

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
 OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP (OMPG) MEETING MINUTES
 OF
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014
 AT 3:00 PM
 AT OTAY MESA NESTOR BRANCH LIBRARY
 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154**

Members Present	Members Absent	Member Affiliation
Jimmy Ayala		Property Owner
Wayne Dickey		Otay Mesa / Nestor Planning Group
	Hector Espinoza	Business Representative
	Erin Gnat	Business Representative
Lisa Golden		Resident
	Steve Gross	Business Representative
	Shane Harmon	Property Owner
Rob Hixson, Chair		Property Owner
Chris Holder		Property Owner
	Mel Ingalls, Vice Chair	Property Owner
Rita Mahoney		Property Owner
Richard Martinez		Property Owner
Alejandra Mier y Teran		Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce & Border Transportation Representative
Kaitlin Murphy		Property Owner
	Felipe Nuno	Resident
Manuel Paul		San Ysidro Planning Group
	Tom Ricotta	Business Representative
Sarah Street		Property Owner
Janet Vadakkumcherry		Resident
	Vacant Seat	Brown Field

Public Present: Miguel Aguirre (San Ysidro Planning Group), Lindsay Arobone (SD Commercial, LLC), Todd Ingalls (Ingalls Enterprises), Carlos Lacarra (San Diego Police Department), James Murphy (Murphy Development), Jim Roberts (), Tom Story (Sunroad Enterprises), Joe Street (Street Properties), Alberto Velasquez (Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez), David Wick (National Enterprises)

Staff Present: Ruth Garcia (Councilmember David Alvarez, District 8), Theresa Millette (AICP Senior Planner City of San Diego)

Guests Present: None.

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1.	Call to Order / Introduction of Members	Chairman Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. Members in attendance introduced themselves.	
2.	Approval of minutes	Minutes from the February 19, 2014 Otay Mesa Planning Group meeting were presented. Sarah Street requested that the minutes be changed to reflect her attendance at the meeting. With that correction the minutes were unanimously approved.	
3.	Public Input	No public input.	
4.	Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman Hixson said the he did not have anything new to notice in receipt for the planning group. He believes this could be due to a recent office move and that there may be a delay in him receiving mail. Anything newly received will be presented next month.</p> <p>Chairman Hixson noticed receipt of the following resignations from Otay Mesa Planning Group Board members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erin Gnat 2. Steve Gross 3. Shane Harmon 4. Sarah Street – Sarah plans to resign after today's meeting with an interest noted by Joe Street in attendance today of his desire to run for this seat. <p>Chairman Hixson noticed receipt of interest from the following community members to run for open Otay Mesa Planning Group Board seats:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark Freed (Property Owner) 2. Tom Story (Business Rep) 3. Joe Street (Property Owner) <p>Chairman Hixson took a moment to thank Theresa Millette for all the hard work she did on the Otay Mesa Community Plan Update (OMCPU) and offered his sincere congratulations which was echoed by all OMPG Members.</p>	
5.	Government Liaison Reports	<p>Reports were given from the following offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Councilman Alvarez's office</u> – Ruth Garcia reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councilman Alvarez's wife is in labor and expecting a new baby today or tomorrow. ○ The Councilmen's office would also like to extend thanks and congratulations on the approval of 	

