

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

May 3, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

1) Call to order by Vice-president Pam Stevens

2) Recognition of First Responders – none present.

3) MMTC Members' Approval of Minutes from April Meeting – approved.

4) Main Program – Community Helpers

- a) Hands-On San Diego – Lisa Lundgren. Strengthen communities through volunteer action. Connect people with community needs. Connect volunteers with nonprofits needing volunteers. Do not charge nonprofit groups so need to get money elsewhere. Volunteers can search for opportunities of many types: Food distribution, ecological improvements. Works with Porchlight, Lucky Duck, Auntie Helen's thrift store, Toy drives. 25,000 volunteers, 62,000 hours. 141 schools, parks and nonprofits helped. Memberships encouraged. MM2021 promo code 40% off for MMTC members.
- b) Elderhelp of San Diego – Keegan Cheledan. Housing sharing – connect seekers and providers. One roommate must be over 60. Longest match is 16 years, average 4.9 years. Not rapid housing, but a long term solution. Poway service has existed for 10 years. Seekers can live anywhere in San Diego. 89% feel quality of life is better, 94% more likely to remain independent. Can age with dignity. On hold for past year due to pandemic, but opening again now. Need more providers. 858-748-9675, kcheleden@elderhelpofsandiego.org. Donation based. No fixed costs. 900 shares arranged.

5) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
 - i) Next meeting (May 17) – the former Carroll Canyon Golf and Rec, now “Flite Sorrento Valley Golf Entertainment Center” on agenda for approval of their Community Plan amendment.
 - ii) Community Plan Update – City is proposing up to 23,000 units in shopping centers and Sorrento Mesa, which could add 50,000 people to Mira Mesa. Concerned about impacts and lack of new public facilities to support the new population.
- b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Thanks for completing library survey. “Do your homework at the library” program is now virtual. Can get extra help for kids who need it. Summer reading program will probably be virtual. How-to festival coming.
- c) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Pam Stevens read a report from Michael Spencer: Scripps Mesa Fireworks is working with MMTC, SDUSD, and Pyro Spectaculars towards making a Fireworks Show for 4th of July 2021 a reality. The continued support from the community and their desire to celebrate this year is driving us forward.

6) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) San Diego Unified School District Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Schools have restarted at 40-90% of students returning. Mira Mesa 70% of students returned. 4 days/week in Mira Mesa. Students have headphones so they are in sync with kids still online. New music building at MMHS now operating. Lamont Jackson has been instrumental in getting Fireworks approval. Graduations at Petco Park. Up to 4 people can attend for each graduate.
- b) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. Small business improvement program. City budget meeting this week. May need residents out to support Gold Coast and Parkdale.
- c) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Evelyn Andrade.
 - i) COVID - Everyone aged 16 and up is now eligible to receive the vaccine, so please get vaccinated! Please encourage your friends and family to get vaccinated. You no longer need an appointment to get vaccinated, but can schedule an appointment at www.VaccinationSuperStationSD.com if you prefer.
 - ii) EARTH DAY PACKAGE - Supervisor Lawson-Remer is taking action to protect our environment and quality of life by partnering with Supervisors Fletcher and Vargas on new policies to champion sustainability within the county in honor of Earth Day and we are hoping to have your support.

- iii) Earlier this year, Terra won unanimous support for proposals to address the climate crisis, including making San Diego the largest county in the United States to commit to Zero Carbon by 2035. These policies will build on that work. The first policy as part of our Earth Day package is in partnership with Chair Fletcher, we are asking for the creation of a Comprehensive Native Plants Landscaping Plan for the region so we can do better to protect San Diego's biodiversity for future generations.
- iv) Also with Chair Fletcher we are asking for an assessment the County's organizational structure to ensure the county is structured in a way that centers sustainability from top to bottom.
- v) Lastly, along with Supervisor Vargas, Supervisor Lawson-Remer is asking for every single Department in the county to develop and implement a sustainability plan.
- vi) If you are interested in supporting any of those policies, linked here are instructions to call into the meeting or submit an e-comment:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zgnlOh8u5xdfaFRs32DxjLbRRq-_6M2eEY6IUMISKQ/edit#
- vii) Please consider signing up for our email list for more updates: <http://tiny.cc/BOSd3Updates>
 - (1) Feel free to contact me if you have any questions:
 - (2) Evlyn Andrade
 - (3) evlyn.andrade@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - (4) 858-289-9195
- d) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. Sent report (attached).
- e) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen
 - i) May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Rep. Peters recently attended an event this past Saturday to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month hosted by the Asian Pacific Islander Initiative and the Filipino Resource Center at Pyramid Innovation Center. This Thursday, he'll be joining elected and community leaders at the Asian Pacific American Coalition Town Hall to discuss the "State of the Asian Pacific American Community" in San Diego County (Congressman Scott Peters, Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, DA Summer Stephan, Mayor Todd Gloria, and Councilmember Chris Cate). More Info: <http://apac-townhall-apahm.eventbrite.com>
 - ii) Today, the application portal for the Small Business Administration's Restaurant Revitalization Fund is open for eligible businesses. Restaurants, caterers, bars, bakeries, breweries, wineries and distilleries are some of the businesses that qualify to receive this emergency assistance which was made possible by the passage of the American Rescue Plan. For more information and details on this funding: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund>

7) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda) [8:25 pm]

- a) Tommy Hough – want to get streets fixed. Need to get attention back on District 6. Middle class district, often ignored. Lost Thunderhawk, Intergalactic, Longship breweries. Need to protect businesses. Mira Mesa Lanes is still with us.
- b) Jennifer Kvalvik – MMHS is one of 3 California Distinguished Schools. Proud of student volunteers. Delivered food to homeless people downtowns. Got two grants for homeless care kits. \$1,000. Adopt a succulent garden. Got \$1000 grant. Very motivated kids. 15 amazing students.
- c) Nicole Crosby – resident of Clairemont, running for City Council district 6. Chief deputy district attorney. Bureaucracy stagnates. Follow through on plans for affordable housing, transit. Takes a lot to get people to the table. Parks, clean water, clean beaches, infrastructure. Helping homeless get services.
- d) Kent Lee – running for City Council District 6. Mira Mesa resident for 15 years. Executive director of Pacific Arts Movement. Led geology day with boy scouts and Vulcan. Founder of Asian Pacific Islanders Association. Planning Group for 8 years.

8) Other MMTTC Committee Reports [8:35 pm]

- a) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik
- b) Scholarship – Pam Stevens for Eric Kolbeck. Applications are being received.
- c) Membership – Brandy Ludwick. Current memberships extended to June 30, 2022. Encourage new members to join.

9) Adjournment 8:35.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021 – virtually via Zoom

Thank you again for participating in **District 6's Meet Your Mayor**. Here is a video of the virtual town hall for those who may have missed it: https://youtu.be/fc6T0pZ_sNY

COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

The City of San Diego is still administering COVID-19 vaccines. If you or someone you know is having difficulty getting an appointment, provide them this link: <https://www.sandiego.gov/covid-19-vaccination>

At this time, the City is administering Moderna, Pfizer and J&J (but supply does vary week to week)

Rental Relief \$ Housing Stability Program

Qualifying households may apply for the City's COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program at covidassistance.sdhc.org. Applications are available in more than 20 languages. Applications may be submitted by a tenant, community-based organization or 211 San Diego on behalf of a tenant. Those who need help with their application or have questions about the program can call (619) 535-6921 or contact CBO's listed in this [press release](#)

Mayor Gloria "Back To Work SD" Proposed Budget

- Mayor Gloria formally presented the Fiscal Year 2022(FY22) Proposed Budget to the City Council on April 20th
- The proposed budget centers on the "Back to Work SD" plan Mayor Gloria developed during his campaign that serves as a framework to help San Diegans devastated by COVID-19 and equip them for a brighter future.
- The budget protects services, invest in workers and prioritizes equitable recovery
- **Mayor Gloria's budget proposal includes:**
 - Getting San Diegans "Back to Work"
 - Protecting core services and jobs through fiscal responsibility
 - **\$10 million** to build quality, complete "sexy" streets in communities of concern
 - Making major investments to combat homelessness
 - Over **\$10 million** to support the Homelessness Strategies Department
 - Police reform
 - Decreasing SDPD overtime, netting a savings of more than **\$4 million** annually
 - Reinvesting those savings through the implementation of the new independent Commission on Police Practice
 - Continued funding for "No Shots Fired" gang prevention program
 - Equipping San Diegans for a better tomorrow
 - New "Summer for All of Us" program
 - **\$500,000** to enhance summer library youth programming
 - Tackling Climate Change
 - Updates to the Climate Action Plan and creating the City's Mobility Action Plan
 - Investing **\$5 million** into the new Climate Equity Fund
- **Addressing the deficit**
 - San Diego faced an expected budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year of \$124 million – a figure that exceeds the entire Parks and Recreation Department annual budget.
 - The American Rescue Plan will allocate approximately \$306 million in federal relief to the City of San Diego
 - Mayor Gloria proposed using these funds to strengthen the local economy and stabilize City finances.
 - The Mayor's budget sets the City on a path toward structurally balancing its City finances over the next five years.
- **The final budget will be adopted in June** following several weeks of review by the public and the City Council. The first public hearing on Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed budget is this week on May 5th
- The full budget proposal can be found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/finance/proposed>