

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

August 1, 2022 - 7:00 pm via Zoom

(Link for Zoom meeting posted at www.miramesatowncouncil.org)

And via Facebook Live on MMTC Facebook page

1) Call to order by Vice President Pam Stevens

2) Recognition of First Responders

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos. New Lieutenant Phil Konz. National Night Out tomorrow night. Meeting with neighborhood watches. RB, RP, SR and Mira Mesa. Getting lots of complaints about racers. Working to solve this problem. Q – MM Blvd between Reagan and Montongo homeless were cleared out but they moved back in within a few days. A – will report to Homeless Outreach Team. Pedestrian Bridge also has been a problem and was cleared out.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo. Not present.

3) President's Report & Approval of June Minutes by MMTC membership – Pam Stevens

- a) Bari Vaz is out sick tonight so Pam is chairing the meeting. Bari provided the following president's report:
 - i) On Saturday at Mira Mesa Community Park, we joined with the Mayor's office to honor Aiella Niles, a student at Sandburg Elementary who was chosen as this year's "Mayor For a Day." We're very proud of Aiella and look forward to the great things she will accomplish.
 - ii) In this week's newsletter. We list three opportunities for you to get involved in improving Mira Mesa. Our 4th of July Committee, Streets and Infrastructure Committee, and Neighborhood Watch Committee will all have Zoom meetings in August. Join us to find out how we can take the lead on these issues.
 - iii) See MMTC newsletter for details on committee meetings during the next month. Newsletter is posted on the MMTC website home page.
- b) Minutes approved by acclamation.

4) Featured Program(s) [7:15pm]

- a) Recognition of two Mira Mesa High School students whose artwork is featured on our new community banners along Mira Mesa Boulevard – Pam Stevens and Jennifer Kvalvik, MMTC Banner District Committee chair (and MMHS instructor). Approached MMHS Art instructor Art Spurlock. Students Elisha Brofas and Daisy Martinez designed the banners. Will receive gift cards and certificates.
- b) Meet the Candidates for California State Assembly District 78 (Mira Mesa's new District, due to recent redistricting) – Eric Gonzales (challenger) and Chris Ward (incumbent). Candidates introduced themselves and discussed priorities and plans if elected. Their campaign websites are <https://ericegonzales.com/> and <https://voteforward.com/>.

5) Government and Community Resources [8:05pm]

- a) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer. Not present.
- b) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President.
 - i) Called on Rob Knudsen to announce that \$2.5 million has been received to support military and veterans attending Miramar College. Veteran Resource Center. Computer Lab. Specialized resources. 2200 military affiliated students, 20% of total.
 - ii) Enrollment is still down due to Covid – trying to get students to return.
 - iii) Fundraiser for Scholarships, "Invest in Success," October 2, 4-7 PM Bali Hai. Will give two complementary tickets to MMTC.
- c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
 - i) Community Plan Update – Draft plan is out for review. Shows severe deficiency in park facilities after adding the proposed 24,000 units. However, City reevaluated future population, reducing the estimate from 175,000 to 130,000 prior to taking the draft to Planning Commission and now claims parks are adequate.
 - ii) Draft traffic study including proposed development shows severe traffic congestion with most intersections and road segments at level of service F.

- iii) Build Better (SD) was approved by City Council today. This plan means that developer fees will no longer be dedicated to providing infrastructure in the community where development occurs, but instead can be spent anywhere in the City of San Diego as decided by the City Council.
- d) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair
 - i) Joe expressed the same concerns about the Community Plan proposal to the Park and Recreation Board.

6) Elected Officials – standing reports [8:15pm]

- a) San Diego Unified School District A Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. Not present.
- b) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson
 - i) Represents all Community Colleges. Excited about fundraiser coming up. MMHS is one of biggest feeder high schools. Have dual enrollment course to take college courses while in high school. Will also donate two tickets to fundraiser. Enjoy inspirational stories from students. Looking to build some housing on campus. Feasibility study at City College. Received \$3 million from Congressional delegation. There has been an increase in online students. 50% of students now.
- c) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – Denise Torres. Not present.
- d) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, 77th District – Rob Knudsen
 - i) Legislation to monitor sexually violent predators released from prison. Will be monitored 24 hours/day.
- e) San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. See August newsletter for report.
- f) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Amanda Berry
 - i) 988 is a new phone number for people in mental health crisis. Can get help for self or loved one. Connects with trained technicians.
 - ii) 27 cases of monkeypox in region. Watching carefully. Call 211 for information.
 - iii) Del Mar bluff trying to get state funding to fix. \$300 million to relocate tracks.
- g) State Senator Toni Atkins – Diana Lara. Not present.
- h) Congressman Scott Peters representative – Priscilla Huang. See attached report.

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

- a) Joe Frichtel – Miramar Air Show will be September 23-25.
- b) Kent Lee – running for City Council.

8) Other MMTTC Committee Reports [8:45 pm]

- a) Treasurer Jonathan Lea. Not present.
- b) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens
 - i) Oct 1 – 50 vendors signed up. Outdoor event so don't expect Covid interference. Street Fair committee will meet early this month.
- c) Volunteer of the Year Dinner Committee now organizing to plan Fall 2022 event – Pam Stevens. Will be honoring Jennifer Kvalvik, probably October 22.

9) Adjournment [by 9pm]

Upcoming MMTTC Meetings:

Monday, September 12, 2022, 7pm. NOTE meeting is SECOND Monday in September due to Labor Day holiday! TBA whether meeting will be via Zoom (with FB Live option) or In-person at the Mira Mesa Branch Library community room and via FB Live, Agenda TBD. For details see www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Update from the Office of Congressman Scott Peters

Mira Mesa Town Council, 08/01/2022

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Updates from Washington

- On July 14th, Rep. Peters voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2023. This bipartisan bill increases pay for service members and their families and invests in the United States' ability to confront unprecedented challenges at home and abroad. The NDAA authorizes \$838.9 billion in discretionary spending for national defense for FY 2023, which includes \$808.4 billion for the Department of Defense (DoD) and \$30.5 billion for the Department of Energy (DoE).
- On July 20th, Congressman Peters voted to pass government funding legislation for fiscal year 2023 to invest in American families and the American economy. Rep. Peters championed funding for nine projects in this bill that will directly benefit CA-52 residents. These include:
 - \$4,000,000 for City of San Diego's Ocean Beach Library Expansion
 - \$1,880,000 for San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's Imperial Avenue Division Zero Emission Bus Infrastructure Project
 - \$2,000,000 for Port of San Diego's Freedom Park at Navy Pier
 - \$2,000,000 for City of San Diego's Light Up San Diego Streetlight Improvement Program (Beach Communities)
 - \$3,300,000 for San Diego International Airport's Installation of Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Charging Stations
 - \$3,144,000 for City of San Diego's Downtown Mobility Phase 3A
 - \$750,000 for City of San Diego's Mobile Solar Powered Electric Vehicle Chargers
 - \$3,750,000 for County of San Diego's Twin-Engine Firefighting Helicopter Project (total amount including support from all five members of the San Diego congressional delegation)
 - \$3,000,000 for City of Coronado's Parker Pump Station
- On July 29th, Rep. Peters voted to pass H.R. 5118, the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act, to help mitigate wildfires, drought and extreme weather events that are intensified by our climate crisis. In addition, this act directs the President to establish a National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program and creates a new environmental justice grant to empower communities and reduce health disparities.
- On the same day, Congressman voted to pass the [Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2022](#). This bill, cosponsored by Rep. Peters, would help protect Americans from senseless gun violence and take weapons of war off the streets.

Updates from San Diego

- Summer travel is in full swing and Congressman Peters' office is here to help. Please be aware of your passport's expiration date before finalizing your travel plans.