

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

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

Approval of minutes:

January 2021

- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by T. Shaw. Motion passed (11-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, J. Street, S. Merry, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon, R. Taylor, & R. Mahoney **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Becky Rapp -

I'm a mother to three teens and a youth group mentor. The State Department of Marijuana control has indicated that they're unable to do any decoys operations. The public had expected, the court operations to be similar to the ABCs enforcement operations with alcohol sales. For example, when the ABC conducted enforcement operation summer of 2020, 75% of businesses were selling to under-aged individuals. This is simply unacceptable. I also know that C provides tobacco minor D play operations, and I believe the City of San Diego does as well. Responding primarily to citizen complaints. As a mother of three teens, I have concerns with the extremely high levels of THC products being sold and the ease of having them delivered this year California has implemented a stay at home order which has greatly affected adolescence as schools have been closed, many teens find it simple to order THC infused products, the BCC has admitted to not performing any minor decoy operations. Many delivery services fail to identify ID, ensuring the recipient is over 21. This is an open door for adolescents to have their marijuana delivered to their home. I asked you to please communicate with city officials asking them to require the San Diego police department to perform these much-needed minor decoy operations. Thank you.

Chairman's Report:

None received.

Government Liaison Report

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

1. La Media Road Improvements & Otay Truck Route Meeting

- The City of San Diego's Engineering & Capital Projects Department is looking to host the next progress meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

2. \$8.5M Grant – Beyer Park

- The City of San Diego applied for a grant in the amount of \$8.5M to help fund the construction of Beyer Park.
- This grant is part of Prop 68, administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
- The grant application will support \$8.5M of the \$10.5M total estimated cost.

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Via ZOOM

-
- The **first phase** is pursuing Prop 68 grant and will consist of the *children's play area, skate park, amphitheater seating/picnic area, exercise equipment/sports courts, stormwater, ROW improvements, landscaping and irrigating, and habitat restoration.*
 - The **second phase**, for which Parks and Rec intend(s) to request CDBG for, will consist of the multi-purpose turf field with three youth fields and one adult field overlay, comfort station, dog parks, a plaza, half basketball court, and sports field and site lighting.
3. **Otay Mesa EIFD Meeting**
- Next meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021, at 10:00 am
 - PFA will be discussing the performance audit contract.
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- C. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- D. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE:** No report was provided.
- E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE:** *Claudia Lopez:*
1. **Woman of the Year:** Nominate a woman of the year in the 40th Senate district here: <https://sd40.senate.ca.gov/woman-year-nomination>
 2. **Small Business Tax/Fee Cuts:**
Provides \$2 billion in tax cuts for small businesses by partially conforming California tax law to new federal tax treatments for loans provided through the Paycheck Protection Program, (PPP) which allows companies to maximize their deductions for state purposes up to \$150,000 in expenses covered by the PPP loan. Larger firms that received a higher loan amount would still be subject to the same ceiling of \$150,000 deductibility.
- F. POLICE DEPARTMENT:** *Officer Carlos LaCarra:*
1. **Illegal racing**
 - We continue to get a lot of complaints regarding the racing that's going on in Otay Mesa. We know about it, & we try to address it as best as we can.
- 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-** No report was provided.
- B. Southwest Village Committee - (*Felipe Nuno, Resident*)**
- We are waiting on comments back from the City.
- C. Border Transportation – *No report was provided.***
- D. La Media Truck Route- *David Wick***
- There's a meeting coming up next week for the La Media Truck Route on the 24th at one o'clock via Zoom.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - (*Tom Ricotta, Metropolitan Airpark*)**
- It has been quiet.
- F. Code Enforcement – (*Rob Hixson, Property Owner & Planning Group Chair*)**
- We continue to have illegal yards popping up along the 905 freeway. Please continue to forward emails regarding code enforcement and illegal yards to Carlos LaCarra & Gerardo Ramirez, Councilmember Moreno's office.
- G. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce - *No report was provided.***
- H. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – *David Wick***
- The Amazon building that'll be done in August, we're being told, which is the largest building in San Diego County, generating 1500 jobs there is a great article in the newspaper earlier this week.
 - The battery storage facility that's the largest in the world is up and operating fully now.

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Via ZOOM

-
- The only the border fence project is stopped and the administration is reviewing each and every contract. But as of now, they stopped the project.
- I. **La Media West Wetlands** - *No report was provided.*
- J. **Informational Items**: *No report was provided.*
- K. **Action Items**:
- A. **Motion: PA 61- Project No. 605191**
Presented by: Jimmy Ayala, Tri Pointe Homes San Diego Division President
Vote: *A motion was made by T. Shaw and seconded by R. Taylor. Motion passed (10-1-0) Yes: R. Hixson, J. Street, S. Merry, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon & R. Mahoney Abstained: J. Ayala. Vote No: None.*
- B. **Motion: La Media Rd. Improvements - Project No. 0667298**
Presented by: Amy Mills, San Diego Project Manager & Kevin Gibson, Rick Engineering, Principal Engineer.
Vote: *A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by T. Shaw. Motion passed (11-0-0) Yes: R. Hixson, J. Street, S. Merry, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, R. Taylor D. Kirma, C. Falcon & R. Mahoney Abstained: None. Vote No: None.*
- C. **Motion Epoca Neighborhood J NDP - Project No.675612**
Presented by: Emilie Colwell, T&B Planning
Vote: *A motion was made by T. Shaw and seconded by J. Ayala. Motion passed (10-1-0) Yes: R. Hixson, J. Street, S. Merry, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon & R. Taylor Abstained: R. Mahoney. Vote No: None.*
- L. **Closing remarks**:
Thank you.
- M. **Old Business**:
No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.