

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 23, 2025

Via Zoom

Otay Mesa Planning Group, Chair, Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.
Introductions are made across the screen.

Members present:	Members absent:
Allen Kashani	Tom Simmons
Chris Holder	Jason Wells
Diane Kirma	J. Hernandez
Ronnie Taylor	Felipe Nuno
Jimmy Ayala	Rita Mahoney
Rob Hixson, Chair	
Seth Dorros	
Tony Blas	
Ted Shaw, Vice-chair	
Jorge Goytortua	

Approval of minutes:

March 2025

- **Vote:** A motion was made by *J. Ayala*, seconded by T. Blas, Motion passed (10-0-0-0)
Yes: J. Goytortua C. Holder, R. Hixson, *F. Nuno*, R. Taylor, *T. Shaw*, S. Dorros, & D. Kirma.
- **Recusal:** None
- **Abstained:** None
- **Vote No:** None
- **Comments:** None

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

- None

Chairman's Report: Rob Hixson

Items Received:

1. Vista Santo Domingo Rezone and Plan Amendment | Development Services
2. Metropolitan Airpark Project | PRJ-1086570: 4th SCR Assessment Letter
3. Notice of Application | ELM Condominiums | Map Waiver/Process 3
4. Notice of Future Decision | PRJ 1126567 | 5388 Ocean View Hills | Public Service Easement Vacation | Process Four
5. Notice of Public Decision | PRJ 1110197 | Vista Santo Domingo Rezone and Plan Amendment
6. Notice of Future Decision | PRJ 1126567 | 5388 Ocean View Hills | Public Service Easement Vacation | Process 2
7. Ad HOC ADU Bonus Program Committee | Agenda & Subcommittee matrix
8. CPC Agenda | March 2025
9. Southwest Village Assessment Letter
10. Discretionary Offline Reviewer | PRJ 1111415 | Collection at Cactus

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.*

B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.*

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

D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE: *Andrea Rodriguez*

- The budget process has started, and information on the budget can be shared upon request.
- The public comment period for the adoption of the budget will begin in May and the budget adoption in July 2025.
- A new system for public comments at board meetings has been introduced and is now live.
- The new system is making public comment easier for the public and the clerk to relay to the board.

E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE: *Liliana Barba*

- Assembly Bill 655 (California-Mexico border relations oversight) passed the Assembly Economic Development Committee and is moving to the Appropriations Committee.
- The bill would add non-voting members to the California-Mexico Border Relations Council, appointed by the Assembly Speaker and Senate President pro temp.
- Assembly Bill 358 (Electronic Communications Privacy Act) passed the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee and is moving to the Appropriations Committee.

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- The bill would allow law enforcement to access tracking devices on private property with the owner's consent, if they believe it was used without permission.

F. SENATOR PADILLA'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.*

G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE: *No report was provided.*

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 Reports:

A. CPC- *(Jimmy Ayala)*

- The City Planning Commission (CPC) is reviewing the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance.
- Many planning groups have raised issues with the current ADU policy.
- Despite some negative examples, the city has received national recognition for streamlining the ADU process and its positive impact on housing.
- Some projects have been taken advantage of the policy, leading to potential revisions.
- The CPC is now meeting on a subcommittee basis to discuss and potentially revise the ADU ordinance.

B. Southwest Village Committee – *No report was provided.*

C. Border Transportation – *(Alejandra Mier y Teran, submitted electronically)*

- The opening of the La Media Road intersection has been delayed until mid-May 2025.
- The \$150 million grant from the department of transportation mentioned in the [Union Tribune](#) on the 16th. That is huge considering it was the new administration.

D. La Media Truck Route – *(Rob Hixson & Diane Kirma)*

- Currently, all eastbound lanes are open for travel. Westbound lanes will reopen in mid-May 2025.

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee – *(Rob Hixson)*

- We have a problem on our hands because someone put down a large amount of mulch without covering it, and now it's become a home for squirrels.
- The squirrels have brought their friends, owls, into the mulch, and the growing owls are now occupying some of the holes.
- As a result, we have owls back on the airport, which is going to cause a problem in that area.
- We need to continue to monitor and value this issue to see how it will be resolved.

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

- Member Breakfast with Mario Orso CEO for SANDAG and the Secretary of Economic Development for Baja California and the head of Tijuana EDC to discuss tariff impacts in Baja.

G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – *No report was provided.*

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

I. Informational Items – None.

J. Action Items – None.

K. Old Business – None.

L. Closing remarks – *Thank you.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm by Rob Hixson, Chair of the Otay Mesa Planning Group.