

MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting
Belmont Park Community Room
January 2010

Call to Order: President Willie Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge the Allegiance and introduced the Executive Board, Representatives of Elected Officials and Guests.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 2009 general and executive board meetings were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Morrison reported a balance of \$3365. Report approved.

Membership Report: Jill Lester reports that the membership drive was successful with over 100 new members.

President's Report: Willie Gardner reported that an oversized vehicle task force was formed- no details known; and resurfacing of Mission Blvd. should conclude in February.

Belmont Park Presentation: A presentation regarding improvements to Canes was presented and approved.

Mission Beach Merchants Presentation: A presentation was made regarding the formation of a Mission Beach Merchants Association and plans for an inaugural event for Jan. 30, 2010 (January Blues). A straw vote was held and the Town Council supported the concept of the Association but did not support the Jan. 30 event due to lack of specific information and the short time frame for planning.

Mayor's Report: No report was given.

SDPD Report: SDPD representative reported that restructuring was taking place in the Northern Division, including civilian lay-offs and dismantling of Harbor Patrol – however, there was optimism that additional support and equipment could be forthcoming. A discussion was had regarding the locking of the gates by the South Jetty – the issue will be researched. Improvement of red zone parking enforcement and non-emergency dispatcher response was noted.

Councilperson Faulconer Report: Councilperson Faulconer's office reported that recycling efforts were moving forward and should begin after Labor Day; there will be a 2nd summer trash pick-up this summer; resurfacing of Mission Blvd. was moving forward; free sand bags would be available at Santa Clara Rec Center during the rains. Discussions regarding the 12/7 flooding and the use of money reserved for Mission Blvd. tree related expenses took place.

Sen. Kehoe Report: Sen. Kehoe's office discussed State budget issues; the possible re-opening of some recently closed recycling centers; the availability of scholarship programs; and offered the assistance of Sen. Kehoe's office in the event issues arise during State furlough days.

Assemblyperson Saldano Report: Assemblyperson Saldano's office discussed the formation of and possibility of participation in redistricting efforts and the availability fellowship programs.

City Attorney's Report: The City Attorney's office discussed the Beach Area Community Court, including training and the need for volunteers. Interested persons should contact the City Attorney Office (619.533.5500) or Discover PB.

Crime Report: Bill Bradshaw reported that crime statistics were down, with a large drop for the 1st half of 2009; he is unsure of an explanation but believes that the Neighborhood Watch program coincides with drops in crime. Bill announced that he will no longer be able to lead the Neighborhood Watch program and urged others to step in to this invaluable role.

Area Representatives' Reports: Area representatives reported that volleyball players in South Mission continued to be good neighbors and were doing a good job in respecting the beach and the community (Area 1); an update regarding cross walk markings, the solar light project and continuing anti-scavenger efforts was provided; concern over the danger of the Mission Blvd./Santa Rita intersection was expressed together with a report that City response to the issue has been requested (Area 9).

New Business: Dieter Wirtzfeld asked for input as to the issues for the Town Council to focus on for 2010. Members expressed their priorities – the most concerns were regarding Noise (residential party), Red Zone Parking Enforcement; RV Parking; Noise (air traffic); Noise (bars/clubs); and Environmental Issues (dog waste). Dieter will seek the formation of sub-committees regarding these issues at the next Town Council meeting.

Adjournment: 8:30