

## **Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Minutes**

**Date/Time:** Monday, April 20, 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. Introduction to MCAS Miramar Commanding Officer Colonel Erik Herrmann
  - a. First wildfire of the season by a visiting unit – education in place
  - b. Goats will be brought to east Miramar to clear 1,000 acres, as well as a fire break
  - c. Units have been deployed to other locations besides Middle East
  - d. Planning for airshow last weekend in September
3. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes (Action).
  - a. Minutes of March 16, 2026 meeting
    - i. Motion by Jeff/Barak: Motion to approve. Passes (9-0-3)
4. Non-Agenda Public Comments: 3 Minutes per speaker.
  - a. Dane Ford: UCSD Triton Cycling Race on 4/26
  - b. Pam Stevens: Art contest for Scripps Mesa Fireworks currently underway. Ability to submit nominations from students up until May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Town Council scholarship applications are now open for Mira Mesa students.
5. Planning Group Member Comments
  - a. Joe Frichtel: City of San Diego workforce growth compared to population growth concerning; Requested additional information regarding applying for funding for extension of Carroll Canyon Road from Congresswoman Jacobs.
6. Reports
  - a. Report of the Chair
    - i. Annual Report for last 12 months sent out to all members. On agenda tonight.
    - ii. Call from Cormac Kenan of Brixmor asking about Community Plan requirements for Childtime, which is moving into the former Being Fit space by Petco. Wanted to know if a new playground outside the building would trigger requirements for other improvements such as a linear park. The City does not have well-defined requirements for small changes like this.
    - iii. Mail:
    - iv. Notice of Triton Crit bicycle race near Top Gun street on Sunday, April 26.
    - v. NORA for Triton Crit bicycle race near Top Gun street on Sunday, April 26
    - vi. Staff comments for PRJ-1149985, PRJ-1149986 Longfellow Lusk and Barnes Canyon Rezone. On agenda tonight as information item. Sent to committee.
    - vii. Map of Montongo Mitigation Project – renovation of Lopez Canyon east of Montongo. Will be on agenda next month.
    - viii. NORA for Archipelago Bike Ride on Saturday, April 25. The route ride begins at Sycamore Park Drive and ends at the Gravity Heights 99 Twenty Building (9920

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- Pacific Heights Boulevard). Mostly on trails including some in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve.
      - ix. NORA for Special Event Permit for a portion of the Ragnar Relay SoCal for an approximate 200-mile relay run event that would occur within the City of San Diego right-of-way jurisdiction on April 10 & 11, 2026.
      - x. Notice of approval of T-Mobile Ice Skate Place – approved by MMCPG in January.
      - xi. Request for City Trash and Recycling Service Update Presentation. On agenda tonight.
    - b. Community Planners Committee
      - i. No report
    - c. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee.
      - i. Presented by Pam Stevens. March meeting was annual election of officers. Pam selected at Vice Chair. Matt Bartel is the new chair of the Committee. Next meeting is in May. Successful holding of the Dark Sky Festival in March.
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Approve MMCPG Annual Report (Action).
    - i. Jeff Stevens/Philip Linssen: Motion to adopt. Passes Unanimously.
- 8. New Business
  - a. PRJ-1149985,PRJ-1149986 Longfellow Lusk and Barnes Canyon Rezone – Brandon Maddox (Information)
    - i. Information only. Presentation on file.
  - b. City Trash and Recycling Service Update Presentation – Andrea Deleon, City of San Diego Environmental Services Department.
    - i. Information only. Presentation on file.
- 9. Elected Officials/Government Agencies
  - a. United States Congress – California 51<sup>st</sup> District Imani Drew for Sara Jacobs
    - i. Members were in the district for April
    - ii. Passed by Local Development and Humanitarian
    - iii. Voted Yes on War Powers Resolution against the War in Iran
    - iv. Was at UCSD to review federal funding of Moore’s Cancer Center, and engaged with student groups
    - v. Visited the Otay Mesa Detention Facility regarding conditions of an ICE facility
  - b. California Senate – District 40 Valeria Alondo for Brian Jones
  - c. California Assembly – District 78 Michael Bravo for Chris Ward
  - d. San Diego County – Board of Supervisors District 3 Quinton Grounds for Terra Lawson-Remer
    - i. Secured \$100 million for a behavioral health campus in the Midway District
    - ii. Looking to create a standalone Behavioral Health Department
    - iii. County voted to create a Consumer Financial Protection Unit
  - e. San Diego – Mayor’s Office Michaela Valk for Todd Gloria
    - i. **Bruce Brown Memorial Community Park**

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3Roots is ready to break ground on the Bruce Brown Memorial Community Park next month. Initially, they requested to have the event during the week of May 11 but I just circled back with them if they are flexible to move it to a different week in May. (I also called Joe and Greg Brown to see their availability for May).

As a reminder, during a difficult budget year, this groundbreaking is made possible because 3Roots is required to build the park as part of the General Development Plan.

- ii. **Salk Join-Use & Neighborhood Park**
- iii. Park & Recreation expects the tot lot portion at Maddox to be open sometime this week. Most of the fencing will be removed, though a few panels will remain in place to secure the area where an outstanding structure still needs to be installed. We anticipate receiving that piece of equipment in the next month or so.

The dog park is unfortunately not yet ready to be open as the gates still need to be installed along with the protective barriers for the trees. I will work with staff on a timeline for completion.

Below is the update that ECP staff emailed this month

### Salk Neighborhood Park Joint Use:

- Construction has reached **approximately 96% completion.**
  - **Current ongoing work includes:**
    - Oval Park: soil conditioning, sewer cleanout work, and sod.
    - Comfort Station: floor coating, plumbing and bathroom accessories, and metal handrail installation.
    - Rectangular park: storm drain boxes, irrigation laterals, and fencing installation.
    - Maddox Park: grading and installation of fencing.
    - The plant establishment period (PEP) and substantial completion are projected for Spring 2026.
- f. San Diego – City Council District 6 Ana Serrano for Kent Lee
    - i. One additional item from our office is to please share and invite community members to our **Budget Town Hall on Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 PM in the Mira Mesa Library Community Room.**
    - ii. Also, a reminder that the deadline to apply for the 2025–2026 ESD Financial Assistance Program is April 30, 2026.
  - g. MCAS Miramar
    - i. No additional updates

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026