

# **Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2022 - 7:00 pm via Zoom**

**(Link for Zoom meeting posted at [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org))**

**And via Facebook Live on MMTC Facebook page**

## **1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz**

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

- a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos. Looking forward to participating in the Mira Mesa Street Fair. Bari – Northeastern Division has been working diligently on car show problems.
- b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo. Not present.

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

- a) Minutes approved as written.
- b) The new Fourth of July committee decided to have the parade and fun day next year in their traditional location. Fireworks will most likely be at Wangenheim.

## **4) Featured Program(s)**

- a) Epicentre Teen and Community Center renovation – project update by San Diego County Parks team, Alyssa Wray, park project manager; Emily Hubbard; Brandon Schroeder
  - i) 8,000 sq ft. Scheduled programs can include gardening, health and fitness. It will have safe daily drop-in programs for teens. Planning and outreach phase will soon transition to design phase. Surveys will be sent out soon. Community meeting in November.
  - ii) RSVP representatives hope RSVP can continue to use building. RSVP Foundation has been maintaining exterior and landscaping of building.
  - iii) Will be working with Mira Mesa High School. Don't anticipate using it as a concert venue as it was previously used, although it could have some kind of music program. Target age range is 10-18. Want it to be a safe and enjoyable place for teens to come and congregate.
  - iv) Should also reach out to Miramar College, which has programs with the high school.
- b) Meet the Candidates for California State Senate, District 40 (Mira Mesa's new District, due to recent redistricting) – Brian Jones; Joseph Rocha. The candidates introduced themselves and described their priorities. For details see the [recording of this meeting](#). For more information see their campaign websites <https://www.electbrianjones.com/> and <https://www.rochaforsenate.com/>.

## **5) Government and Community Resources – standing reports**

- a) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
  - i) Draft updated Community Plan and EIR are [on the MMTC website](#). Everyone should read them. There are lots of unmitigated impacts not addressed. For example, there is adequate water but inadequate pipes. Parks do not meet the new standard that the City enacted to make it easier to meet the standard. EIR has projected school impacts. If all development in the Plan is built, will add 2000-4000 high school students. Unlikely all will be built. Could be that none will be built. No funding source identified for any improvements. City has done away with the FBA so all developer impact fees now go downtown instead of being dedicated to offset the impacts in the community under development. The Plan is very pretty and has lots of wonderful words about itself.
  - ii) Plan Update meeting at 6:00 PM next Monday via Zoom. Planning Group at 7 PM with a different Zoom link.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair. Community Plan update will make Mira Mesa more park deficient. Wangenheim fields are under construction and appear to be on schedule.
- c) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President
  - i) About ½ of courses are still online. Students like that.
  - ii) There are trails and interpretive signs in the vernal pool area on the northwest corner of the campus.
  - iii) Recently received \$2.5 million for a veteran's resource center.
  - iv) Will be getting a multicultural center.
  - v) There is a large lecture hall that can hold ~80 people that is available for groups like MMTC to use.
  - vi) There will be a fundraiser on October 2.

**6) Elected Officials – standing reports**

- a) San Diego Unified School District A Board Member Sabrina Bazzo. The first Board meeting for this year is tomorrow. Enrollment numbers have been good. Hickman Principal Tobie Pace has been promoted so they will be looking for a new principal.
- b) City Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 – Denise Torres. See attached report.
- c) Congressman Scott Peters representative – Priscilla Huang. See attached report.

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

- a) Maxwell Hoffman and Kai (they/them) discussed problems with racism in policing in San Diego.
- b) Tommy Hough introduced himself as a candidate for City Council.
- c) Kent Lee introduced himself as a candidate for City Council.

**8) Other MMTC Committee Reports [8:50pm]**

- a) Treasurer Jonathan Lea – we are collecting money from vendors and sponsors that will be spent on Street Fair.
- b) Mira Mesa Street Fair Saturday, Oct. 1 – Jeff Stevens
  - i) Preparing for Street Fair in just over two weeks. 90 vendors signed up. Acts on both stages all day long planned. Inflatables and pony rides for kids. Solar telescope. Please come and encourage everyone to come.
- c) Volunteer of the Year Dinner honoring Jennifer Kvalvik as 2019 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year is tentatively planned for Saturday, Oct. 22. To get involved or for more details contact Pam Stevens and/or Maria Pankau, co-chairs.

