

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

June 7, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz

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

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – not present
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – not present

3) MMTC Members' Approval of Minutes from May Meeting - approved

4) President's Report – Bari Vaz. Thanks to all of the people who supported the Epicentre plan at the County Board of Supervisors meeting.

5) MMTC/Verne Goodwin 2021 Scholarship Awards – Eric Kolbeck, MMTC Scholarship Committee chair, and San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate

Eric Kolbeck thanked the committee members who reviewed the applications – Jeff Stevens, Kaanchan Farkiya, Danielle Austin and Jonathan Lea. He then introduced the three graduating high school seniors from Mira Mesa who will each receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from MMTC, based on their involvement with community service:

- * Marianne Aquino
- * Sharlene Lorenzo
- * Valerie Tran

6) City Hall update – San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate. Thanks to Supervisor Lawson-Remer's Office and Evelyn Andrade for their efforts on the Epicentre. Working closely with them on this project. This is budget season. On 6/14 the FY 2022 budget will be at City Council. A big issue addressed in May was restoration of reduced library hours. Sunday hours have been restored and Monday hours will be restored as new staff is hired. Made the case that Mira Mesa is very large and has only one library, so it should stay open. Gold Coast and Parkdale reconstruction are waiting for money already received to be approved on a list of projects by City Council. Should happen in early July. The proposed Parks Master Plan has been released. Still concerned that it diverts money from developing communities such as Kearny Mesa and Mira Mesa. New banners celebrating Philippine Independence Day and the Philippine Nurses association will be unveiled at Mira Mesa Blvd and New Salem/Marauder Way at 1 PM on Friday, June 11.

7) Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve User Education project, user survey invitation – Marilyn Teague.

The Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee has posted an online survey to assess how people are using the canyon. Links posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Have about 600 responses. Please publicize more. Open until 6/18/2021. Use this link:

<https://forms.gle/jytyTZMrKRKuK1n89>

8) Government and Community Resources

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair. May meeting: Terra Lawson-Remer talked about the County proposal to renew and operate the Epicentre. Presentation by Flite Sorrento Valley (formerly Carroll Canyon Park and Rec) to expand their golf facility, which will require a community plan amendment. Presentation by the San Diego Redistricting Commission, which will adjust City Council districts. Will not have data until September so are using SANDAG estimates for now. Community Plan Update – selected densest of two proposed land use options so we can get an upper bound on impacts and needed public facilities. June meeting – 2 mitigation projects in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. Proposed Parks Master Plan released this week. Many problems with it. Eliminates population-based park acreage standard, replaced with an obscure point system. Replaced Community-specific developer fees such as the FBA with a Citywide DIF fee.
- b) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer, President. Trying to resolve insurance issues so we can have Fireworks this year.
- c) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Can use library card to pay for printing at 15 cents/page. Friends of the Library will be having monthly outdoor patio book sales. Wireless hot

spots will be available for checkout in one month. Summer reading program June 1- August 31. 10 books or 10 hours of reading.

- d) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President. Will issue 2,145 degrees this year. Virtual commencement and car-mencement, Vaccination clinic on campus 6/15.

9) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) San Diego Unified School District Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Working with the District and Scripps Mesa Fireworks to get 4th of July Fireworks. Had to move locations. Trying to resolve insurance issues. Virtual graduation this year. Sabrina will attend 6 graduation ceremonies. Sad to report that Wangenheim Principal Matt Fallon's wife died suddenly. An educational fund is being set up for his 3 boys at [this link](#).
- b) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Evlyn Andrade. \$3.5 million budgeted for Epicentre. Will need community support to make sure it stays in budget. Contact info: evlyn.andrade@sdcountry.ca.gov. 858-289-9195. Link to Sign-up for our newsletter for updates: <http://tiny.cc/BOSd3Updates>. We'll need the community's help to ensure capital projects like the Mira Mesa Community Center are fully funded in the upcoming budget. You can submit an E-Comment in support by clicking here: <http://tiny.cc/InvestInD3>. To Apply for rental assistance, renters and landlords go to: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/sdhcd/community-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.html>. To learn more about the Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, read the article here: <https://timesofsandiego.com/politics/2021/05/18/supervisors-ok-evidence-based-policymaking-approach-and-new-office/>. Watch our District 3 Virtual Budget Forum here: <https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorLawsonRemer/videos/353810479496285>.
- c) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. The Parks Master Plan has been released. Will get up to date on what it means for Mira Mesa. FBA/DIF fees collected to date will stay in the community. Most likely fees from projects that are approved before the implementation date of July 2022 will stay in community, but after that go into the Citywide fund.
- d) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. If anyone in the community of Mira Mesa needs assistance from Assemblymember Brian Maienschein's Office please e-mail me at Robert.Knudsen@asm.ca.gov. San Diego County's Goal is to reach 70% vaccinated. Currently at 69.7% for first shot; 55.1% fully vaccinated. Bill 80556 civil liability for fertility fraud. Sacramento should not make planning/zoning decisions for Mira Mesa. Saddened to hear about Bruce Brown's passing.
- e) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Out of town; submitted written report: June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Rep. Peters wanted to raise awareness about this issue by recognizing San Diego-based research institutions/organizations that are working to cure and know more about this disease. Please join us virtually on Thursday June 10th from 2:30-3:30pm PST for this informative discussion. Questions or concerns, please email Anthony Nguyen from the Office of Congressman Scott Peters: Anthony.Nguyen@mail.house.gov.

10) Open Forum

- a) Tommy Hough, candidate for City Council District 6 introduced himself. Tommyhough.com. Fundraiser 6/27.
- b) Kent Lee, candidate for City Council District 6 introduced himself. First generation Asian-American. 8 years on Mira Mesa Community Planning Group.

11) Adjournment in Memory of Bruce Brown

[See <https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/voy/1986-and-1994-bruce-brown/>]

Next Meeting: NO Meeting in July, Next Meeting Monday, August 2, 2021 – maybe in-person?