

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 17, 2021

Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group Vice-Chair, Mr. Ted Shaw, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

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

Approval of minutes:

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

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda:

Carol Green -

I want to let you know that I'm getting a feedback it's a little weird that I want to talk to you about the plans for the marijuana facility in the unincorporated areas, and just wanted to let you know that as you make these decisions. There are real people and real stories and I know that often we hear about people whose lives were made better by the ability to use the substance, and I want to let you know that my son used this substance and it set off psychosis episode for him. The reason that I shared with you that we sometimes don't get good information and I've done a lot of research and I can only tell you that it's the scariest thing in the world none of you ever have to have a loved one go through. But they have determined that marijuana is a simple trigger for psychosis. And as our being in a situation where mental health becoming so important to our young people. I would just like for you to have a full picture of what this means. Unfortunately, research and information didn't help us, and Michael died last December. As a result of mental illness, which first told us was triggered by using marijuana. So, I thank you for your time. And I'm sorry that I'm a little disoriented, it's really a hard story to tell, but I just, I just feel like people don't know this, and I'm not trying to vilify anyone and I don't want people arrested, but I think more needs to be known this, thank you for your time.

Chairman's Report:

None received.

Government Liaison Report

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

1. Otay Mesa Clean-up

- Thursday, March 25 from 9:00am-12:00pm.

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- Location: Montgomery Waller Park-3020 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154
- \$8.5M Climate Equity Fund

2. Otay Mesa EIFD Meeting

- On March 9, 2021, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the creation of a Climate Equity Fund (CEF). This fund will allow the City to target annual funding towards building infrastructure projects that will allow disadvantaged communities to be resilient and adapt to climate change.
- The CEF would be funded annually through allocation of a percentage of the following revenue sources: Gas Tax, Transnet, and Annual Gas and Electric Franchise Fees.

3. Otay Mesa Town Hall

- Thursday, March 25 at 6:00pm via Zoom.
- More details to come.

B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: *Stephanie Estrada:*

- We are moving into the red tier, and so that would allow certain businesses like restaurants and gyms to be open for indoor operations on limited capacities, beginning on March 15th.
- Vaccinations will be available to those with certain health conditions disabilities illnesses and living spaces. People ages of 16 to 64 deemed to be at a very high highest risk to get very sick from COVID, 19, either because they have one or more of the health conditions listed under the COVID-19 vaccine basis, and that would be found on the county website.
- March 5th Mayor Gloria did announce the plans to wind down operation shelter to home and so, as you all may know, there have been individuals currently living in the convention center, who have not already moved to those who have not already moved to permanent housing, or longer term housing options we'll be safely relocated. Move out is slated to begin of the week of March 22nd.

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

- Beginning today, establishments across San Diego County will be allowed to [start moving operations indoors with capacity limits](#), as the region moves from the most restrictive Purple Tier into the less restrictive **Red Tier**.
- This week's County Press Briefing has been moved to **Thursday, March 18 at 2:30 PM**. The briefing may be viewed via [YouTube](#), [Facebook Live](#), and [Twitter](#). Updated information on COVID-19 vaccine eligibility can be found at coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine
- San Diego County's Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to create a "little libraries" initiative to boost literacy in low-income and communities of color by giving the people and children living in them more opportunities to have books to read in their homes. Supervisor Nora Vargas, who brought the item to the Board for consideration, said the County library system has "been fantastic" in promoting and increasing literacy through its 33 branch libraries, digital and e-books, services and programs.
- I wanted to share some exciting news! We just posted updated data today and South Region now leads the County in highest vaccination rate! Also, 94.3% of the 65 years and old population in south have received at least one dose.
- As of March 15th, vaccinations are available to those with certain health conditions, disabilities, illness, living spaces, or work environments that put them at higher risk for serious COVID-19 illness.

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

E. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE: *Claudia Lopez:*

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- California State Senate, Senator Wessel has introduced various bills, bills from, and I can name a few. Everything that has to do with racial economic equity bond to a bi national workforce.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT: *Officer Carlos LaCarra:*

- Crime stats that were put out by San Diego PD is 2020 annual crime stats. Overall crimes citywide went down 8.4% property crimes were down 10.4% and violent crimes, went up 1.7 with increases in murder went up by 10% and then aggravated assaults 9.1%
- We continue towing vehicles and issuing citations, a lot of abandoned vehicles out there. Lone Star has been getting still quite a bit of attention it's costing them quite a pretty penny out there, unfortunately, because they continue to park, oversize vehicles out there and we're impounding them a lot of them are unregistered over six months.

