

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020

Online meeting with Bluejeans and Facebook Live

- 1) Introduction of board members, committee members, Michael Spencer from Scripps Mesa Fireworks, and Councilmember Chris Cate
- 2) Introduction of MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarship winners by scholarship committee chair Eric Kolbeck and recognition by Councilmember Cate – Cassandra Bui, Christina Mai, Vivian Nguyen.
- 3) Introduction of Scripps Mesa Fireworks T-Shirt Contest Winner Jaina from Hage Elementary School (second grade!) by Michael Spencer and recognition by Councilmember Cate.
- 4) Councilmember Cate: current issues, followed by Q&A

Thanks to everyone for showing up to the budget hearing about Gold Coast and Parkdale reconstruction. Your voices were heard. San Diego has a \$350 million loss of revenue this year. We received \$250 million in CARES act revenue, which will help. Can use them for expenses not directly related to COVID-19. The budget deliberation will be on June 8 budget. The Mayor's proposal has libraries closed Sunday and Monday. Chris is opposed. Reallocate money for that purpose. \$7 million. Will need the libraries as a resource after the crisis is over. Also trying to retain pool and recreation center hours. For Gold Coast and Parkdale, we won't see a direct allocation in budget, but will be issuing bonds to include the first year funding needed. Will know in Fall. Very confident will receive first year of funding. Will take two budget years. Highly unlikely will stop half way through.

Question on the proposed new City Park and Recreation plan, which does away with population-based park acreages and FBA funded parks. Chris is very concerned about it and has been trying to get FBA's grandfathered until community buildout.

Question about: Limits on Freedom of Speech. Answer: the first amendment covers a broad range of speech and action, extends to flag burning but not to violent acts,

- 5) Anthony George for Kristin Gaspar – Beaches open tomorrow. Able to accelerate reopening because San Diego is doing well. Salons and other businesses opening tomorrow. New County Health Order tomorrow.

Question about Sports teams. Trying to get sports started again. See Gameonsandiego.com.

Question about playgrounds: Playgrounds are a place that encourages gatherings, so difficult to reopen.

- 6) Librarian Ina Gibson introduced the new contact-free pickup service at Mira Mesa Library. Congratulations to all winners. Library staff misses the community. Reorganizing. Not opening doors yet, but Mira Mesa is now a hold/pickup service location. Call library. Place on table. Wave. Take book home. No returns yet. Call library with any questions. Keep reading!

- 7) Other news: Bari – flyers about protests being planned in Mira Mesa. Have not been able to confirm. Staying in close communication with SDPD. Will monitor situation.

Bari – to honor our graduates who will not have customary graduation, MMTC has a 40 foot banner designed by a high school student. On display next week.

Jennifer K. June 9 is last day of school. Principal wants to do virtual graduation Friday June 12. Come to parking lot to cheer them on. Yard signs all over community. Thursday students are turning in all computers, calculators, etc.