



MINUTES

Mission Hills Town Council
TOWN HALL MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2010 6:00 p.m.
@ Francis Parker School, 4201 Randolph St

6:00 – 6:15 p.m. Social Networking

6:15 p.m. Call to Order – PRESIDENT Mark Fehlman

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Mark Fehlman	PRESIDENT
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Presentation of Rose Award to Francis Parker School: Karen Valentino presented a Rose Award to Bob Gillingham and Francis Parker School on behalf of the Town Council and the Board of Trustees for everything they have done for the MHTC since its inception.

Presentation of Business Award to The Salon of Art: Mark Fehlman presented the Business Recognition Award to Concetta Antico of The Salon of Art in recognition of outstanding contributions to our neighborhood.

Mark Fehlman mentioned the new email newsletter that has been sent to members of the Town Council and interested neighbors. Paul Bowers has contributed much time and effort into getting the newsletter ready, and he welcomes questions, suggestions, photographs, announcements, etc. Please use the link at the bottom of the newsletter to make sure you continue to receive it.

Introduction of Government Officials or their Representatives

Congresswoman Susan Davis	619-280-5353
CA Senator Christine Kehoe	619-645-3133
Assemblywoman Lori Saldana	619-645-3090
Supervisor Ron Roberts	619-531-5544
Councilman Kevin Faulconer	619-236-6622

Woo-Jin Shim, from Supervisor Ron Roberts' office, mentioned that residents should check the county website (<http://sdcountyemergency.com/>) for updates after any

event such as an earthquake, wildfire, flood, etc. He also had flyers for the annual county lawn mower trade-in, which will occur May 1st starting at 8 AM at the County Administration Center. Residents can bring in a working gas lawn mower and be able to buy a rechargeable mower worth \$400 for only \$99.99. This is part of Supervisor Roberts' work on the Air Pollution Control District.

Brian Pepin, from Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office, discussed tree-trimming activities in the neighborhood. He said that there seems to be better notification when these activities are going to occur. Residents can put in a request for tree-trimming at the City website (streets division), or call his office: 619 236 6622 (ask for Brian or James, as Brian will be out for about 6 weeks).

Carol Schultz, from the Uptown Partnership, distributed a summary of the proposed projects in Mission Hills using parking meter funds. These include replacing single head meters with multi-space meters, closing unused curb cuts and researching a traffic calming device at Dove and University.

Officer Dave Surwilo, SDPD addressed the group on matters of neighborhood safety. He reinforced the message from last fall's Town Hall meeting, when there had been a spike of robberies, all committed by one person who was interested mainly in stealing cars. Most of these incidents occurred in houses and cars that were unsecured. Now that the weather is growing warmer, people will start opening windows, etc., making their property vulnerable to theft. He emphasized the importance of locking your house and car even if you are just going around the block.

Solicitors are required by law to register with the city and wear an official photo ID. If you are not interested, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR! You can speak to them via a side window and tell them you're not interested. If anything about the situation doesn't seem right, call the non-emergency SDPD number at 619 531-2000 immediately. Solicitors are not allowed after 8 PM.

Homeless people are generally more of an annoyance to residents and detract from the ambience of a community, but generally do not pose a risk to personal safety. We can make our area less attractive to the folks who go through garbage (looking for recyclables and personal information) by locking up our trash containers, turning valuable recyclables in for cash ourselves, and shredding all personal information.

Sex offenders were discussed at last week's Neighborhood Watch meeting. It was suggested that people sign up for their Neighborhood Watch Captains' email chains.

Officer Surwilo reinforced the importance of calling the non-emergency number for any issues with the homeless, solicitors, incidents of disturbing the peace, etc. There will be a shift change May 1st, and it will be very important to get the new

officers familiar with what is occurring in Mission Hills. Police resources are allocated by the number of calls received from residents. If you need to contact Officer Surwilo personally, his office number is 619 531 1540. He tries to return calls within 24 hours.

4th of July: Kathy Jones described the 4th of July celebration—there will be a band concert, parade, a gigantic 4th of July cake (donated by Albertsons) and awards for costumes, bike decorations, etc.. Volunteers are welcome. Steve Shushan is soliciting contributions, particularly from local businesses, to cover the event expenses of \$3500.

Vons update: Mark Fehlman has been following the Vons project. They have made several improvements to the design, including changing the main entrance to Washington Street. They remain enthusiastic about the project, even though they have 21 pages of requirements to meet from the city. Mission Hills Heritage has also had input on the project. The next step is a meeting before the Uptown Planners in May, followed by a vote in June. The project would then go to the city for permitting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mission Nights: Mission Nights will begin again May 19th at 6 PM. There will also be an art show/sale sponsored by the Mission Hills Artists group in the 1 Mission space the same evening. Please come out and support local businesses and artists!

Steve Huemmer mentioned that the **Friends of Mission Hills Canyons** will have two upcoming events. Sunday April 18th there will be a tour of Allen Canyon behind Espresso Mio, and April 25th there will be a clean out of non-native plants, meeting up behind the tennis courts at 8:45 AM.

Trish from **The Red Door** reported that April 29th is **Dine Out for Life**, where a number of local restaurants will donate 25% of their proceeds that day to support HIV/AIDS. The Red Door and The Wellington will be participating.

John Lomac will be coordinating a clean-up of the central Mission Hills business district on Saturday, April 24th, meeting up at 8:45 AM at West Lewis and Falcon Streets (soon to be the home of our new mini-park). Starbucks will be donating coffee and treats, and Lefty's Pizza will provide pizzas for lunch after the work is done. Please contact John at john@johnlomac.com.

St. Vincent's will be celebrating their 100th anniversary after the 11 AM mass on Sunday, April 25th.

Scott Borden reminded everyone that the **MH Garden Walk** is coming up on May 8th. It is the main fund-raiser for the Garden Club and is always a popular event. There will be shuttles leaving from Grant School, and a wine reception at MH Nursery after the event.

Frans Vanderlee is launching a new website to promote our neighborhood and local businesses at www.ourmissionhills.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.