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Mission Hills Town Council
TOWN HALL MEETING
Thursday, April 14th, 2011 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

Neighborhood Announcements:

Steve Huemmer announced that there will be a Mission Hills Canyon Cleanup April 30th, from 9-12. Please register at www.creektobay.org (Cleanup sites/Mission Hills Canyon) meet behind the tennis courts. Elizabeth Weems from Mission Hills Artists announced their event "Mission Hills Alive" on May 7th. The Mission Hills Garden Club annual Garden Walk is also May 7th. This event provides funding for lots of good things in the neighborhood, so please support it by buying tickets at MH Nursery. Details can be found at: <http://www.ourmissionhills.com/>. Deb Pettry stated that it was membership renewal time for Mission Hills Heritage, and asked members to send in their renewals.

Introduction of Government Officials / Representatives

Supervisor Ron Roberts 619-531-5544

Portland Bates, from Ron Roberts' office, introduced himself as the new representative for our area. He distributed a flyer about the 12th annual lawnmower trade-in, to occur on Saturday, April 23rd. He also passed out an evacuation checklist magnet, and he encouraged residents to check out the emergency preparedness page on the county website.

Congresswoman Susan Davis 619-280-5353

Ricardo Flores, from Susan Davis' office, distributed the Davis Dispatch newsletter. He pointed out several bills that she is supporting, as well as programs to help our local military, including the Warriors in Welding program.

Councilman Kevin Faulconer 619-236-7025

Michael Patton, from Kevin Faulconer's office, described progress on the undergrounding project and the repaving that will follow. City updates included the change in employee pensions changing to 401k plans (with the exception of the

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police), passage of the North Embarcadero plan by the Coastal Commission, and a new ordinance restricting locations of medical marijuana dispensaries. He can be contacted at the number above or at mpatton@sandiego.gov.

Business Award: Paul Dean presented Mariel and Pascal Gai from **Maison en Provence** with a business award in recognition of their contributions to the neighborhood and for gracing the corner of Ft. Stockton and Goldfinch for 15 years.

Status Updates:

- **Vons Construction:** Kristen Byrne, from MJE Marketing, reported that the Vons on Washington Street will be closing April 15th, and that demolition is scheduled to begin April 19th. It is expected to take about 6 weeks, and a ground-breaking ceremony will be held sometime in June. Construction is expected to take about 9 months, with the new store opening sometime early next year. Progress on the project will be posted on Facebook (Vons Mission Hills) and <http://www.ourmissionhills.com/>. An e-newsletter will be available: sign up on Facebook or email Kristen at Kristen@mjemarketing.com. The recycling facility will close and it isn't yet known where it will go. Plans for construction parking and traffic flow are also TBD.

- **Pioneer Park Improvements:** Lori Orr-Bianco discussed the previous history of the project, including the fund-raising to upgrade the playground, and subsequent interactions with the City regarding ADA upgrades. The current status is that the money from the City for upgrades to the bathrooms is no longer available, and the remaining funds will be used for an upgrade to the picnic table area. Additional picnic tables will be provided, and there will be upgrades to the walkway and some aesthetic improvements, including a low accent wall. The project has gone out for a design bid, and the project should be completed by the end of summer.

- **Goldfinch Overlook Mini Park:** Lara Gates stated that the improvements to the Lewis/Falcon pocket park are still out to bid. There was a community clean-up and removal of non-native plants in the Goldfinch Overlook in March. The goal is to obtain funding to refurbish the art posts and to re-establish the bench so that residents can enjoy the view. Comments were made that the curb should be red so that parking doesn't obstruct access and the view.

- **Cell Phone Service Update:** Sharon Gehl has been obtaining input from residents on areas with poor service, and there is a cluster near Espresso Mio. She has been diligently trying to find the appropriate people at the various carriers (especially AT&T and Verizon) to speak with about the problem.

- **Mission Hills 5K:** We are planning a 5K event in Mission Hills April 2012. Stay tuned!

- **MHTC Bylaws revisions:** There will be some changes in the Bylaws to reflect new membership categories and meeting schedules. These will be posted on the website and sent to members prior to approval at the October Town Hall meeting.

Planning:

- **4th of July Celebration in Pioneer Park:** There will be a parade at 10 AM, the first annual BBQ competition, and a band beginning at noon. Please come, bring your families and have a great time with your neighbors!
- **Historic Site Survey Planning (Uptown Community Plan Update):** Barry Hager from MH Heritage and Scott Sandel from the MH Town Council presented an update on the Uptown Community Plan revision. A draft plan will be prepared by the City over the next few months. There have been a series of community meetings over the last several months to receive input from the various Uptown communities. Representatives from Mission Hills (especially from MHH) have provided input on history surveys, conservation areas, and building heights and housing density. In most cases a final decision by the City has not yet been made. In terms of defining conservation areas, a trial area has been defined on the website in order to show residents what might be expected if an area should be designated as a conservation area. Community input and support will be critical for this aspect of the plan to go forward. Similarly, the establishment of additional historic districts within Mission Hills will not happen without community action. The slides from the presentation (which unfortunately were not seen at the meeting due to technical difficulties) can be found on the MHH website: <http://www.missionhillsheritage.org/>)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Valentino
Secretary

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