

# Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

April 4, 2022 - 7:00 pm via Zoom

## 1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz

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

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos
  - i) This is distracted driving awareness month.
  - ii) Don't use your cell phone while driving.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo
  - i) Concerns about edge lanes – 1) requires drivers to make split second decisions; 2) night visibility could be a problem; 3) drunk drivers may be confused by them.

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

- a) Meeting with organizations addressing homelessness.

## 4) Featured Program(s):

- a) "Edge Lanes" for Bikes with Single Central 2-Way Car Lane on Gold Coast Drive Near Parkdale – Jorge Riveros, Director of the City of San Diego Transportation Department.
  - i) Extensive discussion of the new "edge lane" or "advisory bicycle lane" design. The design has a single center lane shared by cars going in both directions and bike lanes on each side. When cars pass, they move into the bike lanes. City Transportation Dept apologizes for not informing the Community that they were implementing these. Other ABL projects have been placed on hold due to the controversy created by this one. It is a new design intended for streets with low traffic volume (<3000 trips/day) and low traffic speeds (<25 mph). The speed limit on Gold Coast is 25 mph, but the traffic volume is much higher – 7500/day according to the 2015 Stone Creek traffic study. Lots of people expressed concern about safety of both bicyclists and automobiles. Some bicycle enthusiasts said that the new design was safer than the sharrows which were there previously. Some cars are parking on the sidewalk to stay away from the bike lanes. The City said they would review the traffic studies and take into consideration the comments at the meeting.
  - ii) A research study of safety considerations for edge lanes can be found at [https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/mti\\_publications/349/](https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/mti_publications/349/).
  - iii) Design guidelines can be found at <https://www.advisorybikelanes.com/design-guidance.html>.
- b) Miramar College Facilities Master Plan – Brett Bell, San Diego Miramar College Vice President of Administrative Services
  - i) A new master plan is under development. It will have a community facing performing arts center and gallery, a new gateway plaza, redirection of traffic so it doesn't bisect the campus, relocation of the child development center, a new STEM center, a community garden and a new athletic facility.

## 5) Government and Community Resources

- a) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer
  - i) Unfortunately, there is no opportunity for 4th of July fireworks this year. Tried to use new joint use Wangenheim fields which are under construction, but construction company would not agree to it. Maybe next year after fields are in.
- b) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President (represented tonight in main program)
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
  - i) Still waiting for impact analysis of the City proposals for the Community Plan Update. Promised by next meeting on April 16.
  - ii) Last meeting - Colonel Thomas M. Bedell. Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar
  - iii) Next meeting - 3Roots Comp Sign Program NUP
- d) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair
  - i) Salk Park went out to bid and lowest bid was more than money allocated, so the City Council needs to allocate \$1.5 million more money.
- e) Mira Mesa High School – Taste of Mira Mesa fundraiser for Mira Mesa schools April 23, 5 – 9pm, Veloce Motors. \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. Tickets: [www.miramesahighschoolfoundation](http://www.miramesahighschoolfoundation)

## 6) Elected Officials – standing reports

- a) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – Denise Torres

- i) New budget analyst has been hired, Charles Modica
- ii) Councilmember Chris Cates comments on Gold Coast Drive Advisory Lanes: “Communication is key. We’ve been working for 6 years to reconstruct Gold Coast. We need it. We’ve personally gone door to door to tell people about the process. We’re going to do that again and be proactive. We want to be open and transparent. We have a lot of making up to do to make sure people feel like they are being heard.”
- b) San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk
  - i) Salk Park will be at City Council tomorrow to add the additional funds needed.
  - ii) Transparency needed on edge lanes.
  - iii) Working on Montongo Canyon fires.
- c) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Amanda Berry
  - i) Grant webinar on April 7th at 1:00pm:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcurrT4tEt0siG9HxrJ7h0gOXOoYjq4t>
- d) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara
  - i) if you need any state assistance contact Diana.Lara@sen.ca.gov.
- e) Congressman Scott Peters – Jason Bercovitch
  - i) Legislation passed to cap insulin costs.
  - ii) Seven education and infrastructure programs passed
  - iii) President signed Congressman Peters Stand-up act, providing resources to intervene with problematic/dangerous students.
  - iv) Art competition applications due April 15: <https://scottpeters.house.gov/artcompetition>
  - v) Joe Frichtel: can we get infrastructure funds to complete Carroll Canyon Road? Answer: Money goes to State, County and City to prioritize.

## 7) Open Forum

- a) City Council candidates Tommy Hough, Kent Lee and Jane Glassen introduced themselves.

## 8) Other MMTC Committee Reports

- a) Scholarship Committee – Jeff Stevens for Eric Kolbeck. MMTC will award three \$1000 scholarships based on community service. Please encourage students to apply.

## 9) Adjournment 9:07 PM.

### *Upcoming MMTC Meeting Plans (Tentative):*

***Monday, May 2, 2022, 7 pm, instead of regular meeting MMTC plans to host Candidates Forum for District 6 City Council Candidates at Mira Mesa High School – details TBA!***

***Monday, June 6, 2022, 7pm, MMTC to Present MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors from Mira Mesa Based on Their Community Service – details TBD – via Zoom or in-person at the Mira Mesa Branch Library community room – MMTC members will receive announcement prior to meeting, details will also be posted at [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org)***

***APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH! Let’s each do what we can – MMTC thanks all volunteers!***