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	<p>the OMCPU which recently passed City Council with a unanimous vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Council Members Alvarez & Emerald recently held a press conference to propose to amend the City Charter to provide for a more open and transparent government. This item will be on the November 2014 ballot. (Ref: http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd8/pdf/2013/release140318.pdf) ○ <u>Mayor's Office</u> – no report. ○ <u>Supervisor Cox</u> – no report. ○ <u>Assembly Member Hueso's Office</u> – no report from Assembly Member Hueso's office, but Alberto Velasquez from Assembly Member Lorena Velasquez's office was present and noted that there is a California – Baja California Regional Economic Competitiveness Forum taking place March 20-21, 2014 at the San Diego Marriott Marquis (Ref: http://naresearchpartnership.org/launching-the-u-s-mexico-regional-economic-competitiveness-forums-2014/) ○ <u>San Diego Police Department, Southern Division</u>, Carlos Lacarra reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a major narcotics bust on March 13, 2014 in the 800 block of Lyndhurst where police dogs were used to find 19 kilos of cocaine. Two individuals, one who was attempting to walk away and the other who was attempting to drive away, were arrested and are now in custody. ○ Copper wire thefts continue to occur in Otay Mesa / Ocean View Hills construction sites. Vandals also recently stole 10 water valves. Unfortunately they are cutting the pipes before the valves which sends water rushing out for hours until it is detected. The property surveillance system is not currently working. It seems like most of the thefts occur mid-month, mostly on Fridays between 8:00 pm to 6:00 am. ○ Alejandra asked if anyone had heard about a recent cross-border tunnel being discovered as she had only heard it reported by the Mexican press. No one in attendance today had any knowledge of it. ○ <u>Fire Department</u> – no report ○ <u>Immigration and Customs</u> – no report 	
6.	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>Reports were given from the following committees and associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. <u>Community Planners Committee (CPC)</u>, Mel Ingalls is not in attendance today, therefore there was no report. B. <u>Border Transportation</u>, Alejandra Mier y Teran reported: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good news: Phase II of the San Ysidro Port of Entry is included in President Obama's Budget. Alejandra explained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phase I – is the expansion of northbound vehicle lanes ▪ Phase II – is for pedestrians and the most needed at this point as there is no cover or bathrooms and it can take up to two hours to walk across the border. ▪ Phase III – involves the relocation of the southbound lanes entering Mexico. This is approved and in the design phase. ○ There are TIGER grants available and SANDAG has been applying for these for Otay Mesa. They are not sure if they can get the additional funding because Otay has already received funding, but since the Otay truck route is a shovel ready project there is a chance. <p>C. <u>Community Plan Update (CPU)</u>, Theresa Millette gave the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She is celebrating the approval of the Otay Mesa Community Plan Update by City Council and also offered her thanks and appreciation to the group. ○ There is a TIGER grant meeting today with City Operations, Engineering, and Transportation to decide where the TIGER grants should go. She said grants will be awarded based on (a) economic prosperity and/or (b) shovel ready projects. Since the Otay truck route is a shovel ready project it can be considered in this conversation. ○ Brown Field Redevelopment – a CEQA lawsuit has been filed challenging the City's approval of the EIR. Theresa is coordinating this and will need the No Effect Determination (NED) before proceeding with the Notice of Decision (NOD). ○ The Community Orientation Workshop (aka "COW") will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 and is required attendance for all new Planning Group members. <p>D. <u>Capital Improvement Program</u> Mel Ingalls is not in attendance today, therefore there was no report.</p> <p>E. <u>San Diego Airport Advisory Committee</u>, Lisa Golden reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The airport will install the ADA compliant bathrooms sometime this Summer ○ Weed abatement is currently in process ○ DPC is in EIR mitigation (burrowing owls) ○ Runway improvements for 26R will begin in the Fall <p>F. <u>Code Enforcement</u>. Carlos Lacarra reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are currently two open cases at 8200 Airway Road – one is the actual property surrounded by the 80 containers and the second is the vacant lot adjacent to that property that it is believed to be being illegally dumped on by the same person. This individual is in the process of being evicted. Carlos said that his lease expires in August of 2014 so he will have to be gone by then. Rob expressed concern that this individual has done this before and there is nothing to prevent him from setting up illegally somewhere else after August of 2014. Carlos is going to drive by the properties today and take pictures. Deputy Attorney Danna Nicholas is sending a 	

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	<p>code investigator to go out and inspect the area.</p> <p>G. <u>Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce Update</u>, Alejandra Mier y Teran made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn Series is hosting a “Financial Strategies for Business Owners” lunch on March 26, 2014 at the Quillay Suites Hotel in Otay Mesa from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Otay Mesa Chamber Members are free and Non-members pay \$15. ○ The California Air Resources Board, Air Pollution Control District of San Diego, and Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce are promoting a free education session at Southwestern College on April 2, 2014 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm on Truck & Bus regulations (AB42). RSVP to Hugo Romero at (619) 661-6111 ext 4 or hromero@otaymesa.org. ○ There is an “Obamacare Compliance & Cross Border Health Plan” education session being sponsored by Medi-Excel at Southwestern College on April 3, 2014 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. Otay Mesa Chamber Members pay \$10 and Non-members pay \$35. ○ MexPort Industrial Trade Show will be held May 15, 2014. <p>H. <u>East Otay Mesa Property Owners’ Association Update</u>, David Wick reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pio Pico is being sued by the Sierra Club and a not-for-profit but is still moving forward. The project is expected to bring 300 construction jobs to the area. 	
7.	<p>Action Items</p> <p>A. Continental Street Vacation – Jim Roberts presented a map showing the area of the Murphy Development property near Brown Field on Continental Street that needs to be vacated because it is no longer part of the circulation element due to the 905. Three other owners have supported the vacation with written letters. It is considered a “Summary Vacation” which is the simplest type. Jim is looking for OMPG to support the vacation. Kaitlin Murphy recused. Jimmy Ayala made a motion to support the vacation, Rita Mahoney seconded and the remainder of the OMPG members agreed to support.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Yeays: 11 Nays: 0 Recusals: 1 (Kaitlin Murphy)</p> <p>B. 7-11 Signage –Rob Hixson noted that this item should have been called “7-11Remodel” however Andrea Munoz is not in attendance today so this was not discussed.</p> <p>C. Otay Mesa Planning Group Meeting Date & Time – Janet Vadakkumcherry made a motion to change the OMPG meeting date and time from the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3:00 pm to the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 am. She explained that she has a work conflict on Wednesdays and that she selected the Monday morning option from available Otay Mesa-Nestor Library hours when the meeting room is available. The motion to change the date and time of the OMPG meetings did not pass:</p>	<p>A motion was presented and passed to support the vacation of the Continental Street property.</p> <p>A motion was presented to change the date and time of the OMPG meetings to the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 am. The motion did not pass.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Yeays: 3 Nays: 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lisa Golden Jimmy Ayala Alejandra Mier y Teran Wayne Dickey Janet Vadakkumcherry Rob Hixson Chris Holder Rita Mahoney Richard Martinez Kaitlin Murphy Manuel Paul Sarah Street</p> <p>There was follow up group discussion about changing the frequency of the OMPG meetings now that the financing plan and CPU were done, with consideration to perhaps meet quarterly or every other month. Rob Hixson suggested that we could also look for another location and suggested the SANDAG Board Room. It was decided that it would be best to take a vote on next month on a possible new location for the OMPG meetings when all new Board members have been seated. Janet reminded Members that the April meeting is also when we elect OMPG Officers.</p> <p>Alejandra made a motion that starting with the April 2014 annual calendar that the OMPG meet every other month instead of monthly. Jimmy Ayala seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by Board members.</p>	<p>At the April 16, 2014 OMPG meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote on the location of future OMPG meetings if alternative locations are presented 2. Election of OMPG Officers <p>A motion was presented and passed unanimously that OMPG meetings be held every other month starting in April of 2014</p>
8.	<p><u>OMP Board Member Elections:</u> Rob Hixson distributed the ballot</p> <p>Residents (vote for one):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felipe Nuno <p>Operators or Business Representatives (vote for two):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector Espinoza • Tom Story <p>Property Owners (vote for seven):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy Ayala* • Mark Freed • Chris Holder 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel Ingalls* • Richard Martinez • Kaitlin Murphy • Joe Street <p>*Must be elected by 2/3 vote due to more than 8 years of service on the OMPG</p> <p>All members of the Board and community were invited to vote.</p> <p>Rob Hixson tallied the votes and 100% of all candidates were voted in in their respective categories. In an effort to manage election terms and not have so many Property Owners terming out at the same time, it was decided that Mark Freed and Mel Ingalls shall serve a one year term.</p> <p>Manuel Paul noticed the OMPG Secretary that he will no longer be seated on the San Ysidro Planning Group and he plans to bring a replacement representative from that group to the April 2014 OMPG meeting to transition. (San Ysidro Planning Group is an appointed seat at OMPG.)</p>	<p>April 2014 will be Manuel Paul's last month to attend the OMPG on behalf of San Ysidro Planning Group . He will introduce his replacement at that meeting.</p>
9.	Information Items	None.	
10.	Old Business	None.	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.	

Chairperson: Rob Hixson, Chair
Recorded by: Janet Vadakkumcherry