

MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
Belmont Park Community Room
April 11, 2007

President Mary Swenson called the meeting to order at 7PM 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 March 14, 2007 general meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$6,842.01. Expenses this past month were \$171.38 for website maintenance, \$19.95 for website domain, and \$11.08 for labels.

President's Report: Mary reported;

- The Mission Beach Woman's Club raised \$12,000 for lighting at their March 24 fundraiser.
- Encouraged everyone to look into SDG&E's Dusk to Dawn program for additional lighting (AGhashghaee@semprautilities.com (858) 654-1219).
- We are now linked to MBPPB (precise planning board) on our website.
- There will be a Trash Drive on June 9 and another Clean Court Contest following the drive
- There are beach cleanups scheduled on April 14 and 28—check the website.
- Mayor Sanders will have a Budget meeting on April 17 at the Point Loma Library.
- A long-time member, Ron LaPolice died recently and a card was circulated.

Councilman Kevin Faulconer:

- Chalcedony Street mini-dorm project was stopped and the city is reviewing the codes that let it get started.
- El Carmel Point lighting and Belmont Park "state of the art" cameras (officers will be able to see the images from their cars) will be in by late April/early May. His hard work in making this happen is appreciated.
- Smoking and Oversized Vehicle Ordinances are being reviewed by City Council
- Seawall temporary repairs are completed; Representative Davis is working on getting the wall declared as historical, which will help with possible funding.
- In answer to questions, street sweeping, striping parking places on Mission Boulevard, palm tree trimming and potholes were discussed. Potholes should be reported right away by calling (619) 527-7500. Any police action regarding sleeping on the beach needs to be "complaint-generated" so you should call in if and report. Kevin is going to look into reports that "dirty" sand is being brought in: that appears to be from a river.

City Attorney's Office - Theresa Martin's Report:

- Beach Area Community Court needs volunteers and trainings will be scheduled.
- Oversized Vehicle Ordinance Pilot Program is scheduled to be put in effect soon. She will bring more details next month.
- Police have to witness motorcycle and boom box excessive noise. Traffic officers can't enforce these violations.

San Diego Police Department Report:

- No major problems during Spring Break
- Beach Team staffing increased by 10 officers May through Labor Day (MB, PB, & LJ).

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- Next Alcohol Task force Meeting Monday, April 23, in OB. There will not be public input but the public is welcome to attend
- Smoking Ban is in effect on the beach and is likely to be expanded to Ocean Front Walk and Bayside Walk.
- In answer to questions, Segways are allowed on the Boardwalk because of “special dispensation.”

Action Items

- Bob Moosbrugger of SD International Sports Council and Greg Guzette, production coordinator, presented information about a proposed Skateboard Event Sept 14-16 at Belmont Park that will attract 10-15,000 people and give us international TV exposure. There was discussion regarding security, safety, shuttle busses, bands (no hip-hop or rap), donation to a MB project, and alcohol. Motion to support was approved (30-2) provided that alcohol is only served in a controlled hospitality area that is not open to the public.
- Jim Greene, Bahia Hotel Manager, reported that a recent CourtTV episode made MB look trashy and could have a negative impact on tourism. The City has a partnership with CourtTV and gets money to buy lifeguard boats. Motion to support writing a letter to Mayor Sanders that the MBTC is opposed to this relationship and going on record as being opposed to this relationship and the negative publicity from the broadcasts. Passed 15-12.
- Bayside Lane traffic light: After discussion, a motion was passed unanimously that MBTC go on record as opposing adding a third traffic light in the area that could not help but add congestion to an already congested area. A second motion that MBTC go on record as opposing the existing crosswalk as it encourages crossing in a dangerous area. Barriers, landscaping and signs directing people to the two adjacent crosswalks would be simpler and safer. Motion also passed unanimously.
- Scott Bernet presented information on behalf of Tom Lochtefeld regarding a Flying Reef Project, which should occupy the south parking lot for a temporary period of time (30 to 60 days) after the summer season. A motion to approve was passed unanimously.

Refrigerator Magnets: Bob Craig is proposing that MBTC support the production of refrigerator magnets with a logo and our website address on them to be given to members/residents. A prototype will be prepared. Bob inquired about finding someone who knows Photoshop to do the design. We will look for sponsors to pay for about 500 magnets each with the sponsors name on the magnets. No action taken.

Sean Wherley of Christine Kehoe’s office introduced himself and distributed their newsletter.

Susan Thorning, Mission Beach Precise Planning Board chair, reported that they have an open position and would welcome self-nomination of an interested person. She also reported that Mission Boulevard assessment funds could be used for additional services along the boulevard such as sidewalk washing. The new chair, Pam Glover should be contacted for more information. They are promoting the beach area clean up on April 28 with a meeting place at Mission Beach Woman’s Club at 9 AM.

Crime Report: Bill Bradshaw presented statistics on beach area crimes in March and for YTD this year compared to 2006 (vandalism is up considerably); he announced Neighborhood Watch Meeting for Thursday April 19, 7PM, at the Woman’s Club on Santa Clara Place.

Adjournment: 9:03

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary