

**OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES**

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center  
**April 10th, 2024**

**Members Present:**

District 1 Edgar Garfias  
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobalm  
District 3 Robert Broomfield  
District 8 Steve Egger  
District 9 Albert Estrada  
District 10 Bob Mikloski  
District 11 Albert Velasquez  
District 12 Carlos Sanchez  
District 13 Brian McGonagill  
District 14 Augie Hernandez  
District 16 Bobby Hicks

**Members Absent:**

District 6 Johnny E. Swanson  
District 7 Rosie Montaña

**Vacant District Seats:**

District 4  
District 5  
District 15

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Edgar Garfias, Secretary of the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG), called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He welcomed all Board members and members of the community to the meeting.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The draft minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with edits to the name of the 1695 Saturn Project in minutes and agenda.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. March 27<sup>th</sup> Border Pollution Coalition Meeting
    - i. Smuggler's Gulch Dredging has stated.
    - ii. Repairs to Pilot Channel Berms will start this summer.
    - iii. Feds will transfer \$156 million to IBWC construction with approximately \$103 million for the IBWC treatment plant.
    - iv. Coast Keeper will file a lawsuit against IBWC for being out of compliance
  - b. March 27<sup>th</sup> Imperial Beach Special Workshop
    - i. IB clinic have recorded 500% increase in Diarrhea.
    - ii. Ecoli transferred from shoes to hands to doors to anywhere.
    - iii. Border Patrol, Seal Team and Lifeguards having issues.
    - iv. 400 contaminates found in TJ river valley water. 200 dangerous and 150 on the EPA's Toxic Substance List.
  - c. Resident brought up missing minutes on website.
    - i. Have been posted since meeting.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, [cedington@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:cedington@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - a. Day of the Child, April 28<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm
  - b. Bob Mikloski asked about the Picador and Del Sol robbery
  - c. Brian McGonagill asked about whether continuous enforcement will continue at 99 cent store location with it being closed
  - d. Bobby Hicks asked about Motor Home training based on the settlement by City on vehicle habitation legislation that will lead to progressive enforcement and 3 opportunities with shelter offers before an arrest. Pictures for reporting are permissible.
  - e. Steve Eggers asked about success of the license plate reader

f. Ride alongs continue to be an option for people interested.

5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [rbroomfield@sandiego.gov](mailto:rbroomfield@sandiego.gov)

- a. Nestor Creek between Dahlia Ave and Cedar St were clean.
  - i. Nestor creek on private property won't be cleared by City. A notice of liability has been provided to the owners.
- b. As of March 11<sup>th</sup>, District 8 has 176 streetlights in the repair backlog.
  - i. Otay Mesa-Nestor had 93 of 292 service requests completed.
- c. Otay Mesa Nestor Drop-off
  - i. Scheduled for Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at Montgomery Waller.
- d. Events
  - i. MWRC UCSD Health Fair, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm
  - ii. MWRC Day of the Child, April 28<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm
  - iii. MWRC Movies in the Park Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-8pm Elemental
  - iv. SWRC Mother's Day Cupcake decorating May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10-11:30am
- e. Mayor will release provisional budget on Friday, 4/12/24
  - i. City Council will start hearing on the proposed budget from the mayor between May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Brian McGonagill asked about Iris Avenue and painting of street bump.
- g. Albert Estrada asked about the outstanding streetlights in Otay Mesa. 27 still outstanding.
- h. Mary Lou Tarobalm asked whether the budget would be public. Shared that SDGE related streetlight issues would be a different team to repair per conversation with workers.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, [LMaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:LMaganda@sandiego.gov)

- a. Homelessness – Plan to establish largest shelter
  - i. Will need to go through the approval process and go committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>
    1. Bobby Hicks shared concern over a 35 year lease for a large costs rather than purchasing a building instead.
    2. Albert Estrada asked about the lease amount and how much would be needed in addition to make the space useful.
  - ii. Have safe sleeping locations for people to stay
  - iii. Diverse strategy approach is being taken
- b. Public Safety
  - i. New Chief of Police – Assistant Chief promoted.
    1. The group would like to invite the new chief to our meeting.
  - ii. Recruiting fire chief survey is out
- c. FEMA
  - i. April 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day to Apply
  - ii. April 22<sup>nd</sup> Last Day to Sign Up
  - iii. Direct money to prockets
  - iv. Mary Lou Tarabolm asked about what the total number of people and families that received aid. Asked about FEMA reaching out directly, which they did do door to door reach out.

7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, [mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov)

- a. Assemblymember David Alvarez and Senator Steve Padilla have brokered negotiations resulting in the exemption making it possible for the City to advance plans for University of Chula Vista campus development.
- b. AB 2633 would allow CSUs to award joint undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees

with international universities.

- c. AJR12 has been passed by bipartisan vote demanding immediate funding and an emergency declaration to address the growing environmental disaster at the Tijuana River watershed.
- d. AB2586 provides equal access to campus employment opportunities for all students regardless of their immigration status.
- e. Steve Egger asked about how to look up Bills online.

8. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
- b. No report.

9. **Discussion Item: 1695 Saturn Project**

- a. Robert Broomfield from Council District 8 believes answers from previous meeting should be provided by early next week.
- b. DSD City inspection staff have been performing periodic inspections of standing water
  - i. Onsite with contractors to address the issue
  - ii. Have pumps and storage tanks to address the issue.
- c. Albert Velasquez asked about whether documenting through Get It Done was useful. What was the structure for investigation.
  - i. It is useful. Investigators are assigned to cases and council office and Mayor's office is there for departments to be accountable.
- d. Bob Mikloski asked if code compliance was understaffed. Mayor's office said no.
- e. Robert Broomfield and Bobby Hicks brought up concerns about a new developer taking over the project and the lack of new plans being provided.
- f. Steve Egger asked about the Coastal Commission involvement.
- g. Mary Lou Tarabalm asked about whether a single submission of complaints/questions would be better than a single one.
- h. Resident brought up concerns about ongoing construction but no signage on the project.
  - i. Questions about the trees for hydroplaning that was in the original plans and what's going to be done with the changes?
- i. Resident was told to contact code enforcement since it was an active project. Code compliant investigation does not offer anonymity of report.

10. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair

- a. No report

11. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:56pm**