

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center

October 9th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 4 Omar Araiza
District 5 Alexis Gonzalez
District 7 Johnny E. Swanson
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 8 Steve Egger
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 14 Augie Hernandez

Vacant District Seats:

District 6

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Alber 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 September 11th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with an abstention by Albert Velasquez.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Albert Estrade brought up the issue of Coronado and Hollister with a low condition CPI rate of 41.62, slurry done in 2001 and last overlay 1994. Need of work but no funding status. Request to add to report for next CIP window.
 - b. Alexis Gonzalez brought up park in progress across the street from Southwest Middle.
 - i. Spoke with Andy Field that reported an issue with funding and not being prioritized.
 1. Willing to come to present.
 - c. Johnny Swanson brought up the South Bay Recreation Group could use additional members. Meet at Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center on the third Wednesday of the month.
 - d. Resident brought up two upcoming community events in the area.
 - i. October 25th Halloween Event at Montgomery Waller
 - ii. October 27th Soccer Festival at Cesar Solis Community Park
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Faith in Blue, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sunday 8am-2pm.
 - b. Mary Lou Tarobal brought up 18 wheeler parking on residential street (Glading and Picard)
 - c. Alexis Gonzalez brought up issues at the Palm and Hollister transit center.
 - i. Staffing for being proactive but calling in helps for non-emergencies.
 - d. Albert Estrada brought up Captain Rick Aguilar taking over North County and existing group focused on transient activity.
 - i. Motorcycle Officers dealing with traffic issues and additional group focused on fentanyl issue in area with proactive community policing concentrating on specific blocks.
 - e. Omar Araiza asked about dashboard report system.

5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Tijuana River Valley
 - i. Councilmember Moreno proposed a resolution last week that came to Council and was passed unanimously.
 - ii. Item S501: “A Resolution of the Council of the City of San Diego Requesting a National Emergency from the Federal Government and for the Federal Government to Fully Fund the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Comprehensive Infrastructure Solution for the Tijuana River.”
 - iii. Healing and Advocacy – Tijuana Watershed Pollution Crisis event.
 - b. Beyer Way Resurfacing
 - i. Construction kicked off last week for the much-needed resurfacing of Beyer Way, from Palm Ave. to Otay River.
 - c. Palm and Hollister
 - i. Developer Ambient Communities has been approved for the construction of 198 units. Project was presented to the group and approved unanimously.
 - d. FY25 Community Projects, Programs and Services (CCPS) update
 - i. City Attorney Review: Award announcements scheduled for the end of October
 - ii. “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)
 - e. FY26 grants from the San Diego Tourism Marketing District (SDTMD)
 - i. Starting Oct 6, SDTMD will begin accepting application for FY26 grants. Tourism-focused events and programs which take place between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026 that can demonstrate an increase in stays at SDTMD-assessed hotels and a measurable return on investment (RO1) are all encouraged to apply.
 - f. District 8 Upcoming Events
 - i. Dumpster Drop Off Events will continue at various parks within the district
 1. October 26th from 8am to 12pm at Montgomery Waller Park
 - ii. Vivian Moreno Town Hall at Casa Familiar in San Ysidro on October 16, 2024.
 - iii. Turkey Giveaway at Berry Elementary
 1. Bobby Hicks asked about how donations work and Mary Lou Tarobal asked about deadline
 - g. Albert Estrada asked community forum on trash charge in the South Bay. Additionally asked about the Superfund vote at the County.
 - i. Per Jeremy Bower, meeting will happen at the Otay Mesa Nestor Library, working on official date
 - ii. Vote was tabled.
 - h. Johnny Swanson asked about doing a curbside pickup for trash similar to the type done in IB. Currently being done at schools.
 - i. Omar Araiza asked about Tijuana River Valley concern with health of the community. What funding is available for that?
 - i. County is focused on health portion. County has petitioned CDC to come down to identify health impacts. CDC will visit randomly selected homes stating Saturday.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov
 - a. No report
7. **County Supervisor, First District:** Ernesto Castañeda, Community Representative, 858-289-9198, Ernesto.Castaneda@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - a. No report
8. **80th District Report:** Lilianna Barba, Field Representative, 619-498-8580,

Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov

- a. Tijuana River Valley
 - i. Assemblymember sent a letter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regarding Air Quality in South San Diego, which responded that a regulatory monitor would need to be installed and collection of at least one year of data is necessary to assess whether an area is in violation of the hydrogen sulfide standard.
 - ii. Assembly Joint Resolution 12 passed in the Legislature
 1. Demands immediate funding and an emergency declaration to address the growing environmental disaster at the Tijuana River watershed.
 - b. Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed AB 2586 – Opportunity for All, but signed the following:
 - i. AB 2326 – Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act
 - ii. AB 1005 – In-Home Support Services Reform
 - iii. AB 2633 – Brilliance Without Borders
 - iv. AB 1886 – Builder’s Remedy
 - v. AB 1472 – Recreational Vehicles Tenant Resident Status
 - vi. AB 2430 – Eliminating Duplicative Local Monitoring Fees
 - vii. AB 3227 – Cutting the Green Tape
 - viii. AB 3227 – Streamlining Storm Water Channel Maintenance
 - c. Events
 - i. Community Coffee at the San Ysidro Library on Tuesday, October 15 from 5:30pm-6:30pm.
 - ii. District Office Holiday Posada in December
 - d. Bobby Hicks asked if fixtures are corroding as a result of the Tijuana River Valley situation.
9. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov
- a. No report.
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:** Invitation Letter to Ben Meza
Board approved a motion to draft a letter to Ben Mesa to attend a future OMNCPG meeting at September meeting.
- a. No presentation.
12. **Informational Item:** Palapa Island Project Idea
A proposed capital improvement project idea to enhance the South Bay Community located in San Diego Bay. Leon Benham, leonbenham59@gmail.com
- a. No presentation.
13. **Chair’s Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
- a. No report.
14. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:45pm**