

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center
April 3rd, 2025

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 4 Omar Araiza
District 5 Alexis Gonzalez
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 14 Augie Hernandez
District 15 Gary McGrath

Members Absent:

District 7 Johnny E. Swanson
District 8 Steve Egger
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Vacant District Seats:

District 3
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 6:32 p.m. He welcomed all Board members and members of the community to the meeting.
2. **Action Item:** Letter of Support for Grant Application
City Planning is applying for \$1m in funding through SANDAG's Smart Growth Incentive Program to support the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Plan update. The City reached out for a letter of support from our community.
 - a. Augie Hernandez made a motion to have the group submit a letter of support. Albert Estrada seconded. Motion approved 6-1-0.
 - b. Omar Araiza asked about the itemization of what the grant would provide the community. Additionally spoke about grants often needing the grant recipient to be in contact with other groups.
 - c. Albert Estrada asked if the grant money had already been designated for a specific purpose.
 - d. Gary McGrath asked about when the community plan was last updated and whether there would be subcommittees designed to work on it. Additionally, asked if we would wordsmith the template we had been provided with.
 - e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked what the potential impact of not sending the letter would be.
 - f. Edgar Garfias brought up that there had been minor updates to the plan since the last major update in 1996.
 - g. Resident Leon Benham spoke about his concerns with the Smart Growth plan and brought up caution when accepting this based on potential high density housing.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker)
 - a. N/A
4. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:32pm**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Leon Benham	Lillianna Barba	