

MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
General Membership Meeting
Belmont Park Community Room
September 10, 2008

President Mary Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced Board Members, Representatives of Elected Officials, SDPD Officers, Presenters and Guests.

Minutes of August 13, 2008 meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Will Gardner): General Fund Balance: \$7,797.87 Utility Box Fund: \$271.41. Approved as presented.

President's Report: Vote on parking restrictions on tonight's agenda will be put off until October so Larry Clark can present the issues. The results of the recycling survey (about 200 responses) will be tabulated and sent to the city so we can explore our options. There are now three bins at Santa Clara in a new location and hopefully this will help with the overflowing and resulting mess. This year is drawing to an end. The membership drive is in progress and nominations and elections will take place during the next two months. Mary encouraged anyone interested to consider serving on the board and to contact her if they were interested. Also, please encourage your neighbors to join or renew their membership. We have already collected over \$1,000 in voluntary contributions for Utility Box painting and Neighborhood Watch signs, sent in with renewals.

Anthony Kang (USD Student Rep) announced a USD sponsored Beach Day on Friday, September 19, noon to 4, at the SMB Jetty (ocean side). This is an opportunity for USD students living in the beach area to meet community members. Food and soft drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend, welcome the students, and let them know our expectations for them as active, responsible neighbors.

Motorcycle Noise Issues (Mark McCullough, SDPD): Noise regulations vary: California State Law not as strict as City of San Diego (copies of each passed out). Citations are few (only 14 in 4 years). It is difficult to certify the violation in court. The police need handheld digital sound level meters that can be calibrated and certified. Their cost has gone down, now about \$344 each), but are not currently budgeted. Neighborhood groups such as MBTC could purchase them and there could be officers assigned to problem areas a couple of times a month, specifically for the purpose of contacting violators and getting the message out that the violations will be ticketed.

Membership Drive (Sarah Blaine and Andy Chotiner): We are seeking more business memberships. Yard signs are available. Current members and Area Representatives are asked to take applications around to neighbors who are not members.

Crime Statistics (Bill Bradshaw): Comparing 2008 YTD with 2007, overall crime is down, but residential burglaries, auto burglaries, and vandalism are up. Many have noted groups of prowlers on bikes all night.

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SDPD (Capt. Shelly Zimmerman): Prowling is a crime of opportunity and is 100% preventable. Don't get complacent. Lock doors and windows, don't leave valuables in sight, and don't have fences, ladders, or trees, which provide second story access. Comparing 2006, 2007, and 2008 holiday periods, DUI's and Drunk in Public arrests are way down. Alcohol Ban enforcement has been alleged by some to be too heavy-handed, but SDPD is in a "no-win" situation: complaints come from both sides, saying there is too much enforcement and too little. Appreciation was expressed for the work the police have been doing. Speed limit on Boardwalk, 8mph, can be enforced. Response to parties getting out of hand will vary depending on other calls. Priority is always given to crimes in progress or emergency situations.

Councilman Falconer's Office (Thyme Curtis): Oversized Vehicle Ordinance going to Council Monday, Sept. 15. Can be viewed online. Kevin is supporting a ballot item in November that will keep revenues generated in Mission Bay in Mission Bay, for maintenance, etc., and not put them in the City's general fund.

New Beach Area Police Lieutenant: Alan Alvarez introduced Lt. Jim Filley who is replacing David Nisleit. Jim has a long history in MB and is well acquainted with our concerns. His contact information: jfilley@pd.sandiego.gov and phone: 858-552-1706.

Mayor Sanders' Office (Ron Lacey): reported on outsourcing and state budget (neither one is happening yet). Mayor will participate in a Town Hall Meeting on water issues in October. Ron stated the Mayor wants to meet with MBTC and an open invitation was extended.

SMART Committee (Ross Provenzano): discussed proposal by BIG to install bike racks: not something we really need; money could be better spent elsewhere. Karen Mitchell introduced Jeanne Kestly who has historical information regarding a 1997 agreement with the city on the use of the volleyball courts. At Mary's request, this was put off until Sept. 17th Executive Board meeting so that both sides could be present and have more time.

Proposition S (Mike Kreizenbeck): Presented information on why we should vote "Yes on S" (school bond funding), cited endorsements, and noted that it will be on the bottom of this year's lengthy ballot and might be ignored.

Tote Bags (Bob Ruane): 36 canvas bags with MBTC logo are available for purchase. Suggested price is \$7.00.

Reminder: Beach Cleanup Day Sept 20.

Next General Membership Meeting is October 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary