

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center April 9th, 2025

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
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 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 15 Gary McGrath

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. **Approval of the Minutes:** The draft minutes of the March 12th and April 3rd, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Alexis Gonzalez spoke about Smart Growth as an opportunity to for giving our community more choices while preserving the character of our community to improve mobility and infrastructure, while protecting the soul of our neighborhood.
 - b. Steve Egger brought up the importance of calling into the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District as each complaint is investigated. Everyone can file one complaint a day.
 - c. Leon Benham spoke on the upcoming visit by EPA Head Lee Zeldin to address the Tijuana River Valley issues.
 - d. Rosanna Javier introduced herself as a District Representative for Senator Steve Padilla and will be added to the agenda for reports in future meetings.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Reminder to report issues via the Get It Done App.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, VCaymaris@sandiego.gov
 - a. April 14th meeting to Set a Public Hearing Date Pursuant to Proposition 218 to adopt New Solid Waste Management Fee, will also set an upper limit of rates to considered.
 - i. Item will be presented to Council on June 9th to approve and set an official rate.
 - b. April 16th Egg'venture in the Park at Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Rec Center

- c. April 17th County Budget Overview from 5pm to 7pm at County Operations Center Chambers
 - d. April 26th Creek to Bay Clean Up at Montgomery Waller Park from 9am-12pm.
 - e. ADU Regulations Amendment is being prepared and will be presented to the Planning Commission on May 1st.
- 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. Assemblymember Alvarez requested an update from the California State Parks Department regarding the Border Field State Park Access Project during a recent hearing in the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Natural Resources.
 - i. The proposed project will relocate Monument Road to a safer elevation, ensuring year-round access for visitors. The project is fully funded and currently in the design phase. The environmental review is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
 - b. Assembly Bill 652, San Diego Air Pollution Control District Amendment, passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The bill now moves to the Assembly Floor for consideration.
 - c. Assembly Bill 76, SLA Cleanup for Student and Faculty Housing in Chula Vista, passed the Assembly Local Government Committee. The bill now moves to the Housing and Community Development Committee for further consideration.
- 9. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov
 - a. No report.
- 10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. Biennial Election for seats 1-8.
 - i. All existing members were re-elected.
 - b. Election for officers.
 - i. Nominees for Chair: Albert Velasquez and Omar Araiza
 - 1. Albert Velasquez was re-elected.
 - ii. Nominees for Vice-Chair: Bobby Hicks and Alexis Gonzalez
 - 1. Bobby Hicks was re-elected.
 - iii. Nominees for Secretary: Edgar Garfias
 - 1. Edgar Garfias was re-elected.
 - c. Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee – Needs a third member
 - i. Steve Egger was nominated and accepted.
 - d. New Subcommittee request – Community Planning Group Vision

- i. New subcommittee was formed by Albert Velasquez, Omar Araiza and Alexis Gonzalez.
11. **Informational Item: Tijuana River Valley Presentation**
Board had a consensus to add Leon Benham to the agenda for a presentation at this meeting. The presentation will cover the ongoing issues with the Tijuana River Valley and proposed solutions. Leon Benham, President, Citizens for Coastal Conservancy, 619-964-9153, leonbenham59@gmail.com
12. **Informational Item: OVRP Restoration and Connections Project**
This presentation is an update on the status of the OVRP Restoration and Connections Project, a project funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board to produce a shovel-ready plan to restore a piece of OVRP to natural open space and produce other multiple benefits. The Landscape Concept Plan, developed with input from many stakeholders, is complete, and the presentation will explain it and next planned steps to secure funding for implementation. Vicki Estrada, Estrada Land Planning Inc, vestrada@estradalandplan.com
13. **Informational Item: Project 1122086 Assessment Letter**
Otay Mesa-Nestor (Process 3) Map Waiver for converting 4 existing residential units into condominium units, includes 3 attached three-story townhouses and a detached single dwelling unit, located at 1876, 1878, 1880, and 1882 Elm Ave. The 0.24-acre site is in the RM-1-1 Base Zone within the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Plan Area. Council District 8. Robert Bateman, San Diego Land Surveying & Engineering, 858-244-0420, rbateman@sdlse.com
a. No presentation.
14. **Action Item: Approval for Zoom Purchase**
With the ability to hold telecommuting meetings and hybrid meetings added to the operating procedures, proposing using funds to purchase Zoom license to hold those meetings.
a. Purchase was approved unanimously.
15. **Discussion Item: Omar Araiza Proposals**
Omar Araiza has proposed adopting Jotform for digital attendance. Additional, proposes board members report on their districts, with even and off districts taking turns.
a. Postponed for next meeting.
16. **Meeting was adjournment at 8pm.**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Victor Caymaris	Dave Crosby	Leon Benham
Alfredo Sanchez	Vicki Estrada	Rosanna Javier
Lillianna Barba	Ruben Garfias	