

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 15, 2020
Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Vice-Chair, Mr. Ted Shaw, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Introductions are made.

Members present:	Members absent:
Ted Shaw – Vice-Chair	Jimmy Ayala
Alejandra Mier y Terán	Tom Ricotta
Clarissa Falcon	Ronnie Taylor
Chris Holder	Tony Blas
Diane Kirma	James Street
Felipe Nuno	Rob Hixson, Chair
Rita Mahoney	
Rodolfo Jr. Lopez	
Tom Story	
Mark Freed	

Approval of minutes:

April 2020

- **Vote:** A motion was made by R. Mahoney. Story and seconded by. Motion passed (10-0-2) **Yes:** R. Hixson, T. Story, C. Falcon, F. Nuno, J. Street, M. Freed, & A. Mier y Teran, C. Holder, D. Kirma, R. Lopez. **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Chairman’s Report:

- Items Received April 2020:
- Elections on hold until further notice.

Government Liaison Report

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

1. Otay Mesa EIFD Public Financing Authority:

- This past Monday, the Authority approved the Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets for the Fiscal Year 2021.
- Total Budget for FY21: \$1.2 million
- La Media Road: \$1.1 million
- Additionally, the Authority reviewed an audit on the financial statements of the Authority
- No misstatements or non-compliance were identified.

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2. Parking Enforcement - July 1

- Parking enforcement was temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home order.
- July 1-15: Vehicles violating street sweeping, metered parking, time limits, and yellow commercial zones will receive written warnings. Citations will continue to be issued for vehicles parked illegally at red and blue painted curbs.
- July 15 and on: Full enforcement goes into effect for ALL curb colors.

3. District 8 back in the office

- Our staff will return to the office on Monday, June 22, 2020.

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

C. SUPERVISOR COX'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

D. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE: No report was provided.

E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE: *Erin Hickey*

1. While we are slowly getting back on track, COVID-19 has had a big impact on families and businesses. Senator Hueso has led a lot of efforts to protect the most vulnerable from going hungry or losing their home. He led an effort for an allocation of \$96 million to food banks and as Energy Chair to make sure utilities don't shut off the lights for nonpayment.
2. Senator Hueso has been working with small businesses on paycheck protections for employees and millions in funding to help them stay afloat until they are allowed to reopen fully.
3. On Monday, the legislature passed the budget. Our package differed from the Governor's in that we prevented devastating cuts to essential services. Our budget presumes the federal government will provide the \$14 billion in funding before October. If the federal government does not, then, at that point, we would be looking at potentially having to make some tough decisions. In the meantime, the budget is looking better than it would otherwise because of the responsible decision making of the legislature in past budgets that invested over \$20 billion in reserves and the rainy-day fund.
4. Right now, Senator Hueso is authoring a Bill (SB 1058) that would make it possible for all students to have access to affordable broadband. They have the support of all of our local school districts, including the San Ysidro School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, and San Diego Unified School District.
5. We've had a lot of inquiries on the different phases and how to interpret the safety guidelines for reopening, so if any of you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT: No report was provided.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report was provided.

H. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT: No report was provided.

I. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: No report was provided.

Monthly Report:

A. CPC- (Mark Freed, Business Representative):

1. CPC May 2020 Meeting Agenda:

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpcagenda200526_final.pdf

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Topics –

- ITEM #5 – **MASTER STORM WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** – See Attached. More information at this link <https://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/services/mswsmp>
 - ITEM #6 – **MUNICIPAL WATERWAYS MAINTENANCE PLAN** – See Attachments. More information at this link <https://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/services/wmp>
 - ITEM #7 – **COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: PLAY EVERYWHERE - PARKS MASTER PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN RECREATION ELEMENT AMENDMENT** - <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completenesscommunities/play-everywhere>
 - ITEM #8 – **COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND MOBILITY CHOICES** <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completenesscommunities/housingsolutions>
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/mobility/mobilitychoices>
- B. Southwest Village Committee - (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**
- The Southwest Village subcommittee has not met; we are waiting on the City to go over the project and to approve or make changes as required. The City will hold this meeting in July. Once we get the report from the City, the subcommittee will meet to discuss any changes made by the City.
- C. Border Transportation - (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Property Owner)**
- No current wait times at the cargo crossing.
 - Otay is up and running.
 - Passenger ports, PED West is closed. East is open. Lanes have been reduced in San Ysidro, not Otay Mesa.
 - Construction on SR-11 moving along.
 - Enrico Fermi is still closed, but trucks can able to pass via their detour. Caltrans is working on adapting the street signal at Otay Mesa Road and Enrico Fermi.
 - Traffic issue with the detention facilities at certain peak times
 - Mario Orso mentioned that the way the Amazon developers are planning the storm drains could eventually that water would be released to the La Media/Airway intersection.
 - This is something we should bring up with the City and the county of San Diego. They may end up approving a project that will later end up flooded.
 - I will email Michael de la Rosa.
 - Before the start of COVID-19 the City stopped pumping the water at that intersection. The City is now saying that they reviewed the issue again and now they believe it is Caltrans fault. The City disagrees.
 - The City has developed a municipal water ways plan. It is going to Planning Commission then City council, if anyone wants to comment on it (Clarissa Falcon).
- D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Property Owner)**
1. The City has developed multiple alternatives for wetland mitigation. One alternative is to purchase additional land along La Media Road. The City is currently evaluating the feasibility of these alternatives and the impacts to the project budget and schedule for each. Additionally, acquisition of properties typically cannot be completed until CEQA is in place which is anticipated by November 2021. As such, the environmental process currently remains on the critical path of the project and land acquisition is not currently delaying the project, assuming eminent domain will not be required.

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2. The City anticipates reaching out to all property owners with updated offers starting in November 2020. This timeline includes determining the appropriate wetland mitigation option, developing updated plans and legals, updating the appraisals, and creating the offer packages for the property owners. Right-of-way acquisition becomes on the critical path if all acquisitions are not completed by Nov 2021.
3. In addition, the City hopes to have a meeting in November 2020 to update everyone on the project.
4. I have approached Councilmember Moreno to see if she can help us to get City staff to provide Quarterly meetings to update us as to the City's progress of the project.

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - (Clarissa Falcon, Metropolitan Airpark)

- COVID-19 has not been friendly to airports. Federal funding will be available to Montgomery and Brownfield.
- COVID-19 has impacted CBX. Trying to limit all expenditures.

F. Code Enforcement – Nothing reported.

G. Chamber Update- Alejandra Mier y Teran:

- Trying to keep members up to date with webinars.
- Having a webinar tomorrow on SBA funding, in Spanish.
- We are moving Mexport to a virtual trade show. A website will be ready soon and will email the link.
- Please send me any additional resources that we can post on our website.

H. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick, Property Owner)

- Fence being built over Otay Mountain by government.

I. La Media West Wetlands - Nothing reported.

Informational Items:

None presented. Speaker canceled.

Action Items:

None.

Closing remarks:

Thank you.

Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by Ted Shaw, Planning Group Vice Chair.