**9) Adjournment [by 9pm]**

***Next MMTC Meeting:***

***Monday, October 3, 2022. Annual Schools Night, featuring principals of Mira Mesa schools, grades K-12. Tentative plan is to hold the Oct. 3 meeting in person at MM Library community room. For details see [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org)***

## MMTC September 12, 2022 report from Denise Torres

1. Traffic Service Request Update: Proposed "STOP" sign on Scorpius Way and Taurus Place. The City Engineer evaluated the area and the intersection met the criteria to install a STOP sign along Scorpius Way facing northbound traffic. If you have comments or concerns, please email me within 30 days. If there are no comments, city crew will proceed with the installation of the said STOP sign along Scorpius Way. If you would like to submit a Traffic Service Request:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/tsw/servicerequests>
2. Regarding trash and litter along Kearny Villa Road and Miramar Road, the City's contractor(s) will abate the subject areas the week of September 12, 2022 ahead of the MCAS Miramar Air Show. The scope will include clearing shoulders, medians, ramps and litter pick-up associated with the vegetation abatement along Miramar Road and Kearny Villa Road. The limits of the abatement will encompass Kearny Villa Road from Miramar Road to Hwy 52 and Miramar Road from Hwy 805 to Hwy 15.
3. Budget Priorities are coming up. Councilmember Cate and the office are reviewing the budget memo priorities for District 6. If there are additional requests you would like to be added on the memo, please send me an email on what that add/ request is. We will be sending out a community survey soon. Once available, I'll be sending out the survey link to the community leaders to share. We invite everyone to participate in answering the survey.  
[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/fy23\\_budget\\_priority\\_memo.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/fy23_budget_priority_memo.pdf)
4. Councilmember Cate's final State of the District event will take place on Tuesday, October 4. Doors open at 5:30pm, and the program begins at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Location: Hangar 858 at 3760 Glenn H Curtiss Rd, San Diego, CA. Please RSVP September 26th (Monday) to reserve your seat: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/416284146087>
5. Our office has been receiving a lot of water utility issues in the past couple months. If you are experiencing long hold times or phone line hanging up after a long wait when calling PUD customer service due to a water utility issue, please feel free to email me and I can assist you with your water utility concern. Information I need are:
  - A. Account number (if available)
  - B. Account holder's complete name
  - C. Address location of issue
  - D. Contact number
  - F. Email address
  - G: Issue or concern (I.e. start/shut off water service, possible misreading of water meter, etc.)

My email: [ddtorres@sandiego.gov](mailto:ddtorres@sandiego.gov)

## Update from the Office of Congressman Scott Peters

Mira Mesa Town Council, 09/12/2022

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### Updates from Washington

- In early August, Congressman Peters voted to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into Law in mid-August by President Biden. Under the Inflation Reduction Act:
  - **Slashes prescription drug costs:** For the first time ever, Medicare will be empowered to negotiate the price of prescription drugs; requires drug companies to pay Medicare rebates if they raise prices faster than the rate of inflation starting in October 2022; and creates a new out-of-pocket cap for Part D drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries of \$2,000 a year, starting in 2025.
  - **Lowers the cost of health care:** Reduces the cost of health care for millions by extending ACA enhanced subsidies for three more years, locking in lower health care premiums that save 13 million people an average of \$800 a year and lowering drug prices.
  - **Lowers energy costs and delivers largest-ever climate action:** Invests in domestic energy production and manufacturing, while reducing carbon emissions by roughly 40 percent by 2030 with historic investments in energy security and tackling the climate crisis.
  - **Lowers the deficit and reduces inflation:** Makes a historic down payment on deficit reduction of approximately \$300 billion to fight inflation.

### Updates from San Diego

- In Mid-August, Congressman Peters attended a ceremony that marked the committed collaboration between the U.S. and Mexico to address the two countries' shared environmental crisis. American and Mexican officials signed an agreement that outlines the sanitation projects to be constructed in San Diego and Tijuana. The projects are expected to operate by the end of 2027 and would cut the number of days of transboundary wastewater flow in the Tijuana River dramatically and reduce the volume of untreated wastewater discharged to the Pacific Ocean six miles south of the border by 80%.
- On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Rep. Peters and Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-53) hosted a **virtual town hall** on the Monkeypox outbreak. Experts from County of San Diego's Health & Human Services Agency and UC San Diego Health answered questions from attendees and provided the latest data trends from San Diego and around the world.
- On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Peters welcomed Small Business Administrator Isabella Guzmán to San Diego and had a roundtable discussion with local small business owners to hear about their challenges during COVID-19, discussed available SBA services and resources to help small businesses, and Congress' role in this effort.
- If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or need assistance with a federal agency, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office of Congressman Scott Peters.