



**SCRIPPS MESA
FIREWORKS**
A Neighborhood Celebration!

Scripps Mesa Fireworks Minutes 2025-01-29

Members present: Michael Spencer, President; Pam Stevens, Secretary; Lou Labaw, Treasurer; Jennifer Dronick; Linda Lewis; Morgan Nipper; Neil Bradon; Amy O'Connor

Members absent: Karin DeJauregui; Shane O'Garro; Andy Mercado

Others present: Jeff Stevens

MMTC president Bari Vaz joined meeting via Zoom on Michael's phone

Meeting called to order by Michael Spencer, President, Scripps Mesa Fireworks

Michael reviewed the status of donations for the fireworks: Vulcan, a past major sponsor, has already donated \$5,000 for 2025. We will get them a "Thank You" Banner for their Black Mountain Road entrance.

We are continuing to spread the word NOW that the 2025 Independence Day Celebration will be Thursday, July 3, 2025, with the fireworks set off at 9pm from fields at the new Wangenheim Park. A "Countdown to the Fireworks" community picnic and fireworks watch party will take place from 4pm to 9:30pm at Hourglass Field Park, on the southwest corner of the Miramar College campus, across Black Mountain Road from the fireworks launch site.

As a volunteer 501c3 non-profit group, Scripps Mesa Fireworks raises the funds needed for the fireworks show for Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch, and organizes the show, working with the fireworks company that sets it off.

The community picnic and fireworks watch party is being organized by the Mira Mesa Town Council, Mira Mesa's volunteer civic group which holds monthly "town hall" meetings on community issues, helps connect people with elected officials, and does things to make Mira Mesa a better place to live.

MMTC president Bari Vaz discussed the framework plans for that event at Hourglass Field Park. The fenced ballfields will be open for people to bring in blankets and lawn chairs. MM Girls Softball will be approached to open the snack bar for food service, as was done last year. MMTC will seek some additional food trucks to be located along the road on the east side of the ballfields. A car show could take place in the first row of parking for the park. Andy Mercado has said he'd enjoy displaying his car. Bari Vaz will apply for the City Special Event permit needed for the Independence Day Celebration. Michael Spencer will reach out to the deejay we had for last year's July 3rd "Countdown to the Fireworks." Pam & Jeff Stevens are involved as MMTC volunteers. More volunteers are needed!

Publicity & Fundraising events - Morgan Nipper – Morgan is doing Facebook posts and continuing to organize "Dine Out" fundraisers with local restaurants. There was a "Dine Out" in November at Rubio's in the Mira Mesa Market Center. There will be a "Dine Out" February 7 at Panera, as well as one March 15 from 5pm to 9pm at Chipotle.

Neil suggested designing promotional “Fireworks Fun!” coasters with a QR code for SMF, which could be given to local breweries to put out. Jennifer Dronick’s latest fundraiser handiwork is 2 quilted centerpieces, \$10 donation/chance, until June. SMF plans to donate a themed basket to “Taste of Mira Mesa” fundraiser for schools.

Michael asked SMF team members who had volunteered as SMF “ambassadors” to continue their outreach efforts to past major donors. The list of SMF ambassadors is:

Little Sakana – Morgan Nipper and her husband, Neil Bradon

Vulcan – Morgan and Neil

3Roots – Pam Stevens

Casa Mira View – Karin DeJauregui (“D-J”)

Mira Mesa Centers – Karin D-J

Mira Mesa Senior Center – Linda Lewis

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Stevens, Secretary, Scripps Mesa Fireworks