

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2020

Bari started the meeting at 7:00 pm

John Lee Evans: March 13 had to close schools due to COVID-19 outbreak. Distributed 50,000 computers to students to work remotely. Teaching again online by the end of April. Financial meltdown has also impacted schools. By June, wanted to get kids back in school for next school year. Then virus started to spread again. Have not yet decided when to go back to in classroom. Need to meet state benchmarks to be allowed to go back to school. Even then, there are problems with logistics. New virus, still learning about it. Panel of medical people formed to advise. Have come to agreement with teachers about remote learning plan. On August 10 will outline plan in more detail.

Questions: Jennifer K – will teachers vote on this? Distance learning plan has been negotiated and will go to membership. Is there any variation in screen time with grade? It is a fixed amount, but there is some flexibility. Kindergarten through second grade is particularly tough.

Teri Ang – was on bargaining team. Tentative agreement between district and union, but must be ratified by union membership. There is a lot of flexibility built into the plan. Needs to be adapted to different grade levels. Issues with breakout rooms, opt in/out for video recordings. Need to be able to see kid's faces to teach.

Kaanchan – Can parents propose ideas? In contact with people in other countries also dealing with this problem. Answer: yes, looking for good ideas. Particularly ideas that don't cost money.

Bari posted Chris Cate's memo about options for going back to school. List of proposals.

Luis Pallera – generated list of options. Councilmember is parent of young children. Options include pay for home school. Staggered start times. Outdoor classes. Libraries open. Tax credit for in home learning.

John Lee Evans – better equipped with technology than many other districts. Bought hot spots for students and agreements with cable providers to provide Internet access, so have device and Internet for all students. 97% participation rate. Outdoor classrooms are a possibility. Covered shade areas. Need to review all locations at all schools. Need to meet all safety requirements. Staggered times will work some places, not others. Transportation is big problem if buses need to be mostly empty. Public libraries will have to follow the same safety measures as schools. #1 safety measure is masks.

Teri Ang – 1) City Council doesn't run the school district. City Council can make recommendations, but it is up to School Board to make decisions. 2) No input from teachers. 3) Recommendations are expensive and impractical. Teri will discuss with Luis and Chris. Feedback is welcome.

Send ideas to John Lee Evans johnleeevans@sandiegounified.org.

Send ideas to Luis. lpallera@sandiego.gov.

Were able to partner with Mayor to open some businesses. Outdoor nail salons and barber shops.

Anthony George – Unfortunately had to close down some businesses again. Kristen Gaspar has been distributing PPE. Trying to activate park spaces. Using catering businesses. Need to find better strategy so are not turning businesses on and off multiple times. Do more outdoors. Zip code 92126 has 372

cases. Need to get to fewer than 100 cases/day in the County. Now at 118.

Anthony.George@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Ina Gibson – in full swing with hold, pickup and return services. Book drops are open. In July over 10,000 items returned, 8,000 items checked out. Probably starting this week, approved to give out prizes for summer reading program. No word on full opening. Yvonne – when did program start? June 1, ends August 31. For kids of all ages. Pam – very busy inside library. The meeting rooms are being used for book quarantine. Continuing with book group meeting through Zoom. Next – midnight in the garden of good and evil. Email Pam for link to meeting. San Diego Public Library Foundation is matching donations for reading. Ina - returned items are being quarantined for a week.

Richie Ludwick – playing Little League with some severe restrictions

Brandy – 25 members, 23 renewals, 3 new. Please renew if you have not renewed or join if not a member yet.

Jennifer K – Taste Of Mira Mesa was very successful. Every basket was bid on. Raffle being done this week. Next week table set up for baskets to be picked up.

Jonathan – Our cash on hand is OK. Not much going on. Have \$47,000. Paid for three \$1000 scholarships. Need to pay for insurance even when nothing is happening.

Teri – Attempting to do virtual street fair entertainment. Spread the word. Collecting videos from the bands and community groups. On website.

Jeff – No Street Fair this year, but doing virtual entertainment, maybe online vendors.

Jeff – Mira Mesa Community Planning Group two weeks from today. Will make a formal recommendation on Stone Creek, 4450 units, largest project ever proposed in Mira Mesa. Eastern part of Carroll Canyon. Have been reviewing versions of the project for 15 years. Subcommittee meeting Thursday (via Zoom). Email Jeff Stevens at mmcpg.chair@gmail.com if you want to attend the subcommittee meeting.

Tommy Hough – August 12 Democrats for Environmental Action event. Montgomery field. Too much lead being discharged into the air. Email Tommy for Zoom link. tommy@tommyhough.com.

Sabrina Bazzo – in Philadelphia. Running for school board.

Pam - D6 small business summit is on this week. Attend Wed Thu Fri.

Adjourned 8:13.