit. Rosie Network has expressed interest. Trains veterans. They want repairs done first. Building will remain vacant for foreseeable future. RSVP is using part of building. 3 leaks in roof over RSVP. Want to get Community Center into Community Plan update. Have to pay rent to use school facilities. RSVP is maintaining outside landscaping. Margaret is donating her time to make it look good. Grace Chapel wants to turn church into Community Center.

**7) Mira Mesa Community Planning**

**– Jeff Stevens, Chair, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group.** Mira Mesa was largely responsible for initiating the community planning process because it was initially built without any, causing protests as new residents realized there were no schools, parks or other public facilities. With today's lack of housing availability and affordability problems, these lessons are sometimes forgotten. City has been advocating faster housing with reduced importance given to public facilities. A community plan defines the locations and density of residential, commercial and industrial development, and defines road improvements based on traffic projections and parkland based on projected population. Mira Mesa is now doing a major update of the community plan. The last update was in 1992. As a first step in the plan update, a [community atlas](#) of existing conditions has been prepared. The remaining residential development based on the current community plan is 2100 units at Casa Mira View (almost complete), 1800 units at 3Roots in western Carroll Canyon and 4450 units in Stone Creek in eastern Carroll Canyon. Several new parks are in the plan: a joint use park next to Salk Elementary School, expanded joint use fields at Wangenheim, and a pool and other improvements at Mira Mesa Community Park. Longer term is Canyon Hill park, on the hill south of Mercy Road. There will be a new community park at 3Roots and a passive park in Stone Creek. Carroll Canyon Road will be completed from I-805 to I-15. The Community has developed in close accordance to the adopted community plan. The City would like to find more housing as part of the plan update, and is looking at areas along Mira Mesa Blvd. Sorrento Mesa is prime industrial and cannot accommodate housing while it has that designation. The City has just eliminated parking requirements for all projects within a half mile of a transit stop, where a transit stop is so loosely defined that Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Ruiz as well as Mira Mesa Blvd and Black Mountain Road qualify. Community Planning Groups are advisory only, and so recommendations while generally taken seriously for their community input, are

not binding. Nevertheless, there has been a concerted effort over the past couple of years to reduce the influence of planning groups, and to blame them for the housing shortage. A grand jury investigation and City audit were carried on starting with the claim that planning groups were unnecessarily slowing development. Both found this to be untrue.

**8) Mira Mesa Town Council 2019 Budget – Jonathan Lea, Treasurer. Motion Joe Frichtel/Tom Derr to approve the budget. Approved 19-0-1.**

**9) Government and Community Resources [ 8:05pm]**

- a) Mira Mesa Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. 4<sup>th</sup> month. 20,000 patrons last month. How-to festival. 20 minute sessions.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreation Advisory Group – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Lopez Ridge March 12, presentation by School District on joint use at Hickman. Hopeful that 3 FBA projects will keep going.
- c) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer. Vulcan gave a nice donation. 4-5 years if everyone in community gave \$1. T-Shirt contest, have 350 entries, lots from Sandburg. Scripps Ranch also participating. T-shirts available in mid-March.

**10) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up to speak at membership table) [8:15pm]**

- a) **Susan Sragovicz** – Mira Mesa Women’s Club in 5<sup>th</sup> year of awarding scholarship. March 23. Fashion show and luncheon. 2557 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
- b) **Rita** – Morals and ethics of our leaders have declined.

**11) Elected Officials – standing reports [8:25pm]**

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Pothole outside of the library has been filled. Dockless scooter regulations were approved by committee. Little League was rained out. Parking regulations are market driven so eliminating parking requirements does not necessarily mean parking will be eliminated.

**12) Other MMTC Board and Committee Reports [8:45pm]**

- a) Volunteer of the Year Dinner Honoring Jeanne Christensen March 29 – Programs Chair Pam Stevens
  - i) Sign up at the end of the night. 53 signed up so far. Country Inn and Suites. Buy tickets early.
- b) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – Ted Brengel and/or John Horst. Grant application submitted. Parade application will be posted within the next day or two.
- c) MMTC Verne Goodwin Scholarship Committee – Eric Kolbeck is Chair. Application will be posted within the next day or two.

**13) Adjournment**

***Next meeting Monday, April 8, 2019 – Note MMTC Meeting is on the Second Monday in April. The***

***Mira Mesa Branch Library will be closed April 1 due to Cesar Chavez Day City holiday!***