

Minutes of the May 7, 2007 MMTC Meeting

I. OPENING

- A. President Jeff Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.
- B. Cub Scout Pack 1209 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Welcome and Board Officer Introductions\

II. BOARD REPORTS

- A. The minutes of the April 2nd meeting were approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report (given by Jeff Stevens): Checking \$19,600.00; Savings \$29,719.00; Street Fair \$22,488.00; CD/Scholarship \$11,708.00
- C. President's Report: The TC is looking for a new board member to serve as 2nd VP of Membership. Ted Brengel volunteered and was appointed. We are also looking for a new newsletter editor. The board hired Gary and Shelli as organizers/planners for this year's street fair.

III. OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- A. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)
 1. Mira Mesa High School will be the location for the next Clean and Green day on Saturday, June 30. Khoa is also trying to get a Goodwill truck to be there. The event will be from 8:00AM until 1:30PM or until full.
 2. There will be a shopping cart discussion on Wednesday May 9 at 5:30PM at the Senior Center. Local retailers have been invited to attend.
 3. Brian is working with the Department of Health Services to open up the Miramar Dam path and hopes to have it open by July 1.
 4. An archaeological document is nearing completion on the Camino Ruiz Trails Park. Construction should only take a few weeks. The funding is available.
- B. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister)
 1. Rebecca brought a sample kit from First Five California. The kit provides valuable information for new parents.
 2. The 8th annual Lawnmower Trade-In will be Saturday, May 19 at the County Administration Center. You can trade in your gas-powered mower towards the discounted purchase of a battery-powered mower. The cost will be \$150.00 instead of the normal \$449.00.
 3. Ron's office is still working on putting on the Helmet Safety Fair with Mira Mesa.
 4. Rebecca brought brochures on Aging and Independent Living and on the new library circuit program.
 5. "A Time to Remember", honoring all San Diego Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty, will be May 9 at noon at the Balboa Park Organ Pavilion.
- C. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Sarah Sykes)
 1. One month ago, the 805/5 merge opened.

2. The Republicans in both the House and the Senate voted on the Americans For Taxpayers Protection Pledge, which is for no additional taxes.
 3. Assembly Bill 900, which will create more state prison beds and provide increased rehabilitation programs for criminals passed and was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.
- D. State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)
1. Senator Hollingsworth is serving as Vice-Chair of the Fiscal Committee and has concerns with some of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget assumptions.
 2. SB 148, the "freeze-relief" bill will be moving to the Assembly for committee hearings.
 3. SB 947 was introduced to provide an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act requirements on overpasses, on-ramps and off-ramps to facilitate their improvement.
 4. The Senate Public Safety Committee has killed and held several of Senator Hollingsworth bills regarding: tracking sex offenders, extending the statute of limitations for certain forms of felony manslaughter, falsifying sex registration information, unlawful business entry, rejection of treatment for sexually violent predators, and sex offender group homes.
 5. On April 18, California celebrated its second Fragile X Awareness Day to help raise awareness about this genetic condition that causes inherited mental impairment and is the most common known cause of autism.

IV. OPEN FORUM

- A. Arlette Ballew mentioned that Ellen Friedman was interested in starting a scholarship for a child of a firefighter in appreciation for the firefighters quick action in the recent canyon fire near her home. Jeff agreed that we would discuss this at the next board meeting.
- B. Chuck Sweet would like to ask the Senior Center Board of Governors if the Town Council could use their microphone by moving the TC meetings over to the Senior Center. We will take this up at the next board meeting.
- C. Robin suggested we send a letter of thanks to the Senior Center for the use of their facility for our Volunteer of the Year dinner.
- D. Kevin Schroeder, a new Mira Mesa resident from Green Bay is interested in setting up a community garden.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mitz Lee, our representative on the Board of Education was our featured speaker. Ms. Lee has been a Mira Mesa resident since 1983 and was elected to the Board of Education in 2004, representing the University City, Mira Mesa, and Claremont areas.
 1. Although Wagenheim Middle School is the third highest ranked school in San Diego, it was identified as needing improvement because of certain criteria regarding testing students with special

needs. Ms. Lee is committed to working to change those conflicting provisions.

2. In January 2007, the No Social Promotion Policy was passed. Eighth grade students with two or more “F” grades will be recommended for retention. Although parents can appeal the decision, it makes summer school mandatory. Ms. Lee feels this needs to begin in Kindergarten with benchmarks at the end of third and fifth grades also.
 3. Mira Mesa High School and the local middle and elementary schools are having regular monthly meetings to discuss common issues to help improve the transition between grades and schools.
 4. Ms. Lee wants to see more vocational elective programs and options to help prevent students from dropping out of high school and is talking with business leaders. She is hoping for a July roll out.
 5. She is also involved with the Gang Prevention Task Force and will be meeting to discuss how to work with the city to have dead trees and shrubs removed as a deterrent to illegal activity and to be a good neighbor.
 6. There will be a meeting on May 21 with the city, school district, and Fish and Wildlife regarding the Jonas Salk school site issue. Right now, the city and the school district are in agreement with respect to a plan for mitigation land. It now appears no school would be constructed before 2010. This school was promised as a result of the passage of Prop. MM and Mitz is committed to having this school built. The Town Council will send a letter of support. This month’s Planning Group meeting will be devoted to this topic.
 7. Finally, Mitz is trying to lobby for more funds for special education.
- B. Dyanna Smith from the Mira Mesa Women’s Club spoke about a proposed Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival the club would like to host at Hourglass Park. This would be a community spirit event and fundraiser for the Women’s Club to help raise money for school arts programs. They are requesting support from the Town Council with help and organizational pointers we can give them. Jeff advised Dyanna to make a presentation to the Rec. Council.
- C. The Aguinaldo Foundation is hosting the second annual Philippine Festival on Saturday, June 2 at the Mira Mesa Recreation Park. This event will be from 10:00AM to 5:30PM. There will be cultural shows and exhibits along with food booths and rides.

VI. **COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- A. The Banner District’s meeting with the designer has been rescheduled to May 8. (Stephen Sluyter)

- B. The Mira Mesa Library has a new branch manager. Steve Barrera is the new president of the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library. The Banned Book Club will meet on Monday, June 11 to discuss the book Native Son. (Pam Stevens)
- C. Mira Mesa High School will hold its annual Spring Showcase on May 31 at 6:00PM. There will also be a student and faculty basketball game. (Kathy Madsen)
- D. The Scholarship Committee will meet on Saturday, May 26 at Christ the Cornerstone Academy (Room 1) at 9:00AM to read the submitted scholarship essays. (Beth Davis)
- E. The Fourth of July Committee will meet at 6:30PM on Wed., May 9 at the Senior Center to finalize plans. Parade applications will be available on our website. (John Daley)
- F. Tom Derr has organized a Relay For Life team and is requesting donations. The TC website will have a link.
- G. The Kiwanis will host a spaghetti dinner at Miramar Ranch Elementary on May 24 at 5:00PM. (Courtland Young)
- H. H.E.R.O.E.S. will be painting the Epicenter on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 8:00AM. Once again, Frazee Paints will be donating the paint. They have been a big sponsor of HEROES projects in our local community. We encourage you to consider them for any of your painting needs. (Mike & Beth Davis)
- I. There will be a big soccer tournament with over 200 teams participating and playing at all of the local Mira Mesa parks on Memorial Day. (Joe Frichtel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:42PM

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Davis