

**Mission Beach Town Council
General Meeting Minutes
Belmont Park Community Room
March 14, 2007**

President Mary Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Mary introduced the Executive Board, Area Representatives, Police Officers and Representatives of Elected Officials and Associations.

Minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6,974.52. Expenses this past month were \$68.09 for website maintenance, \$19.95 for the website domain, and \$70.52 for graffiti supplies. The report was approved as submitted.

President's Report: Mary announced the next Alcohol Task Force meeting on March 26 and the Mission Beach Woman's Club fundraiser, "Keep Safety in Sight, Light up the Night," at the Pennant on March 24. She introduced the speakers for tonight, Teresa Martin and her colleagues from the City Attorney's office.

City Attorney's Office Presentation: Fred Zuckerman explained the CAPP program, which addresses chronic party locations. He can be reached at 858-552-1717 if you have concerns about a particular house in your area. If there is an ongoing problem, make sure you call the police, report it and get the assigned incident number. Repeated reports from different neighbors increase the likelihood that a problem residence will be CAPPED. The CAPP status remains with the address for a year and results in zero tolerance, and the owners/residents could be charged for the police services. Several members expressed frustration about the noise, litter, and smoke from people using the fire pits. You need to call the police if this is a problem in your area. You can also contact Fred about the Neighborhood Nuisance program, where he helps neighbors take civil action to combat nuisance properties.

Makini Hammond discussed the work the DART department does in addressing public nuisances. They work closely with the narcotics, gang, and vice units of the police department. They can be reached via phone (619-531-2726), the City Attorney's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/criminal/dart/index.shtml>, and the police department. Both Ms. Hammond and the SDPD recommended calling the police non-emergency number if you see unusual comings and goings that make you suspicious that someone is dealing drugs out of their house.

Area Reports: Area 6 and 9 Reps, Bob Craig and Jasmine Kung, reported on their efforts to spearhead painting of all the various utility boxes in Mission Beach. A **motion** was moved and seconded to put a vote to support the effort to paint the utility boxes on our

next month's agenda. Approval by the MBTC is needed by SDG&E in order to move forward.

Crime Statistics/Neighborhood Watch/Crime Committee: Bill Bradshaw presented the latest numbers, noting that auto thefts and auto burglaries continue to climb rapidly. Marc Geller mentioned he is continuing to evaluate areas needing more light and he will bring these up to the city. The new lights at the South end of Belmont Park have been installed and what was once a dark area is now well lit.

Alcohol Task Force Report: The next Beach Alcohol Task Force meeting is March 26. It will address beach drinking, and after that meeting the task force should be making recommendations. An informative report presented by the police department at the February meeting is available at <http://www.missionbeachtc.org/id20.html>.

Police Report: Captain Long reported on recent arrests in the area and plans for increased enforcement over the next 3 weeks (Spring Break). The cameras at Belmont Park and lights on El Carmel Point should be installed in the next month. Officer Alvarez stated he is pleased to see increased interest in Neighborhood Watch.

Lori Saldana's Office: Shawn Veen spoke on various events Assemblywoman Saldana is sponsoring, including a Mission Bay Park Clean Up on March 24, 2007 from 9-11 am.

Master Plan for Belmont Park: Tom Lochtefeld gave a short summary of the presentation he made at the 6:30 pm pre-meeting. He is waiting for feedback from the city and hopes to bring his plans forward for a vote by the MBTC at next month's meeting.

Precise Planning Board: Tom Lochtefeld reported the Precise Planning Board approved the installation of a traffic light at the Bayside Lane crosswalk and a right turn lane off Mission Boulevard onto Ventura during the summer months. After some discussion, a **motion** was made and seconded for the MBTC to vote at our next general regarding whether we support the light. The possibility of the MBTC sending a letter to the city requesting better outreach to the community was also discussed

New Business:

A discussion of sponsorship for proposed magnets to advertise the MBTC was deferred to next month.

A question was raised as to whether anyone knew the status of getting smoking banned on Ocean Front Walk (no one did).

General interest was expressed in getting local property managers more involved in issues we are trying to address. We may try to have this as a topic of our June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the Belmont Park Community Room.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Blaine, Acting Secretary, for Doug Swenson, Secretary.