

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, March 16, 2026, 7:00pm

Location: Mira Mesa Public Library, 8405 New Salem Street, San Diego CA 92126

Members Present/Absent: Zachary Byron, Chris Cate, Tracee Denby, J Dichoso, ~~Keith Flitner~~, ~~Joe Frichtel~~, Bo Gibbons, Philip Linssen, ~~Brandon Maddox~~, David Mandelbaum, ~~Steven Pollock~~, ~~Jacob Ricketts~~, Harsh Sangani, Jeff Stevens, Sean Tompkins, Barak Tzori, Kevin Yu

Call to Order/Confirm quorum:

1. Modifications to the Agenda
2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes (Action).
 1. Minutes of February 19, 2026 meeting
 - i. Bo/Jeff: Motion/Second to approve minutes. Passes Unanimously
3. Non-Agenda Public Comments: 3 Minutes per speaker.
 1. Pam Stevens: May 6 meeting of MMTC will be Jeff Sabins, Principal of Mira Mesa High School, Scripps Mesa Fireworks raising money for fireworks on July 3rd.
4. Planning Group Member Comments
 1. Sean: will be releasing a book this coming Wednesday. Info provided upon request.
 2. Kevin: 92126 will be a special date this year, "September 21, 2026", would like for community to celebrate.
5. Reports
 1. Report of the Chair

Mail:

1. NORA for 6513 Sequence Drive / PRJ-1109007. Request for a COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to adjust the lot line between two parcels that contain an existing medical building, three-story parking garage, and surface parking. Approved by MMCPG in March 2025.
2. Design documents for Lazy Dog Restaurant. On agenda tonight. Plans distributed to MMCPG.
3. NORA for 6625 Miramar Road Urgent Road Repair.
4. NORA for a Special Event Permit – 2026 Miramar College Pow Wow. Special Event Permit for cultural event that would include vendors, food and craft booths, entertainment, music, sound amplification, onsite food preparation, generators, portable restrooms, canopies/tents, row seating, trash/recycling containers, tables, and chairs that would occur at Miramar Hourglass Park on March 21, 2026.
5. NORA for WCF at the House of Ice. Approved by MMCPG in January 2026.

Community Planners Committee

1. LDC Update and process for City approval
2. "Ride SD" presentation regarding residential parking permits

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Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee.

1. Meeting upcoming this week. Information item regarding the state of planning for 2nd annual Dark Sky Festival on April 11th will be on the agenda.

6. Old Business
 1. PRJ-1072780 Lazy Dog Restaurant – Jared Taylor (Action).
 - i. 3rd time presenting. Jared indicated Lazy Dog is absolutely moving forward. Have an open building permit. One of 5 locations across the country going through a delay. Development team has changed (new architect). Some minor architectural changes are being proposed. The overall footprint will be the same (building and patio). The patio is proposed to be moved further under the roof, there are some changes to layout of windows, and minor movement of the fire pit and the moving of the trash enclosure. When construction will start is still uncertain. Jared estimates another 2 months to get drawings, 4 months to get permits, and 3 to 4 months to construct. Therefore it is approximately one year out.

Keith/Chris: Motion to Support Changes. Passes Unanimously

7. New Business
 1. None.

8. Elected Officials/Government Agencies
 1. United States Congress – California 51st District Imani Drew for Sara Jacobs
 2. California Senate – District 40 Valeria Alondo for Brian Jones
 3. California Assembly – District 78 Michael Bravo for Chris Ward
 4. San Diego County – Board of Supervisors District 3 Quinton Grounds for Terra Lawson-Remer
 5. San Diego – Mayor’s Office Michaela Valk for Todd Gloria

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office:

Chris Cate raised to me that there are some hanging shades that are damaged or missing at Mira Mesa Community Park, I am working with Park & Recreation on a timeline for replacement given the heat and direct sun recently.

Crime Reduction Streak Continues for City of San Diego:

- SDPD presented and announced to the City Council today that overall crime is down 6% in 2025, marking 4th year of decrease for the nation's 8th largest city. This achievement can be largely attributed to outstanding police work, meaningful community partnerships, and effective use of technology. The full crime statistics information can be found in the [2025 Annual Crime Statistics Report](#).

Mayor Gloria Launches Resident Budget Survey as San Diego Prepares for Tough Fiscal Decisions:

- Mayor Todd Gloria is asking San Diegans to provide feedback that will help determine which programs and services are prioritized and which are reduced.

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- The City launched a digital [Resident Budget Survey](#) at sandiego.gov/BudgetSurvey to gather input from San Diegans that the Gloria Administration will use to make tough budget decisions for fiscal year 2027 (FY27), which begins on July 1.
- At this time the top 5 services that San Diegans have voted on protecting in the following order are 1. Transportation and Street Repair 2. SDPD services 3. San Diego Fire-Rescue services 4. Emergency response time 5. Homelessness

City of San Diego Releases Comprehensive Speed Management Plan:

- The City of San Diego announced the release of its [Comprehensive Speed Management Plan](#), a citywide, data-informed strategy to reduce vehicle speeds in areas allowed under state law and advance the City's [Vision Zero](#) commitment to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- The Comprehensive Speed Management Plan used a data-driven, city-wide approach to lower speed limits across San Diego's neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and school zones.
 6. San Diego – City Council District 6 Ana Serrano for Kent Lee

PROJECTS

- **Mira Mesa Community Park**
 - Estimated completion continues to be this summer
 - Right now crews are installing underground irrigation systems and preparing soil throughout the park for upcoming tree planting. Around the ballfields, the 20-foot perimeter fencing is being installed, and work is continuing on walkways and paved areas near the aquatic and equipment buildings.
 - At the aquatic complex, crews are installing pool plumbing and putting in the gates around the facility. In Area 1, trees and sod have already been planted and are now going through their establishment period to help them take root.
 - One exciting milestone is that the public art for the park is now ready for delivery.
- **Salk & Maddox Park**
 - I had the opportunity to meet with the project team at the park last week and walk through the site with them. Compared to the last time I visited late last year, you can definitely see progress across the park. You can even see that planting has begun in some areas.
 - The purpose of the meeting was to check in with staff and better understand where things currently stand. Parks and Recreation and the Engineering Department are continuing to work closely with the contractor to wrap up the project as soon as possible. At the same time, they are working through the remaining details needed to open the Maddox project area first, which includes the dog park and playground.
 - Right now, staff are focused on making sure that area can safely open to the public.
 - At the dog park, crews are finishing a few final items, including installing signage and fencing around some of the newly planted trees to make sure the landscaping is protected.
 - At the playground, shade structures have been installed and additional playground sand has been added. The swing chains still need to be replaced.
 - One piece of playground equipment, the aeroglider, still needs to be ordered, delivered, and installed, which may take a couple of months. In the meantime, the contractor plans to secure that specific area so the rest of the playground can safely open for public use.

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- Across the site, the team is making sure everything meets ADA requirements and adjusting fencing so that the public can begin accessing completed areas while crews continue working and protecting newly planted landscaping.
- The team will be sharing more details with our office soon about the exact timing of these next steps. But I can say that they are very aware of the frustration with the delays and are actively working with the contractor to open as much of the park as possible to the public as soon as it is safe to do so.
- **Street Reconstruction Group 1801**
 - The remaining work on the project is expected to be completed by April, as long as there are no unforeseen issues. The final step at this stage is completing the striping along Gold Coast.
 - The contractor has already started packing up equipment and clearing out from areas where work is finished.
 - Through the spring, crews will focus on taking care of the smaller remaining details and making sure everything meets project standards. The project is expected to be officially closed toward the end of 2026.

EVENTS & RESOURCES

- **Budget**
 - Our office will be hosting a **Budget Town Hall** as part of this year's budget process. Flyers are available in the back with more details. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the budget and share your community priorities.
 - The session will include a presentation from the Independent Budget Analyst on the proposed budget, an overview of the budget process, and a conversation with the Councilmember about possible adjustments before the budget is adopted. For Mira Mesa, the Town Hall will take place right here on **Thursday, May 7th, at 6 pm**. We hope to see you there
 - Timeline: As a reminder, we're about one month away from the Mayor's Office releasing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027. About two weeks later, the Independent Budget Analyst will release their review of that proposed budget. During the first week of May, same week of the town hall, the City Council will hear from the IBA, City departments, and the public about the budget. Under the City Charter, the Council has until June 15th to make any modifications.
- **ESD Financial Assistance Program**
 - Launched in January
 - Customers may qualify if:
 - They own and live in the home as their primary residence, the home is eligible for City trash and recycling service, and
 - Their household income is at or below 60% of California's State Median Income or at least one household member is enrolled in Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, or LIHEAP.
 - Applicants can apply online (at MAACproject.org/SDSWAssistance). **The deadline to apply for 2025–2026 fee assistance is April 30, 2026.**
 - There was an in-person assistance clinic at the Mira Mesa Library on March 4th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
 - *For more information, customers can visit MAACproject.org/SDSWAssistance or call 619-946-4419.*

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- *The program is paid for by \$3 million from the City's fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget and more than \$60,000 in donations pledged by City customers.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Fire Safe Council
 - A constituent reached out to me regarding starting a Mira Mesa Fire Safe Council. If anyone is interested in the initiative or would even like to serve on the board, please let me know so I can connect you with them.
 - *"...works to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire through collaboration, education, and community action. We bring together residents, local Fire Safe Councils, fire agencies, and organizations across the region to build safer, more resilient communities."*
 - Steve Glass: srglass@earthlink.net 858-536-9237
 - Letter of Support
 - Lastly, I wanted to share that our office recently met with the school district to discuss road safety measures near schools. We are joining them in support and have sent a letter to our federal representatives requesting funding for critical safety improvements at and around school campuses across San Diego.
7. MCAS Miramar
9. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2026