

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

February 3, 2020

6pm Registrar of Voters table opens to register new voters or anyone with address changes

6:30pm -- 7pm Meet & Greet the Candidates – informal mingling and chance to talk one-on-one with candidates for San Diego Unified School Board Dist. A, San Diego County Supervisor Dist. 3, and State Assembly 77th District

1) MMTCC Meeting call to order by President Bari Vaz [7:00 pm]

2) Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance – Mira Mesa Girl Scouts Troop 3177

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

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Christina Santos. 11 residential burglaries. Most were sliding glass door entry. Hollow Mesa Ct., Jade Coast, Libra Drive, Kibler Dr., Ave. Del Gato, Camino Ruiz, Compass Pt Drive, Reagan Rd. 4 vehicles stolen. 25 accidents. Too many pedestrians running across the street. Q: people living in cars near the church. Prostitution going on. A. Send more info. Like to have picture of graffiti. Pedestrian bridge is a problem. Homeless breaking lights. Tom Derr – MMMAD has been trying to replace lights with better, more durable type of lighting, but keep getting rejected. Videos of people stealing, doing car theft are helpful.

4) Main Program: Meet the Candidates – 5 min each for candidates to talk about their background & goals

a) San Diego Unified School Board Dist A

- i) Sabrina Bazzo – 18 year parent volunteer, have been on Mira Mesa Town Council Board. Need experienced parent voice on School Board. Product of public schools. Parents were teachers. Grew up outside of Chicago. Parents believed children should go to school with kids from all walks of life. Mira Mesa perfect fit – great neighborhood schools, diverse classes. Not true throughout district. Kids went to Sandburg, Challenger. Soccer Mom, MMHS Foundation President for 6 years. At table with parents, teachers, administration. Had to make tough decisions. President of School Board has endorsed, San Diego educators, San Diego school police endorsed. Education is very important.
- ii) Stephen (“Steph”) Groce – Focused on students and teachers. District has taken resources away from children and teachers. Grew up in military, Adelanto Elementary, corrupt area, Victorville. Victor Valley community college. Became entrepreneur. Education was weak. Outside Pentagon when 9/11 happened. Now have MBA, life experience, wife, 3 kids. Example of what can be accomplished. Started company to help parents connect with their children. Classroom parent, spent a lot of time in classrooms. School site safety is important.
- iii) Crystal Trull – Grew up in Mira Mesa, went to Mason, Wangenheim, MMHS. Had quality education. Part time professor at UCSD. Mission statement of school district sounds good. Nearly half of district are failing English. Know we can do better. Focused on 3 areas: 1) prioritize accountability, transparency, accessibility; 2) resources – can make better choices, give teachers what they need; 3) excellence – have world class things going on around us. Talk to parents and community members. Committed to District A and San Diego.

b) San Diego County Supervisor Dist. 3

- (1) Olga Diaz – 3rd term on Escondido City Council. Have enjoyed every minute of it. Accounting background. Started coffee shop. City Council was proposing anti-immigrant laws, ran and won. Good at EIR’s, development agreements, land use plans. \$6.3 billion budget. Sheriff’s department, jails, health and human services. Homelessness. Want to roll up my sleeves and help people. Homelessness, climate change, housing affordability. Missing middle – homes affordable by middle income people. Like administrative work. Details matter.
- (2) Terra Lawson-Remer – Most important part of being representative is getting to know constituents. 3rd generation in San Diego. Grew up here, product of public schools. Current Board is not doing what we need. Roads need repair. Gold Coast, Parkdale. Organizer with

United Farm Workers in College. Treasury department in Obama administration. Need to address homeless problems.

c) State Assembly 77th District

- i) June Yang Cutter. Thank you for being concerned enough to come out tonight. Civil litigator. Decluttering business. PTA president. Serves on HOA, California Women's leadership. Not a career politician. Opponent elected as Republican, two weeks after election switched to Democrat. Sounds like politics. Decided to run. No one working for working people, middle class. Want to be voice for such people. Moved to San Diego 11 years ago.

