

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5 MEETING

I. Opening

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Brad Buffett, president.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Mini-concert by Mira Mesa High School Madrigals (a selection of songs).
 - 1. Cindy Jorstad, MMHS choir and orchestra director, announced that the new MMHS orchestra needs instruments. Donations of instruments (stringed instruments are most needed) would be tax-deductible.
 - 2. The MMTC presented Cindy with a donation check for \$100.00.
- D. Introduction of board members.

II. Board Reports

- A. Arlette Ballew (Secretary): Requested approval of minutes of November 7 meeting. Motion to approve (Stevens/Brengel) carried unanimously.
- B. Chuck Sweet (Treasurer): MMTC Checking: \$2659.58, minus \$360 for expenses; Savings: \$2512.58; CD: \$11,142.03; Street Fair: information not available.
- C. Sandy Smith (2nd V.P., Memberships): Please join the MMTC or renew your membership (memberships for 2005 have expired).
- D. John Daley (Parliamentarian): Adding sentence to bylaws re. last meeting, to state that meetings of the MMTC board shall be open to all MMTC members. Motion (Stevens/Sweet) carried unanimously.
- E. Brad Buffett (President): Agenda for meeting.

III. Reports from Government Representatives

- A. Fire Station 38 (Captain on Duty Dana Ziegler and 3 firemen)
 - 1. Seasonal fire-safety tips:
 - a) Clean your chimneys (best to hire a professional chimney sweep).
 - b) Don't leave candles unattended.
 - c) Keep your cut tree hydrated; water it regularly.
 - 2. Re. the fire at the 9900 block of MM Blvd. (medical building):
 - a) A: It was broken into, and the fire was set to cover their tracks. There was extensive damage (est. \$2 million), with the corner unit the most damaged. Smoke in every unit; 6 or 7 businesses affected.
 - b) Firefighters had a hard time finding the electric box to turn the electricity off. If you have a business, mark the gas and electric rooms and keep clutter and debris away from the panels. Do not tape the switches into position; the Fire Department needs to turn them off.
- B. Police Storefront (Officer Annie Anderson)
 - 1. Starting to have street robberies. Have had one at Target and one on Aquarius. Know who's around you at all times. If you're alone, get a store employee to walk you to your car. Criminals know where the store security guards are.
- C. City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)
 - 1. Mayor Jerry Sanders was sworn in today.

2. The Metropolitan Transit Service is doing a comprehensive analysis: where to cut services and costs. You can comment (e.g., to preserve bus routes) on the MTS website: www.sdcommute.com.
3. Camino Ruiz Park is 80% completed.
4. The City Council has passed an agreement with Nick DeLorenzo, who is doing the design work for the park at the former Carroll School site. This saved 30-60 days in the park process. Joe Frichtel (MM Rec. Council) thanked Khoa and Brian for this.
5. City Parks & Recreation Dept. notified Hage School that it had to pay to use Westview Park for phys. ed. because there was no joint-use agreement. Brian interceded, and the school will be able to use the park while they work out an agreement.

IV. Volunteer of the Year Award (Jeff Stevens, Chair)

- A. Three deserving nominees: Ted Brengel, Joe Frichtel, and Chuck Sweet (read bios.).
- B. Vote taken by written ballot and counted.
- C. Announcement (John Daley): Volunteer of the Year for 2005 is Joe Frichtel.
- D. Joe Frichtel: Thank you. Will try to uphold high standards.

V. Main Program

- A. Rebuilding Together San Diego (Pamela Thorsch)
 1. A county-wide program (affiliated with national organization) that provides major repairs and renovations to homes of needy homeowners. Many are seniors, disabled, and low-income. Many health and safety issues. About \$15,000-\$24,000 (maximum) yearly income. Also repair community nonprofit facilities; painted a firehouse. Covers a 250-mile radius—San Marcos to the border. Year-round projects, and a big, one-day event in April (did 25 homes).
 2. Your caring is what makes a difference. If you know of a person or community organization that needs this service, let Pam know.
 3. Is a 501c (3) nonprofit. Forms partnerships with local businesses and service organizations. Materials are donated, and workers are volunteers.
 4. Has a new base facility in Logan Heights. Telephone: 858-271-4818.
- B. Scripps Ranch Community Service Center (Juan Baligad, Manager)
 1. Located at 11885 Cypress Canyon Road (off Scripps-Poway Pkwy.) Telephone: 858-538-8200. Offers many services, including: processing of passport applications; payment of business taxes, parking citations, and water and sewer bills; affordable housing applications; alarm permits; bus schedules; business tax certificates; city employment applications; community-event information; crime-prevention information; some DMV forms; dog license applications; fictitious business name applications; noise permits; waste-disposal information; small-business information; social-services referrals; volunteer opportunities; and voter-registration forms. You can also report abandoned vehicles, chronic party complaints, damaged sidewalks and curbs, faded curb paint, graffiti, housing and building-code violations, minor crimes, noise complaints, potholes, speeding problems, traffic-signal problems, overgrown yards, and zoning-code violations.

2. Fire-relief center using part of the facility. Meeting room accommodates up to 15, is available at \$20 per hour plus deposit for profit orgs.; free to nonprofits.

VI. New Business (Brad Buffett, President)

- A. **January MMTC meeting** is on the 9th because the 2nd is a holiday.
- B. **December 8 MMTC board meeting** is a joint one for 2005 and 2006 boards, 6:30 p.m., Realty Executives Annex, 9844 Hibert.
- C. **Forum on illegal camping in the canyons**, to be hosted by the Rancho de los Penasquitos Town Council on January 5 (time and place to be announced).
- D. **Issue of Airport relocation to MCAS Miramar:** The Tierrasanta Community Council has circulated a position letter opposing joint military and civilian use of MCAS Miramar (as the S.D. airport). Brad: propose that MMTC draft a similar resolution. Ted Brengel: suggest that we communicate with other communities (Scripps Ranch, Penasquitos, LaJolla, Tierrasanta, and University City) and join in opposing relocation of the airport to Miramar. Jeff Stevens: Tierrasanta was represented at the last Planning Group meeting, and the Marines were present at the last Planning Group meeting. Mike Davis: Agree with Ted. Need to come up with one letter that we all subscribe to. Ted: Senses political action committee forming to oppose using Miramar as airport and to get the airport authority to revert to SANDAG. Motion (Davis/Sweet) to ask Ted and Jeff to draft a letter and have it reviewed by Planning Group. Robin Stutsman: Check all facts in Tierrasanta's letter. Ted: Okay. Letter deals with joint use. None of major's criteria for joint use are met. Miramar has military training flights, live ordnance, etc. So military would have to go elsewhere. Joe Frichtel: Disagree with motion. Planning Group is dark in December. Town Council should do it tonight. Amend motion so that Ted and Jeff are to do letter on behalf of MMTC, check issues, and bring it to January meeting for approval. Brad: Work with other communities and Community Leaders Forum. Steve Barrera: Clarification: Letter to be presented at next meeting and then ratified. Brad: Two possible locations at Miramar: existing runways are on the west side. Option 2 is to tear down the hills on the east side, near Scripps Ranch. Joe: Problem with Miramar East is that it is where the ammunition and bombs are. Arlette Ballew: Part of impetus to move airport from downtown is that developers will make a lot of money developing the existing airport site. Ted: Many of the existing airport gates go unused during the day, especially midday. Airlines use gates and runways at the same time: morning and evening, like rush hour. Who is going to pay to build a new airport? Will be a bond issue; the city has no money. Motion voted on: carried unanimously.
- E. **Salk School site:** Meeting with Independent Citizens Oversight Committee at Unified School District maintenance facility, 4860 Ruffner St., tomorrow at 1:30. Ted Brengel: Manager says we need representatives there to emphasize our need for the school. Fish and Wildlife people want to set aside 7 acres of the site. Ted and another member of Planning Group went to F&W office in Carlsbad and asked for rationale for this. Site is not a natural habitat for fairy shrimp. 23 acres already set aside at Christie McAuliffe Park to protect them. Only marine biologist can tell which fairy shrimp are the endangered variety. [More discussion.] Ted to draft an e-mail to Fish & Wildlife asking for other mitigation possibilities. Jeff Stevens: F&W's attitude is they don't care how the fairy shrimp got there. Re. meeting, the school district has to do offsite

mitigation. Need to identify sites for this. Need to emphasize that Mira Mesa needs this school. [More discussion.] Brad: Can someone familiar with local schools speak about why the proposed Salk School is important to the community? Debbie Vincent: School has been promised to this community for many years. Proposition MM, chair of committee told her they'd have to reduce size. We need a lawyer to push back against F&W. Other communities fight back and win. Ted: City owns McAuliffe Park and wants to save it for its own mitigation purposes. Khoa Nguyen: Initiated contact but hasn't heard back. Robin Stutsman: Perhaps Khoa could find out if there's a maximum amount a community has to give up. Joe Frichtel: No. Robin: Cousins mitigated when building at the Market Center; they had lawyers. John Daley: Will go to the meeting. Barbara Peluso: Children from that area cross dangerous streets (MM Blvd. and Camino Ruiz) to go to Hickman and Mason Elementary Schools. Joe: Need to be at the meeting; the school district is bowing down. Ted: Opposed to proposal of school district for on-site mitigation. Do favor off-site mitigation. School district doesn't want to do that. Brad: Need to push for what we want. Q: Can they landscape site? Ted: Asked re. McAuliffe Park; answer was "no."

VII. Community Group Reports

- A. MMMAD (Brad Buffett): Advisory Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. at Senior Center, to go over 2007 budget.
- B. Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel): Carroll site park planning back on schedule, thanks to Brian and Khoa.
- C. Planning Group (Ted Brengel)
- D. Montessori School planned to open in western MM but was misled by owner of site, Morehouse Gazebo, which is in hazardous-materials industrial zone, so the Planning Group had to recommend against it using the property. Some floor space available but not suitable for use as a school.
 - 1. Re. co-location (residential and industrial) project for western MM: haven't heard anything more about it. Western MM-Sorrento Mesa is one of largest employment areas in San Diego.
 - 2. Proposals for use of flat land north of Best Buy.
 - 3. (Sandy Smith): Monarch apartments are being converted to condominiums.
- E. 4th of July Committee (Debbie Vincent): Casino Night (to raise money for 4th of July events) will be held Saturday, March 18, at Good Shepherd. The theme is "the Roaring Twenties."
- F. MM High School Foundation (Mike Davis): "Taste of Mira Mesa" to be held February 7. Twelve restaurants signed up so far. Need sponsors.
- G. MM Theater Group (Sandy Smith): "Breakfast with Mrs. Claus" on Saturday, December 10, 8 a.m., at Home Town Buffet.
- H. Community Resource Welcome Committee (Sandy Smith): First meeting is on January 17 at 7 a.m. Contact Sandy.
- I. MMTTC Budget Committee (Chuck Sweet): Needs to meet in January (Brian Wissinger, Barbara Peluso, Chuck Sweet).

Respectfully submitted by Arlette C. Ballew