

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
Vía Zoom

Otay Mesa Planning Group Chair, Mr. Rob Hixson, called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. Introductions are made across the Zoom meeting screen.

Members present:	Members absent:
Rob Hixson	Tom Ricotta
Jorge Goytortua	Tom Simmons
Mark Freed	Jose Hernandez
Tony Blas	
Ronnie Taylor	
Logan Swanson	
Seth Dorros	
Diane Kirma	
Felipe Nuno	
Ted Shaw	
Allen Kashani	
Chris Holder	
Jason Wells	

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

Andrew Ferbert is on behalf of Heather Ferbert for City Attorney. For more information, please visit www.heatherferbert.com

Chairman's Report:

- Jimmy Ayala will replace Mark Freed as property owner.
- Items Received:
 1. Notice of Right to Appeal an Environmental Determination for a Request For Proposal | PRJ 10090197-25-R | As-Needed For Consulting Services for Asbestos Inspections
 2. PRJ-1117421 | Epoca Neighborhood K | Comments
 3. PRJ-1086570 | SCR Process 1 Third Review | 1605 Continental Street
 4. PRJ-1111415 | 7020 Airway Road | Second Review

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: (Victor Caymaris)

- City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan Update
 - The City began an update to our **Bicycle Master Plan** in August and asked the public to provide input on their 'lived riding experience' via online surveys. (until September 30, 2024)
 - We encourage people to visit the project engagement website to learn about the plan update; you'll find information about the project background, its timeline, a fact sheet, and interactive tools so you can provide your input.
 - Please visit & share : <https://fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/sd-bmpu> (note: **differs from SANDAG's current and ongoing bike projects**)
- Tijuana River Valley
 - On the Mexican side, the San Antonio de los Buenos plant construction will be done in the next few weeks and operational by December 2024/January 2025 + the adjacent "Colector Costero" project, 4+ years in the making but stopped due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be coming online in next month.
 - On the U.S. side: Councilmember Vivian Moreno is working on a **resolution to call on federal authorities to declare a State of Emergency** regarding the TRV situation, engaging the mechanism for additional funds to be allocated for this pressing issue and allowing the State of California to follow suit.
- CIPs in Otay Mesa (Siempre Viva Road Improvements & Airway Road Improvements).
 - Both projects are in the Planning phase and already listed on the CIP map tool for upcoming feasibility studies
 - P19006 (Siempre Viva Rd) "[...] feasibility study of modifying the existing road to a six-lane primary arterial road from La Media Road to Otay Center Drive."
 - P19007 (Airway Rd) "feasibility study to upgrade Airway Road into a four-lane major roadway, extending from La Media Road to Harvest Road. The feasibility study shall include, but not be limited to, a preliminary cost estimate, conceptual design, preliminary environmental assessment, and related traffic analysis."
- Capacity Building Grant (CBG) applications.
 - **Renewed funding opportunity for FY25 from the Economic Development Department.**

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- The goal of the CBG program, funded through the Small Business Enhancement Program, is to encourage inclusive economic growth in our region by supporting community-based organizations that directly assist small businesses in under-resourced communities within the City of San Diego.
 - Capacity Building Grant proposals can be between \$10,000 - \$30,000 and may include but are not limited to providing technical assistance to businesses, building a website, hanging banners, programming special events, or creating/updating business directories. Only non-personnel expenses qualify. This program is dedicated to nonprofit organizations serving small businesses within the San Diego Promise Zone, Opportunity Zones, and under-resourced communities. **Applications close on September 27.**
- **FY25 Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CCPS) update.**
- Council offices review ongoing (from 9/2/24 to 9/20/24) followed by City Attorney Review (from 9/30/24 to 10/18/24) > Award announcements scheduled for the end of October (tentative)
 - "379 eligible projects [applied] from 296 unique community organizations, representing just over \$7.3 million in total funding requests. [...]" (for perspective: each District receives \$100,000 to allocate).
- B. MAYOR'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE:** *Ernesto Castañeda*
- Office is accepting applications for the community grants. Community Enhancement program and the Neighborhood Reinvestment program.
 - Food justice community action plan the county is hosting – round tables, throughout this month and the next.
 - Small business resource fair in Barrio Logan next week.
- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- F. SENATOR PADILLA'S OFFICE:** *No report to provide.*
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE:** *Carlos LaCarra*
- Halloween is coming up. Wear attire that can be seen at night, use flashlights, and scan your kid's candy.
 - Use the Get it Done App – we are the district that uses the app less than other districts.
 - Code Compliance supervisor will be permanent, and we are looking forward to receiving monthly updates from code compliance.
 - Any thing police related I am available.
- H. FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *No report was provided.*
- I. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:** *No report was provided.*
- J. CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*

Monthly Report:

- A. CPC- (Mark Freed, Property Owner)**
No update. Adjournment.
- B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuno)**
- There is nothing new to report at this time. We have to wait until next year to receive comments from the city.
- C. Border Transportation – (Alejandra Mier y Teran)**
- MTS is doing an overhaul study to improve the transit. It will take approximately a year.
 - Member breakfast with Councilmember Vivian Moreno
 - Annual dinner October 10th.
- D. La Media Truck Route - (David Wick)**
- La Media Road is progressing. Paving is occurring. Hoping everything will be completed by the end of the year.
 - Phase 1 - 905 to Paseo de la Fuente should be completed by end of October.
 - Phase 2- Down to Siempre Viva Rd. should be completed by the end of the year of the beginning of the next year.
 - Peak season is underway for the La Media Rd. truck route.
 - The traffic is terrible on La Media Rd. and the surrounding streets.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee – No report was provided.**
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – (Alejandra Mier y Teran)**
- Otay Mesa Cargo Port was closed briefly today – involving a violent incident.
 - Seems to be less activity at the port.
- G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner's Association Update – (David Wick)**
- POE Otay II – Government still doesn't have a budget for line item for the blue shirts to staff Oaty II.
 - So many projects underway in east Otay Mesa.

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- Contractor hired to fill in the border gap in fence between Tecate and San Ysidro. The government put out an RFP.
- They are going to start the border project January 1st.
- Tracy Hollingsworth Passed away. If anyone has a suggestion of filling her shoes for the Owners Association meetings.

H. La Media West Wetlands - *No report was provided.*

I. Informational Items – *No informational items.*

J. Action Items

a) **Ocean View Hills (OVHs) Corporate Center Community Plan Amendment Initiation (CPAI) | Project No.1118928**

Presented by: Jimmy Ayala, Vivienda Advisors

A motion was made by R. Taylor and seconded by D. Kirma.

The Motion passed (11-0-2-0)

Yes: *R. Hixson, J. Goytortua, T. Blas, L. Swanson, S. Dorros, F. Nuno, T. Shaw, A. Kashani, & J. Wells.*

Recusal: None

Abstained: M. Freed & C. Holder

Vote No: None

K. Closing remarks

L. Old Business

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm by Rob Hixson, Chair of the Otay Mesa Planning Group.