

**Mission Beach Town Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Belmont Park Community Room**

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

Introductions: Executive Board, Area Representatives, Representatives of elected officials and other government agencies, and SDPD

Minutes: July minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the general fund is \$5,415.82; balance in the utility box painting fund is \$64.97. Report approved as read.

President's Report: Mary reported that at the last Executive Board meeting, a revised proposal for the September 14-15 Skateboard event, moving the event to the north end of the Belmont Park Parking lot, was supported with the understanding that parking and litter issues were addressed. Jasmine Kung was appointed to be the MBTC representative to the Precise Planning Board. Tom Lochtefeld will continue to be on our agenda to present updates on Belmont Park. Thanks to Maruta Gardner for her Graffiti photos that, according to SDPD Detective Franchina, led to the arrest of half of a significant tagging team.

Member Votes:

MSP to allocate \$106 of MBTC funds to the utility box painting project. This, together with the same amount already given by Mission Beach Woman's Club, matches the amount raised at the Santa Clara Rec pancake breakfast in June (\$212). A total of \$424 added to the fund.

A motion was made to allocate \$300 to Neighborhood Watch signs. After discussion, the motion was amended to have Bill Bradshaw research whether we could personalize the signs to include "Mission beach" and the non-emergency police phone number. Bill will bring back more specific details about the design and costs.

Good Neighbor Policy: Jean Froning reported on the inception, about twenty years ago, of the South Mission Beach Homeowners' and Residents' Association and its evolution into Mission Beach Good Neighbor Policy. Mary presented a one-page draft that attempted to summarize issues that affect the quality of life for Mission Beach residents. Discussion ensued and revisions will be made.

Reports:

Crime Statistics--Bill Bradshaw: crime decreased during the first seven months of 2007 as compared with 2006; community awareness is an important factor; website has a crime page now.

San Diego Police Department--Alan Alvarez: Bike patrols will operate daily through the summer; surveillance cameras are working great; communication is the key to reducing crime; everyone needs to call in violations as police staffing is based on calls received.

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City Attorney's Office--Teresa Martin: Chronically homeless persons are being arrested and given a choice of either 6 months in jail or 6 months in rehab for drugs/alcohol—do not confront homeless people, but call the police if their behavior is threatening; El Carmel lights are delayed due to wrong kind of poles so PD will set up a command post there; Local universities are providing sexual assault education programs for their students; Beach Area Community Court is active, having weekly sessions, and going very well; illegal parking should be added to the Good Neighbor Policy--the owner of car parked in a red zone can be held civilly liable if a death results because an emergency vehicle can't get through.

Lifeguard Report--Rick Strobel: July was busy: 380 rescues, one drowning, one death due to collapse, lots of jellyfish stings; mixed swells and lots of rip currents have made swimming dangerous; green and red flags are no longer in use to mark danger areas; Labor Day will mark the end of summer operations; Lifeguard Adam Huntington, who is checking up on the many surf camps in the area, was introduced; Lifeguards are actively recruiting for new guards.

Kevin Faulconer's Office--Ryan Jetton: signs with oversized vehicle guidelines will go before the City Council in October and then hopefully posted and enforced; cost of July 4 for setup and cleanup alone was \$227,000 (not including safety personnel, and equipment); El Carmel light poles had to be reordered; contact Ryan at JJetton@sandiego.gov.

Announcements:

8/21: Community Forum on Parking at PB Middle School—contact Benjamin Nichols at Discover PB—858-273-3050

9/13 at 6:30 PM: Neighborhood Watch Captains' meeting at MB Woman's Club

9/15, 9-12 AM: Beach Clean-up sponsored by SD Coastkeepers and I Love A Clean San Diego. Details at missionbeachtc.org

Meeting Adjourned 8:39 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary