

**OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 20, 2022**  
Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group member, Mr. Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.  
Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

<b>Members present:</b>	<b>Members absent:</b>
Rob Hixson	Tony Blas
Jimmy Ayala	Tom Simmons
Chris Holder	James Street
Diane Kirma	Clarissa Falcon
Alejandra Mier y Teran	Jayson Christopher
Rita Mahoney	Scott Merry
Tom Ricotta	Ted Shaw
Felipe Nuno	Ronnie Taylor
Mark Freed	
Jason Wells	

**Approval of minutes:**

February 2022

- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala & seconded by F. Nuno Motion passed (09-1-0)
- **Yes:** R. Hixson, C. Holder, D. Kirma, A. Mier y Teran, T. Ricotta, R. Mahoney, & M. Freed
- **Abstained:** J. Wells
- **Vote No:** None.

**Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:**

Melina Meza - The Public Information Officer for the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District.

We are starting a border steer international border steering committee that's going to encompass the communities of San Ysidro. And Otay Mesa East and we are currently looking for people that might want to serve on this committee. The purpose of the committee is to go ahead and implement strategies to improve the air quality in the area and it's basically it's also includes carb as well. And then also supervisor Nora Vargas has offices involved as well. So, the committee meets once a month. Tonight, is the first meeting. I can send out the agenda to you. We definitely want to have some sort of representation from Otay Mesa. So, if anyone is interested in joining the committee, or would like more information, I'm happy to answer any questions.

**Chairman's Report:**

- New Otay Mesa Planner, Marlon Pangilinan.

**Items received:**

1. Notice of Public Hearing - No. 686337 St Andrews Lots 4/5 Map Waiver
2. Otay Mesa Port of Entry Easement Vacation Assessment Letter – Project No. 697444
3. Hearing Officer packet for the St. Andrews MW (686337) (HO-22-006)

**Government Liaison Reports**

**A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:**

➤ **Storm Water Maintenance Prioritization Public Survey**

- The City of San Diego Needs Your Input on Storm Water Channel Maintenance.
- The public survey is now open and will close on April 30, 2022. To access the survey, please visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/services/maintenance>.
- The city is seeking your input regarding storm water facilities to prioritize for future maintenance. The Storm Water Department's mission is to build and maintain efficient storm water infrastructure for safe, sustainable and thriving San Diego communities.

➤ **La Media Rd Update**

- City staff informed us the Army Corps permit is anticipated to be approved by June, instead of the September-November timeline we were initially given.
- Additionally, staff reported that the full funding for the project (\$51M) has been identified.

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- **Budget Season**
  - Mayor is releasing a draft of his proposed budget at the end of this week.
  - Budget Review Committee meetings will begin next month, and the budget will be finalized in June
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.***
- C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE: *Mo Alo:***
  - Office hosting CA Mortgage relief webinar April 26<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
  - Community Connection / Senior Stroll event May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am
  - We are looking for nominations for an individual or an organization who you feel would fit the bill for Asia heritage. We have several different options. So please go to our website and make those nominations known.
  - The Business and Professions Committee passed a Bill yesterday with a 19 to zero unanimous vote and that was the Patient Protection Act. If you have any questions about any of the Bills that are coming out of our office, please do reach out to me.
- D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE: *Andrew Harvey:***
  - There will be an APCD international borders steering committee this evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
  - The Traffic Advisory Committee has an available seat. We're really happy and excited to have representation on behalf of District 1. If you're interested in applying for that vacancy, please reach out to me.
- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE: *No report was provided.***
- F. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE: *Claudia Lopez:***
  - Climate Equity Trust Fund bill essentially will establish a climate equity trust fund, which would bring funds into one location to help ratepayers with the increasing energy costs. This trust fund, if signed or if passed through the legislature, and signed by the governor would help alleviate the load of the money that we're all paying from the energy cost rates. This will help not only customers, disproportionately lower income residents, but small businesses, nonprofits and corporates in California.
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE: *Officer LaCarra:***
  - The city of San Diego passed a new vendor ordinance. This ordinance limits where people can solicit and set up vending tables. the San Diego police department will not be able to enforce that
  - Crime statistics came on February 8th. The overall crime statistics for the city of San Diego are: The entire city is crime is up 13%, property crimes are up 13.6%, burglaries are up 2.1%, thefts are up 12.7%, vehicle thefts are up 24.5%, violent crimes are up 10.8%, murders are up 1.8%, aggravated assaults by 16.9%, rapes are up 17.7%, and robberies are down 9.6%.
- H. FIRE DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.***
- I. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.***
- J. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.***

