

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

January 6, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz

2) Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance

3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD if present)

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division. Christina Santos. Residential burglary – suspect ate food in the house. Burglar by entering vehicle and using the garage door opener. Breakin of a lockbox to a storage unit. Shoe shack robbed – entered through roof. Miramar – two commercial burglaries. 5 stolen vehicles in Mira Mesa. GetItDone app. Lots of scam phone calls. Woman living in MTS bus shelter. Sometimes she yells and shouts. Black Mountain and Mira Mesa Blvd. Asian 35-40. Sometimes lucid, sometimes incoherent/threatening.

4) Swearing in of 2020 MMTC Board – District 6 San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate

5) State of the District talk – District 6 San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate

- a) Loan program for police officers who have never owned a home in San Diego.
- b) City Budget – FY starting July 1. 83 million budget deficit. Want library and rec center hours preserved. Design phase for Gold Coast/Parkdale end of July. \$11 million. Trying to get money in budget. Epicentre – repairs are done. About to release RFP.
- c) Question about the FBA: why are cost estimates so bad; concerns about the City proposal to eliminate the FBAs and replace with Citywide DIF. Contractors are busy so costs have gone up. Chris supports maintaining the FBA program through the planned buildout.
- d) Complaint about Vulcan – dust and fumes from diesel fuel. Gold Coast is all dusty. Will get in contact with people at Vulcan. Bari requests that people send pictures and info to issues@miramesatowncouncil.org, will set up discussion with Vulcan and City.

6) SDG&E's Natural Gas Pipeline 1600 Replacement Projects - Black Mountain Project –

Kevin O'Beirne, Major Projects Development Manager, SDG&E.

- a) Installed in 1949. 50 miles. 4 miles in Mira Mesa. Pipeline ruptured in San Bruno, caused damage. Need to replace or pressure test pipeline. Prepared pipeline safety enhancement plan to review/test/replace all pipelines. Have modernized 23 miles of natural gas pipeline. Corrosion more of an issue than earthquakes. CPUC approved plan to replace 37 miles in populated areas, 13 miles in rural areas. 20 miles replaced. 3 miles strength tested. Modern pipes are much better. Thicker steel, yellow warning mesh above in case someone else digs there. Fiber optic cable for real time monitoring. Existing line has 20 foot easement between apartments and stores. New route will follow roads. 8 am to 4 pm. Construction work zones 1000 ft long, 100 ft/day. Two crews going north and south. Comment – do not impact MM Blvd and BMR during the day. Comment – SDG&E does not have a good track record for repairing roads. Answer: Will do it this time. Question – will it increase gas prices. Yes. Costs \$600 million.

7) Public art committee – ask LeoAngelo Reyes to chair committee.

- a) Leo did Powerbox project several years ago. Vote to approve appointment. Unanimous. Will set up email address.

8) MMTC Members' Approval of Minutes from December Meeting. Approved.

9) President's Report – Bari Vaz

- a) Some important issues will be brought up at MMCPG meeting. Plan update at 5:30
- b) Thank everyone who has called to volunteer and work with us. Holiday lighting. Resurrect Community Pride. Social Media outreach.
- c) Presentation of gavel to outgoing president Ted Brengel

10) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. Last month approved stop sign at Westonhill and Menkar. This month (Thursday, January 23) reviewing traffic at dropoff time at Ericson elementary school. Community Plan Update at 5:30 preceding meeting. Promised to bring more reasonable proposals for shopping centers.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreational Advisory Group – Joe Frichtel, Chairman
 - i) Special meeting tomorrow night to discuss projects at Salk, Wangenheim and Community Park phase 2. Cost much higher than estimated. Regular meeting following Tuesday.
- c) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager
 - i) Door count down a bit, but still had 18,000 in December. Programs well-attended. Exterior of library will be painted over next 4-6 weeks. Ukulele lessons. 4th Monday genealogy. Bring your own craft circle every Monday.
- d) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, President
 - i) Starting T-Shirt design contest. K-5. 4th year. Two from Mira Mesa, one from Dingeman in SR. Coming up in February. 460 entrants last year!

11) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara – April 1 is Census deadline. Want to get 100%. 62% in San Diego. Online and by phone this year. Question: What is State doing to safely dispose of solar panels?

12) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda, sign up at membership table)

- a) Dennis Duong, Tet Festival January 24-26. Music, dance. Free. Hoping for good weather. Year of the rat. No sound after 10 pm.
- b) Carmen Kasner MMIMB. Making the Cut barbecue competition. January 25. 4-7 pm. \$10 tickets at the door. Looking for contestants.
- c) Rita –Politicians take credit and pass blame. Need to elect people who will work for our country. Need law and order. Congressman paid ~\$180k/year.
- d) Tommy Hough – working for San Diego Audubon. Restoring Mission Bay wetlands. Doing presentation on Thursday, 16th at Black Mountain democrats meeting. Thursday 30th Pints with Tommy at Longship. 5-7 pm.
- e) June Cutter. Military wife, mom. Running for State Assembly.
- f) Maria Pankau - November 7th Band Tournament

13) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Damaged banners have been replaced. Looking for new banner design.
- b) Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens. Jennifer Kvalvik is VOY. Saturday April 18th. Maria/Pam forming committee.
- c) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – Bari Vaz. Registration for vendors and parade are online now. Parade letters going out this week. Already have float, motorcycle group. MMHS Band will be back.
- d) Membership – Brandy Ludwick. Middle of membership year. Will have count next month
- e) Treasurer's Report – Jonathan Lea. 2019 summary – down \$900 over year mostly because we spent \$3000 to replace faded banners. Working on budget. Made ~\$9,000 on street fair.

14) Adjournment [9:00 pm]

Note: MMTC is organizing a Mira Mesa Community Information booth at the San Diego Tet Festival in Mira Mesa Community Park, January 24 – 26! MMTC volunteers needed and other community non-profits invited to participate! Email president@miramesatowncouncil.org and/or membership@miramesatowncouncil.org to schedule your shift at the booth.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2020!