

Mira Mesa Town Council

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (September, 2013)
- IV. Treasurer's Report - \$7,500 check received from County grant for 4th of July fun day. Balances: Checking \$42,707.62; Savings \$15,883.48; Scholarship: \$12,389.90.
- V. Business of the Month: Mira Mesa High School Foundation: Jon Labaw. Biggest event is Taste of Mira Mesa – supports all schools in Mira Mesa.
- VI. Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)
 - a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit, Director of Community & Governmental Relations – Julio DeGuzman. Name has changed to Neighborhood Partnership Unit. Will be sending prosecutor to prosecute homeless who are drinking or bothering people. Also graffiti. Will bring prosecutor to MMTC meeting in December.
 - b) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Natalie Hone, Community Relations Officer. For Shannah Kanoa also. MM area in past 30 days 26 car prowls, 7 auto thefts, 7 residential burglaries. More than usual. Crime prevention techniques help to reduce numbers. Light the Night is the annual fundraising event for crimestoppers: Balboa Park October 26, 7-9 PM. Sign up on active.com. 5k race. Tuesday Nov 12, 9:30-4:30 Scripps Ranch library training for multifamily property managers. Car prowls in NW have dropped slightly.
- VII. Assemblyman Brian Maienschein – Happy to see Jonas Salk groundbreaking after over 30 years. Thanks to Jeff, Ted, Bruce, Marv, Joe, who put in a lot of time on this issue. Trying to get social studies books for schools. Enjoyed Mira Mesa Street Fair. Freshman class has 42 new members. Assembly members can be in office for 12 years – increased from 6 years, which allows assembly members to get more experience. People are civil to each other. Very different from Washington DC. Open primary is encouraging people with problem solving background. Brian drafted 6 bills. One of them, AB 68, requires that the dept. of prisons advises community police that parolee is in community. Thanks to Rob Knudsen. He grew up in Mira Mesa and cares a lot about the community. Honor to represent Mira Mesa.
- VIII. Presentation: Mira Mesa Schools – Jennifer Kvalvik

Jennifer is vice chair of school cluster council – introduced principals. Also Sandi Trevison and Brett Bell from Miramar College.

Deidre Hardson – Mason. Oldest school in Mira Mesa. Lived in Mira Mesa since 1970's, graduate of Mira Mesa high school. Mason has strong music program. Strong in math (principal was a math teacher). 900 students. 56% are title 1.

Joan Nelson – Hickman. Lovely community. Active PTA. Quality neighborhood school. Working to transition to Common Core. Bright students. Working well together as cluster. 640 kids.

Eric Takeshita - Hage. Went to Kearny high school. Have a "Hage Way" to encourage academic achievement. 640 students. Strong volunteer base. Door open. Works well in cluster. Also working on Common Core, getting parents familiar with it. Friday October 25th fall festival. 5:30-8:30.

Diane Ryan – Challenger Middle School. Been there 3 months. Impressed by collegiality of principals in cluster and challenger staff. Been in district a long time. 1046 students, increased. Interviewing for a second vice principal. Transitioning into Common Core. Working with parents and teachers. Excellent academic scores. Strong science, math and English departments. Award winning music department. "Challenger Way". World languages. French, Spanish or Filipino. Cheetah is logo. Strong and growing PTSA. Dad's club. Astronomy night.

Matt Fallon – Wangenheim. Third year as principal. 14 years in Mira Mesa. Loves working with community. Transitioning to Common Core. Just under 1000 students. 7th school in district scores. ASB, Drama, Art, Band, Orchestra. Two teachers in Summer program at SIO. Paired with graduate fellow at UCSD. Will be bringing electron microscope to school. Now size of box. Chargers foundation grant - \$40,000. Building fitness center.

Barbara Israel - Ericson. New principal. High achieving school. 900 club. Transitioning to Common Core state standards. Trying to find out why Ericson has been so successful. Staff, parents. 750 students. Staff has high expectations. Some staff have been there for 20 years. Assessments to be on computer. Computer adapts to whether student is successful or not.

Rochelle Dawes – Walker. 566 students. 82% disadvantaged. Richness in cultural diversity. 18% military. Fall festival. Day after Hage.

Geof Martin – Sandburg. Ted helps out in traffic circle every day. 800 people for back to school barbeque. Also on 25th is fall festival. Using iPads to synthesize knowledge. Digital literacy. Small group instruction to find out what students need and how to get to them. Pawsitive moves. Good music program.

Scott Giusti – MMHS. 6 year at MMHS. Great music program. Band was on pigskin report. 52 acres – big school. 2610 students. Biggest school in district. MMHS is increasing in enrollment. 100 staff members certificated. Like running a small City. High school is #1 in attendance. Shows strong interest in school. Top 3 in district in test scores. Outside amphitheatre being built. 1900 students involved in some type of extracurricular activity. Parent portal has been down. New system called Power School, not up and running yet. Should be up Wednesday. Parents can track students. MMHS is pilot school. Homecoming against Scripps Ranch Nov 8. Foundation will be doing fireworks show. Graduating class had \$7.3 million in scholarships, highest in district.

