

**MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Belmont Park Community Room**  
**November 12, 2008**

**Call to Order:** President Mary Swenson called the meeting to order at 7 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced the Executive Board, Representatives of Elected Officials and SDPD and Guests.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October 8, 2008 approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Willie Gardner absent and we did not have a written report. Mary reported that based on last month's Treasurer's report and current receipts/expenses, things appear to be in good shape financially.

**President's Report:** Mary reported on the following: The **OVO** was tabled by City Council at their October 28 meeting due to concern about enforcement costs; A meeting was held October 21 with **Park and Rec** regarding the 1997 memorandum concerning the South Mission Beach Volleyball Courts. Everything is not settled yet, but the city has a clear message that development and commercialization of the area is contrary to the intent and not supported by the community; The **Jack-in-the-Box property** at W. Mission Bay Drive and Mission Boulevard is now a paid parking lot with pay boxes and striping so it is being maintained at some level; the owner has not been located yet; **Purchase of decibel meters** is in process, through SDPD Foundation and will happen when the correct paperwork is completed; **Recycling** program for MB is on hold. City Official Steve Greeley reported there is no money for this at present.

**Elections.** At 7:15 Nancie Geller presented the slate of candidates for the 2009 Board and Area Reps. Two nominations from the floor were accepted as write-ins: (1) Jasmine Kung for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and (2) Ed Thiele as backup Rep for Area 1 candidates, Gayle Kavanaugh and Russ Carlson. Ballots were distributed for voting during the meeting. Voting will close at 8 PM and the ballots tallied.

**2009 Board Election Results, announced at 8:15 PM:**

President:	Willie Gardner	Area 2 Reps:	Alan/Abby Murray
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Bob Ruane	Area 3 Rep:	Bob Ruane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Jasmine Kung	Area 4 Rep:	Roberta Morgan
Secretary:	Jeff Garland	Area 5 Rep:	Kat Ohlmann
Treasurer:	Scott Morrison	Area 6 Rep:	Jasmine Kung
Membership:	Andy Chotiner	Area 7 Rep:	Dieter Wertzfeld
Area One Reps:	Gayle Kavanaugh	Area 8 Rep:	Bill Bradshaw
	Russ Carlson	Area 9 Rep:	Bob Craig
	Ed Thiele, Asst.		

**Member Vote:** It was moved seconded and passed to support the vote on the agenda to spend an additional \$500 to produce larger canvas tote bags and t-shirts as a fund-raising project.

**Kevin Falconer's Office:** Thyme emphasized that we "Keep Kevin Informed" regarding matters of concern. She will inform Kevin of SMB repaving needs, of curb repainting needs (could this be done by BACC?), and concern about the loss of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trash day during summer months. Other concerns discussed included boardwalk lights that are out (area reps should survey their area and make a list), the open trench on Mission Blvd (Jersey to Santa Barbara), the closing of restrooms (which ones?), and options for crosswalks in Strandway (could we use reflectors instead of paint?). Jeff Garland stated he will follow up on trash pickup issues; and also suggested that we revisit the ban on overnight parking proposed earlier this year, but rescinded when it was felt that OVO would be in place.

**City Attorney's Office:** Angela Geisler was introduced and reported on the success of the Sexual Assault Prevention Program at local colleges. Contact her at 619-533-5500 or [ageisler@sandiego.gov](mailto:ageisler@sandiego.gov)

**BACC Report:** Park Ranger Karolyn Estrada reported on BACC success stories—not just a court appearance, a fine, and back on the street to do it again—but real life changes as a result of BACC small group meetings. Volunteers are still needed to be part of the groups: call Karolyn at 858-581-7603 or email her at [cmestrada@sandiego.gov](mailto:cmestrada@sandiego.gov).

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**Mayor Sanders' Office:** Ron Lacey reported on Council budget meeting today, listed proposed closings in our area and other proposed budget cuts. Parking fees may be increased and meters installed. Layoffs are likely and the picture most likely will not improve as property tax and sales tax revenue are down, as is tourism. Good news: the audit for 2007 is complete and the 2008 audit is in process.

**SDPD Report:** Officer Zimmerman reported on successes: (1) photos from the cameras, with the assistance of Maruta Gardner, being used to arrest a tagger, (2) photos were also used to arrest an auto burglar at Belmont Park, (3) reflective vests from K. Falconer's office used by PD on Halloween to enhance their presence everywhere, and (4) issuing of 19 citations last month for excessive noise by motorcycles (this was done without the use of decibel meters).

**Crime Report:** Bill Bradshaw reported that crimes in Oct of 2008 are up versus the same month in 2007 (because of the economy?), and discussed Proposition D. Contributions are being sought to cover a budget deficit from their successful campaign.

**SMART Committee Report:** (no report). George Stepanof, Volleyball Tournament Director, was present and discussed the history and background of California Beach Volleyball Association that has sponsored tournaments since the 1960's. He expressed his feeling that commercialization is not OK, but we should not close the door on all tournaments. We need to connect with the SMART committee regarding whether they plan on continuing to work on this concern and how we can best keep informed, if it is felt that there is an ongoing issue.

**USD:** Tom Cleary reported on the success of the mid-September meeting between USD students and their beach area neighbors, and presented information about cultural and athletic events at USD.

**Membership Report:** Andy Chotiner reported that the winner of the \$50 prize for bringing in new members went to Charlie Brevick, who brought in five new business memberships. The application form for membership is on our website. Encourage your neighbors to join

**New Business: Overflowing trashcans** are going to be an increasing concern, especially with only one pick up during the summer when there are more tourists. We need to contact property managers and work with them on this. Bob Craig showed us a "Welcome to Mission Beach" sign. Rotary has done distance signs for joggers in the past and they need to be replaced. We should contact them and see if they will redo, or try to do them ourselves.

**Areas of Interest for 2009:** Mary invited members to suggest items for next year's board to address, and received much input: Continue having monthly themes; CERT Training; Crime Prevention speaker, Paul Greenwood, of the DA's Office; Working more closely with OB and PB Town Councils on common problems; Park & Rec representative to speak about sand management/kelp pickup; More bike racks; Update on our water and sewer system; Wireless internet for our community; Requiring all new construction to provide designated space for trashcans (this may already be in place but not enforced: Having business links on our website (restaurants, hotels, etc.) to make it more tourist friendly (Catalina was cited as an example).

**Adjourned:** 8:40

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary