

OTAY MESA PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 15, 2022
Via ZOOM

Otay Mesa Planning Group member, Mr. Rob Hixson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
Introductions are made via the zoom meeting screen.

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

Approval of minutes:

May 2022

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

Public Input/Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda: None.

Chairman's Report:

Otay Mesa has been very busy. Getting closer to getting La Media Road fixed.

Government Liaison Reports

A. COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S OFFICE: Gerardo Ramirez:

City of San Diego Proposed Budget

- City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023 budget on Monday June 13th, 2022.
 - This budget features an increase of \$141 million from the initial proposed budget in May, a 2.9% increase.
- La Media Road
- Total cost of the project increased to \$52.5M.
 - The Engineering and Capital Projects Department informed our office that full funding has been identified.

B. MAYOR'S OFFICE: Lucero Maganda:

- On Monday city council passed the mayor's ready to rebuild budget for the fiscal year of 2023. This budget focus focuses on repairing aging infrastructure, enforcing new regulations. Increasing pay for first responders, and other city employees and of course reducing homelessness.
- Important bullets to address:
 - homelessness and housing the total funding for homelessness services is at 6.3 million, with two thirds of that coming from the state and federal grants \$4.3 million were added to the existing efforts to address homelessness encampments.
 - \$13.6 million to increase shelter capacity services and coordinated street outreach programs.
- Three new positions for city attorney to support the new conservatorship unit the lifesaving intervention for treatment program.
- The infrastructure budget includes \$8.8 million to prepare for a major stormwater infrastructure using low interest federal loans. Some highlights to point out include \$4.1 million for pump station repairs and maintenance. \$4.1 million for additional street sweeping and \$1.4 million to educate residents on how to avoid inadvertent pollution.
- Additionally, the budget of \$1 million is to improve/upgrade traffic signals, upgrading sidewalks and curb ramps, and helping traffic management and tree maintenance.

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- C. ASSEMBLYMEMBER WEBER'S OFFICE:** *No report provided.*
- D. SUPERVISOR VARGAS' OFFICE:** *Andrew Harvey (via email):*
 - Tomorrow the county will have a budget hearing review be held virtually at 5:30 pm.
 - Starting May 1st low income seniors regardless of immigration status are eligible for MediCal.
 - The county wants to hear from you on how to increase awareness to county programs for persons with disabilities.
- E. ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- F. SENATOR HUESOS' OFFICE:** *No report was provided.*
- G. POLICE DEPARTMENT & CODE COMPLIANCE:** *No report was provided.*
- 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, Business Representative)**
 - **CPC Meeting Minutes 4/26/22** No posting as of 6/14/22.
Three consecutive CPC meetings were dominated by comment and discussion regarding revisions to **COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE.**
 - **CPC meeting Agenda 5/24/22** https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_agenda_52422-mp.pdf
UPDATE: COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE: Discussion and recommendation regarding draft revisions to Council Policies 600-24 and 600-9. Please see: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/policies-priorities> and <https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=4910&doctype=1#> (Click on agenda ITEM-2 for the supporting documents.).
 - **CPC Sub-Committee Agenda 5/31/22** https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2022_05_31_cpc_cpg_subcom_agenda_nwr_0.pdf
COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE: Discussion and recommendations for CPG reform proposals to be submitted to a special CPC meeting.
 - **CPC Special Meeting Agenda 6/13/22**
https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpc_special_mtg_13_june_2022.pdf
COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 on COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 on the COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE: The CPC Subcommittee presented a letter of opposition to the full CPC Group for review and further comments (See attached Draft Letter). The CPC voted to send the letter to the Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee (Council Member Vivian Moreno) informing the Committee that the CPC will oppose the proposed amendment to CP 600-24 unless two portions of proposed revisions are amended.
 1. Removal of a clause that imposes a fee for appeals filed by Community Planning Groups citing a City Attorney Report to the LU&H Committee in 2019 wherein it stated that CPGs are recognized by the City of San Diego as the official voice of their communities in land use matters. The San Diego City Council found that CPGs assist the City in developing and implementing community plans and the General Plan, determined that CPGs perform a necessary function in the planning process, and that CPGs are “of inestimable value to the citizens of the City of San Diego.” The letter argues that appeal fees for CPG’s will place them at a disadvantage to other appellants as CPG’s are not allowed to charge fees to fund appeals which are rarely filed and summarized that the proposal is a solution in search of a problem.
 2. Removal of a clause that imposes a two-year break for serving on CPG’s citing the difficulty in recruiting members and an analysis by the City Attorney’s Office stating that the two-year gap “recommendation impermissibly intrudes on the internal operations and governance of an independent entity.”

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The letter closes stating that the CPC urges the Committee to delete the two above-referenced portions of the proposal. They are not critical to the other portions of the amendments to Council Policy 600-24. While the CPC will not oppose the proposal if these changes are made, in the longer term we hope the Council will investigate revising Council Policy 600-24, and possibly amending the Charter, to strengthen and empower CPGs and to increase their impact on City governance.

- [New CPG Roster Template & CPC Member Data Form](#) – Required information from each Planning Group. Send to SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov when complete.
 - Next CPC meeting June 28, 2022.
- B. Southwest Village Committee – (Felipe Nuno, Resident)**
- We are still waiting for the city to give us their comments. Maybe we will have an update next month.
- C. Border Transportation – No report was provided.**
- D. La Media Truck Route– (David Wick, Business Representative)**
- Awarded \$52M for improvements.
 - Received an email from the mayor’s office on June 8th. City crews should be on site in the coming days to assess the water pumping and temporary repairs.
- E. San Diego Airport Advisory Committee – (Jayson Christopher, Business Representative)**
- The Enterprise Management budget is out. You can download it on the website you want to see it.
 - The federal bipartisan infrastructure bill from the White House released \$2,950,000 and allocated it to city airports over the span of five years.
 - \$600,000 to be distributed in the first year and will be used for infrastructure improvements. And then about \$300,000 for the next couple years.
- F. Otay Mesa Chamber of Commerce – No report was provided.**
- G. East Otay Mesa Property Owner’s Association Update – (David Wick, Business Representative)**
- The Otay Port of Entry and Caltrans’ project is set to open 2024.
- H. La Media West Wetlands - No report was provided.**
- I. Informational Items – None.**
- J. Action Items:**
- A. Motion: To create Underground Utility District**
- Presented by:** Diane Kirma
- **Vote:** A motion was made by D. Kirma & seconded by C. Holder. Motion passed (11-0-0)
 - **Yes:** R. Hixson, F. Nuno, T. Shaw, J. Christopher, S. Merry J. Ayala, R. Taylor, R. Mahoney, & M. Freed
 - **Abstained:** None.
 - **Vote No:** None.
- K. Closing remarks:**
- Thank you.
- L. Old Business:**
- No old business.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m. by Rob Hixson, Planning Group Chair.**