

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

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

1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz [7:00 pm]

- a) Started with a moment of silence for Ted Brengel, who passed away in October.

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

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos introduced the new Northeast Captain Mike Holden. Captain Mike Holden introduced himself and discussed his activities with the police department. He has been with SDPD for 28 years and was previously in City Heights.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo could not attend, but submitted this report:
 - 1. We are transitioning our 911 ambulance provider from AMR to FALCK. This transition is still being laid out by those in charge and we in the field are unsure how its going to roll out. The current plan is for midnight on Thanksgiving Day. I hope that changes, as that sounds like a horrible plan.
 - 2. Mira Mesa area frequently loses its assigned ambulance to other districts. While this is normal (we try and get the closest ambulance on calls) quite often the ambulance gets caught downtown or in South Bay and doesn't reach Mira Mesa again till late in the evening. This is becoming more and more of a problem. Last week we ran an acute call and we were not assigned an ambulance because there were none in the system. We needed to call Miramar Fire to get one sent. We contemplated getting this patient into the fire engine due to the critical nature of the call, but doing so would not have been the safest option.

3) President's Report & Approval of October Minutes by MMTC membership – Bari Vaz

- a) Minutes approved with no changes.

4) Featured Program: Housing and Other Resources to Assist the Homeless – Brian Gruters, Associate Director of Outreach, PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) San Diego

- a) Brian Carter – trying to provide one stop homeless services. Trying to get a full time person into Mira Mesa/Kearny Mesa.
- b) Ketra Carter, Outreach Coordinator for the San Diego Housing Commission described the street outreach program. \$1 million in new funding, total \$2.5 million. Providing a variety of services to help get homeless off the streets and into housing. Responds to GetItDone app.
- c) Call 211 to request services for the unsheltered.
- d) Currently no permanent supportive housing in Mira Mesa.

5) MMTC Board Election – Bari Vaz [7:35pm]

- a) Announcement of Results for Election of Officers via Survey Monkey Ballot to MMTC Members
 - i) President – Bari Vaz
 - ii) Second Vice President/Membership – Yvonne Negron
 - iii) Recording Secretary – Jeff Stevens
 - iv) Parliamentarian – Eric Kolbeck
 - v) Director at Large #3 – Lisa Balderston
- b) Kaanchan Farkiya will move from Director at Large #2 to Newsletter Editor. Her high-school aged son Javier will be doing the newsletter under her supervision and she will also coordinate our Instagram, Facebook and website posts.
- c) Call for Nominations from Floor for two Vacant Director at Large positions (One 1-year, one 2-year)

6) Government and Community Resources [7:40pm]

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
 - i) Last meeting: 1) Update on Pure Water project; 2) High end industrial project on Vista Sorrento Pkwy, approved unanimously; 3) Proposed CPA for industrial project in Carroll Canyon just east of 805. Would require changing open space to industrial. Action item in November. Also in November – Community Plan Update meetings will restart with mobility analysis – could be an important meeting.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair
 - i) Wangenheim should start before Christmas; Salk next year. Nothing new on Community Park. City trying not to lose land to stormwater abatement.

- c) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President. Not present
- d) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Not present

7) Featured Speaker: Third District San Diego County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer

- a) Epicentre – have \$3.65 million. Reopening 8,000 ft space in summer 2023. Now doing public outreach. Construction to start summer 2022.
- b) North County Homeless Outreach Program – will have 11 social service workers. Will be going to homeless and offering assistance.
- c) Eliminated P100 program – too much time and money spent on investigations prior to providing assistance.
- d) Regional Sustainability – fire season all year long. Rising sea levels.
- e) Redistricting may cut Mira Mesa out of Terra's district.

8) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) San Diego Unified School District A Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Vaccine mandate for students over 16 and all staff to start Dec 20. Lamont Jackson is interim superintendent. Will soon decide on permanent. Having redistricting for school district – not expected to change much.
- b) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson. Not present
- c) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – Sheldon Zemen. GetItDone requests are being handled quickly. Sheldon has been sending constituent reports to it. Numerous reports of high water bills. Stop sign approved for Acama Place at Acama Street. All Things Ube will be redoing storefront, accelerated permit. San Diego Foundation providing scholarships. Will check on the missing link of Carroll Canyon Road.
- d) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, 77th District – Rob Knudsen. Not present.
- e) San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. Showed how to do a GetItDone report for a homeless encampment. Shigellosis outbreak among homeless. News Room: <https://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/news-room>.
- f) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Amanda Berry. No report.
- g) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara. Toni is available to attend meetings, but please give 2 weeks notice. Presented \$2.5 million check in Rancho Bernardo for street repair. Assisting with Veterans Village donation drive.
- h) Congressman Scott Peters - Anthony Nguyen. See attached report.

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

- a) Tommy Hough, candidate for City Council in District 6, introduced himself.
- b) Tom Derr – MMMAD budget approved by committee. Will forward to post on website for action next month.

10) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report – Jonathan Lea. \$5600 spent this year; \$3000 on scholarships.
- b) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. No report.
- c) Membership – Lisa Balderston. No report.

11) Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6, 2021

Report from Anthony Nguyen for Congressman Scott Peters:

- Town Hall (10/12/2021) last month: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fsabSFX02s&t=46s>
 - The **Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework** has already been negotiated, written, has passed the Senate with wide support and is ready for a full vote in the House.
 - The **Build Back Better Act** (\$3.5 Trillion Reconciliation Bill), on the other hand, is far from being done. This bill is set to pass through budget reconciliation. The Build Back Better Act is still being negotiated so that Democrats can secure all 50 votes needed in the Senate to pass the bill. This will include narrowing the bill's investments and lowering the bill's overall price.

- As of today, another week of trying to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF) bill and the Build Back Better Act.
 - The White House released a framework for the \$1.75 trillion reconciliation bill last week, and the House Rules Committee put together a new draft of the legislation. That legislative draft is likely to undergo further changes before it gets put to a vote.
 - Congressman Peters is encouraged by the historic investments in climate to drastically reduce emissions, make preschool universal for 3- and 4-year-olds, and construct affordable housing. Congress must continue to work on including paid family leave and prescription drug price reforms, and Rep. Peters will continue to advocate for these policies.
 - 150 billion for affordable housing creation and financial assistance

- Last week, Rep. Peters sent a letter to Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, requesting permission for San Diego health officials to share unused COVID-19 vaccines with Mexico. The letter, which was also signed by Rep. Juan Vargas (CA-51), requests a briefing about the barriers to sharing the vaccine with our neighbors in Baja California.