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)*

February 23 Meeting Minutes https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_drft_min_02-23-21_.pdf

Item #8. ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: A presentation promoting the public power option as opposed to a new franchise agreement with SDG&E.

Item #9. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Planning gave this presentation to our OMPG previously. Environmental Justice Element being added to the General Plan.

Mayor Todd Gloria joined the call and specifically spoke about the Environmental Justice Element, among other things.

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https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_draft_minutes_2021_jan_26.pdf

Item #5. PARKS FOR ALL: Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element presentation by a coalition promoting revisions to the Master Plan.

Item #6. GUIDANCE FOR CPG ELECTION: Planning guidance for CPG Elections.

Item #7. ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Discussion about scheduled Public meetings, alternatives, and possible recommendations.

Item #8. FOLLOW-UP LEGAL ANALYSIS REGARDING COUNCIL POLICY 600-24: Ongoing discussion regarding the revisions to the Council Policy that governs CPGs. Councilmember Joe La Cava has been working on revisions to the Council Policy and will present to the CPC in March

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

- We are waiting on comments back from the City.

C. Border Transportation - *(Alejandra Mier y Teran, Business Representative)*

- Construction continues to move forward on this our 11 and our SPX ramps, as well as the construction for the for the existing port of entry the pedestrian ramp will be ready by August. And then the MTS facility will be reopened in September of this year.
- No update on the travel restrictions being eliminated. There's a lot of rumors out there but it looks like they're just rumors. It's supposed to expire in the next couple of days so they were going to wait for an announcement.

D. La Media Truck Route- *David Wick*

- The city staff provided a very thorough update of Britannia Road and Otay truck route phase four. On February 24 if anyone would like a copy of the handout, we can email it to you. They are making a lot of progress.
- The city is on the CIT project Otay truck route phase four is that portion of the truck route from La Media Road east to drug her lane, and they're out there constructing it in that portion should be done by the end of this year. So that's a \$15 million \$15.7 million project that's going to be completed by December, on La Media

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Road is \$42.7 million is fully funded. The city is out. Currently acquiring the right a ways for the road improvements. They hope to have it fully designed and permitted by the end of this year, and then go out the first part of next year, with the bidding process, they hope to start construction in July of 2022.

E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee - Tom Ricotta

- It has been quiet; no update.

F. Code Enforcement – Carlos LaCarra

- They're in the process of updating the list of complaints that they have out. Hopefully, next meeting we'll have something updated.

G. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – Alejandra Mier y Teran

- Last week, to be able to provide over 1200 50 to be exact vaccinations for our food related companies, this was in partnership with UCSB Yes and thank you to the County of San Diego and supervisor.

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

- I want to thank supervisor Nora Vargas, and the other supervisors for approving our amendment to the city's specific plan. The original plan as many of you may recall, was July of 1984.

I. La Media West Wetlands - No report was provided.

J. Informational Items: No report was provided.

K. Action Items:

A. **Motion: Epoca Neighborhood G – Project No. 678601-**

Presented by: Emilie Colwell from T&B Planning

Vote: A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by F.Nuno. Motion passed (9-3-0) **Yes:** J. Street, S. Merry, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon, C. Holder, R. Taylor & A. Mier y Teran. **Abstained:** R. Mahoney, T. Shaw & M. Freed. **Vote No:** None.

B. **Motion: Epoca Neighborhood I – Project No. 678447 - Emilie Colwell from T&B Planning**

Presented by: Emilie Colwell from T&B Planning

Vote: A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by F.Nuno. Motion passed (9-3-0) **Yes:** J. Street, S. Merry, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon, C. Holder, R. Taylor & A. Mier y Teran. **Abstained:** R. Mahoney, T. Shaw & M. Freed. **Vote No:** None.

C. **Motion Epoca Epoca Neighborhood L – Project No. 678856 - Emilie Colwell from T&B Planning**

Presented by: Emilie Colwell from T&B Planning

Vote: A motion was made by J. Ayala and seconded by F.Nuno. Motion passed (9-3-0) **Yes:** J. Street, S. Merry, T. Ricotta, D. Kirma, C. Falcon, C. Holder, R. Taylor & A. Mier y Teran. **Abstained:** R. Mahoney, T. Shaw & M. Freed. **Vote No:** None.

L. Closing remarks:

Thank you.

M. Old Business:

No old business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. by Ted Shaw, Planning Group Vice-Chair.