

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
 OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP (OMPG) MEETING MINUTES  
 OF  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013  
 AT 3:00 PM  
 AT OTAY MESA NESTOR BRANCH LIBRARY  
 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154**

Members Present	Members Absent	Member Affiliation
Rob Hixson, Chair		
Wayne Dickey		
Nici Boon		
Erin Gnat		
Mel Ingalls		
Sarah Street		
Manuel Paul		
Lisa Golden		
Alejandra Mier y Teran		
Kaitlin Murphy		
Chris Holder		
	Steve Gross	
	Jimmy Ayala	
	Shane Harmon	
	Francisco Robago	
	Emil Wohl	
	Felipe Nuno	
		Vacant

Public Present: Stoel Rivers , Molina Meza, Phillis H. Lowe, Janet Vadakkumcherry, Tom Ricohl , Rudy Lopez, Theresa Millette, Hector Espinoza , Rita Mahoney, David Wick, Lindsay Arabone, Todd Ingalls, Joel Vazquel, Jesse Marquez, Alex Marquez, Flavio Mercadu, Joe Street, Nicole DiMenda

Guests Present:

Staff Present:

Agenda Item		Discussion	Action Item
1.	Call to Order / Introduction of Members	Chairman Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Members introduced themselves.	
2.	Approval of minutes	No minutes from the February 20, 2013 Otay Mesa Planning Group meeting were presented for approval.	
3.	Public Input	No public commentary or input was offered.	
4.	Chairman's Report	<p>Rob Hixson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On an upcoming recycling event.</li> <li>➤ On Sunroad putting an application in to the City of San Diego for a new retail project . The notice of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be out soon.</li> </ul>	
5.	Government Liaison Reports	<p>Reports were given from the following offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Police Department</u>, Carlos LaCarra reported that there are multiple staffing changes and promotions resulting in 35 new recruits being pushed through the academy to fill open positions.</li> </ul> <p>No reports were given from the following offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilman Alvarez's office, Melina Meza – no report</li> <li>• Mayor's office – no report</li> <li>• Supervisor Cox's office – no report</li> <li>• Assembly member Hueso's office – no report</li> <li>• Fire Department – no report</li> <li>• Immigration and Customs – no report</li> </ul>	
6.	Monthly Reports	<p>Reports were given from the following committees and associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>CPC</u>, Mel Ingalls reported that SR11 is approved and moving forward; properties are being purchased to allow further development. An environmental code change was also discussed.</li> <li>➤ <u>Border Transportation</u>, Alejandra Mier y Teran reported that no overtime is being approved and staff furloughs are in place due to sequestration.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Community Plan Update</u>, Theresa Millette reported that an update is expected out at the end of May 2013.</li> <li>➤ <u>Facilities Financing Committee</u>, Lindsay Arobone – reported</li> <li>➤ <u>San Diego Airport Advisory Committee</u>, Lisa Golden - reported</li> <li>➤ <u>Code Enforcement</u>, Carlos LaCarra from the San Diego Police Department reported that cameras will be installed in certain areas of Otay Mesa to catch illegal dumping. Offenders will pay a \$1,000 fine if caught.</li> <li>➤ <u>Chamber Update</u>, Alejandra Mier y Teran reported that there will be a San Diego Business Park / MexPort event on May 16, 2013.</li> <li>➤ <u>East Otay Mesa Property Owners' Association Update</u>, Rob Hixson reported that SR11 is in Phase 1 and that a toll revenue study will be out in one to two months.</li> </ul> <p>No reports were offered from the following committees and associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial Uses Committee, Joe Street – no report</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><u>Action Items</u></p> <p><u>March 2013 Otay Mesa Planning Group Elections</u></p> <p>March 2013 elections were held for open seats on the Otay Mesa Planning Group Board. The following were nominated and elected by majority vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Chairman – Rob Hixson</li> <li>➤ Resident – Janet Vadakkumcherry</li> <li>➤ Business Owner – Tom Ricohl</li> </ul> <p><u>Burrowing Owl</u></p> <p>Jesse Marquez, Executive Director of the Coalition for a Safe Environment, presented information on the burrowing owl and his concern about their apparent disappearance from their typical nesting paces at Brown Field Airport. He also disseminated the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A four page dated December 17, 2013 to Myra Herrmann, City of San Diego, signed by Jesse Marquez</li> <li>• A two page letter dated March 20, 2013 to the Otay Mesa Planning Group care of Rob Hixson, Chairman. The letter was not signed but appears intended to be signed by Jesse Marquez</li> <li>• A two page Bio for Jesse Marquez</li> <li>• A one page letter dated March 18, 2013 to Cory Shukmaker of Vision Care Motor Corporation, signed by</li> </ul>	

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		<p>J. Lourenas for Annette Hebert, Chief Mobile Sources Operations Division of the Air Resources Board.</p> <p>The Otay Mesa Planning Group thanked Mr. Marquez for the information he shared, his efforts to reach out to this committee, and his concern for the owls.</p> <p>Mike Tussey, Director of Airports for the City of San Diego, addressed Jesse Marquez's concerns and cited his credentials and qualifications to address each point. He reiterates his support of the existing mitigation plan and reminded Jesse that if he or any members of his organization would like access to Brown Field Airport, or any airport, to please formally request admittance to comply with city municipal code and for his own safety.</p> <p>The Otay Mesa Planning Group thanked Mr. Tussey for his input and continued appreciation for the work he does keeping a good eye on the airports.</p>	
8.	Information Items	David Wick (?) reported that there is a Public Utilities Commission meeting March 21, 2013 at 9:00 am in the County Administration Building (Kearney Mesa) at 10:00 am that is open to the public concerning a recent proposal to kill an "other sources of power" initiative that would bring more power and 300 jobs over a two-year period to the Otay Mesa area. Those trying to kill this initiative don't think it is needed right now. David explains that millions of dollars have been spent by a private company to help move this initiative forward and he is concerned that in the future companies will not want to make such an upfront investment in the region for fear the project will later be delayed or denied.	
9.	Old Business	There was no old business to discuss.	
10.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.	

Chairperson: Rob Hixson

Recorded by: Janet Vadakkumcherry