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**Monthly Report:**

**A. CPC- (Mark Freed, Business Representative)**

- **CPC Draft 2/22/22:** [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc\\_draft-02-22-22\\_minutes\\_mp\\_0.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_draft-02-22-22_minutes_mp_0.pdf)
  - Non Agenda Public Comment: Balboa Park vendors without permits. The Concern with Complete Communities program with no limits on number of units or height. Uptown project proposed with six times of units allowed by Community Plan.
  - Capital Improvement Program Project Prioritization-Council Policy 800-14: Changes planned to advance equity and quality of life. Survey Links below.
  - English Survey: <https://www.sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIPSurvey>
  - Spanish Survey: <https://www.sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIPSurveyESP>
  - Amendments to Cannabis Outlet Ordinance 141.0504: Item pulled from the agenda by Councilmember Whitburn.
  - Comments on proposed amendments by SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) San Diego.
  - Council Policy 600-24 Community Planning Groups and Council Policy 600-9 Community Planners Committee: Follow up on Council Member La Cava presentation to the CPC.  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/policies-priorities>
- **CPC Agenda 3/22/22:** [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-agenda-220322\\_002rev234.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-agenda-220322_002rev234.pdf)
  - Local Clean Energy: Presentation by Protect our Communities Foundation- Benefits of local rooftop solar. No copy or link to presentation provided.
  - Build Better San Diego: Citywide initiative to enable faster delivery of public spaces and buildings equitably and sustainably.

[Build Better SD | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

- Council Policy 600-24 Community Planning Groups and Council Policy 600-9 Community Planners Committee:
- <https://sandiego.hylandcloud.com/211agendaonlinecouncil/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=4910&doctype=1> Click on ITEM-2 of the Land Use and Housing Committee agenda.
- SANDAG Housing Policy Leadership Academy:  
<https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?classid=12&subclassid=116&projectid=619&fuseaction=projects.detail>
- Next CPC meeting April 26, 2022

**B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**

- We are still waiting for the city to give us comments.

**C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**

- A big event yesterday to celebrate the Otay Mesa modernization project. It's a big project and what's open now is the commercial annex building offices with parking and offices for people engaging in trade, as well as the pedestrian bridge that was opened several months ago. They're doubling the lanes from 6 to 12. And also, the commercial lanes from 9 to 16.
- Many of our workers are coming from Tijuana, so hopefully, this project along with the new port will mean reduced wait times for our workers and for our truck drivers.
- We have our next member breakfast will be Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>

**D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Business Representative)**

- thank you, Gerardo Ramirez, Vivian Moreno, the mayor's office, and Congressman Vargas' office in talking to the Army Corps of Engineers to get this project back on track that has been instrumental.
- Update of the section of the truck route from Siempre Viva south to the border, three lanes south in one lane north. They don't have funding but they're at 60% complete on design and that project is moving forward. The total cost will be \$19M.
- La Media is on track to hopefully break ground by the end of the year.

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- Talked about the undergrounding of the utility lines, a block west and a block east on our La Media Road as part of the project and getting SDG&E to do that, as opposed to leaving the polls in place which would be in the right of way like what you see on Airway Road.
  - The situation with the flooding - Airway Road going west has been closed for over a month and the water that's in there is not decreasing. It's a lake. The city staff said they're going plan an onsite visit in the first week or two of May, and they will get back to us on a plan.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - ( Tom Ricotta, Business Representative)**
- We've been pretty busy up until this last month then it's kind of slowing down a little bit. That is due to the rising cost of fuel.
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**
- The new DFO (“District Field Director”) for Customs and Border Protection is Cynthia Keys.
  - We have a trade related webinar on the new forced labor Prevention Act on May 5th.
  - golf tournament July 29th.
- G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick, Business Representative)**
- Amazon has opened its second warehouse.
  - As part of their conditions of development, Amazon built half of Enrico Fermi Drive. So, for the first time since the beginning of East Otay Mesa, Donovan Prison and Bailey Jail and all the businesses in those locations have another ingress egress to the region.
- H. La Media West Wetlands - No report was provided.**
- I. Informational Items - None**
- J. Action Items:**
- A. Motion: Expanding the IBT Zone**  
**Presented by:** Rob Hixson
- **Vote:** None.
  - **Abstained:** None.
  - **Vote No:** None.
  - **Comments:** Marlon Pangilinan, City Planner, will look into this and follow up. Could possibly look at this type of use as an auxiliary use.
- B. Motion: Verizon 905 Otay Mesa– Project No. 699649**  
**Presented by:** Shelly Kilbourn, PlanCom, Inc.
- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala & seconded by M. Freed. Motion passed (10-0-0)  
R. Hixson, D. Kirma, A. Mier y Teran, J. Wells, R. Mahoney, T. Ricotta, C. Holder & F. Nuno.
  - **Abstained:** None.
  - **Vote No:** None.
- C. Motion: City of San Diego AT&T new wireless site– Project No. 672332**  
**Presented by:** Becky Todd, MD7
- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala & seconded by F. Nuno. Motion passed (10-0-0)  
R. Hixson, D. Kirma, A. Mier y Teran, J. Wells, R. Mahoney, T. Ricotta, C. Holder & M. Freed.
  - **Abstained:** None.
  - **Vote No:** None.
- K. Closing remarks:**  
Thank you.
- L. Old Business:**  
No old business.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.**