

## August 6, 2007, MMTC Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Parliamentarian John Daley.

Board members present: John Daley, Alan Philpott, Ted Brengel, Arlette Ballew

Board members absent: Jeff Stevens, Kathy Madsen, Beth Davis, David Tam, Stephen Sluyter, Courtland Young

Minutes of June meeting approved (Frichtel/Hearn).

### Board Reports

- Treasurer: Because of Alan's surgery, Jeff has the books. Alan will update when Jeff returns from vacation.
- Because of Beth's illness, Arlette will be serving as secretary until further notice.

### Official's Reports

- SDPD Officer Paul Lennon:
  - 7/13, on Covina: a strong-arm robbery of a cell phone.
  - 7/15, MM Community Park: An officer stopped a 17-year-old with a gun.
  - 7/16, 8500 block, Capricorn: Car shot up. No known reason.
  - Garage broken into, car stolen with purse in it. Car later recovered.
  - 7/24, 9600 block, Carroll Canyon: Man approached by 2 teens. Stole \$1 and cell phone.
  - 7/29, Keith's Restaurant, 5:40 p.m.: Man walked up to window of car, held knife to driver's throat to steal car. Driver resisted, was stabbed 3 times in chest. Car recovered later.
  - 7/29, 9500 block, Gold Coast, 7:50 p.m.: Big Lots employee saw his car drive by. Skinheads seen in parking lot earlier in purple Cherokee. Both cars subsequently recovered.
  - 7 business robberies involving cutting of alarms on roof and phone lines. Chuck E Cheese probably the latest.

Advice: Most perps are drug abusers. To avoid identity theft, carry only a minimum number of credit cards. Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet; store it in a secure place. Get a cross-cut shredder and shred credit-card applications and other personal info. Identity theft is a serious problem.

Q & A: Recent home invasion in MM wasn't a random situation. There is more to it than described in newspaper. People involved had a relationship.

- City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  - Recent trash & recycling event in MM yielded over 36 tons of recyclables and 19 tons of trash. City planning to do it yearly because so successful.
  - Ted Williams bridge now open. I-15 detour still there; work will be finished in about a month.

- Park & Recreation Dept. has submitted application for trail connecting Camino Ruiz Park to Los Penasquitos Preserve to Development Services Dept. Construction may start in September.
- Testing completed on Salk Elementary site. School District is applying for a grading permit.
- SANDAG and County have set up 511 system. Call 511 from cell phone for road & traffic info. or go to [www.511SD.com](http://www.511SD.com).
- County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway):
  - County passed \$4.7 billion budget. County in good fiscal health. Reassessment of properties is generally up. Market steady. High rate of foreclosures is due to adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs).
  - County bond ratings upgraded. Fitch Ratings upgraded county on long-term debt from AA- to AA, so county will pay less interest on borrowed money. Standard & Poor upgraded county to AA+.
  - West Nile Virus found in mosquito in county.

#### Open Forum

- Jim Hearn: Re. bridge on Ted Williams Pkwy. being completed; “no left turn” signs on Capricorn were to be removed when that was done. Ted Brengel said the MM Planning Group would take up the matter at its August 20 meeting. Khoa is sending out letters to alert people to the meeting.
- Carl DeMaio, Pres. of The Performance Institute, “a local watchdog group.”
  - Urged people to attend meetings of Mayor’s Charter Review Commission and voice opinions. Report due in September.
  - Forums scheduled by Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, especially re. ADA access issues. RB forum upcoming. Wants to have one in MM; wants co-sponsor.
  - Is running for City Council, for seat being vacated by Brian Maienschein. Website is [www.cleanupcityhall.com](http://www.cleanupcityhall.com)
- Dyanna Smith, President of the Mira Mesa Woman’s Club. This community-service club made over \$71 thousand worth of donations, including breast-cancer survivor pillows. Planning a fundraiser “Casino Night” at the Holiday Inn Express, November 3, probably from 6-10 p.m. Also planning a “Chalk the Walk” festival for spring.
- David Trieglaff, McDonald’s Corporation. Ronald McDonald House Charities is building a new house at Children’s Hospital. David is running 100 miles worth of races in 2007 to raise money for it. Sponsors welcomed! Call him at 858-369-4257 or contact [ronaldprogram@san.rr.com](mailto:ronaldprogram@san.rr.com). Donations are tax deductible.
- Yusof Miazada, New York Giant Pizza. Son of founder of local business. Decided to become active in MM community. Welcomes all to come by. Left brochures with coupons.
- Linda Cooper, Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) member. Group provides healthful exercises at MM Community Park (by Rec. Center) Saturday & Sunday from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

## Old Business

- Banner District Committee Report (Linda Goycochea, Co-chair):
  - Presented 3 variations of design for 60 30” x 94” banners. Distributed full written report. County grants for design and installation expenses were extended to March 1, 2008. Thanked Khoa for his help. Got City Attorney’s approval; to City Council in September. Need to get bracket design approved by City Engineering Dept. Need liability insurance policy. Then will request banner permit from Dev. Services Dept.
  - General discussion of banner design (identifying MMTC, etc.). Committee to explore having MMTC on every 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> banner.

## New Business

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Awards (Debbie Vincent, Committee Chair):
  - Commercial Entry: McDonald’s & Ronald McDonald House Charities
  - Marching Team: San Diego Falun Dafa Information Center
  - Car Club: Bugs ‘R Us
  - Decorated Float: Praise Fellowship
  - Comic Entry: Red Hat Society “Queen of Hearts of San Diego”
  - Decorated Vehicle: Free Fright on Halloween Night
  - Marching Band: Mira Mesa High School
  - Non-marching Band: Community Bible Church
  - Judge’s Choice (trophy): Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church
  - Prize Float (\$200): The Filipino Retirees of Southern CaliforniaThanked Debbie and her committee. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Safe Routes to Schools (Lita Eatmon-Ponciano): A nationwide program to establish safe routes for kids to walk or bicycle to schools, to give them healthy physical exercise, reduce traffic and car emissions, etc. Is coordinating events with schools. A national walk is planned for October 3—“Walk Your Kids to School Day.” See [www.saferoutesinfo.org](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org).
- Jerry Mitchell, Scripps Ranch Fire Safety Council: *Had to leave; will try to reschedule for next month.* Ben (SRFSC member) said the message is that canyons are chimneys for fires: how (and who) to get rid of brush, etc.

## Community Group Reports

- Community Pride Committee (Jim Brown, Chair): New legislation says that veterans and active-duty personnel not in uniform may use a salute to honor the flag rather than placing their hands over their hearts.
- Street Fair Committee (Robin Stutsman, Chair): Committee is planning this year’s event; needs help from community members. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6:45 at the Senior Center.
- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith): Donating \$3,000 allocated for Share the Wealth Program. Also donating to MM HEROES.

- Mira Mesa Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel, VP): Next meeting is August 14, 7 p.m., at Lopez Ridge Park building.

Next MMTC board meeting is August 16, 6:45 p.m., at the Senior Center.