

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

March 1, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz

2) Recognition of First Responders

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – No report.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Covid calls are going down. Fewer respiratory issues. Running 3 vaccination stations. Homeless – PD has been working on it; less activity in the park. Structure fire, school coach was displaced. Preparing for canyon fires, brush clearing. Several house fires this year. Most start in garage.

3) MMTC Members' Approval of Minutes from February Meeting - approved as written.

4) President's Report – Bari Vaz

- a) GoFundMe for Mira Mesa Lanes was reopened. Little information yet. Auction has been suspended. Kearny Mesa Bowl is also closing.
- b) Pedestrian Bridge over Black Mountain Road. Task force formed to look into options. MMMAD pays \$700/month to clean it.

5) MMTC Scholarship Committee Announcement – Jeff Stevens for Eric Kolbeck, Scholarship Committee Chair

- a) MMTC Scholarships are awarded based on community volunteer service. All high school seniors who live in Mira Mesa are eligible. Application will be posted and distributed soon. Applications are due May 3, 2021.

6) Main Program: Mira Mesa Community Plan Update – MMCPG chair Jeff Stevens

- a) See attached presentation

7) Government and Community Resources [7:50pm]

- a) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. No report.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Still very limited in what can be done in the library. Can pull books for you, update library cards, check out books, but you can't go into the stacks or use quiet study spaces. Wi-Fi is still available in parking lot. Winter reading challenge continuing. Prizes. April is National Poetry Month.
- c) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, President. No report.
- d) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Bob Turner, Chair. No report.
- e) MMHS Leadership Students' Projects – Jennifer Kvalvik. Amazing leadership students. Career Technical Student Association. Two big projects: 1) adopt a succulent; place in planter boxes around school; 2) homeless care kits. Put together bags of essentials for homeless. Distribute through Christ Community Church. Need donations of stuff for bags.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) San Diego Unified School District Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Last Monday agreement reached between district and Teacher's Union for onsite mitigation factors. Proper ventilation, PPE, Red Tier required for reopening. April 12 is tentative reopening date. All grades! Vaccinations for teachers before then. Started past Saturday. Tuesday next School Board meeting. Tutoring program started last year. Laurie Heinzman, retired principal, is running the program. Trying to get out to students who need it. Teri Ang – reopening contingent on three tiers; not going back to normal. Sabrina – putting together a committee to work on hiring new superintendent. John Lee Evans, Laurie Heinzman on committee. Theresa Suarez, director of ethnic studies at CSU San Marcos.

- b) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson. Community College still virtual, will be probably into the summer. Geysil Arroyo, South Park, appointed to Board after Sean Elo was elected to City Council. Constance Carroll Retiring. Four candidates to fill position. Trying to bring baccalaureate degrees into Community Colleges. Have some for health care system at Mesa College. Could be expanded. Jose Medina is author of legislation to expand. Wes Lundburg is the new president of Miramar College.
- c) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Star Powell triathlon tomorrow morning. Across from City Hall. Food banks in Penasquitos and Mira Mesa March 20.
- d) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Evelyn Andrade. Proposal for grant funds to small businesses. Early March. Under 20 employees. Phase 1B – fire fighters, educators, many other new categories. Go to County if you can't get vaccine through your health care provider.
- e) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk.
 - i) Covid-19 Eviction Moratoriums and [Rental Assistance \\$ Interest List](#): Mayor Gloria announced that the City will make nearly \$87 million available in emergency rental assistance to San Diego residents and brought forward a proposal to the City Council that extended eviction protections for renters and businesses to the City Council. Under the moratorium, qualifying tenants cannot be evicted for unpaid rent for financial hardships related to COVID-19 accrued during the period starting this month on Feb. 1, 2021, and ending 60 days after the City's COVID-19 emergency declaration ends. Any unpaid rent that accumulates during this period and is not repaid will be converted to consumer debt.
 - (1) For residential tenants, the eviction ban will remain in effect until 60 days after the City's COVID-19 emergency declaration is lifted.
 - (2) For commercial tenants, the eviction ban will remain in effect through June 30, 2021, or 60 days after the City's emergency declaration is lifted, whichever comes first. Affected businesses would have six months from the end of the commercial eviction moratorium to make any outstanding payments.
 - ii) Both residents and businesses are still responsible for any unpaid rent or lease payments. Tenants and landlords are encouraged to work out repayment plans. Tenants must contact their landlords to qualify for protection. The money available will provide financial assistance to cover unpaid rent and utilities for qualifying residential households affected by COVID-19. (The \$42.3 million the City received was a result of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, and the \$45 million the City received was from the State).
 - iii) San Diego Library Foundation: Help craft San Diego Public Library's future, the San Diego Public Library and San Diego Public Library Foundation are developing a new master plan open through April 17. [Community Feedback](#) about
 - (1) What do you want from the Library?
 - (2) How can the Library serve your community?
 - (3) What services, technologies, and programs would help you?
 - iv) [San Diego Community Choice Energy](#)- As part of a pledge to create a more sustainable San Diego, Mayor Todd Gloria began San Diego Community Power—a community choice energy service responsible for purchasing wholesale clean electricity on behalf of customers in San Diego, Chula Vista, Encinitas, La Mesa and Imperial Beach. SDCP is a community choice aggregator intended to provide clean, renewable energy at competitive rates and investing in innovative programs to benefit the environment and the economy. SDCP will source cleaner electricity for approximately 770,000 customer accounts.
- f) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. No report.
- g) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara. No report
- h) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen.
 - i) American Rescue Plan: Last Friday... the House passed the American Rescue Plan (\$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 spending bill). Included in this bill: \$1400 /person (stimulus checks), investments to safely reopen our schools, direct housing and nutrition assistance, child care, extend and expand unemployment insurance, etc. [Full listing and press release](#).
 - ii) Peace Corps 60th Anniversary: This month, the Peace Corps celebrates its 60th Anniversary. International volunteer program funded by the federal government, volunteer work on social and economic development assistance, 2 years commitment, monthly modest stipend. [Link to Panel event](#).

9) Open Forum - none

10) Other MMTTC Committee Reports

- a) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Nothing to report. Waiting for grants to be available.

- b) Fourth of July Committee [Parade and Fun Day] – Bari Vaz. Not likely will have Fun Day event. Maybe parade. Need to be at red tier 8 weeks prior to event for Fireworks.
- c) Membership – Brandy Ludwick. Currently we have 47 members.

11) Adjournment 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 – virtually via Zoom