

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4 MEETING

### I. Opening

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Brad Buffett, president.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Introduction to agenda and board members.

### II. Board Reports

- A. Secretary (Arlette Ballew): Request to approve Minutes of the March 7 meeting. Motion (Frichtel/Stevens) to approve carried unanimously.
- B. Treasurer (Chuck Sweet):
  1. Checking: \$5937.01; Savings: \$2850.84; CD: \$10,948.15; Street Fair: \$24,817.72.
  2. Took in \$2290 for scholarships; made \$60 on Volunteer of the Year Dinner.
  3. Financial books for 2004 undergoing annual review.
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Membership (Sandy Smith): 112 paid members, including 35 businesses.
- D. Newsletter (Steve Barrera): Redesigning *MMTC Newsletter*.

### III. Reports from Government Representatives

- A. County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Natalie Clark):
  1. Hearing on locating sexually violent predators was postponed.
  2. S.D. County won Annual City of S.D. Excellence in Energy Award.
  3. Ron was presented with award at summit on school nutrition.
- E. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):
  1. Thanks to those who attended ribbon cutting for parking lot at MM Senior Center. Marvin Howe of Hanson Aggregates arranged for \$80,000 worth of in-kind donations to help make it happen.
  2. Brian's "Punch and Cookies" meeting at rescheduled for April 20, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Senior Center.
- F. County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Joe Sheffo): As Chair of County Board, Pam is holding conferences on school food at end of April, traffic (for the 25 largest employers in the area) later in April, and the coast and beaches (later in year).
- G. State Assemblyman George Plescia (Eric Pottischen):
  1. Assembly Bill 6, introduced by Assembly members Chan and Vargas, would restore the two top income tax rates to their 1991 levels. This means that the personal income tax rate for those earning more than \$138,566 per year would go from 9.3% to 10%. For those earning more than \$277,132, it would go back to 11%.
  2. All petitions re. Mt. Soledad cross must be submitted by April 7.
- H. S.D. Police Department (Officer Steve Higuera):
  1. Issue raised about migrant camp at end of Camino Ruiz and migrants now cutting through back yards rather than park construction area. Homeowners Association in area wrote letter, citing trash and sanitary issues, safety issues, etc.

- a. Steve: Police are not immigration officers. Can contact Border Patrol, but they are short-staffed. Police Department's migrant liaison officer is Boris Martinez.
  - b. General discussion: There is a fire threat from migrants' cooking, and Penasquitos Canyon is one of the highest fire-risk areas. There is a health threat from their waste. They get drunk and make comments to women in shopping center on Camino Ruiz. If people in area didn't employ them, they'd move on. Many people who hire them are noncommercial, which raises insurance issues. Real-estate agents often tell new residents where to pick them up for cheap labor. Subcontractors pick them up and take them to Carmel Valley and Sorrento Valley to work on houses. Federal law makes it illegal to hire them. Politicians get donations from companies that employ them. Recommendation to contact State and Federal Labor Depts. to crack down on businesses that hire them. It is City of S.D.'s land; who in city is willing to take responsibility for solving problem? Ask officials what works in other areas.
  - c. Against park regulations to camp overnight. Rangers can arrest them. Steve will find out if park rangers want to sign a complaint, but it is a misdemeanor, and migrants probably wouldn't show up for court date. They often carry false I.D.
  - d. MM needs to think of solutions. Send e-mails to Brad Buffett or Ted Brengel. Send messages to legislators about concerns.
- 2. Home burglaries: Made arrests. Several people in custody. Series in MM is finished. Working on series in Scripps Ranch. If you see anybody suspicious in your neighborhood, try to get a description and license number.
  - 3. Recent murders: An isolated incident. Paper reported details.
- I. Retired Volunteer Senior Patrol (Larry Brady): Still looking for recruits.

**IV. Main Program:** Engineer-planners Ellison Allegre from CALTRANS (highways) and Kathy Donnelly from SANDAG (transit) described current projects and plans. (See separate article).

#### **V. New Business**

- A. Filipino-American Association of San Diego North County (Marlon Austria):
  - 1. Filipino-American Association established in 1973 in Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos. Provides positive image of Filipino community and supports communities it is in. Participates in MM Street Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Children of founders are becoming more involved; many are professionals. Marlon is a member of MM Community Planning Group.
  - 2. Holding a Golf Tournament to support Scholarship Fund, April 16 at Admiral Baker's Field (South). (Flyer provided.) Looking for sponsors. Motion (Davis/Ballew) for MMTC to contribute \$100 for scholarship fund sponsorship. Motion carried. MMTC will be advertised in the program.

## **VI. Community Group Reports**

- A. Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr): Need to hear desires of community members.
- B. Street Fair Committee (Robin Stutsman): Next meeting April 21 at Lopez Ridge.
- C. Stakeholders Committee (Robin Stutsman): Next meeting April 27.
- D. Scholarship Committee (Robin Stutsman): Entry form is on line. Deadline for entries is May 16.
- E. Planning Group (Ted Brengel):
  - 1. Camino Ruiz Village project: developer is not communicative.
  - 2. Western MM co-use (residential and industrial) project—heating up.
  - 3. S.D. County Regional Airport Authority controlling land use to protect area around MM for future use of Miramar as international airport, despite letter from all our Senators saying they oppose locating the airport at Miramar.
  - 4. Held elections last month: Ted is Chair, and Jeff Stevens is Vice Chair.
- F. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel):
  - 1. Softball tournament coming to MM on May 27-29.
  - 2. Breen Park should open in a month or so.
  - 3. Plans for MM Community Park incorporate suggestions from workshops.
  - 4. Next meeting on April 12.
- G. Teen Center Oversight Committee: Meeting April 19.
- H. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens):
  - 1. Committee concerned with Rancho Penasquitos homeowner's encroachment onto preserve easement.
  - 2. Very concerned about migrants living on park land.
  - 3. Head City Ranger Gina Brown Washington was married recently.
  - 4. Now dry enough to open north side trails. Enter from Canyonside Park. Trails on south side of creek still too dangerous.
  - 5. Next meeting on May 19.
- I. Clean and Green: President Brad Buffett announced that the MMTC board presents a recommendation to use the Community Pride Committee funds to finance MM Clean & Green Day. Vote of approval taken.

## **VII. Open Forum**

- A. Miramar MAS Noise Contours Map available in back of room.
- B. Breakfast with SDPD K-9 unit (Robin Stutsman): Public invited to observe K-9 training, April 20, 8 to 9 a.m., at Qualcomm Stadium Training Field. Advance registration required. Call 858-453-5060.
- C. HEROES (Mike Davis): Need candidates to receive fix-up and cleanup services.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Arlette C. Ballew*