

**OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP**

**MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

<b>Members present:</b>	<b>Members absent:</b>
Rob Hixson - Chair	Ted Shaw - Vice-Chair
Chris Holder	Tony Blas
James Street	Clarissa Falcon
Tom Ricotta	
Diane Kirma	
Felipe Nuno	
Jimmy Ayala	
Mark Freed	
Alejandra Mier y Teran	
Ronnie Taylor	
Rodolfo Jr. Lopez	
Rita Mahoney	

**Approval of minutes:**

October 2020

- **Vote:** A motion was made by A. Mier y Teran and seconded by R. Taylor. Motion passed (12-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, J. Street, R. Lopez, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, C. Holder, J. Ayala, & R. Mahoney  
**Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.

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

R. Hixson Comment: We received a letter of resignation from Tom Story. He's going to be taking more time to be with his family. Scott Merry will be taking Tom's position at our next meeting. Thank you.

**Chairman's Report:**

Items Received November 2020:

1. Final Determination Letter - Cal Terraces Substantial Conformance Review (SCR); Project No. 658163
2. Notice of Future Decision; Project No. 657101 – A Green Alternative
3. Plans – La Media Retail; Project No. 334235
4. La Media Truck Route Plans

**Government Liaison Report**

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

**1. SDG&E Franchise Agreement**

- Jan. 17 is the date when the City's 50-year contract with SDG&E, ends.
- The city closed an auction in late October for utilities to bid for a chance to serve the City of San Diego's gas and electricity.
- The decision on which utility could get the contract was then sent to the Council President to be put on the docket.
- Council President Gómez delivered a memo saying that she would not docket the franchise agreement for a vote. Instead, she wants the current contract with SDG&E to be extended by a year.
- The mayor's office does not have the ability to docket items at city council. That option is up to the CP.

**2. La Media Road**

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- The City of San Diego applied for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) grant application for the La Media Road project in the amount of \$22.7 Million.
  - Our office was notified that state staff is recommending awards to the CTC of nearly \$180M for the San Diego region, including \$22.7M to the City for the La Media Road project.
  - CTC will vote in early December.
  - CM Moreno is scheduling a call with several CTC Commissioners including Commissioner's Christine Kehoe and Michele Martinez.
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- C. SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- D. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE:** *Claudia Lopez:*
1. There are a few priorities for next year's budget, but the one to highlight is that the state will local governments whose revenues are suffering due to the economic impacts of the pandemic, including those reliant on tourism and hotel occupancy taxes.
  2. No Nominate Veteran in the Senate 40th district. Nominees should reside in, or have significantly contributed to, the 40th Senate District; and are eligible if they have served in the US military on active duty or reserves for any length of time, in any location. The nomination deadline is Monday, November 30, 2020. [https://sd40.senate.ca.gov/40th-senate-district-veteran-year?utm\\_campaign=ben-hueso-nominate-a-candidate-for-veteran-of-the-year-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=information&utm\\_content=link](https://sd40.senate.ca.gov/40th-senate-district-veteran-year?utm_campaign=ben-hueso-nominate-a-candidate-for-veteran-of-the-year-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=information&utm_content=link)
- F. POLICE DEPARTMENT:** No report was provided.
- G. FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report was provided.
- H. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:** No report was provided.
- I. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- Monthly Report:**
- A. CPC- (Mark Freed, Business Representative):**
- CPC Meeting Agenda:**
1. CPC 9/22/20 Meeting minutes - [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc\\_drft\\_min\\_09-22-20.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_drft_min_09-22-20.pdf)
  2. CPC 10/27/20 Meeting Agenda - [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-agenda-201027\\_final.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-agenda-201027_final.pdf)
  3. CPC 11/2/20 Special Meeting Agenda - [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-special-agenda-201102\\_2.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc-special-agenda-201102_2.pdf)
  4. Short Term Vacation Rentals and the Compete Communities initiative.
- B. Southwest Village Committee - (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**
- We will not meet until we get comments back from the City.
- C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Border Transportation)**
- Travel restrictions extended
  - Trade is up once again in September significantly up compared to last year.
  - November 19<sup>th</sup>, the City will be presenting via Zoom on the expansion of a La Media Road and the potential detours and the options there.
- D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Property Owner)**
- Meeting with the City regarding the La Media Road expansion November 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Whether you're going southbound or northbound with the commercial truck traffic, it's been challenging over the last month or two.

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- With the rainy season approaching, we need to have the city a tad bit more responsive pumping out La Media Road.
  - We can be shovel ready, near the end of 2021, or the first quarter of 2022. And then the construction as we've discussed in our last meeting, if we go with the detour of closing the La Media Road entirely, the construction can occur over about a 10-month period. So, the project should be completed by the end of 2022. The start of 2023, which I think is aggressive, but I think if we're all working together, especially with the leadership from Councilmember Vivian Moreno's office we can get this done.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - (Tom Ricotta, Metropolitan Airpark)**
- No updates available at this time.
- F. Code Enforcement – (Rob Hixson, Property Owner & Planning Group Chair)**
- We continue to have illegal yards popping up along the 905 freeway. Gerardo Ramirez, Councilmember Moreno's office, can you please help us get this addressed.
- G. Chamber Update- (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce)**
- Our offices will remain closed, it looks like until next summer that community college will not reopen next spring semester. So, we expect to continue working remotely.
  - Meeting tomorrow via zoom. Hopefully, you can all join us; we will send out an email with the registration details.
  - We have these traffic issues on La Media, the police department just does not respond. And it was a hazard. They're not responding on illegal dumping to us, even if we provide them the resources, when we actually know who is doing the illegal dumping. So, we're trying to figure out with a decent assessment, what are the services that we would actually be able to provide.
- H. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick, Property Owner)**
- Amazon finishing their 3 million plus square foot building.
  - Fence being built over Otay Mountain by government.
  - The EVOC facility that the county is building in East Otay is moving along.
  - SR-11 project, the actual freeway is going to open at the end of August of 2021.
- I. La Media West Wetlands - Nothing reported.**
- J. Informational Items: None.**
- K. Action Items:**
- A. **Motion:** A Assessment Letter; Project No. 665589  
**Presented by:** Scott Merry, Badiie Development  
**Vote:** A motion was made by R. Mahoney and seconded by R. Taylor, Motion passed (12-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, J. Ayala, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, R. Lopez, J. Street, C. Holder, A. Mier y Teran & T. Ricotta & **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.
  - B. **Motion:** 8100blk Gigantic Street Angle Parking Proposal  
**Presented by:** Aurora Ayala, Southwestern College  
**Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by F. Nuno Motion passed (12-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, R. Taylor, J. Street, C. Holder, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, R. Lopez & A. Mier y Teran **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.
- L. Closing remarks:**

Thank you.

**M. Old Business:**

No old business.

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***Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.***