

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

February 6, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

**Mira Mesa Branch Library community room
(with virtual broadcast via MMTC Facebook Live)**

- 1) Call to order by President Bari Vaz**
- 2) Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mira Mesa Girl Scout Troop 4533**
- 3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD if present)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos. Not present
 - b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo. Not present
- 4) Approval by MMTC members of January 9 meeting Minutes (posted online)**
- 5) President’s Report, with Info from MMTC Booth at 2023 Festival – Bari Vaz**
 - a) Participants were invited to write ideas on tablets for 20 minutes.
- 6) Main Program: Sound Off! What is YOUR vision for Mira Mesa?**
 - a) Traffic and roads –
 - i) Road repair is inadequate. Some roads slurry sealed frequently. Some in bad shape never repaired.
 - ii) Are developers required to mitigate traffic from their projects? Yes, although it is not always adequate. Problem may be worse now that developer fees all go into a central fund instead of staying in the community.
 - iii) Worried about loss of parking when shopping centers are redeveloped for high density housing. This is encouraged by the new Community Plan, but will not happen soon.
 - iv) Transit is assumed in the new Community Plan, but transit is inadequate and there is no requirement to provide it.
 - v) Street parking is becoming more and more difficult with infill development.
 - b) Housing –
 - i) What are fair taxes on housing? Maintenance Assessment Districts vary by location.
 - ii) What are tax rates on ADUs?
 - iii) How do we get affordable housing? Maybe in the east Miramar area.
 - c) Recreation
 - i) City is slow at building planned projects. Cost has gone up dramatically since project was originally planned. Nevertheless, pool and other community park improvements will be a big improvement to the community. Need to dig it right from the start.
 - ii) Wangenheim is supposed to be finished in April, but rain has slowed progress. Want to have 4th of July fireworks there, but can’t do it unless it is finished.
 - iii) Salk should have been done much sooner. School has been open for 7 years.
 - d) Education and academics
 - i) School reading scores have dropped. Maybe because more non-English speaking immigrants.
 - ii) Scores don’t necessarily tell the whole story. Visit. Talk to administration. Volunteering at schools gives good insights into schools.
 - e) Community events and sports
 - i) Performing arts center – part of 4th phase at high school.
 - ii) Park maintenance is inadequate. Especially at Mesa Verde. Homeless encampment for 3 years.
 - f) Homelessness.
- 7) Government and Community Resources**
 - a) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager
 - i) Online calendar lists all library events. Also Facebook page. English conversation group. Robotics. March 4 grand opening, open house, 3D printers. Did lunar new year with lion dancers.
 - b) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer’ President
 - c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair
 - i) Elections to the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023. To vote for Planning Group members, you need to register as an “eligible member of the community” and attend one Planning Group meeting prior to the election. The next meeting will be via Zoom

and will be on Thursday, February 23 at 7 PM. To register, give your name and contact information to the Planning Group secretary. For more information, see the MMTTC website or the MMTTC newsletter.

- d) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair. See above. Need support of the Community. See the [MMTC website](#) for lots of information about the community.
- e) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President. Not present, but College is interested in becoming more involved with the Community.

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

- a) City Councilmember Kent Lee – Dustin Nguyen
 - i) Thank you for writing down thoughts. Infrastructure is high priority. CD6 is doing [infrastructure survey](#). Is Councilman for or against mileage tax? Still in the works. SANDAG proposal. Mayor directed staff to remove the mileage fee last year. Could change. Nora Vargas is chair of SANDAG is the person who could bring it up for a vote. What to do if GetItDone doesn't work? Call Dustin. Monthly newsletter now available.
- b) San Diego Unified School Board – Sabrina Bazzo, not present.
- c) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. Allocated 70 staff to handle potholes that have appeared because of the rain. Homelessness and Road Repair are Mayor's priorities for this year.
- d) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Rachel Beck. County has a transitional housing program. Holocaust remembrance exhibit. Ghost gun legislation - prohibit production or distribution. Meet and greet with Supervisor 2/9 6 PM Mira Mesa Senior Center.
- e) State Senator Brian Jones – Mark Schaeffer. Priorities are homelessness, cutting costs, preventing crime. SB32 removal of homeless encampments from sensitive areas.
- f) State Assemblyman Chris Ward – Miki Holmes. Settling into new office. New phone #. Bill to address end of life of solar power cells. SB4 allows churches, nonprofits to build affordable housing on their land even if it conflicts with zoning,
- g) US Congressperson Sara Jacobs representative Kathleen Dang. Survey online to let Congresswoman know priorities. Housing, homelessness top issues.
- h) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson. Not present.

9) Open Forum, normally 2 minutes each, non-agenda items: Tonight Main Program covers this.

- a) Yolanda Arroyo - Need to have boys and girls club in Mira Mesa.
- b) Mira Mesa Women's Club – Memorial Day – TAPS Across America. 3 PM on Memorial Day 1 minute pause. Play TAPS. To reflect and remember on Memorial Day.
- c) San Diego TET Festival recap.

10) Other MMTTC Committee Reports [8:40 pm]

- a) Treasurer's Report – Jonathan Lea
- b) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. January 21 photo shoot for Fair banners. Taste of Mira Mesa at Veloce Motors on April 15th. Presale tickets are available.
- c) Membership – Yvonne Negron

11) Adjournment at 8:57 pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023, 7pm at Mira Mesa Branch Library

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