

**Mission Beach Town Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
Belmont Park Community Room  
January 10, 2007**

President Mary Swenson called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Introductions** Mary introduced the Executive Board, Area Representatives, Police Officers and Representatives of Elected Officials and Associations.

**Minutes** of the November 8 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Balance is \$7,220.41. The 2007 budget was discussed, amended and approved.

**President's Report** Mary outlined her goal for 2007 that MBTC will be a forum for our neighbors and community officials to share information with each other and all feel heard. She will do her best to stay informed on the many things happening in our community and to keep the meetings short, but long enough to address the issues of concern. In order to save copying and postage costs, let Sarah Blaine know if you are getting mailed notices of the meetings but can be notified by e-mail instead.

**Area Reports**

- Area 7 Rep Lee Silber reported that his neighbors are concerned with “minidorms” of college students who have loud parties.
- Area 3 Rep Bob Ruane reported fewer RV’s.
- Area 9 Rep Bob Craig presented his “2007 Project Goals”: (1) Install lights in all alleys (2) Invite artists to paint sidewalk utility boxes and beach trash cans (3) Lock lids on trash cans (4) Install planters on top of the beach wall at the end of each court (5) Promote MBTC issues in local paper and get MBTC refrigerator magnets in 80% of residences to facilitate communication (6) Get residents comfortable with using cameras to fight crime (7) Install solar powered lights on the “Welcome to Mission Beach” signs, and (8) Get residents comfortable with volunteering to take action on problems not being addressed.

**Crime Statistics/Neighborhood Watch Report** Bill Bradshaw reported that crime is down in San Diego but not in Mission Beach: up 6% in 2006 from 2005. Bill presented a map showing locations of all Neighborhood Watch Captains. Coverage is complete except for one 10-block gap.

**Crime Committee Report**

- Jamie Fox Rice reported Councilman Faulconer has secured funding for 5 security cameras in Belmont Park and 5 new lights in the Belmont Park and El Carmel Point areas.
- Marc Geller reported that the cost of lighting the whole beach would be “astronomical” and encouraged residents to put up their own lights, as per Bob Craig’s proposal.
- MBTC may be able to make a bulk purchase of lights to save money
- SDG&E will install lights upon request of owners who agree to pay the additional monthly bill.
- The MBWC March 24 fundraiser will be “Keep Safety in Sight; Light up the Night.”

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**Alcohol Task Force Report** Nancie Geller reported that the next meeting would be at the PB Library on January 22 regarding restaurant licensees.

**Police Report** Officer Alan Alvarez reported that security lights and cameras should be installed by spring, before the peak season; thanked Bill Bradshaw for Neighborhood Watch (we are doing better than PB); and thanked Bob Craig: there is an increase in ID theft, we should take photos of people picking through trash cans, and we should all buy shredders. Contact him at [aalvarez@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:aalvarez@pd.sandiego.gov) or (858) 552-1631.

Lieutenant Brian Ahearn encouraged people to call regarding any concern, noted that less grant money is available due to shift in priorities to Homeland Security, reported on the increase in property crimes and the need for neighborhood watch, informed us regarding new technology for reading license plates and recovering stolen cars, and said that the RV issue is best handled "one at a time": we are winning because of photos and because violators who are ticketed for inhabiting vehicles are losing when they go to court.

**City Attorney's Office** Teresa Martin spoke on SDG&E's Dusk till Dawn Program to install lights on poles; informed us of a video about license plate readers which we can access by emailing her at [tmartin@sandiego.gov](mailto:tmartin@sandiego.gov), and reported on the Beach Area Community Court that met the previous night and the Civil Action Process meetings to address nuisance issues such as party houses, etc. The next meeting/training is January 29 at the PB Rec Center. Teresa offered to present on the CAPP program at a future meeting of MBTC.

**Susan Davis' Office** Noel Gorman reported on Congresswoman Davis' concerns. San Diego is now back on the Homeland Security list and is eligible to apply for Homeland Security grants.

**Kevin Faulconer's Office** Jamie Fox Rice spoke on oversized vehicles and passed out copies of a draft of the new ordinance. Other topics: temporary seawall repair is on schedule, Kevin will meet with Susan Davis regarding federal funding, boardwalk striping is back to the old way, we should try to get other organizations to help with lighting, pest problems have increased since the jetty cats were relocated, the smoking ban is being added to an ordinance, and the alcohol ban is still being discussed. Her email is [jfoxrice@sandiego.gov](mailto:jfoxrice@sandiego.gov)

**Lori Saldana's Office** Shawn Veen reported on Assemblywoman Saldana bills regarding a cap on lending and toxic chemicals; announced an assembly fellowship program at Sacramento State College; and said that rat traps are available through the County.

**Master Plan for Belmont Park** Tom Lochtefeld presented an overview of his proposal for Belmont Park future development. His lease requires him to invest a considerable amount of additional money (\$10 million) by 2010. Further details and drawings will be presented next month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02. The next general meeting will be at 7PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at the Belmont Park Community Room

Minutes submitted by Doug Swenson, Secretary