

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

September 9, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order – MMTC President Ted Brengel**
- 2) Flag Ceremony – Combined Unit from Mira Mesa Girl Junior Girl Scout Troop 4535 and Cub Scout Pack 1209, Daisy Girl Scout 4533.**
- 3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)**
 - a) San Diego Police Department – Christina Santos. Thanks to those who attended Night Out. New lieutenant. New computer system. Stats: stolen vehicles: 1 Miramar, 1 Mira Mesa; burglaries: 5 including 2 unsuccessful attempts. Stolen vehicles recovered: 2 Miramar, 4 Mira Mesa; Car break-ins: 1 Mira Mesa; Woman tried several ways to break into a house. Unsuccessful. Have pictures of her. MM RSVP is celebrating 25th anniversary. Best phone number for suspicious situation. Someone scoping houses, for example. Call main number or 911 if it appears to be a threat. 619 531 2000. Citizens request form online. Running red lights is a big problem. Is happening everywhere. Don't have enough police to monitor. Academy started today. Will get more officers. Lots of comments on NextDoor.com. Every day people running red lights.
- 4) Approval of Minutes from August 5 MMTC Meeting – approved.**
- 5) President's Report – Ted Brengel. Select our Volunteer of the Year in December. Requesting nominees.**
- 6) Featured Presentation: City Councilmember Chris Cate, NFC and District 6 Priorities**
 - a) Go out to all community leaders and ask for recommendations for next year's budget. Street lights. Street repair. Etc. \$74 million budget deficit. Hiring 37 new firefighters. Will reduce overtime. January each council member presents budget priorities. \$13 million for Gold Coast and Parkdale. NFC coalition tab on website. \$64 million deficit next year. Red light cameras were removed in 2013. Talk to mayor's office about restoring them. Very short durations on a number of left turn signals. Email Chris' office with locations. People going straight across from Walgreens to Vons. Need to prevent. What resources do we have to reduce number of homeless in community? Problem at Camino Ruiz park. Neighborhood policing is a new department intended to address this problem.
- 7) Featured Presentation: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Miramar – Bob Partridge, Drew Payson, and Dave Myers**
 - a) Trying to raise funds for monument. Finally constructed a week ago. VA has delayed dedication. Monument is built but not installed yet.
- 8) Featured Presentation: Elevate San Diego 2020 – Paul Jablonski, MTS CEO**
 - a) Transit: 66% of trips taken to work or school. 55% between ages of 19 and 34. MTS range is Border to Del Mar Heights. Seven bus routes serving residents. Housing expensive, suburban sprawl, freeways widened to max, climate action plan. Transit proposed solution to these challenges. Need funding. LA and San Francisco have much more through approval of sales taxes. Through AB 805 can have up to ½ cent sales tax for transit only. Sorrento Valley skyway. Trolley to airport – main problem is getting over train. 5 big moves. Don't want to take money from roads. Doing outreach.
- 9) Government and Community Resources**

- a) Mira Mesa Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Library is getting lots of use. HVAC is working, including in meeting room. Another car library collision. Cookbook book club on Sundays.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens. 3Roots project approved with comments at last meeting.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Advisory Group – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Meeting tomorrow. Saturday movie night. Dumbo. Salk is supposed to be starting in 60 days but may be delayed.
- d) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, President. September 18 fundraising meeting at pac-it-away 6:30. Could use graphics artist. Also need good communicator who likes asking for donations. Info@scrippsmesafireworks.org.

10) MMTC Fourth of July Committee 2020 Update – Charlene Ellsworth, Parade Chair

- a) Parade theme. Asked for ideas. Picked “2020 - Mira Mesa honors our heroes”. Not just military. Baseball coaches and other volunteers. Trying to get military grand marshal, maybe WW2 Vet.

11) Open Forum

- a) Jim Hearn – Westonhill and Mira Mesa Blvd. Very difficult to get across the street. Shouldn't be penalized for people driving through community. Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Ruiz has very short left turn light.
- b) Martha Pritchard – Mira Mesa Women's Club doing Chalk the Walk at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center. Get sponsors, supporting school art. October 12. 2-4 PM is best time to come. Squares are \$15, \$100, \$200. Leo will be doing square. MMTC will do \$200 donation.
- c) Sabrina Bazzo – John Lee Evans is retiring in 2020 after 12 years. Sabrina may run for his seat.
- d) Pam Stevens – Mira Mesa Theatre Guild. Need to re-form Theatre Guild in the coming year. Some time in the next few months need to clean out storage trailers behind Fire Station. Like to build a membership base.
- e) Rita – politicians take oath to country. Need better immigration laws. Stop trafficking and slavery. Slush fund of \$1.5 billion at universities. State has \$2 billion for homeless not being used.
- f) Leoangelo Reyes – Start doing electrical box project. Teaching at Sandburg and Hickman. Asking for money for paint for boxes. Motion to support Leo up to \$500 (Joe/Christiane). Approved.
- g) Christiane Hoffman Frank – Discounts at La Jolla Playhouse. Kiss my Aztec. Described as “Aztec revenge porn”, funny, not porn.
- h) Maria Pankau – MMTC sponsor band trophy. In our budget.

12) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. In Vietnam last week. Scott Peters and Matt Gaetz introduced the bipartisan Super Pollutants Act, which aims to slow climate change by regulating black carbon, hydrofluorocarbons, and methane—some of the most potent greenhouse gases. These short-lived climate pollutants, also called super pollutants, are significantly more potent than carbon dioxide. Ray Chavez – rename Poway post office after him. Wed 10:30-11:30 office hours. Anthony will be at Street Fair with Congressman.

13) Other MMTC Board and Committee Reports

- a) MMTC Bylaws Committee plans to present bylaws update for MMTC membership vote Oct. 7 – Charlene Ellsworth, Parliamentarian.
- b) Mira Mesa Street Fair Coming Oct. 5! Street Fair Committee meets Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 for final planning, MMTC members needed to help at MMTC info booth - Jeff Stevens, MMTC Street Fair Committee chair.

14) Adjournment [9pm]

Next meeting Monday, October 7, 2019!

Main Program: Schools Night! Mira Mesa principals of all schools grades K – 12 will share info about their programs and activities in the coming year!