

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center
August 14th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 6 Johnny E. Swanson
District 8 Steve Egger
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 7 Rosie Montaña
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 14 Augie Hernandez

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5

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 6:39 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 July 10th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with a correction to add missing member to the present list.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Channel 8 was present and made themselves available for any story ideas.
 - b. Resident asked about resurfacing project on Coronado and Palm.
 - c. Resident asked about 1695 Saturn Blvd project being used for luxury housing. Why and comments on actual needs.
 - d. Motion made by Bob Mikloski to invite Chief of Police to meeting.
 - e. Candidate running for City Attorney spoke about her candidacy.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Nation Night Out was a success with about 2000 residents present
 - b. Steve Egger asked to office to pass information out for residents present.
 - c. Resident asked about streetlights and cameras.
 - i. Information can be found at www.sandiego.gov/plice/data-transparency/technology
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Meetings being held on cost recovery for trash pickup due to Motion B. Next meetings planned for November and March for District 8.
 - i. Albert Estrada asked about trash pick up meetings to be held in the southern part of the district.
 - ii. Gary McGrath asked about what meetings consist of. Looking for public input.
 - iii. Bob Mikloski asked about who decides meeting locations. Environmental Service Department.
 - iv. Bobby Hicks brought up concerns about fee due to trash taxes being paid through property taxes.

- b. IWBC is not compliant with permits
 - c. Bob Mikloski asked about leak on Dennry Rd. Being addressed by PUD.
 - d. Johnny Swanson asked about landfill plans.
 - e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about trash separation for businesses.
 - f. Resident asked about plans on Otay Mesa East and the plans for housing and infrastructure. Additionally, concerns with Lithium battery plant.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov
- a. No report
7. **City of Imperial Beach, Office of the Mayor:** Paloma Aguirre, Mayor, paloma.aguirre@imperialbeachca.gov
- a. No report.
8. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov
- a. Representative was not present, but emailed report was read.
 - b. AB 2429 on Fentanyl Education was signed earlier in the month to require school districts to complete health education courses that cover the dangers of fentanyl.
 - c. AJR 12 to urge the federal government to address the Tijuana River was passed earlier this year and demands immediate funding and an emergency declaration.
 - d. AB 2586 Opportunity for All Act approved by Senate Judiciary Committee to provide employment opportunities to all students regardless of immigration status.
 - e. Cali-Baja Fridays
 - i. 2nd Excursion on Public Health on September 6th from 9am-3pm
 - f. Town Hall in Barrio Logan – Community Coffee
 - i. September 18th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Ryan Bros Coffee, 1894 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113
9. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov
- a. Congressman was able to meet with high level officials during his CODEL to address the Tijuana River Valley pollution. Discussed importance of continuing to invest in water infrastructure improvements.
 - i. Johnny Swanson asked about progress in Mexico. 50% completion by September and completing 16 other projects.
 - ii. Albert Estrada suggested working with the Department of Justice, Office of Environmental Justice on this issue.
 - b. Water Resources Development Act of 2024
 - i. On July 23rd, the act passed the House and authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program for project to improve the nation’s ports, harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection.
 - ii. Includes \$200 million to address infrastructure needs to assist the response to the sewage pollution in the Tijuana River Valley.
 - 1. Gary McGrath asked about funding release and Robert Broomfield asked about any funding for maintenance.
 - c. Re-Introduction of Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act being worked on by Congressman.
 - d. CDC Responses Letter regarding South Bay Sewage Health Impacts
 - i. On July 31st, the Congressional Delegation received a response letter from CDC director, Mandy K. Cohen. The joint letter sent on May 9th, requested an immediate examination of the public health impacts wastewater contamination has on our South

Bay communities.

e. Youth Spotlight Nominations

- i. Office is looking for stand-out young people between the ages of 13 and 22 who deserve to be recognized for their volunteer work, philanthropy, civil contributions, or for any other notable achievements.

10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
- b. Reminder: Complete the Annual CPG Training by watching training video and completing questionnaire found <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/planning-group-resources>. Forward completed questionnaire to SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov

11. **Action Item:** Letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation

Request from Brian McGonagill at June 12th meeting to prepare and send letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation. Letter will request input in House of Representatives and provide information from ongoing situation.

- a. Letter was presented at the meeting. Alberto Estrada made a motion to approve and Bob Mikloski seconded. Unanimously approved.

12. **Action Item:** Infrastructure Prioritization

The City Planning Department invites planning groups to submit priorities for infrastructure projects and improvements for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which helps the City plan future infrastructure projects. The group's knowledge and input will help the City ensure that infrastructure goes where it will best meet community members' needs and improve their lives.

- a. Board proposed and unanimously approved submitting priority of maintenance to existing infrastructure and facilities.

13. **Informational Item:** Egger Highlands Improvements 1

Egger Highlands Improvements 1 is a City of San Diego Capital Improvements Design-Build Project that is starting the construction phase in August, 2024. The project consists of replacing or rehabilitating more than 6 miles of sewer mains. Construction will also include three dozen sewer replumbs and 172 new curb ramps. Vic Salazar, Vic Salazar Communications, 619.517.4744.

- a. Less than 6 miles, no water work. 4 phases, location to start hasn't been determined.
- b. Lateral agreements needed for City to pay at no cost to resident.
- c. Robert Broomfield asked about impact on schools. Will work around vacations or summers.
- d. Steve Egger asked about any nighttime construction. Only daytime construction.
- e. Bobby Hicks asked about why no put in infrastructure for septic area.
- f. Brian McGonagill aside about what will happen to the abandoned sewer.
- g. Johnny Swanson asked about how far south the City sewers go.

14. **Informational Item:** Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) – the Active Recreation Area 3 and Heritage Staging Area and Trails projects

The presentation will cover the new developments in Otay Valley Regional Park, specifically the Active Recreation Area 3 and the Heritage Staging Area and Trails projects. It will provide an overview of the project's goals, benefits, and how they will enhance recreational opportunities and access within the park. Camille Wildburger, Park Project Manager, 619-616-0534, CamilleL.Wildburger@sdcountry.ca.gov

- a. Bobby asked about timeline. At Design phase. Will reach construction in about 3 years but will need to be funded.
- b. Robert Broomfield asked about old plans. Abandoned due to lack of funding.
- c. Steve Egger asked about homeless west of Hollister and west of 805.

- d. Resident asked about homeless impact. More tool to enforce and help, will activate a space for unsheltered people in park
- 15. **Informational Item:** Stop the Stink - What's the Answer to stopping the Mexican Sewage Problem
Leon Benham of the C4CC will present how Best Practices of River Management and the latest technology can solve our border sewage problem. Leon Benham, leonbenham59@gmail.com
 - a. Time ran out during the meeting, will be placed on the agenda for next month.
- 16. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. No report.
- 17. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:03pm**