

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 21, 2020
Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

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

Approval of minutes:

August 2020

- **Vote:** A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by R. Taylor. Motion passed (10-0-0) **Yes:** R. Hixson, T. Shaw, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, T. Story, T. Ricotta & A. Mier y Teran **Abstained:** None. **Vote No:** None.

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Public Input: Kathleen Lippitt – I wanted to share some information about the community planners committee feedback to the City regarding their 2020 industrial code update that they reviewed in August, members of the CPC represent 50 city wide planning groups, and members and their CPC representatives spend countless hours considering projects and providing feedback to the City that is uniquely tailored to the needs of local planning areas in August when the CPC had the opportunity to review and vote on the 2020 minutes from code, update, they strongly opposed the item to reduce the 10 day secret peer appeal period to five days, representatives clearly describe the problems, this would create for community members and businesses in their respective planning group areas, a mere five days would be inadequate to find out understand study and respond to a project that could forever change the environment and character of their neighborhoods and interfere with long term community plans. Unfortunately, when the update was heard by the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission voted to disregard the CPC his recommendation. When the item went to land due to housing committee that committee also voted to ignore the concerns expressed by the CPC unanimous vote, the CPC chair and six knowledgeable community members pointed out these concerns, but their concerns, and their concerns deserve both acknowledgement and to be addressed. Neither was done. The next stop for this 2020 Municipal code update goes to the city council, where the decision could be codified. Please let your council, representatives hear from you and encourage them to be more respectful to the valuable feedback city authorized planning groups, and their representatives, provide these updates are likely going to cause problems for your planning groups in the future. Thank you.

Chairman's Report:

Items Received

- October 2020: Notice about expanding the La Media Truck route expansion

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Government Liaison Report

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

1. Prop 68

- Yesterday the City Council approved an authorization to apply for a \$8,500,000 Prop 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program grant, administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for Beyer Park Development.
- The current estimated project cost is \$19,458,259 which will be reduced by reducing the scope down to \$10,500,000 in total estimated cost. Park construction will be split in two phases and the grant application will support \$8.5M of the \$10.5M total estimated cost.

2. Updates to Council Policy 200-01 Regarding Unimproved Streets

- Last week ATI Committee voted unanimously to amend Council Policy 200-01 regarding unimproved streets.
- These proposed policy changes focus on unimproved streets and alleys, which are dirt roads that have not been previously maintained by the City.
- There are nearly 13 miles in Council District 8 in the South Bay, and there are more than 10 miles in Council District 4 in southeastern San Diego. No other council district has more than 3 miles of dirt streets.
- Changing the two policies, dating back to 1952 and 1979, needs approval from the full City Council.

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: *Claudia Lopez*

1. Not currently in session
2. Reviewing the 2021-2022 Legislative Package. Possibility of putting Bills forward. Please forward and comments.

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/cpc_drft_min_05-26-20cc_-_copy.pdf

2. CPC June 2020 Meeting Minutes:

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_drft_min_06-30-20.pdf

Topics

- Item #5. Complete communities: play everywhere -parks master plan and general plan recreation element amendment. <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completemunities/play-everywhere>

CPC Subcommittee Recommendations

- Item #6. Complete communities: housing solutions and mobility choices
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completemunities/housingsolutionshttps://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/mobility/mobilitychoices>

CPC Press release

CPC July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_drft_min_07-07-20cc.pdf

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1. Senate Bills SB902, SB995, SB1085, SB1120 and SB1385 – **Planning and Zoning Bill Summary and CPC Press release**

SB902 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB902

SB995 http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB995

SB1085 http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1085

SB1120 http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1120

SB1385 http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1385

CPC July 28, 2020 Meeting

Agenda: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_agenda_200728_final_1_0.pdf

Topics -

1. Item #5–Housing legislation code update package - Proposed amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code to address recent State housing legislation and ensure compliance with State law.
2. Item #6- Complete communities: play everywhere -parks master plan and general plan recreation element amendment, housing solutions and mobility choices, infrastructure now. **Go to this link for supporting documents on the right side of the page.**

<https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=4058&doctype=1>

B. Southwest Village Committee - (Felipe Nuno, Resident)

- We have not met since last meeting. We will not meet until we get comments back from the City.

C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Border Transportation)

- Travel restrictions extended until the end of November
- Construction is moving forward with the on-ramps of the SB- Expressway
- CBP approved one of our requests to extend the hours at the Otay Mesa Commercial Port of Entry.
- November 19th the City will be presenting via Zoom on the expansion of a La Media Road and the potential detours and the options there.
- Mario Orso will be providing an update on SR-11.

D. La Media Truck Route- (David Wick, Property Owner)

- Meeting with the City, Wednesday the 23rd of September.
- They are working on the wetlands, and other mitigation requirements of the project
- They're out, acquiring the right ways are in the process of doing that with the various property owners.
- The project still at about \$42.7 million and so they're still looking for \$22.8 million which on the current timeline, they feel they'll have the project shovel ready where they will be able to apply and obtain grants, by the end of next year. That would be a milestone, and have construction start in the second quarter of the following year of 2022.

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - (Tom Ricotta, Metropolitan Airpark)

- We were supposed to have our meeting last week, and they had problems with the zoom meeting, so we did not really get any updates.
- Mr. Bealesberg, who was the financial partner, passed away about two years ago, and they've been trying to find somebody to replace that equity.

F. Code Enforcement – No report was provided.

G. Chamber Update- (Alejandra Mier y Teran, Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce)

- We received a county grant to revive or finalize the maintenance assessment district process. That potentially could be done as early as next July. We're going to be reviving our steering committee for that. So, and hopefully the same one, and we could get that through we're super excited about that because we know that illegal dumping has gotten somewhat worse, as well as the trash and we know we still need to beautified Otay Mesa.

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- Our offices will remain closed, it looks like until next summer that community college will not reopen next spring semester. So, we expect to continue working remotely.
- Our annual award ceremony is tomorrow via zoom. Hopefully, you can all join us; we will send out an email with the registration details.

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

- Fence being built over Otay Mountain by government.
- LS Power finished the largest battery storage facility.
- The EVOC facility that the county is building in East Otay is under construction
- Otay Hills is out on the street with their EIR for their 100-acre rock quarry, and that hopefully they once they get approval from the Board of Supervisors, they will be under construction probably in the second quarter of 2021
- East Otay Mesa Property Owners are in the process of updating the Specific Plan to modify it to be more representative or be more usable in today's environment of development of industrial type buildings in, in Otay Mesa.

I. **La Media West Wetlands** - Nothing reported.

Informational Items:

None.

Action Items:

Motion: A Green Alternative Outlet; Project No. 657101

Presented by: Richard Davis, Fickel & Davis Gibbons

Vote: *A motion was made by R. Taylor and seconded by A. Mier y Teran. Motion passed (10-0-0) Yes: R. Hixson, T. Shaw, J. Ayala, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, T. Story, & T. Ricotta & Abstained: None.*

Vote No: None.

Motion: Lumina II; Project No. 625830

Presented by: Emilie Colwell, T&B Planning

Vote: *A motion was made by T. Story and seconded by R. Taylor. Motion passed (10-0-0) Yes: R.*

Hixson, T. Shaw, M. Freed, D. Kirma, F. Nuno, T. Ricotta, J. Ayala & A. Mier y Teran Abstained: None.

Vote No: None.

Closing remarks:

Thank you.

Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.