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Don't Forget
MMTC Meeting
February 7th

Mira Mesa Town Council Presents: Coexisting with All Wildlife Project Wildlife

Andy Blue, Campus Director of Project Wildlife Ramona will join us to discuss coexisting with all wildlife, and particularly coyotes. Coyotes are a valuable member of our ecosystem by preying on gophers, ground squirrels, rats, etc.

Coyotes and other wildlife have become familiar visitors in Mira Mesa

By following simple suggestions, we and our pets can coexist with coyotes as well as other animals we may encounter including raccoons and skunks. Join us to learn how to keep our pets safe while providing space for our wild companions to improve our environment.

President's Message: Be The Change You Want To See In Mira Mesa

As I prepared to write my first "President's Message" in a year, I tried to assemble my thoughts on how Mira Mesa has responded during this crisis, when we would return to "normal," to talk about those who worked tirelessly through the pandemic and when our usual array of events and celebrations would return.

Then I received an email from a local resident that helped solidify my thoughts. It was not a happy email, but an expression of frustration with the way things are. The statements that most jolted me were:

"Quality of life in Mira Mesa has deteriorated rapidly to unacceptable levels."

"I'm sure you all notice that when you go into other neighborhoods, they are nothing at all like the ghetto Mira Mesa has become."

"Do people need to be stabbed to death like in other cities for us to get some attention?"

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President's Message *(continued)*

Reading this email, many thoughts and emotions washed over me. First, I was heartbroken. Mira Mesa has become my home and as anyone who has lived in the South can tell you, home is an incredibly special place. When I first moved here, my dear husband (who has lived in Mira Mesa since 1991) knew that this community was vastly different than where I had lived for more than two decades. He offered that we could move to an area that more closely resembled where I used to live – a historic, old neighborhood filled with circa 1920s bungalows, and quirky little stores within walking distance. The Great Recession silenced any additional discussion of moving, and by the time the financial world had recovered it was too late. I had fallen in love with Mira Mesa. Reading the comments in this email stung.

Next, I thought about the true message behind these words. In the last 15 years our neighborhood, as well as our city, state, and country, have reeled from crisis to crisis. The Great Recession. Economic Uncertainty. The COVID Pandemic. This era has done untold damage to the financial standing of so many. Incivility has risen as the COVID pandemic pits neighbor against neighbor. Issues that were smaller and more well-hidden are now easily visible. It often seems like there are no solutions, and that no one is listening. One frequent refrain I have heard is "If this problem were occurring in (pick one: La Jolla, Rancho Bernardo, etc.) then someone would be rushing to fix it. But because it is in Mira Mesa, we are ignored." But is the lack of response because we are "only" Mira Mesa, or is it because Mira Mesa does not demand a response?

As I mentioned at the beginning of this message, one of my first thoughts was "when will we return to normal." The truth is, we will never return to what we knew as "normal" before the pandemic. And that is not a bad thing. Our community is now over 50 years old. We are a little frayed at the edges, and we have become a bit complacent. When Mira Mesa was young, we built a quiet suburban community at the northern edges of the City of San Diego, taking advantage of the promise of cheap gasoline and a fine freeway system to get us to our jobs in the city and then out of the hustle and bustle to an area that was more like the country. With a small population, and a few dedicated volunteers, the concerns of Mira Mesa would be heard, elected officials would respond and the problem would be handled. Now, Mira Mesa sits closer to the middle of San Diego, and our population dwarfs that of cities such as Poway, Coronado, Santee, and Imperial Beach. Our mayor now represents over 1,410,000 people, and our City Councilmember represents over 152,000 people. There is no way that they can know every issue and event that goes on in Mira Mesa.

Where we go from here depends on us.

It is time for each of us to find one issue and commit to doing something about it. Concerned about crime? Join Neighborhood Watch. Concerned about homelessness? Join us as we bring together the city, County, and non-profit resources to address it here in Mira Mesa. Tired of potholes? Help us track street conditions and keep the pressure on for repairs. Concerned about the push to add tens of thousands of new residents with no commitment to improved roads and public transportation that really works? Attend a Mira Mesa Community Planning Group meeting and tell the city representatives that IN PERSON.

No level of government is going to invest the time and money to come to Mira Mesa, survey every street, interview each resident, then fix every issue. We must identify the problems, and demand that the issues be addressed. If WE will not commit to making our community a better place, why should anyone else care? In the upcoming weeks, the Mira Mesa Town Council will be inviting community members to participate in making Mira Mesa what it can and should be. Can you commit time? Is one hour a week too much to raise the quality of life in the community where you live?

Thank you, Mira Mesa!

Bari Vaz

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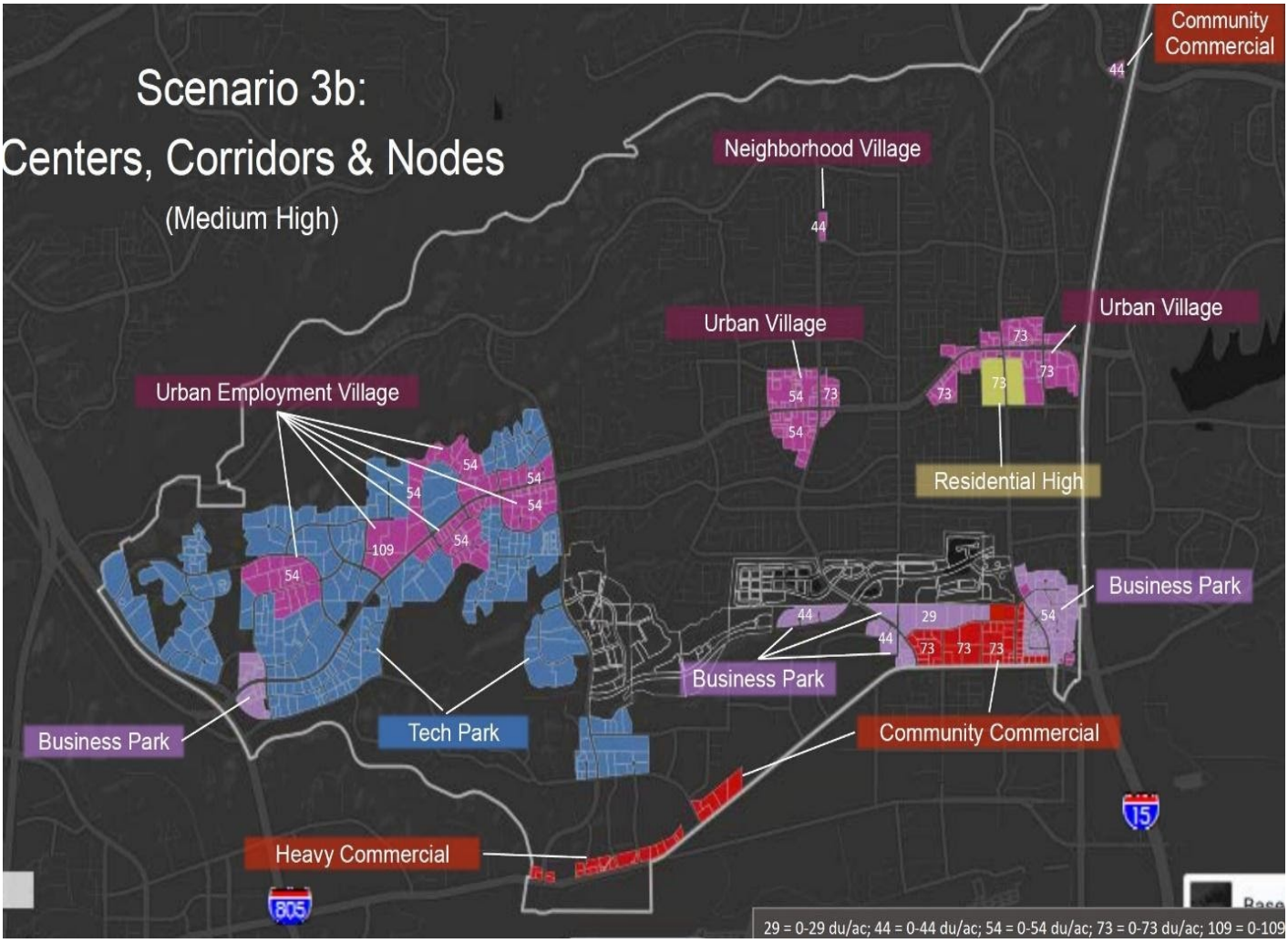
Mira Mesa Community Plan Update in Progress January 17, 2022

By Jeff Stevens

The Mira Mesa Community Plan was last updated in 1992. Since then, the community has developed in accordance with the Community Plan and Mira Mesa today is very close to what was envisioned in 1992. The City, landowners, developers and the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group all worked together to ensure that developers and landowners would build according to the plan, and that public facilities and infrastructure would be built together with the development, paid for with developer fees through the Mira Mesa Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA).

We are now going through a new Community Plan update, but the approach is very different. In March, 2019 the City received a grant from the State of California for $625,000 in which they committed to adding 10,000 to 20,000 new housing units to the Mira Mesa Community Plan. This was derived from the 2016 SANDAG Smart Growth Concept Map which identified the commercial areas along Mira Mesa Blvd as "Smart Growth Opportunity Areas." The idea is to add high density residential development to commercial areas located near public transit. The City extended this idea to include development in industrial areas such as Sorrento Mesa. The City is currently recommending the "Scenario 3b" proposal shown in the figure below, which would add 24,000 units to the Community Plan. Density proposals range from 54 units per acre to 109 units per acre. For comparison, the Casa Mira View apartments which are currently the highest density in the Mira Mesa Community are 42 units per acre. If fully developed, this would increase the population of Mira Mesa from the current 75,000 to 167,000.



Mira Mesa Community Plan Update in Progress January 17, 2022 (continued)

There are a number of problems with this proposal. First, placing high density housing along transit corridors anticipates current and future residents using public transit much more than today, but transit is currently very limited, and connectivity to locations outside of Mira Mesa in a reasonable amount of time is very poor. Furthermore, even the City's projections show only 4% of trips will be made by public transit under scenario 3b. Second, as yet no significant infrastructure improvements have been proposed to support the increased population. During the previous plan update, City park acreage standards were used to determine the amount of parkland needed in the Community and several new parks were added. Under the recently adopted "Parks Master Plan" the City repealed the park acreage standards. The City has also terminated the FBA programs, which removes the primary funding mechanism that we previously had for infrastructure. Third, adding residential to Sorrento Mesa is problematic because having been planned as strictly industrial, it includes no schools or parks and very limited commercial to support residents.

The Mira Mesa Community Plan Update subcommittee meets immediately prior to the monthly meeting of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group. The public is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. See https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira-mesa-community-planning-group/ for more information.

17th Annual San Diego Tet Festival In-Person for 2022

Organizers of San Diego Tet Festival are excited to bring the festival back to Mira Mesa on Feb. 4-6, 2022.

SAN DIEGO — The Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA) and the Vietnamese Federation and Barona are happy to announce the 17th annual San Diego Tet Festival will be in person this year, after being virtual last year. The event, which typically attracts thousands of visitors to Mira Mesa, is scheduled for Feb. 4-6, 2022.

The festival will be held at Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem St, San Diego, CA 92126, from 5-10 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday while the carnival will run until 9 p.m.

COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place to keep festival-goers safe including vaccination requirements and proof of negative COVID-19 tests. For more information, visit www.sdtet.com.

"Despite COVID challenges we faced in putting this festival together, I am really proud of our team for rising to the occasion," said Dennis Duong, president of VAYA and this year's festival director. "The safety of our staff, volunteers and festival-goers are at the top of our priorities. That's why we have implemented the safety protocols as recommended by the California Department of Public Health."

Don't miss this year's San Diego Tet Festival with a grand opening ceremony with Lion Dancing, firecrackers, music, red envelopes and more! Other highlights include the Miss Vietnam San Diego Pageant on Saturday night, live entertainment including well-known local artists in San Diego, Step Up Dance on Friday, Golden Voice singing competition on Sunday, carnival rides, food vendors, and much more.

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Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (V.A.Y.A), a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization, was founded in 2004 as a means for Vietnamese American youth to organize socially and culturally within the local communities.

Mira Mesa Recreation Council

The Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group (known as the recreation council in past years) meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Currently these meetings are done with ZOOM. If anyone wishes to be involved they need to contact either

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They will be added to the email chain and can then attend the meetings or send questions. Everyone is welcome as the more people involved the better results for our community.

Contribute to the Mosaic, or Volunteer in the Community: Advertise, Write, or Sign Up to Volunteer!

Do you have an article or photo to submit for the next issue of The Mosaic, the Mira Mesa Town Council newsletter? Would you like to place a display ad (business card size or larger)?

Send it via email to: newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

Are you interested in volunteering with the Mira Mesa Town Council? Are you a high school student or Scout who needs service hours, or a community college student who wants to earn credit hours through a work experience class?

Contact us to sign up: president@miramesatowncouncil.org

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Poison Control.....800-222-1222

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

SDPD Community Relations.....858-538-8120

Suspected Arson.....800-472-7766

Gangs.....619-531-2847

Graffiti.....619-525-8522

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Animal dead.....858-492-5060

Animal manure (dog).....619-338-2283

Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888

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Car abandoned or inoperative.....858-495-7856

Noise (loud).....619-236-5564

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Manhole cover missing or damaged.619-515-3525

Street, flooded/pothole.....619-527-7500

Street, sink hole or collapse.....619-515-3525

Street, traffic light non-functioning..619-525-8650

Swimming Pool.....858-689-6296

Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain.....619-527-7500

Upcoming Community Events

Friday, February 4-6	17th Annual San Diego Tet Festival In-Person for 2022 Address: Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem St, San Diego, CA 92126.
Monday, February 7	Mira Mesa Town Council meeting, 7 PM. February Meeting: Join representatives from Project Wildlife, a program of San Diego Humane Society, for a lively presentation about coexisting with our wild neighbors. Topics will include safety, education, and programs and resources available to help residents and communities better understand their behavior. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Register for the MMTC meeting at this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwode6rqTksGNX4L1dG_081zmfh5C4ncGIZ

Do you know an event to add to the Calendar? Email newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org

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- ◊ Corporate/Business ($50)
- ◊ Non Profit + MMCC ($90)
- ◊ Business + MMCC ($150)

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