

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 2, 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 June Meeting** – approved, none opposed
- 4) **President's Report – Bari Vaz.** Deferred due to long agenda
- 5) **County Department of Parks and Recreation Epicentre Project – Jason Hemmens, Dave Knopp, David Norgard, Marcus Lubich, and Brandon Schroeder**
 - a) David Norgard, chief of development for County Parks. City of San Diego owns Epicentre, constructed in 1977 as a library. 8,000 sq ft. Vacant since 2016. 1) Facility condition assessment, ADA, windows, structure. 2) Public outreach, will be holding meetings to get input. 3) Enter into long term agreement with the City to manage building. 4) Rehabilitate building. 5) Provide space for community-serving program. Design phase will take about a year.
 - b) Brandon Schroeder, regional manager. Have operated other teen centers, will use similar programs here. After school drop-in programs, homework assistance, career counseling. Community gardening. Interact with High School across the street. Holiday programs. SD Nights program. Take kids on outdoor trips; camping trips.
 - c) Please provide input. Marcus Lubich is senior project manager. There is more information at [this link](#).
- 6) **Mira Mesa Library report – Ina Gibson, branch manager**
 - a) New hours – 11:30-8 PM Monday, Tuesday. 9:30-6 PM W-Sat. Sunday hours may return this winter. 50% max capacity. Taking reservations for meeting room. Slow return for in person programming. Paws to Read in courtyard – Therapy Dogs 1st and 3rd Saturday 11-12. Chess Thursday 3-5. Craft circle setting up. Storytimes in Mira Mesa Community Park north. Banned book club August 31, reading Winesburg OH. Bibliomaniacs August 10, 6:30. Planning what to read. Aug 24 Trivia Tuesday (virtual) about the book Ghost. Returning to some pre-pandemic rules. Max of 40 books checked out. Patrons with overdue books will be blocked from checking out.
- 7) **Evlyn Andrade for Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer.** Population is aging. Trying to keep people at home so they don't have to go into group homes. In-home supportive services (IHSS). Would like to hear reports of interactions with IHSS.
evlyn.andrade@sdcounty.ca.gov
858-289-9195
Sign up for more updates from the County via our newsletter at: <http://tiny.cc/BOSd3Updates>
Apply for small business grants here: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/stimulusgrant.html>
To apply for rental assistance, renters and landlords go to:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/sdhcd/community-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.html>
Apply for Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants here: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/auditor/nrp.html>
Apply for Community Enhancement Grants here: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/auditor/commehnc.html>
Email your questions about grants to our team at: District3Grants@sdcounty.ca.gov
Send your story about IHSS to: amanda.berry@sdcounty.ca.gov
- 8) **Community Meeting on Water & Wastewater Rates – Shauna Lorance, Public Utilities Director, Lisa Celaya, Public Utilities Business Support, and Lisa Darling, Communications Director, City of San Diego**

Cannot charge more than actual costs of providing wastewater and water services. Costs are increasing. Need to pass costs along to customers.

Handout for meeting: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/sdiego_rateshandout_21_v2.1_print.pdf
Nicole Darling: Here is more information from the City of San Diego's website on the proposed rate increases. We have the notice provided in multiple languages. www.SanDiego.gov/rate-increases.
9/21 public hearing at City Council.

9) **Vote of the Membership: Candidate for Second Vice-President (Membership), Lisa Balderston. Approved 12-0.**

10) **Government and Community Resources**

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair.
Parks Master Plan on City Council Agenda tomorrow. Replaces community specific FBA fees with a Citywide fee that will be prioritized downtown.
June meeting: Approved headquarters point project 10.3 acres off Wateridge circle.
No recommendation on El Cuervo del Sur Phase 2 enhancement due to LPCPCAC objections.
Approved Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Phase II Enhancement located in Lopez Canyon – essentially a weeding project.
August meeting agenda: Epicentre project.
Aquila – 180 units senior affordable housing at 3Roots.
May have presentation on problems with San Diego ADU regulations, which are much looser than required by the State.
General problem: City and State are proposing massive increases in development with little regard for public facilities and infrastructure to support it. Proposed state regulations would allow multifamily units in single family zones. City is proposing adding 24,000 units (50,000 people) to the Mira Mesa Community Plan. ADU regulations allow backyards to turn into apartment complexes.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair.
Parks master plan is a money grab by the City to take money from a developing community and redirect it to other areas.
Meeting next Tuesday at 7 PM. May be first in-person meeting at Lopez Ridge.
- c) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President.
COVID update – reopening fully January 1. August 16 scaling up. Have gotten good at remote instruction. 25% of classes will be live. Mostly hard to convert classes where hands-on experience is needed. Students must be vaccinated. Civic activities will follow same protocols. Equity summit this fall. Plenary speaker will do lecture for community. Constance M. Carroll lecture series.

11) **Elected Officials – standing reports**

- a) San Diego Unified School District Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Plans for fall are underway. Lamont Jackson is interim superintendent which search is being performed for permanent superintendent.
https://sandiegounified.org/about/superintendent/superintendent_recruitment_and_search_process
Here is the link to information about the superintendent search as well as details on upcoming community input sessions. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions/comments: sbazzo@sandi.net. Plan to have superintendent by December.
- b) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 - Luis Pallera. We finally have money for Parkdale and Gold Coast reconstruction. No start date yet.
- c) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. mvalk@sandiego.gov. In July the Mayor started a homeless initiative downtown. 400 homeless into housing. Trying to get similar program in Mira Mesa. There has been an uptick in crime Citywide. Working with Bari to start neighborhood watch groups.
- d) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 - Rob Knudsen. Got \$80,000 for RSVP, \$500,000 for Feeding San Diego, \$100,000 for San Diego Food bank. SB 9 and 10 to override local single family zoning. Brian does not support.
- e) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. Eviction hearings soon. Passports are taking up to 4 months to process. <https://scottpeters.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-peters-delivers-sweeping-wins-for-san-diego-in-house-funding-bills>.
Passport Info: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/>.
Grant Workshop with Reps. Peters/Jacobs
Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Time: 3:00-4:00 P.M. (PT)
Location: Virtual via Zoom - Click here to register!
https://ushr.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_WSdmbqn_RluyybEwRiQ_QA
You can also watch this event live on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/RepScottPeters>
Questions for Anthony (Rep. Peters)? Email: Anthony.Nguyen@mail.house.gov

12) Open Forum (2 minutes each, items not on agenda)

Tommy Hough – candidate for City Council introduced himself

Kent Lee – candidate for City Council introduced himself

13) San Diego County COVID Update – David Bazzo

- a) Rates are increasing. Fraction of positive tests/tests performed is increasing. Could be a 4th wave of the disease. Vaccine protects against serious illness, but can still get the disease, and spread it. >90% of hospitalized people are unvaccinated. Current recommendation is that people wear masks when indoor close to other people, even if vaccinated.

14) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. We are planning the Mira Mesa Street Fair for October 2, 2021. Since it is an outdoor event, that reduces the Covid danger. Signing up vendors and looking for sponsors. Entertainment chair Teri Ang has been signing up acts for the stages.

15) Adjournment 9:10 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2021 (one week later than usual due to Labor Day). Virtual or Live TBD.