

**OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2023**  
Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group member, Mr. Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.  
Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

<b>Members present:</b>	<b>Members absent:</b>
Rob Hixson	Tony Blas
Jimmy Ayala	Tom Simmons
Diane Kirma	James Street
Rita Mahoney	Clarissa Falcon
Felipe Nuno	Mark Freed
Ronnie Taylor	
Ted Shaw	
Alejandra Mier y Teran	
Jayson Christopher	
Chris Holder	
Scott Merry	
Jason Wells	
Tom Ricotta	

**Approval of minutes:**

September 2022

- **Vote:** A motion was made J. Christopher by & seconded by F. Nuno. Motion passed (13-0-0)
- **Yes:** R. Hixson, D. Kirma, T. Ricotta, R. Taylor, T. Shaw, A. Mier y Teran, C. Holder, J. Wells, R. Mahoney, S. Merry, & J. Ayala
- **Abstained:** None.
- **Vote No:** None.

**Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:**

None.

**Chairman's Report:**

Otay Mesa has been busy. A lot of projects happening in the area. I haven't received any thing from the city.

**Government Liaison Reports**

**A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE:** Gerardo Ramirez:

➤ Council Committee assignments for 2023

- Chair, Land Use and Housing Committee
- Vice Chair, Audit Committee
- Vice Chair, Budget, and Government Efficiency Committee
- Member, Rules Committee

➤ La Media Road Resurfacing Project

- Preconstruction meeting for La Media Road scheduled for 1/24, Notice to Proceed (NTP) is scheduled to be issued on 1/31.
- Otay Mesa Dumpster Drop-off
- Scheduled for Saturday, January 28th from 9am-12pm at Montgomery Waller Park

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

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

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

- Supervisor Vargas was sworn in as chairwoman.
- We have a lot of small business grants still available. So, if you know of a specific establishment in Otay Mesa, we'd love to help them get signed up for that.
- We're also holding our State of the County on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- F. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE:** *Officer Carlos LaCarra:*
  - We have some promotions. We received a couple supervisors here at the Southern Division. Sergeant Alfredo Diaz came from Special Operations Unit, Sergeant Sergio Gables from Criminal Intelligence Unit, and from Eastern Division was Daniel Jimenez.
  - Code compliance has been made aware of the area north of the freeway at Cactus Road.
- 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- (Mark Freed, Business Representative)**

Note, the City has not issued or posted Meeting Minutes for the October or November CPC meeting as of this date. Links below are to the agenda for the noted meeting with a summary of the discussions and motions. No CPC meeting was held in December 2022.

  - CPC Agenda 11/29/22  
[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc\\_agenda\\_november\\_2022.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_agenda_november_2022.pdf)
    1. MOVE TO IN PERSON MEETINGS DISCUSSION:

The continued discussion from the October CPC meeting resulted in the following motion that passed: *CPC requests that the City looks into the capabilities for CPC to hold hybrid meetings; lacking such capabilities, the CPC requests to be allowed to continue to hold online meetings as well as allowing the option for online meeting software/hybrid/in person meetings for each CPG and their subcommittees.*  
*Move that the state amends the Brown Act to include online meeting software as options for meetings.*
    2. REQUEST TO MAINTAIN FEE FREE APPEALS:

The recent CPG reforms have eliminated fee free appeals by Planning Groups. The CPC will discuss whether we want to pursue reinstating this practice.  
The discussion resulted in the following motion that passed:  
*CPC requests that City Council provide each PG with the ability to appeal one project throughout the appeals process without fee per calendar year.*
  - Other Items:
    1. Affordable Housing Subcommittee – Linda Vista Planning Group Task Force Report- The LV Planning Group prepared the Affordable Housing Report for the Affordable Housing Subcommittee.
  - Next CPC meeting January 26, 2023.
- B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**
  - We're still waiting for the city. We hope we receive new by the summer.
- C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**
  - Held a webinar on the construction of La Media Road.
  - The La Media Truck Route is scheduled to be open late 2024 or early 2025.
  - Ped west is open again, with limited hours.
- D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Business Representative)**
  - La Media Road breaks ground by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February.
  - Trucks will have to use Siempre Viva Road. There are various routes. Take a look at the detour maps.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee – (Jayson Christopher, Business Representative)**
  - Not a lot to report. Operations are still down.
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**
  - Member breakfast.

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- Please take a look at our events tab on the Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce website for upcoming events, including our member breakfast with Councilwoman Vivian Moreno <https://www.otaymesa.org/events>
  - G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update** – (*David Wick, Business Representative*)
    - LS Power broke ground. The facility will be 250 megawatts. The largest battery storage facility in the United States.
  - H. La Media West Wetlands** - *No report was provided.*
  - I. Informational Items**- None.
  - J. Action Items:**

**Motion:** Britannia Airway Logistics Center, Project No. 1048583,  
**Presented by:** Scott Merry & Ted Shaw  
*A motion was made J. Ayala by & seconded by F. Nuno. Motion passed (10-0-0)*
    - **Yes:** D. Kirma, T. Ricotta, J. Christopher, R. Taylor, A. Mier y Teran, C. Holder, J. Wells, & R. Mahoney.**Abstained:**
    - **Vote No:** None.
    - **Recusal:** Rob Hixson, Ted Shaw, & Scott Merry
  - K. Closing remarks:**

Thank you.
  - L. Old Business:**

No old business.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.*