

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center  
May 8th, 2024

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

District 3 Robert Broomfield  
District 6 Johnny E. Swanson  
District 7 Rosie Montaña  
District 10 Bob Mikloski

**Vacant District Seats:**

District 4  
District 5  
District 15

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Albert Velasquez, Chair of the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG), called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 April 10<sup>th</sup> OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. Steve Egger provided an update from the April Border Pollution Coalition Meeting
    - i. Lauren Cazares briefed the EPA Center of Disease Control on the health hazards of the Tijuana River.
    - ii. Laura Wilkinson was at the White House asking for National Declaration
    - iii. AB 1597 Water Quality California sponsored by David Alvarez to appropriate funds to resolve problems created by the Tijuana River Valley
    - iv. SDSU Biology Team reporting on illness, water, soil, and air samples.
    - v. Coast Keeper filed a lawsuit in April against the IBWC
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, [cedington@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:cedington@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - a. August 6<sup>th</sup> Night Out: Community Walk and Food Give Away
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [rbroomfield@sandiego.gov](mailto:rbroomfield@sandiego.gov)
  - a. Otay Valley Regional Park outreach even on May 18<sup>th</sup> 12pm-2pm
  - b. Councilmember Vivian Moreno went to DC to meet with EPA and CDC official
  - c. San Diego Regional Water Quality Board invited Commissioner Maria-Elena Giner to talk about improvements at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - d. Otay Mesa Dumpster Drop-off on May 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm
  - e. Last chance for Budget Season comment on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
    - i. Budget cuts to Parks and Rec, Library program and hours.
    - ii. Revised budget released on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Albert Estrada asked about the councilmember's comments on the budget
    - i. Councilmember had concerns about the cuts to SD Access for All that was helping digital divide.

- g. Brian McGonagill, Steve Egger and residents asked about the plans for 1695 Saturn and shared concerns about the impact of the ADUs and attachments not working in existing communication.
    - i. No update needed per City Staff
- 6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, [LMaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:LMaganda@sandiego.gov)
  - a. No report
- 7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, [mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov)
  - a. AB 1786 California Individual Assistance Act: California Local Assistance Act
    - i. State local assistance program to provide greenhouse funds to address flooding
  - b. AB 2586 Opportunity for All
    - i. Albert Estrada asked about citizenship status versus legal status with regards to the bill.
  - c. Republic Services
    - i. May 11 International Compost Day at Otay Landfill 9am-12pm
      - 1. Bring Customer Proof
      - 2. Shovels for loading and item to load
  - d. Connecting Communities
    - i. Creating Report before working on legislation
- 8. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
  - b. Election Subcommittee
    - i. Gary McGrath is eligible for election.
    - ii. District Seats 4, 5, and 15 are Vacant.
    - iii. Gary McGrath elected unanimously to District 15.
- 9. **Action Item: Support for SB 1208 Waste discharge permits: landfills**
  - a. Added to agenda by unanimous vote during meeting.
  - b. Bill would additionally prohibit a regional water board from issuing a waste discharge permit for a new landfill that is used for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste if the land is located within the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve or within an area that is tributary to the Tijuana River.
  - c. Steve Egger proposed we support bill on behalf of Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Planning Group
    - i. Seconded by Brian McGonagill.
    - ii. Approved unanimously
- 10. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
  - a. No report
- 11. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:19pm**