

**Mission Beach Town Council
General Membership Meeting
Belmont Park Community Room
January 9, 2008**

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

Introductions: Mary introduced Executive Board, Representative of Elected Officials, SDPD Officers and other guests.

Minutes of Nov. 14 Meeting: Approved as submitted

President's Report: Mary introduced the new board members and thanked those going off the board. Our topics for tonight are to approve the budget for 2008 and discuss meeting topics for the year. Forms to request topics are at the back of the room. A summary of last year's topics was presented. We have some unfinished business regarding San Diego BIG's request for our support of their getting a Preferential Use Permit from the city. A representative from Park and Rec will be coming to our board meeting on the 16th to present information about the PUP. Mary would like to see us focusing on recycling this year, explore the possibility of forming a foundation with 501c3 status so we can apply for community grants and also enhance our relationship with resident students by having a student membership category and possibly student representatives from the local colleges on the board.

Treasurer's Report: Will Gardner reported the balance in the general account is \$7,131.13 and in the Utility Box Painting Fund is \$64.97. Report approved as read.

2008 Proposed Budget was presented and approved. Discussion items included ideas for fundraising and funds for additional beautification projects. Mary will appoint an audit committee to go over the books as required in the Bylaws.

Kevin Falconer's Office (Jamie Fox Rice):

- Boardwalk lights: City relies on citizens and SDPD notifying them when lights are out (no money for crews to patrol)
- Recycling: City is aware of overflowing bins. We may get a 2nd bin on El Carmel Place
- Oversized Vehicles Ordinance: Kevin's office and PD putting as much pressure as possible on Council to get this docketed and addressed; keep sending emails.
- Replacement trashcans are not free any more.

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City Attorney's Office (Teresa Fout):

- Community Court Update: new website and videos; statistics to be presented next month, especially on recidivism.
- Scavenging: code enforcement officers are writing citations
- Lifeguards being trained in dealing with transients.

Greg Cox's Office (Maddie Moore): Greg is now Chair of Board of Supervisors; invitations presented to State of County address at Balboa Theater on February 13.

Christine Kehoe's Office (Sean Wherley): budget deficit will be the big issue this year; newsletter presented with information on the 7 ballot measures for Feb 5 elections.

SDPD (Boyd Long): scavenging laws will be enforced as will motor home violations (send photos); parking control officers can go into alleys and side streets; crime statistics show vandalism is up but everything else is down; cameras "are the future" in reducing crime; SDPD does not have the funds at this time to get more but relies on community groups to assist; farewell round of applause as Boyd moves up to Asst. Chief. Officer Alan Alvarez commended Captain Long for all his hard work and promises to get Boyd's replacement "up to speed."

Area 9 Representative (Bob Craig) updated us on his anti-scavenging and utility box painting efforts and **Area 5 Representative** (Kat Ohlman) reported she is working with Jasmine to address recycling issues.

Adjourned 8:34

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary