

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

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance led by President Mary Swenson at 7:00PM.

Introductions of Executive Board, Representatives of Elected Officials, SDPD and Guests

Approval of February 13, 2008 minutes: approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Will Gardner): General Fund Balance: \$8,261.03. Utility Box Painting Fund Balance: \$20.62.

President's Report (Mary Swenson): at our February Board Meeting, Webmaster Gretchen Walden updated Board photos and we discussed improvements to the website, i.e., more photos and more information about community events. If you have ideas, contact Mary or your Area Representative. Last week several Board members met with Kevin Faulconer and Thyme Curtis, who will be representing his office at our meetings; Kevin plans a State of the District meeting in April, probably in Point Loma.

Announcements:

March 18 at 7 PM: Neighborhood Watch Meeting at MBWC

March 29, 3-6 PM: MBWC Fundraiser March 29 at The Pennant

April 9 at 6:30 PM: MBTC meeting and History of Mission Beach Presentation at MBWC

Recycling: A four-person team, headed by Stephen J. Grealy from the City's Waste Reduction and Diversion Program, presented information and answered questions on how our community can develop a recycling program that works for us. Several options are possible. The City needs to know exactly what Mission Beach wants so they can put a price on it. Our Recycling Committee will put together a plan for consideration at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Grealy said that what the City can do immediately is to order more dumpsters and more frequent service at the current collection centers.

Guest Speaker Steve Francis, candidate for Mayor, presented his goals for San Diego, answered questions, and distributed a flyer.

SDPD Report: Sergeant David Nisleit and Officer Alan Alvarez discussed preparations for St. Patrick's Day and Spring Break, which runs this week through April 6. They answered questions on the Alcohol Ban (generally very positive), problems at the Beachcomber and Pennant (more PD presence at closing), noise issues on Mission Blvd, (they do not have decibel meters; loud motorcycles are handled by Traffic Division), and drunks on the Bayside of South Mission (a plan is in place to handle this soon).

Councilmember Kevin Faulconer's Report: Thyme Curtis will soon have updated flyers with phone numbers to call about neighborhood problems. She presented information and answered questions regarding various issues: manholes in the sand at South Mission will be painted and sealed to eliminate some of the odor; bay sewer outlet will be cleaned and signs replaced; Lead Paint Ordinance was passed by Council (meeting agenda passed out); Bayside Lane alley needs paving (sweeping helps, but is not done on a regular schedule); potholes can be fixed and burned out lights can be replaced right away, if they are reported; excessive sand on the Boardwalk is not being swept (BACC people could do this as part of their community service); Bayside Walk lights (short posts) are almost all out; and the Mayor's Water Quality Program did not include beach areas because the heavy metals in our water are not coming from here, but from further inland.

Neighborhood Watch. Bill Bradshaw announced next meeting, March 18 at 7 PM at MBWC.

Crime Report: Bill Bradshaw presented statistics showing current trends (robbery and sexual assaults up, auto theft, auto burglary, DUI, and vandalism down). Overall, crime is down.

Area Reps Reports. Roberta Morgan (Area 4) reported excellent PD response and prompt cleanup of graffiti in her area.

Surfrider Foundation. Chris Lydick reported on preparations for 5th of July beach cleanup, working with SDPD, I Love A Clean San Diego, and Free PB. Volunteers are needed. Headquarters will be at the foot of PB Drive. Check website, www.surfrider.org.

Smoke Shops Report. Lisa Silverman presented information and answered questions on the effect of smoke shops in the beach area. She would like MBTC to write a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting more regulation of these businesses, as groups from College Area and PB have done. Board will discuss this. Individuals can write letters if they feel strongly about this.

Member Request: Could MBTC give a donation to MBWC for their fundraiser? Board will discuss.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary

REMINDER: ON APRIL 9, A BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE AT 6:30 PM AT THE MISSION BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB, FOLLOWED BY A HISTORY OF MISSION BEACH PRESENTATION AT 7 PM. RSVP FOR

PRESENTATION AT maswenson@sbcglobal.net or call 858-488-7347 (seating is limited to 110)