

## MINUTES OF THE NOV. 6, 2006 MMTC MEETING

### I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President Arlette Ballew.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Welcome and board introductions.

### II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Motion made and carried (Jeff/Joe) to approve the minutes of the Oct. 2, 2006 meeting.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Jeff Stevens) Grants for the banner district and Street Fair have been received. The membership rates listed on the current newsletter are incorrect. Current balances: Checking \$13,513.24; Savings \$29,688.87; CD/Scholarships \$11,543.06; Street Fair \$25,439.04

### III. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. Police Department (Paul Lennon):
  - There have been some break-ins while the victims were at home. The thieves entered through unlocked windows and doors and primarily took credit cards. The police have pictures of the suspects and are pursuing this.
  - On Oct. 7 in the 8800 block of Canis Ln., a couple of gang members were stopped and guns were found. Five suspects are in jail.
  - On Oct. 8 in the 10900 block of Tobago Rd., a resident heard his car start up at around 4:30 AM. A year earlier, a set of keys and a keypad were missing when a clean-up crew had been in the house.
  - On Oct. 12 in the 10900 block of Camino Ruiz, a distraught woman threw her 2 year old son into the complex pool. Her roommate was able to save the child.
  - On Oct. 14 in the 11000 block of Polaris, there was a drive-by shooting at a party. Three people were injured. This investigation is on going.
  - On Oct. 17 in the 9000 block of Three Seasons, two loose pit bulls killed a small Chihuahua. Officers put down the pit bulls.
  - On Nov. 1 in the 10200 block of Camino Ruiz, there was a murder-suicide.
  - A lot of tips have been coming in from the public. If you call, tell the dispatcher exactly what your concern is. You need to be willing to sign a complaint if necessary.
- B. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  - There will be a meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 PM in the library to discuss the shopping cart problem in Mira Mesa. Retailers have also been invited to attend.
  - A food drive to benefit the Alpha Project Headquarters will run until Dec. 15. Please drop off non-perishable food items at the libraries in Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, or Rancho Bernardo.
  - According to the deputy director, a concensus has been reached regarding the property exchange concerning the Salk School site. Fish and Wildlife still need to approve the swap. This approval should come within the next two

weeks.

- C. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Jim Gonsalves): Jim reminded us of the importance of the Nov. 7 election and distributed copies of the District 3 Slate. The Los Penasquitos Adobe Wing C dedication will be on Nov. 7.
- D. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister): Rebecca also stressed the importance of voting on Nov. 7. If you experience and problems, contact: [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com) or call 531-5444. She also distributed flyers on: Dept. of Agricultural Weights and Measures, Office of Emergency Services flyer with 10 disaster preparedness facts, Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board.
- E. Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (Jim Brown): If you are over 50 and would like the RSVP to drop by your house once a month, please call. They can also patrol your house while you are on vacation. Right now there are only about 20 members so more volunteers are needed. Go to the storefront for information or to sign up. The MMTC presented the RSVP with a \$300 check.

#### **IV. MAIN PROGRAM**

- A. Gregory J. Smith – Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk:
  - As assessor, Mr. Smith's office assesses all property in San County (about one million pieces of property) including businesses and their personal property, boats, aircraft, mobile homes, and business animals. His office does not assess government properties and non-profit organizations. Under Prop. 13, property can only be re-assessed if sold, improved upon, or new construction, excluding repair, replacement, or maintenance. Schools receive almost 60% of all property taxes collected. Additional information on parent/child or inner-spousal exclusions, as well as the tax considerations for people over the age of 55 who sell and then buy another property can be found at: [www.sdarcc.com](http://www.sdarcc.com).
  - As recorder, Mr. Smith oversees copies of around 4,000 documents daily.
  - The County Clerk's office issues approximately 45,000 new birth certificates and 25,000 death certificates each year. He is also a Commissioner of Civil Marriages and issues around 26,000 marriage licenses each year. A new service that is offered is Weddings on the Web. Other options include: polaroid pictures, engraved pens, videos, and wedding keepsakes.
- B. Janelle Bosze from the American Cancer Society spoke in favor of Prop. 86. Most health organizations support Prop. 86 which would increase the per pack cigarette tax from 87 cents to \$2.50. The majority of the money would go towards paying down health care costs and towards anti-smoking programs. Ms. Bosze feels this tax increase would really affect kids by making it too expensive for them to purchase cigarettes. Every program that receives money from this would be regulated and audited. Steve Espinoza from the Hospital Association also favors Prop. 86 but concedes it doesn't fix the problem of an ailing health care system and is just a band-aid fix rather than an end all answer.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Executive Board Nominations (John Daley): The recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the 2007 MMTC Board is:  
President – Jeff Stevens  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Kathy Madsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Glen Clarkson  
Treasurer – Alan Philpott  
Secretary – Beth Davis  
Members-at-Large: Arlette Ballew, David Tam, Stephen Sluyter, and Courtland Young  
Parliamentarian – John Daley  
There were no additional nominations from the floor. A voice vote was unanimous. We are still looking for a newsletter editor and for committee chairs. Tom Derr agreed to continue to chair MMAD and Jim Brown will continue to chair Community Pride.
- B. The Volunteer of the Year nominations are based on a history of community service. We will be collecting nominations up until the December meeting. The vote will be held at the January meeting. Nomination forms are on the TC website or send an e-mail to Jeff with information on the person you wish to nominate.

## VI. COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- A. MM Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr): They are still looking for projects to spend money on. Their Nov. 7 meeting is cancelled due to the elections. They will start holding quarterly meetings instead of monthly.
- B. Community Pride (Jim Brown): This group takes down illegally placed signs but is short on members. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 PM at 8605 Pagoda Way.
- C. Street Fair (Pat Brown): To date, all bills are paid.
- D. Banner District (Steve Barrera): Arlette has sent the letter to Brian Maienschein to approve the request.
- E. Planning Group (Ted Brengel): They have received a copy of the city's final general plan draft premised on the notion of a "city of villages". This plan will guide all development for the next 20 years in the city.
- F. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel): They are working on a proposal for the first public park in Mission Valley. The city wants to force a public park in the middle of a 6500 unit residential property. ([www.quarryfalls.com](http://www.quarryfalls.com)) The dedication of the Senior Center to Verne Goodwin will be on Nov. 26 from 2P-5P.
- G. MM High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen): Plans are already underway for the 2006 Taste of Mira Mesa. Flyers should be available at the Dec. meeting.
- H. MM Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book Club will be discussing the book Lolita at their meeting on Mon., Nov. 27. The Street Fair book sale was very successful.
- I. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens) This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of odd numbered months. There will be a party 11/7 to celebrate the kitchen wing restoration.

- J. Halloween Committee (Chuck Sweet): The carnival had a good turnout but they will need more help next year.
- K. Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith): The Monster Manor was a success with around 4,000 people this year. This was their first year of “Share the Wealth” fund-raising. Breakfast with Mrs. Claus will be at Hometown Buffet on Dec. 9.
- L. H.E.R.O.E.S. (Mike Davis): They cleaned and removed debris and trimmed Vegetation in McAuliffe Park on Sat., Oct. 14. Mike met with the Kiwanis and hopes to partner with them. He also had a meeting with the newly formed “Mira Mesa Pastors” group and will also team with them. HEROES helped Rebuilding Together San Diego paint Fire Station #23 in Linda Vista on Oct. 28. Khoa is still working with the city on how we might repair the police part of the community service center.
- M. MMHS Band Tournament – Jeff Stevens attended. There were 25 bands. The TC donated one of the trophies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM