

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center January 8th, 2025

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 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 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 3 Robert Broomfield

Vacant District Seats:

District 6

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 6:33 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 November 13th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with a correction to item 5c.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Steve Egger spoke about the smell near him reported by neighbors and increased readings of hydrogen sulfate. One of the worst monitoring station is the Nestor area near Berry Elementary.
 - b. Brian McGonagill spoke about recycling not being picked up on his street and the HOA community. Has reached out to ESD and Property management, but hasn't been addressed.
 - c. Alberto Estrada spoke about holding our meetings at the Otay Mesa Nestor Library moving forward. We'll reach out and put on the agenda if it's possible.
 - d. Amy from the Transportation Department spoke about the Ready Set Go!, website has gone live. First area for tree sight markups and planting will be by Otay Mesa-Nestor. Community Forum will be on February 3rd at 5:30pm at the library. Looking for feedback for possible locations and types of trees.
 - e. Augie passed along new Real Estate laws.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Cafecito at Derry Mart Rd at Baja Market Place 2-3pm, Cafecito with an officer.
 - b. Statewide Daylighting Law went live on Jan 1st. Expected it will be warnings up until Mar 1st. \$75 citation afterwards.
 - c. Bob Mikloski asked about enforcement – parking enforcement will take the bulk of it and visit from police chief –will follow up.
 - d. Gary McGrath asked about loosening of enforcement around J walking. Additionally, Albert Estrada asked about J Walking, January 2023. Legal to J

walk if it's safe to do so. But illegal if it poses risk to others or the pedestrian.

- e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about who would be in charge of painting the sidewalks.
 - i. Transportation would, but won't be possible to paint each intersection.
 - f. Omar Araiza asked about the impact of immigrants and ICE with regards to Police participation and cooperation.
 - i. SD Police doesn't contact Border Patrol or outside agencies upon an arrest and against policy to provide immigration status.
 - g. Steve Egger thanked for clearing out of trailers in response to Get It Dones.
 - i. Request to continue submitting Get It Dones. Resources are allocated based on where the issues are reported.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, RBroomfield@saniego.gov
- a. Workplan for District 8 streetlight maintenance repair schedule is expected to be shared at February meeting.
 - b. "Starting this Winter to June 2026, the City of San Diego will be offering a permit fee holiday and expedited permit process for sidewalk repairs which will last through June 30, 2026. This program will be available for residents with sidewalk damage adjacent to their property that is their responsibility to address. Per California Streets and Highways Code Sections 5610-5629, property owners are responsible for the repair of sidewalks in front of their property, even though it is within City right-of-way."
 - i. Bob Mikloski asked about sidewalk change.
 - ii. Brian McGonagill asked about liability of sidewalks and billing of trash.
 - c. Beginning Feb. 1, 2025, riders caught without a valid fare during MTS Security inspections will be issued a citation immediately. MTS Security will no longer offer a chance to buy a fare or validate fares on-the-spot. While the policy changes will be system-wide, the vast majority of this change will impact Trolley riders.
 - d. Non-profit representative spoke about potential opportunities for planting trees by the City in the community.
 - i. Albert Estrada asked about the volunteers' role in reaching out to people in the community for the planting.
 - e. Crews will be constructing a new curb extension at the intersection of 17th street Halo street, Grove Avenue. Construction will take approximately 4 weeks.
 - f. Get It Done workshop on Monday, January 27th at Otay Mesa Nestor Library at 6pm.
 - g. Augie Hernandez asked about dumpster drop off event. Will send out list of events in 2025. Additionally, Omar Araiza asked about funding for the dumpster drop off events.
 - i. Project is done by the district requesting ECTO to provide dumpster and ESD waives the dumping fees.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@saniego.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. Assembly Bill 35 – Clean Hydrogen Review Efficiency Act
 - i. CA will receive 1.2 billion from the Department of Energy to accelerate the development and deployment of clean renewable hydrogen.
 - b. AB25 will create a streamlined review process for clean hydrogen transportation projects for CA to meet federal grant deadlines in 2030.
 - c. College Resource Fair -
 - d. Bob Mikloski asked where is the office located?
 - i. 276 Church Avenue, Suite D, Chula Vista, CA 91910
 - e. Omar Araiza asked about what challenges are the representative facing that we can lend support to?
 - i. Support once bills are introduced or bills that should be introduced especially when at the committee step.
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. Election Subcommittee
 - i. Marco Espinosa is eligible and applying for the open board seat.
 - ii. District seat 6 is vacant.
 - iii. No election held.
11. **Informational Item: Trash & Recycling Cost of Service Study**

Measure B was passed by voters in 2022. It amended the People's Ordinance to allow the City to study fees for trash collection from single family homes. In response to the vote, the City is starting a public process to evaluate its trash and recycling services. Anna Joy Griffin, Account Executive, 626-755-3762, agriffin@cookandschmid.com

 - a. Brian McGonagill was grateful for the presentation and asked to speak up for the residents.
 - b. Steve Egger brought up issues with bin destruction and replacement. Additionally, kind of billing would it be. Currently considering a one time bill with a broken down in two like property taxes.
 - c. Bob Mikloski asked about potentially making bins stronger.
 - d. Bobby Hicks asked about consistency/differences fees across the different types of bins.
 - e. Albert Estrada asked about discounts for seniors. Additionally, why wouldn't we go back to the County more to cover it.

- f. Omar Araiza asked recycling being used correctly. How is it being used?
12. **Informational Item: Tijuana Estuary National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Tijuana River Crisis**
Presentation on the unique ecosystem and vital importance for the Tijuana Estuary National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the impacts of the sewage crisis on the reserve and potential solutions. Dr. Jeff Crooks, Researcher with the TRNERR.
Jcrooks@trnerr.org
- a. Brian McGonagill asked about the problems of ponding. Concerns about mosquitos.
 - b. 82 acre project to increase tidal prism to deal with sediment built up that causes most of these issues.
 - c. Steve Egger spoke about the pollution increase and resulting smell as the river has moved.
 - d. Impact of flood control changed the course of the river.
 - e. Bobby Hicks mentions the bottleneck at Brown Field and impact of the county planting there.
13. **Action Item: Review and Approval for Adoption of Election Procedures**
Need to revise existing election procedures in response to feedback from City staff to include as part of adopted bylaws. Will require review and approval by the City before they go into effect.
- a. Bob Mikloski made a motion to approve, Steve Egger seconded. All in favor.
14. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
- a. No Report
15. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:11pm**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Ana McGrath	R.E. Garfias	Rosa Elena Enriquez
Lilianna Barba	Nathan Homor	Amy Nonaka
Jeff Crooks	Anisah Enaso	John Ide