5) MMTC Members' Approval of Minutes from January Meeting. Approved.

6) President's Report – Bari Vaz

- a) MMHS graduate Damien Williams in Superbowl – MM is proud. Fine person.
- b) Community Pride committee is being reactivated. Marv Miles will chair.
- c) Public art committee – Leo Angelo Reyes is chair. Have \$1600 grant. Will be painting SDG&E boxes.
- d) Neighborhood watch. Start organizing.
- e) Black Mountain Road Bridge – working with MMMAD to correct problems there.
- f) Reach out to everyone to work on these problems.
- g) Meetings will be up on YouTube. Greg Hoxie will be videoing.

7) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chairman. Last month Community Plan Update meeting cancelled due to asbestos problems in the Planning Department's new offices, Will have meeting on Thursday, Feb 20 at 5:30 PM. Last Planning Group meeting reviewed approaches to improving traffic flow around Ericson Elementary School. Requested traffic study. Next meeting design for Salk neighborhood park.
- b) Mira Mesa Recreational Advisory Group – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Next meeting Tuesday Feb 11. City has mandated spending lots of money on storm water and public art which is impacting the budgets of our projects. Public art artist will be at Gil Johnson 1-4, Saturday.
- c) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Pam Stevens for Ina Gibson. Sat Feb 29 Spring into STEAM party. 11 am. 1 hour animals of the rainforest. Banned book club reading Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian. Young adults section.
- d) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Danielle Austin – 3Roots will be title sponsor. T-Shirt contest at all schools is starting. Will have new radio station for Fireworks.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Thursday, April 30 public budget review meeting. Come out to support. 6 pm. \$11 million for Gold Coast and Parkdale. Council chambers. 12th floor. Luis will provide more info before meeting.
- b) County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, District 3 – Anthony George. Summit on human trafficking at White House. Second largest underground economy. Smart phones are biggest tools for predators. App developed that assesses the risk. Checks Instagram. Will be checking TikTok. Study for onsite child care for county workers. Not yet approved. 8 week paid leave considered too much. No coronavirus in San Diego yet. Flu is a bigger killer – get flu shots.
- c) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. Still working on legislative package. Get RealID. Need either RealID or Passport to fly by October 1. DMV is trying to speed up. Get an account at DMV before going.
- d) VAYA – Dennis, Alex Nguyen. Great turnout. Good weather. High School parking lot was not reserved by event, so school district authorized Band to collect money as fund raiser. VAYA did not reserve it because school district was requiring too much money for security guards.

9) Open Forum

- a) Jennifer Kvalvik – Tuesday Feb 11 photo shoot for this year's Fair banners. Superhero theme. 2:30 room 419. Right after school. 45 banners.
- b) Jennifer Kvalvik - Taste of Mira Mesa March 31 at Veloce Motors' The Vault showroom/event center. \$35/ticket before event, \$40 at door. 15 restaurants. Alcohol. Biggest fundraiser in whole district.
- c) March 6 – Freaky Friday. MiraMesaTheatre.org for tickets. Going fast.
- d) Ryan Cunningham – candidate for Congressional District 52. Graduate of MMHS. First time running for public office. Passionate for this district, where he grew up. Issues based campaign. Stop sewage

coming in from Mexico. Prioritize US citizens in College, employment. Public finance investment banker.

10) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Volunteer of the Year Dinner – Pam Stevens. VOY is Jennifer Kvalvik. Location confirmed. April 18 Country Inn and Suites.
- b) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – Bari Vaz. Tuesday Feb 11 6:30 pm meeting in Community Office. People already starting to sign up for parade and fun day.
- c) Membership – Brandy Ludwick. We currently have 64 members, 20 business.
- d) Treasurer’s Report – Jonathan Lea. Draft budget prepared. About break even this year. Will go over at Board meeting next week, approval by general membership next month.

11) Adjournment

Next meeting: Monday, March 2, 2020!