Brett Bell, Sandi Trevison – San Diego Miramar College. Greetings from president Patricia Hsieh. 15,000 students. May be 7% higher. Buildings coming online. Two weeks ago opened 76,000 three story student services center. Grand opening of transportation and automotive technology center. Groundbreaking for fire technology building. Waiting for new science building – double square footage. Remodeling administration building. By 2025 expect to have 25,000 students. Fire program was relocated 20 years ago to NTC. Didn't work – moving back now. Entirely state funded. Difficult few years. Now in restoration mode, adding classes and summer session. This is a good time to come in and see a counselor if considering coming to Miramar College.

Ted Brengel introduced Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa.

Ted displayed the sponsor banner with our Street Fair sponsors and urged members to support them.

IX. Mira Mesa Town Council Announcements:

a) MMTC Nominating Committee – Christiane Hoffman. Will be electing 2014 Board in November. Looking for volunteers. Looking for two people to identify candidates. Looking for candidates. Need to be current member of MMTC. Talk to Christiane if interested.

b) 2013 Volunteer of the Year – Jeff Stevens. Please submit nominations for 2013 Volunteer of the year. Nomination form will be on website, or just email Jeff at secretary@miramesatowncouncil.org. Biographies of nominees will be on website and in December newsletter. Vote to select Volunteer of the Year in December.

X. Presentation: April De Jesus, SANDAG - North UTC/Sorrento Valley Transit Study. Jennifer Williamson gave the presentation. Regional organization. Board of Directors is mayors of Cities. Hillery DAR is SANDAG project. Hillery DAR will tie into transit center at Miramar College. Lots of transit coming online. Mostly bus rapid transit. "Trains on tires". Wifi on buses. New transit line coming down from Rancho Bernardo. Will stop at Miramar. Will go down 805 then to UCSD. Start out as peak hour service only. People from south county are trying to get to north county. Also looking at circulator services. Qualcomm has lots of feeder services. Will be providing connections to them. Want to do significant improvements to facilitate new 470 route. Popouts. Traffic calming. Finalizing service plans. Sandag.org. [North I-805 UTC shuttle study](#).

XI. Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

b) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Ken Nakayama) – Councilmember was out most of week. Went to DC with the Chamber just in time for the shutdown. The interim Mayor does not have the power of appointment yet. Calling for nominations to various boards and commissions. Kenny provided a list. Collecting for next 3 months. If seat has been vacant for 45 days can fill. Loves taking potholes report, but please use MMTC website for links and phone numbers to report issues. http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/community_services.html. Lots of complaints just south of Backer Road. Restoration going on for Salk mitigation in the vernal pool area there.

c) Interim Mayor Todd Gloria (Steven Hadley). Mr Gloria is well aware that he was not elected mayor. Trying to defer to Council as mini-mayors. Under previous administration there was quite a backlog that occurred. Boards and commissions will shut down. So trying to get people to sign up. Handed out newsletter.

- d) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal and Jay Bariuan) – Block, Peters having Senior Scam Stopper seminar Nov 4 in RP library 9:30-11:30 AM. Wonderful to be at Mira Mesa Street Fair. Block enjoyed himself.
- e) Congressman Scott Peters (Anthony Nguyen). Govt. in shutdown. Are still taking new claims for Social Security and Disability. Had to cancel a lot of meetings. In DC next week. Peters sent note with 200 reps asking Boehner to bring to vote. No budget no pay bill. Can't do that, but will donate to charity. \$300-\$400. Congress is not exempt from Affordable Care Act.

XII. Recognition of Community Groups in attendance

(2 minutes allotted to each group; group must sign up to be guaranteed recognition)

M. Gardner, Sapphire Sound. Relies on donations. MMTC had ad in last year's program. Largest event in Mira Mesa next to 4th of July and Street Fair. 34 bands. Won second place in all of southern California. 180 band members. MMTC ad is in current budget. October 18th need copy.

Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa – Keisha Lee won third place in Miss Greater San Diego contest.

Pam Stevens – Mira Mesa Library. Book group doing Caleb's Crossing, the one book one San Diego book. October 29th, 6:30 PM. MM Library. New branch manager Barbara Schwartz started last week. Was area manager, came back to community. Will be here next month.

Pam Stevens – Mira Mesa Living. Have extra copies in back. Info about boy scout geology day, Miramar College, Recreation Center program.

Alex Nguyen – Monster Manor is back again this year, produced by Mira Mesa Theatre Guild. Full scale. October 18th at Target Center. \$10 for MMTC members. Otherwise \$13. 13th year. No lite frite this year. Looking for volunteers to act in event. Need \$500 for port-a-potties.

XIII. Adjournment (9:00 p.m.)