

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

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.

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

Approval of minutes:

December 2021

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

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Chairman's Report:

- There's a lot of things going on in Otay Mesa. There's a lot of support for our CIP project, the southbound truck route, which was supposed to get started this summer. The Mesa is active as ever, it's fun to have buildings going up and housing going up too.

Items received:

1. Letter of Support La Media Road Project Permit - Senator Ben Hueso

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

Otay Mesa EIFD

- Otay Mesa EIFD approved selection of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Debt Management Department presented an information item on the potential first bond issuance. o Approximately \$36.5M is expected with the first bond issuance.

CTC-Border to Bayshore Bikeway

- \$8.9M was allocated for the Border to Bayshore Bikeway Project.
- The project will include intersection treatments and traffic calming devices along bicycle boulevard segments.

Riviera Del Sol Park Groundbreaking

- On February 1st city hosted a groundbreaking to celebrate the start of the Riviera Del Sol Park construction.
- Construction expected to be completed by Spring of 2023.

B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: Stephanie Estrada:

- Big City Mayors Coalition Mayor Gloria received \$19.1 million for youth employment.

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- Mayor Gloria attended the US Conference of Mayors, and he was able to meet with San Diego's congressional delegation, and really talk about bipartisan infrastructure and making sure that we're bringing infrastructure dollars back to the city. Mayor Guerra did have the opportunity to speak with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, from the US House of Representatives to discuss federal rent legislation as it pertains to our pure water, San Diego efforts which is to deliver 50% of our clean drinking water by 2035.
 - The Mayor attended the Latino leaders meeting at the at the White House and was able to meet President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden.
- C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.***
- D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE: *Andrew Harvey***
- Attached is the link for Boards and Commissions at the County of San Diego District 1: [Boards, Commissions and Committees \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)
 - Security Deposit Assistance Program (SDAP)
 - The County of San Diego will be administering The Security Deposit Assistance Program (SDAP) to assist eligible County residents with a security deposit payment. The program provides one-time payment assistance for renters unable to pay for a security deposit through a security deposit voucher program. Eligible households must fall at or below 120 percent Area Median Income (AMI). Eligible households that are relocating and are in need of security deposit assistance may be awarded up to two months' rent, for a maximum award amount of \$7,000. Applications will initially be selected based on a lottery system after the first two weeks. Then if funding permits, applications will be selected based on date and time of submittal.
 - Application Opening Date: 9/3/2021
 - Income threshold must fall at or below 120% AMI.
 - Maximum award amount of \$7,000 for up to two months' rent.
 - Website: [Security Deposit Assistance Program \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)
 - Last week, Item 5 was approved by the BOS: that was to update and approve a contract related to the regional decarbonization framework.
 - Public comment is open for all of the framework through May and the final framework will come to the Board in August. This will add good-paying green jobs that are an essential component of sustainability and a pathway for our communities building wealth. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with workforce development providers, apprenticeship programs, community colleges, development organizations.
 - For CARB, the Board will be adopting updates for the commercial harbor craft rule, that will require cleaner engines and a transition to zero emission for fleets by 2035. This meeting is March 24th, that is open to the public and virtual. It is available on the California Air Resource Board.
 - We are really proud to announce that the first MEHKO permit in San Diego County was Tres Fuegos Cocina located in District 1.
 - We hope to see more MEHKOS pop up throughout San Diego County.
- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER LORENA GONZALEZ OFFICE: *No report was provided.***
- F. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE: *No report was provided***
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE: *Officer Edington***
- Street racing and reckless driving that the community is very concerned about in the area and because of the industrial makeup of the area seems to become a hotspot for it. And so, I just wanted to notify everyone that we're doing our best with the limited resources that we have to try to address these concerns.
 - We had a dragnet operation that focuses on addressing those concerns. And they did arrest and driver who was driving recklessly.
- H. FIRE DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.***
- I. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT: *No report was provided.***
- J. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: *No report was provided.***

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Monthly Report:

- A. CPC- No report provided**
- B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**
- We are still waiting for the city to give us comments.
- C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**
- Otay II project – Mexico has purchased 90% of right of ways
 - The SR 11 new off ramp has been completed and connectors should be open to traffic in the fall of 2022.
- D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Business Representative)**
- City is working on their army core permits and sent out an update as attached, we and other stakeholders are working with the City to expedite this process and have received positive feedback. There is another meeting on 4/20 so we should know more by then.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - (Jayson Christopher, Business Representative)**
- They've approved about a \$3.1 million funding from the committee for a temporary Customs and Border Protection facilities. Brownfield still needs to go through the traditional city processes to get the funds appropriated.
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)**
- Member Breakfast with Baja California's Secretary of Economic Development and U.S. Consul General in Tijuana, February 24, 2022.
 - Trade Compliance Webinar with CBP
- G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick, Business Representative)**
- Gateway Energy is about to break ground on the second phase of their battery storage project
 - Caltrans is out for bid on the grading of the New Port of Entry and hope to award the project this summer
 - Amazon has opened its second warehouse in East Otay Mesa
- H. La Media West Wetlands - No report was provided.**
- I. Informational Items - None**
- J. Action Items:**
- A. Motion: City of San Diego AT&T new wireless site– Project No. 672332**
Presented by: Becky Todd, MD7
- **Vote:** None.
 - **Abstained:** None.
 - **Vote No:** None.
 - **Comments:** Postpone vote.
- B. Motion: City of San Diego CIP - Palm Ave I-805 Interchange - Project No. S00869**
Presented by: Stuart Osborne
- **Vote:** A motion was made by F. Nuno & seconded by J. Ayala Motion passed (11-0-0)
R. Hixson, J. Christopher, D. Kirma, A. Mier y Teran, S. Merry, R. Mahoney, T. Shaw, C. Holder & R. Taylor
 - **Abstained:** None.
 - **Vote No:** None.
- C. Motion: Map Waiver 8075 Siempre Viva Road– Project No. 0683854**
Presented by: Denise Marquez
- **Vote:** None.
- K. Closing remarks:**
Thank you.
- L. Old Business:**
No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.