

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, October 20, 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	Tom Simmons
Chris Holder	James Street
Diane Kirma	Tom Ricotta
Jimmy Ayala	Mark Freed
Ronnie Taylor	Clarissa Falcon
Scott Merry	Rita Mahoney
Alejandra Mier y Teran	
Felipe Nuno	
Rodolfo Jr. Lopez	

Approval of minutes:

September 2021

- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala & seconded by T. Shaw. Motion passed (10-0-0)
- **Yes:** R. Hixson, S. Merry, C. Holder, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, R. Taylor, R. Lopez, & A. Mier y Teran.
- **Abstained:** None.
- **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Chairman's Report:

Items received:

1. A Lumina III Tentative Map - Planning Commission Hearing Report - PC-21-044
2. Assessment Letter No. 2, St. Andrews Lots 4/5 MW (686337)
3. CPC upcoming meetings -- November meeting rescheduled to Nov 30.

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

- Otay Mesa Fires
 - Our office is in constant communication with the Development Services Department to address Code Violations in Otay Mesa. We will stay in touch with the Department to continue addressing any violations.
- La Media Road Project
 - This November the environmental documents, the final design, and the right of way are scheduled to be completed. Construction is estimated to start July of next year.
- Beyer Park & Riviera Del Sol Park
 - City staff informed our office that the results for the Prop 68 grant are expected at the end of this summer.
 - For Riviera Del Sol Park, the tentative construction start date is March of 2022.
- Free Youth Transit Passes Recommended by 2021 Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group
 - On September 23rd, SANDAG's 2021 Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group (SEWG) approved the Social Equity Early Action Transit Pilot Program that will address equity concerns by providing free transit passes for youth 18 and under and increase service on weeknights and weekends. (Trolley & Bus)

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- The Working Group forwarded this recommendation to SANDAG's Transportation Committee and the SANDAG Board of Director's for approval.
- Councilmember Moreno has been Chair of the SEWG for a year.

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

- The mayor did sign his city-wide fiscal year 2021 graph report. And so, this was done under the grants division of the Department of government affairs within the mayor office, we have been able to secure over 140 million in grant funding. That report was released on October 1 .
- Priority areas that we're investing is water reliability, economic development, emergency response preparedness and homelessness services, roads, and bridge repair.
- Mayor Gloria did announce a proposal to establish a 5 million Legal Defense Fund. And this is just knowing that there are still some tenants that are struggling to pay their rent.
- We have seen a rapid proliferation of ghost guns in the city. This was authored by city council member Marnie Vanover and which is officially banning ghost guns in the city of San Diego. That ordinance is known as eliminate non serialized untraceable firearm, so it does prohibit the possession purchase sale received transportation of non-serialized unfinished firearms. And so that will take into effect this October on the 23rd.

C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.*

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

- Supervisor Vargas wanted to thank her colleagues for supporting a resolution directing the chief administrative officer to explore funding opportunities for businesses impacted by non-essential cross border travel restrictions.
- There's an urgent need for further economic relief for those impacted, such as our small businesses by National Workforce and families. Through emergency stimulus sense we have an opportunity to reimagine what full economic recovery can look like in our binational region.
- The Office of CES sustainability presented today in front of the board of supervisors and supervisors Vargas highlighted the use of residential and light industrial for East time, Mesa. The CFP is projected to be finalized sometime around 2023
- Thank you to everyone who's supported the assessment of economic prosperity and community development. The San Diego County is one of only two Southern California counties without a formalized economic development on this to support and business attraction and retention to support the county's current role in economic recovery. Small and Medium direct business assistance, trade tourism, Grant distribution, policy evaluation and advocacy.

E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE: *No report was provided.*

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

- The 2021 legislative session has come to a close and the legislature passed roughly 900 bills that went to Governor Newsom's desk for action.
- As of September 10, legislators have been in a legislative recess, Senator Hueso is meeting with stakeholders and constituents to develop legislation for introduction in the next session, which will convene in January 2022. We welcome your ideas and proposals.
- 8 bills were sent to the Governor and all 8 were signed into law. The explanation of each are on last month's minutes for your reference.

G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE: *Officer Carlos LaCarra:*

- Regarding the fire, which happen on Cactus Road on the 16th, there were open complaints case on that property. So, they were actively investigating that.
- Regarding the motor homes, I'll send a link for the Jewish Community Services. They have safe parking program for vehicles and motorhomes I'm not positive on motorhomes but for vehicles for to be able to park safely on properties.

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- We are addressing motorhomes as much as we can, it is a hazard like was mentioned earlier, a lot of motorhomes are not being currently registered and do pose a hazard. Unfortunately, because of a lawsuit that the city is going through right now. We must be careful if they appear to be inhabited.

H. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report was provided.

I. **IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:** *No report was provided.*

J. **CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*

Monthly Report:

A. **CPC-** *No report was provided.*

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

- Nothing to report. Still waiting to hear back from the City.

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

- People with tourist visas will now be allowed to cross as of November 9th with their vaccination cards.
- The same press release people who have been crossing the border that are essential they will now need to be fully vaccinated as of January 1st.

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

- The City held a meeting via zoom July 25th – the city is wrapping up the environmental analysis, review and approval for the right of ways. Construction to start July 2022.
- City is following up on property owners near the La Media Road and Airway Road flooded area to make sure they don't have any leaks in any of their irrigation valves or water valves. The city will close the intersection every time it floods.

E. **San Diego Airport Advisory Committee -** *No report was provided.*

F. **Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce –** *(Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)*

- Annual dinner tomorrow at the reopened Alta Café.
- Webinar on Fiscal Reform on November 2nd.

G. **East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update –** *(David Wick, Business Representative)*

- Repairs to the asphalt from Otay Mesa Road to Enrico Fermi Road this upcoming summer.
- Enrico Fermi Bridge is now open.

H. **La Media West Wetlands -** No report was provided.

I. **Informational Items:**

- Redistricting is Happening Now - Andrew Amorao, California Citizens Redistricting Commission

An update on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and a presentation on its Draw My CA Community online mapping tool.

- **Sign up for updates**

[Sign Up - California Citizens Redistricting Commission](#)

- **Weekly Social Media Toolkits**

[Social Media Toolkit - We Draw the Lines CA](#)

- **Communities of Interest Online Mapping Tool**

[Draw My CA Community](#)

- **Draw My CA Community Walkthrough**

<https://youtu.be/Go9KBuBUnKs>

- **Assistance with Draw My CA Community online mapping tool (by appointment only in-person or virtual)**

[Statewide Database | Redistricting Access Centers](#)

- ***San Diego's Redistricting Access Center is located in Mission Valley**

Schedule of Commission Meetings

[Meetings - We Draw the Lines CA](#)

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- **Visualization Feedback Form**
[Community Feedback on Visualizations](#)

J. Action Items:

A. **Motion:** Ohana Growers - CUP Extension of Time - Project No. 693045

Presented by: Nasser Azimi, Ohana Cannabis

- **Vote:** *A motion was made by T. Shaw & seconded by S. Merry. Motion passed (10-0-0) Yes: R. Hixson, , C. Holder, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, R. Taylor, A. Mier y Teran, J. Ayala, & R. Lopez*
- **Abstained:** None.
- **Vote No:** None.

B. **Motion:** ColRich's Epoca (formerly Lumina) project

Presented by: Ian Morris, GroundLevel

- **Vote:** None.
- **Abstained:** None.
- **Vote No:** None.
- **Comments:** No vote was made. Planning Group requested more information.

K. Closing remarks:

Thank you.

L. Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.