

# ***Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Minutes***

**September 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.)**
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (August, 2015) – approved by acclamation**
- 4) President's Announcement – Ted Brengel**
  - a) Street fair this Saturday.
  - b) November – elections
  - c) December – VOY nominations
  - d) Next meeting – education
- 5) Epicentre Closure and Future Building Use – Bruce Brown, Chairman, MMTC Epicentre Committee**
  - a) Ted nominated Bruce to head committee to decide what to do with Epicentre. More questions than answers. Meeting in library Oct 1, 6:30 pm. Real estate assets has been requested to attend. Give Bruce a call at 578-2186 if you want to be on committee. RSVP headquarters is also in building. Need to make sure power isn't turned off and that they can continue operations. Scripps Ranch has been trying to move them to Scripps Ranch. Bruce says no way. Top priority is to figure out how they can continue their operation. Building built in 1976 – original Mira Mesa Library. 5 elementary schools also that year. 40 years old next year. 1993 groundbreaking for new library, opened in 1995. Had meetings to decide what to do with old library building. Had problem at time with teens with no place to go after school. Hanging out at malls and causing some problems. Harmonium developed teen center in the old library building. Bruce was chairman of the board of Harmonium at the time. Building needed a lot of repair. Mira Mesa community fund used to pay for repairs. The money came from the Pardee/Shapell development agreement. \$2 million. Restricted to capital improvements within Mira Mesa. Still have \$393,000 in fund. There is also \$500,000 in a City account – interest used to pay for teen center operations. Made about \$800,000 of improvements. At first the Senior Center didn't want a teen center next door. MMTC started RSVP and located its headquarters in the teen center building, which got buy-in from seniors. Nancy Sherman led Harmonium – she was full of energy and ideas and ran teen center from 1999 to 2005 retirement. Management of Harmonium lost focus on teen center after that. Had sound studio, computers, teens helping other teens, lots of good programs for a number of years targeted to teens. City didn't charge much rent, but utility costs, insurance and staff added up. Harmonium is nonprofit – spun off profits from Klassic Kids to support Teen Center. Put in more than \$200,000/year. Finally too much for them – vacating Nov 1. Margaret and John took care of landscaping that had become derelict – very nice now. Déjà vu all over again – need to decide what to do with building. Theatre Guild would like to do productions; civic center; xeriscape garden. Building is in the heart of the community. Need to do something as a community to say what we are going to do. We have access to the remaining money in fund plus the \$500k in City fund. Committee is going to determine what Mira Mesa wants to do with building and how we are going to pay for it. If teen center it requires paid staff. Need to have personnel qualified background checks. What if we do nothing? Then the City decides the highest and best use for property. Could be another fast food restaurant. Need a place for community meetings. Meeting at 6:30 on Oct 1. Any limitations on how much money can be earned? No. If leaning toward commercial activities, might lose RSVP office. Had wonderful community workshop last time, but it cost \$50,000. Take proposal to MMTC, Rec Council, Planning Group.
- 6) Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters - Sarah Spear-Barrett, President**
  - a) Represent southwestern United States in Rose Parade. Highest honor a band can get. Need to raise lots of money. Harlem Globetrotters coming for fundraiser. Have principals, vice principals from most schools. October 16. Get 50% of ticket sales. Cost of 4 day trip for 240 students is \$120,000. Two tour buses. Family members paying their own way, \$10 pancake breakfast. Sept 26, 7 am. Looking for

sponsorships. Will have booth at street fair. Drumline performing. Leading Disneyland parade. New uniforms. Mrs. C. working on this 24/7. Asking for donation to band tournament. MMTC sponsored \$300 trophy. So far have \$13,000. **Motion** (P. Stevens, H. Schwartz) to approve \$300 for field tournament trophy. Approved 32-0.

#### **7) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives**

- a) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – Lives down the street in Casa Mira View. Supervisor will be at Street Fair and Harold will be in the booth. National drug take-back day funded by DEA, Sept 26, 10 am-2 pm. 3-5 pm on second Monday of each month can meet with supervisor in MMTC office.
- b) Ted introduced Sabrina Randall, Miss Mira Mesa and Maria Pankau.

#### **8) Tết Festival 2016 – Andy Nguyen, Vietnamese American Youth Alliance**

- a) Yen Luu, VAYA vice president. Co-director with Alex of Tet Festival. Encourage first generation Vietnamese Americans to learn more about Vietnamese culture. Tet Festival will be February 12-14. Bruce – lots of construction going on across from Gil Johnson – arrange parking at high school. Harold – went to Tet Festival in Vietnam – ours is comparable.

#### **9) Government and Community Resources**

- a) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Lots happening at library. Calendar in back. Banned book club making selections for next year. Next month discussing one book-one San Diego book. This year is Shadow of the Wind, a mystery. Will be at Street Fair sharing booth with MMTC. Doing Origami, handing out free stuff. Barbara will be there all day. Homework help – Mayor's initiative. Selected this branch because we have lots of children's and student's programs. Math Olympiad going on now. English speaking club. Need volunteers for ESL club. Don't need to know another language.
- b) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens. The next Planning Group meeting is next Monday September 21 at 7pm. The first of 5 Stone Creek subcommittee meetings will be held at 6 pm immediately prior to the regular planning group meeting.
- c) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Starting work on fields across from Recreation Center. Will be slowing traffic on New Salem. Maybe Park and Rec will take care of teen center. A1 Storage is going to start charging for MMTC storage area that they have been providing for free. Want to get community access to tennis courts at Challenger. Involves City and School District, which makes it complicated. Grand Opening of Jonas Salk is October 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9 am. Peter Salk will be there.
- d) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jon, Sept 28 5pm. First meeting of year. Joe – have two schools, also now Salk, that do not have caution lights. Ted tried to do this a couple of years ago. Cost \$50,000. Jon - Never been brought up to cluster committee.

#### **10) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements**

- a) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. This Saturday, 9/19. Should be lots of fun. Come and bring your friends.
- b) Treasurer's Report – no report
- c) Membership – Lainie. Many of you have renewed, but if not please renew. Can also join or renew at Street Fair.

#### **11) Recognition of Community Groups in attendance**

- a) Jim Brown – construction on Gold Coast Drive near Mason. Signs put up twice. No one knew why. Picked up 3 hubcaps in last two weeks. Street sweepers work on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of even month. Can't do much with cars on street. Law is that street from curb inward is responsibility of homeowner.
- b) AI – problem with runoff continuing near Maya Linda. Have not been able to get response after multiple attempts.

- c) Harold – haven't seen a street sweeper in 30 years
- d) Lorna de los Santos – will be attending meeting for Good Shepherd Catholic School.
- e) Teri Ang, Pam Stevens – Theatre Guild will be participating in Halloween carnival; doing a play in Spring. Not doing Monster Manor this year. Maria - pageant is first weekend in March. Running community stage at Street Fair.
- f) Jeff Sabins – new MMHS principal. Grew up on Embassy way in Mira Mesa. Overjoyed to be MMHS principal. Lots of construction next year. 80% score on Common Core test. SR was 64%, district average was 50%. Lost to La Jolla by one percentage point. Stadium closed for renovation next year. Need to coordinate fireworks. Big source of funding from ticket sales. No graduation in stadium. (Harold – Qualcomm may be available). Selling UT's. Goal is 5,000 subscriptions. Two week window. Band tournament. Break ground day after graduation is planned.

**12) Adjournment (8:45 p.m.)**