

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

October 7, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order by President Ted Brengel

2) Flag Ceremony by Mira Mesa Girl Scouts

Brownie Girl Scouts Present "The 7 Principals of Leave No Trace"

3) Approval by MMTC Members of September MMTC Minutes – approved.

4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) – <http://crimestats.arjjs.org> has the crime stats that Cristina used to report. Can't give them out anymore because someone complained they were out of date. Problem with pedestrian bridge. Trying to address it, but the transients always come back. Report with Get it done app gives a tracker number.

5) President's Report – Ted Brengel.

- a) New way of handling speakers and questions. Try to keep order and stop conversations. Speaker will speak, the parliamentarian will call on people to ask questions. Make sure everyone gets a chance to ask questions. Maximum of two minutes to ask questions.
- b) Mira Mesa Street Fair was a great success. Start planning in April. AFJROTC is a big help. Great kids!

6) Main Program: Mira Mesa Schools Night – Principals speak for 3-4 minutes each

- a) Hickman Elementary – Tobie Pace, principal. Work closely with all elementary schools. Loves the Mira Mesa community. Safety with welcoming environment. 5th graders walk younger students into school after dropoff.
- b) Sandburg Elementary – Dr. Erika Simmons, principal. Second year at Sandburg. Rebranded school. 539 students. 250 students running with parents in the morning. Hands on science instruction. All principals meeting on Wednesday.
- c) Jonas Salk Elementary – Geniese Ligon, representative for principal Deidre Hardson. Graduated from Mira Mesa High School. Mom is Lee McKnight. 725 students. All students have computers they can take home. Working on being respectful, good citizens. Parents invited every month. Safe environment.
- d) Mason Elementary – Jesse Harrison, principal. Second year at Mason. 530 students, growing. 120 language learners. Fresh coat of paint. New HVAC system. Have military families. Safe and collaborative school.
- e) Ericson Elementary – Darius Ashton, principal, along with vice-principal. 730 kids. Was VP for 5 years at Wangenheim. Math scores went up. Running club. Ballet. Partnering with Sandburg. First in cluster to launch STEAM program. 1:1 Logo program. Take home device. 21st century. Need to keep them focused. Wonderful PTA. High number of girl scouts. Barb Waller - VP shared with Longfellow.
- f) Hage Elementary – James Lee, principal. Fall festival October 25th 5:30-8:30. Fitness program. Dance program. Swim program at Hourglass park. Engage at Hage. 678 students and growing.
- g) Walker Elementary – Justin Phillips, principal. 500 students K-5 plus preschool. English language arts curriculum. Supporting language learners. Launch from school into global society. Most are bilingual by the time they leave. 92% at parent teacher conferences.
- h) Wangenheim Middle School – Dr. Matt Fallon, principal (absent due to car trouble). Dr. Fallon sent message – off to a good year.
- i) Challenger Middle School – Kathryn ("Kate") Dominique, principal – very supportive community. VP Sarah Klein hired this year. Six values – faith, love, health ... 60-70% of students meeting standards. Many English learners. Problem solving math. Title 1 money. Many students doing instrumental music. Workshop on communicating with your teen. Mental health awareness week. High performing school. Getting air conditioning.
- j) Mira Mesa High School – Jeff Sabins, principal. 5th year. First year as a parent with a student at Hage. Lots of construction. Measure YY paid for \$200 million in upgrades. New music building. Math complex finished in August. 2357 students. Expect ~2700 with 3Roots. 650 seat auditorium. 5 years of construction. Fences are to keep crazy out, not kids in. High performing school. 223 English language learners. Theater sold out every performance last year.
- k) Christ the Cornerstone Academy (Grades K – 5) – Hunter Donahoo, principal. Tiffany Borst, teacher, representing principal. Focus on students, community, family. Do lots of field trips. Focus on technology. Starting first robotics class.
- l) Good Shepherd Catholic School – representative for Ladonna Lambert, principal. Member at large, parent of two boys representing principal. Church has 8,000 parishioners. Octoberfest this weekend.

- m) Bob Turner, Mira Mesa Cluster Council Chair – Jeff Sabins for Bob. Working hard to make sure we get word out about amazing schools. 97% retention rate. Invite to meetings. Last Monday at 5:30.
- n) Dr. John Lee Evans, San Diego Unified School District Board Member, District A. All principals are enthusiastic. UCLA, Stanford studying what we are doing in San Diego. Trying to get quality schools in all communities. Have them in Mira Mesa. Some of the highest performing schools in District. California is 45th in public school spending. Principals deserve a lot of credit for the work they do. High School principal is like being Mayor of a City. Will be retiring, think carefully about replacement.

Principals, please plan to step forward for a group photo at conclusion of all your remarks!

7) MMTC Bylaws Update, vote by MMTC members – Parliamentarian Charlene Ellsworth

- a) Motion (Jeff Stevens/Wayne Cox) Approved 24-0-1 with change of 24 to 48 hours for special meeting notice.

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

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. City consultant proposed modifying community plan covering all commercial areas with high density housing. Two options preserve anchor stores; third removes them also. Posted pictures on MMTC website – lots of activity. Many residents concerned about proposal. Will continue to discuss at next meeting October 21 at 5:30 PM.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreation Council & Recreation Advisory Group – Joe Frichtel, MMRAG Chairman – tomorrow, Lopez Ridge 7 PM.
- c) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Danielle Austin for Michael Spencer, president. Had booth at the fair. Looking for donations. Would like Street Fair to go later.
- d) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, branch manager. Busy month. Busy next month. 24,000 people in September. 1700 people attended children’s programs. Genealogy class 10-12 4th Thursday. Diwali festival. Filipino heritage month. Online calendar of programs.

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

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Pumpkin composting event day after Halloween. No candles. Senior Center Nov. 1, 8-6.
- b) County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, District 3 – Anthony George. Thanks for wonderful Street Fair. New program – achievement center. McAllister program at MMHS was in jeopardy. Helps students with drug problems.
- c) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. Graduated from MMHS. 2020 Census cards coming out mid-March. Need to have RealID to fly on a plane as of November 2020. Can still use passport. Get appointment soon.
- d) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Can get Social Security card online. 200,000 Filipino Americans in San Diego. Celebrating.

10) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up to speak at membership table) [8:35pm]

- a) Kay Ycoy – Turning Point pregnancy resource center. Miramar Road by Pyramid. Free pregnancy related services. Medical staff. Provide information on pregnancy
- b) George Resules – met Ted at Street Fair. Rep of US Census bureau. Lost money last time. Need to count everyone.
- c) Steve Hadley – Ask to vote for Barbara Bry for Mayor. Have worked with 9 elected officials. Getting police statistics for community groups should not be a big deal. Need better code compliance. Don’t even have department anymore. Neighborhood control of Planning is being challenged in Sacramento. Voted against blanket reductions in parking. March 3 is primary.
- d) Martha Pritchard – Chalk the Walk this Saturday. Rec Center any time after noon.
- e) Sabrina Bazzo – running for School Board. PTA mom, MMHS Foundation president.

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

- a) Parliamentarian – Charlene Ellsworth – Nomination of Officers: MMTC Board Election at Nov. 4 meeting, MMTC members who would like to serve on Nominating Committee this month or run for a Board position, email Charlene: parliament@miramesatowncouncil.org.
- b) MMTC 4th of July Committee –Charlene Ellsworth, parade chair. Organizing for next year
- c) Treasurer – Jonathan Lea. No report.
- d) Street Fair went very well, MMTC Seeks MM Volunteer of the Year Nominations by Nov. 11 – Jeff Stevens

12) Adjournment [9pm]

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 4, 2019