

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 21, 2021

Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

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

Approval of minutes:

May 2021

- **Vote:** A motion was made by T. Shaw. And seconded by R. Taylor Motion passed (12-0-1) **Yes:** J. Ayala, R. Hixson, S. Merry, T. Ricotta, C. Holder, M. Freed, A. Mier y Teran, J. Ayala, & R. Mahoney **Abstained:** James Street **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Chairman's Report:

Items received: *None.*

Emailed notices regarding the Otay water district. A lot of activity in Otay Mesa, a lot of construction.

Government Liaison Report

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

1. City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

- The FY22 May Revise and FY21 Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report are going to be presented to the Budget Review Committee tomorrow at 2:00pm.
- The City Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on Monday, June 14, 2021.
- To review the Fiscal Year 2022 May Revise visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/fy22-mayors-may-revision-to-the-proposed-budget.pdf>
 - Additionally, you can watch the Budget Review Committee meetings live on City TV by visiting: www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv

2. Code Compliance Zoning Violations

- The Code Enforcement Division continues moving forward with investigating unpermitted improvements in Otay Mesa.

3. Otay Mesa EIFD

- The Public Financing Authority will be hosting a meeting on Monday, June 14th at 10:00am to discuss the operating and CIP budget for FY22.

4. Townhall with Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Moreno

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- On May 20th, the Mayor will host a virtual town hall with Councilmember Moreno to provide an update on the city.
- The town hall will be held from 6:00pm-7:00pm. To register please visit:
<http://sandiego.gov/mayorcd&townhall>

B. **MAYOR'S OFFICE:** *Stephanie Estrada:*

1. **Sexy Streets Initiative**

- Mayor Gloria plans to invest nearly \$40 million in repairing streets and roads in historically underserved communities. This \$40 million dedicated to communities of concern is part of an overall road-repair budget of more than \$130 million for the 2022 fiscal year.
- The program proposed by Mayor Gloria, known as “Sexy Streets,” is made possible by federal stimulus funding from the American Rescue Plan.
- This plan is providing \$300 million in budget relief to the City of San Diego.
- The funding is proposed as part of the Mayor’s draft budget for fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1. It will be invested in streets and roads in Council Districts 4, 8, and 9, which include communities such as Encanto, San Ysidro and City Heights that have not historically received their fair share of City resources.
- If approved by the City Council in June, funding would go toward paving longstanding decrepit roads with new overlay and road reconstruction.
- Mayor Gloria also plans to add an equity scoring component for all infrastructure needs, including road repairs, community parks and libraries.

2. **City of San Diego Franchise Agreement**

- Mayor Gloria has reached a tentative agreement with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) for the City’s franchise fee. This is what allows utility companies to use the public right-of-way to install its infrastructure (pipes, poles, wires, etc.) in order to provide energy services to residents and businesses. The current franchise fee agreement is set to expire this year.
- The tentative agreement Mayor Gloria reached provides nearly \$3 billion in revenue to the City over 20 years, including:
 - An unprecedented bid payment from utility shareholders of \$80 million (\$70 electric/\$10 gas) – the highest any city in the U.S. has ever received;
 - \$20 million to advance the City’s climate equity goals;
 - \$10 million in solar-energy rebates in historically underserved neighborhoods.
- An “Energy Cooperation Agreement,” which focuses on environmental and greenhouse gas reduction benefits, safety, equity and reliability – all while centering on the needs of historically underserved communities.
- There will be biannual audits by an independent auditor included as well as the creation of a citizen-focused Franchise Compliance Review Committee, which ensures public engagement on energy matters.
- The tentative agreement includes an initial term of 10 years, with the potential for a 10-year renewal. The City Council may terminate after 10 years for any reason.

3. **City of San Diego Hires Nonprofit to Help San Diegans Get Connected & Close the Digital Divide**

- The City of San Diego has hired a local community outreach organization – Pillars of the Community – to help eligible households take advantage of a new \$3.2 billion federal program to lower the cost of broadband internet service during the pandemic.
- The Federal Communications Commission’s temporary Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program provides up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$100 per household toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet under certain rules.
- The application is only available online or by mail.
 - Through a participating internet service provider (Cox, AT&T, Spectrum, etc.).
 - Directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company using an online or mail-in application.

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- With an estimated 53,000 San Diego households having zero internet access, the main goal of the local outreach campaign is to encourage and assist individuals to sign up for EBB by breaking down language barriers and providing technical assistance.

5. Meet Your Mayor

- Get an update on the city and your community while getting answers to questions which can be pre-submitted upon RSVPing.
- District 8 with City Councilmember Vivian Moreno on May 20th
 - Link: <http://sandiego.gov/mayorcd8townhall>

C. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE: *Andrew Harvey:*

- The County has started vaccinating youth ages 12 and up with Pfizer, This was approved on May 13th.
- Last Thursday, the County kicked off its budget process with the release of the staff- recommended budget for Fiscal Year 21-22.
- In the spirit of transparency and of my commitment to engage community throughout the budget process, I will be hosting a Community Workshop on June 7th, 2021 at 6pm to hear from you, my constituents, on what our priorities for District 1 should be.
- We convened the second meeting of the South County Environmental Justice Task Force, an effort proposed as part of my Environmental Justice Policy Package.
- The task force is comprised of over 60 stakeholders representing government, nonprofit, and community entities, with a steadfast commitment to ending the decades-old cross border pollution of the Tijuana River Valley. The goal of this working group is to serve as one regional voice to advocate for additional funding and resources to address the Tijuana River Valley public health crisis.

D. SSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE: No report was provided.

E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE: *Claudia Lopez:*

- On Wednesday, May 5, 2021 was California-Mexico Advocacy Day the annual event hosted by the California State Senate and the Mexican Consulate in Sacramento that celebrates the mutually-beneficial relationship between the State and Mexico.
- As Chair of the Senate Select Committee on California-Mexico Cooperation, Senator Hueso hosted a virtual conversation on "COVID-19 and Beyond: Reigniting the California-Mexico Relationship." He was joined by many colleagues in the Legislature, as well as Consul General of Mexico in Sacramento Liliana Ferrer and Acting Undersecretary for North America Roberto Velasco, and discussed issues related to moving from pandemic response to recovery, and how the two governments can work together to increase prosperity in the border region and beyond.
- Senator Hueso sent a letter of support to US Senator Alex Padilla for funding of La Media Improv. Siempre Viva to Truck Rte. Project. This is a \$400k funding request.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Officer Carlos LaCarra:* 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.

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Monthly Report:

J. CPC- (Mark Freed, Business Representative)

April 27, 2021 Agenda: See attached cpc-agenda-210427

- **ITEM #4 SHORT TERM RENTALS -- METRICS.** (Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach). The Ocean Beach Planning Board last month discussed and passed some metrics to help evaluate the recently passed STR ordinance. If this ordinance is going to come up for review each year the CPC should put forward what metrics they would like to see used to measure its efficacy. **See attached STR metrics.**
- **ITEM #5 PARC UPDATE RE PARKS MASTER PLAN, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUITY, PARK STANDARDS.** (Carolyn Chase / Susan Baldwin, Parks and Recreation Coalition). The Parks and Recreation Coalition has prepared a point paper and given briefings to over 60 interested groups, including the Mayor and all council members, and 31 CPGs. **Attached is a summary of their findings PARC Summary.**
- **ITEM #7 REQUIREMENTS OF SB-330, 2019.** SB-330 requires that no more than 5 hearings can be required for a proposed housing development. The City Attorney will determine whether CPG hearings count. This limitation is repealed in 2025, although SB-8 would extend it to 2030. According to the law, "'Hearing' does not include a hearing to review a legislative approval required for a proposed housing development project, including, but not limited to, a general plan amendment, a specific plan adoption or amendment, or a zoning amendment, or any hearing arising from a timely appeal of the approval or disapproval of a legislative approval."
- **ITEM #8 BILLS IN THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE** About 2,500 bills have been proposed for the 2021-2022 legislature. Dozens of these affect housing or land-use policies, and many of them change the rights of local legislative bodies to affect these policies. Several members of CPC have requested that we start to consider some of these, and perhaps develop recommendations. **See Item 8-Housing Bills attached** with a list of bills related to housing.

For more information on Housing Legislation use these links:

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2021/03/california-affordable-housing-bills/>

<https://www.livablecalifornia.org/california-state-legislation-bills-2021-livable-california/>

And Coming Soon to a CPG near you – See Land Use and Housing 4.22.21 Cannabis Business Division power point.

The next CPC meeting is 5/25/21.

If anyone has any comments on any of these topics, please feel free to send in an email and I will take it to the CPC.

K. Southwest Village Committee - (Felipe Nuno, Resident)

- No meet has been held.

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

- The travel restrictions along the US Mexico and Canadian borders were extended another month. wait times seem to be extremely excessive at our land ports of entry, and not the cargo port but the regular ports.
- a lot of people without documents are trying to get to the port to be brought to process asylum, through the land ports of entry. So, CBP has been reallocating resources sending inspectors to the queuing areas
- Enrico Fermi has now been open to my knowledge and that's moving smoothly.

M. La Media Truck Route- David Wick

- We received a notice that on April 19 2021 Development Services approved the application to do the widening of La Media from 905 down to Siempre Viva
- The City is out acquiring the right of ways, they're having difficulty with a few or one property owner.

N. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - Tom Ricotta

- It has been quiet; no update.
- **Code Enforcement** – More of the dumping issues that it also needs to be addressed.

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O. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – *Alejandra Mier y Teran*

- We have another vaccination event, June 15 for truckers.
- We are well we have three events, two webinars on trade related issues, medical devices and reconciliation, but you have a golf tournament, and that is definitely not virtual July 9th.

P. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – *David Wick*

- Otay Mesa road, but southbound to go from Otay Mesa road south to airway is an open you can get on the freeway,
- Amazon supposed to be opening their fulfillment center I believe in August
- the border fence for those of you who are watching the news, you know, the construction obviously has been halted by the Biden administration.

Q. La Media West Wetlands - No report was provided.

R. Informational Items: No report was provided.

S. Action Items: None.

T. Closing remarks:

Thank you.

U. Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.