

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
13 October 2010

Members Present:

Dist. 1 John Swanson
Dist. 2 Sam Mendoza
Dist. 3 Ed Abraham
Dist. 4 Diane Porter
Dist. 5 Diego Padilla
Dist. 6 Maria Mendoza
Dist. 7 Ira Briggs
Dist. 8 Myrna Briggs

Dist. 10 Bob Mikloski
Dist. 11 Marie Johnson
Dist. 12 Carlos Sanchez
Dist. 13 Daniel Wagner
Dist. 15 Walt Zumstein
Dist. 16 Steve Schroeder

Members Absent:

Dist. 9 Vinnie Thoms
Dist. 14 Wayne Dickey

Guests Present:

Whitney Benzian, guest
Coralie Zumstein, resident

Ali Mohammadian, guest
Dwayne Abbey, guest

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Daniel Wagner, Chairman, at the Otay Mesa Branch Library. He welcomed all Board members and the community to the meeting of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG).
2. **Approval of minutes** – Motion made by Steve Schroeder to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010, OMNCPG meeting, and the motion was passed unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** Rodel Reyes announced that the Otay Mesa - Nestor Community Candidate's Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at Southwest High School (1685 Hollister Street, San Diego, CA 92154) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The candidates will address questions at the forum about issues affecting our community.
4. **Council District 8 Report:** Whitney Benzian said that:
 - a. The Dist. 8 Council office continues to work with Diane Porter to plan a project to construct a pathway in South Bay.
 - b. Seed money is available for cameras to catch vandals painting graffiti in South Bay.
 - c. He said that "The Institute for Public Strategies (IPS)" has been contacted, and can assist residents in addressing possible answers to social problems in South Bay. According to their web site "IPS works to increase public health and safety by helping communities create sustainable change through Environmental Prevention system design, knowledge transfer, and project planning and implementation. Environmental Prevention is an approach that identifies and works to change the elements within the environment of a community that support or condone unhealthy or unsafe decisions. It focuses on community systems as opposed to individuals..." The IPS web site is: <http://www.publicstrategies.org/about.htm>
 - i. As a result of this contact, the following programs were suggested to be implemented in South Bay:
 1. Safe Streets Now.
 2. Crime-free Multi Housing program.
 3. Assistance to apartment owners in screening tenants.
 4. Neighborhood Watch.
 5. Install cameras in graffiti-prone areas.

6. Have San Diego City Attorney's office place pressure on gangs through effective prosecution of their crimes.
 - d. He also said that the Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, a subcommittee of the City of San Diego City Council, approved the budget for the "Graffiti Tracker Program."
 - i. The programs documents graffiti tags.
 - ii. Digital photos of the tags are taken by police and graffiti abatement crews, with the GIS coordinates (physical location of tags) recorded.
 - iii. Photos later used as evidence in prosecuting taggers.
 - iv. Restitution by the taggers for the property damage, as well as possible jail time, will be enforced through the courts.
 - e. He also said that his office is working to clean up Nestor Creek by the South Bay Drive In.
 - f. Whitney Benzian's email is: Benjianw@sandiego.gov
5. **SDPD Community Relations:** Officer LaCarra said that the Operation Stonegarden grant has been cut back. This has reduced the extra patrols that have been working to address gang activity in South Bay. Officer LaCarra's phone number is 619-424-0440, and his email address is: clacarra@pd.sandiego.gov
6. **Information Item:** Presentation from the City of San Diego to describe the Palm City Trunk Sewer Project. Presenters: Dwayne Abbey and Ali Mohammadian, (619) 533-3758. Mr. Abbey said that the Palm City Trunk Sewer project is located in the Otay Mesa-Nestor community. The existing pipes were originally installed in 1971, and are nearing the end of their service life.

Project Overview:

The project consists of:

- Installing approximately 1.7 miles of sewer main.
- Abandoning 270 linear feet of 10-inch and 220 linear feet of 15-inch pipes..
- Replacing 47 sewer laterals, out of which 4 will be relocated and reconnected to the sewer main
- Installing approximately 21 new manholes.
- Installing new curb ramps within the project area.
- Repairing/slurry sealing of the streets impacted by construction.

Construction Schedule and Cost

- Construction will begin in late 2011 and will take approximately 5 months to complete.
- Working hours are Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.
- The total cost of the project is approximately \$6.5 million. The project is funded through City of San Diego water and sewer funds, with no property assessments or additional taxes proposed.

Additional Information

Additional information about sewer main replacement projects and other important infrastructure projects can be found online at www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip or by calling the public information line at (619) 533-4207.

7. **Action Item:** Chairman Daniel Wagner introduced an action item: The City of San Diego proposes restricting Vehicles For Sale on Palm Avenue from Beyer Blvd to Twining Ave along Palm Avenue. 144 Vehicles For Sale Prohibited signs are proposed along the North and South side of Palm Ave. Are there any other areas that we would like this same restriction to be considered for? The OMNCPG discussed the item. A motion was made by Walt Zumstein to table the item until more information is provided by the City of San Diego.

Voting results: 13 approved, 3 opposed. Motion carries.

8. **Chair's Report:** Chairman Daniel Wagner said that the Community Planners Committee (CPC) heard an item regarding the AFFORDABLE/SUSTAINABLE EXPEDITE PROGRAM (REVISION TO COUNCIL POLICY 600-27). The CPC moved to remand this item: 1) To community planning groups for discussion and recommendations; 2) Refer it to the Sustainable Subcommittee for review and a recommendation; and, 3) Ask the Land Use & Housing Committee not to refer this to City Council until they receive feedback from CPC and community planning groups. The motion was approved.

The Expedite Program provides expedited permit processing for all eligible affordable/in-fill housing and sustainable building projects. More information on the proposed program can be found on the City of San Diego web site here: <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/pdf/infobulletin/ib538.pdf>

9. **Sub-Committee Reports:** Myrna Briggs, chair of the Traffic Calming Committee, said that Clearwire wants to install/upgrade antennas on the football field lights at Southwest High School. She said that the installation would enhance the Wi-Fi in the area. She also said that the subcommittee voted to recommend to the OMNCPG to approve the project.
10. **Long Range City Planner's Report:** No report.
11. **Announcements:** Diego Padilla, representing District 5, announced his resignation at the end of the meeting. The OMNCPG thanked Diego for his long-time service to the community.

In accordance with Article IV Vacancies in the OMNCPG Bylaws, amended October 10, 2007, an election of an eligible member will be held within 120 days to fill this vacancy. The new member will fill this office for the balance of the vacated term.

12. **Adjournment:** 7:18 p.m.

Respectively submitted by John C. Swanson, Secretary

The next meeting is November 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the Otay Mesa/Nestor Branch Library.