

Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes

March 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 with National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mira Mesa Girl Scout Troop 3938, Tricia De Luna, leader.**
- 3) MMHS Performing Arts – Info about “The SpongeBob Musical” March 10 – 18, family entertainment for all ages! Tickets and info at mmhsperformingarts.ludus.com. Showed two video clips from the show.**
- 4) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD if present)**
 - a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos. Introduced Capt. Holden. Problem with racers in parking lots. Homeless Outreach Team has been working on homeless. Trying to get them off the streets and into shelters/housing. Use GetItDone app to report. Community Meetings regarding smart streetlights are ongoing. County wants to continue to include RSVP at Epicentre. Should work out well. Capt. Holden on force for 32 years and was previously an outreach officer. Bari has been working with Police and mall owners on racers. They may have 50-100 cars, which can be difficult to stop. Doing felony vandalism charges for damages.
 - b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo. Not present.
- 5) Approval by MMTC members of February 6 meeting Minutes (posted online). Approved.**
- 6) President’s Report – Bari Vaz.**
 - a) Compiled issues after last meeting. Looking for people who want to be part of the solution. Need to be eyes and ears for PD.
- 7) Main Program: Mira Mesa Planning Issues – THE NEW COMMUNITY PLAN AND NEW REGULATIONS ELIMINATE SINGLE FAMILY ZONING – Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group chair**
 - a) See attached presentation.
- 8) Government and Community Resources [7:40pm]**
 - a) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager. Patron survey going on through the end of the month. Idea lab is up and running. Have two 3D printers, laser torch. Follow us on Facebook. Trying to return to level of service we had pre-pandemic.
 - b) Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Michael Spencer President (by text message).**
 - i) Scripps Mesa Fireworks is actively working with the City of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, and numerous other stakeholders to bring back Fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. Our focus is to hold the show at the park between Wangenheim / Walker as this location is the last location within the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch communities that can support a fireworks show. We sincerely hope that the community will be willing to support our fundraising efforts when we, hopefully, can announce our return for 2023.
 - c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair. Planning Group elections will be held on March 20.
 - d) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair. More population from new housing is not accompanied by new parks.
 - e) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President. Up 14% in head count. Still not up to pre-pandemic levels. Most students are part time students. Funded by full-time equivalency, which is up 6%. Got \$2 million through Brian Maienschein’s office for veteran’s resource office. Men’s basketball had good season.

9) Elected Officials – standing reports [8pm]

- a) City Councilmember Kent Lee – Sheldon Zemen. Welcome back Sheldon! Doing community cleanup - over 800 homes in Mira Mesa. Email Sheldon to get your area done. 5 schools in partnership with Balboa Park. Giving passes to low income families. Smart streetlight and license plate recognition meetings are occurring. ZemenS@sandiego.gov. Kent presented a proclamation to Mira Mesa Little League.
- b) San Diego Unified School Board – Sabrina Bazzo. Not present.
- c) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk. Not present.
- d) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Rachel Beck. “Sustainable Land Use Framework” encourages high-quality, mixed-income, mixed-use projects in areas near jobs and transit. Senior rent subsidy program. 55+. Trying to combat homelessness. Mobile Crisis Response Team fielded 3,600 calls last year. These are trained mental health professionals, not law enforcement, allowing police officers and sheriff deputies to focus on criminal activity instead of behavioral health challenges. 60% of calls were for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders. Federal Omnibus bill added \$4 million to program.
- e) State Senator Brian Jones – Mark Schaeffer. Signed on to exempt middle class tax cut from taxes. Signed on to bill for gas tax holiday. Delay winter blend to summer blend transition. 3 bills regarding fentanyl. SB44 holding dealers accountable. SB 237 increasing penalties for drug trafficking. SB832. Increase requirements for placement of sexually violent predators. Restrict locations for release. Audit of Liberty Health Care. Moving office to Scripps Ranch. Looking for interns for office. This is Women’s history month. **Bari Vaz will be Woman of the Year for 40th district**. Joe – we need money for Carroll Canyon Road.
- f) State Assemblyman Chris Ward – Rachel Beck. “Sustainable Land Use Framework” is a new North Star for County Development, encouraging high-quality, mixed-income, mixed-use projects in areas near jobs and transit. San Diego County launched the Mobile Crisis Response Team, a new program that dispatches mental health clinicians, instead of law enforcement, to respond to non-violent emergency calls across the San Diego region. Fielded 3600 calls in 2022. \$4 million coming from the federal Omnibus bill for this program. You can still apply for the Senior Subsidy Pilot Program until March 31. Go to <https://workforce.formstack.com/forms/sdhhsa>. Rachel.beck@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- g) US Congressperson Sara Jacobs - Kathleen Dang. Contact our office for IRS issues, Social Security. 11 weeks for Passport processing. At Mesa College this morning. \$3 million into the Community College District. Office is now in Kearny Mesa.
- h) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson (not present)

10) Open Forum, 2 minutes each, non-agenda items [8:20pm]

- a) Donata Barbour. Resident since 1978. Christ Community Church. Help distribute food to people who need help. Twice/month at Walker elementary. Partners with Feeding America. No questions asked. Drive up and get food. Only church that provides food distribution on a regular basis.
- b) Joe Frichtel and Pam Stevens – Taste of Mira Mesa tickets are almost sold out. Veloce Motors. April 15th. Link on MMTC website. <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=1637>.
- c) Darin Munn - Intersection by Sandburg Park is safety concern. Kids go through the park. Blythe and Zapata is dangerous. 3 Way stop. Need crosswalk and signage. School zone sign. Referred to Sheldon Zemen and Christina Santos. Afternoon is worst.

11) Other MMTC Committee Reports [8:40 pm]

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Jonathan Lea. Not much happening the last two months.
- b) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Not present.
- c) Membership – Yvonne Negron. Please renew if you haven’t. 45 members up to date.

12) Adjournment by 9pm

Next meeting: Monday, April 3, 2023, 7pm at Mira Mesa Branch Library

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