

PLANNING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT PORTAL

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1a. Provide your planning group's name.

- **Otay Mesa-Nestor**

Members

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Edgar Garfias

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Secretary**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Mary Lou Tarobal

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Omar Araiza

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Renter**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Alexis Gonzalez

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Renter**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Johnny Swanson

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Steve Egger

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Albert Estrada

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Bob Mikloski

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Albert Velasquez

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Chair**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Renter**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Carlos Sanchez

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Brian McGonagil

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Augie Hernandez

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Gary McGrath

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Bobby Hicks

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Vice-Chair**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Subcommittee

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Omar Araiza

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Alexis Gonzalez, Steve Egger

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Community Planning Group Vision

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Albert Velasquez

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Omar Araiza, Alexis Gonzalez

3a. How many regular meetings did your planning group have this year?

11

3b. How many total subcommittee meetings did your planning group have this year?

0

3c. Have there been any amendments to the planning groups bylaws that have been approved by the City? If so, select yes and describe.

Yes

3d. Describe amendment(s).

Primary amendments made to the election procedures to be in compliance with Council Policy. Additional changes were to add details from our previously existing bylaws into the operating procedures that were adopted as part of the reform.

4a. How many members are identified on the planning group per your operating procedures?

16

4b. How many members are currently seated (non-vacant)?

14

4c. How many vacant seats were declared this year?

2

4d. Are there any issues with retaining members on the planning group?

None

4e. When were this year's annual elections held?

Apr 9, 2025

4f. How many individuals voted in this year's election?

24

4g. Describe any issues or challenges with this year's annual election / special election(s).

Elections were delayed a month due to the procedures awaiting final update and approval from the City.

4h. How were election issues resolved or corrected?

Election procedures were submitted to the City for review and approved in March.

4i. Have there been any complaints received regarding individual planning group members or the planning group as a whole?

No

5a. Community Plan Updates (CPUs).

No

5c. Community Plan Amendments (CPAs).

No

5e. Rezones.

No

5g. Infrastructure Priorities (Prioritization of CIP Projects).

Yes

5h. Describe key actions taken related to CIP's (e.g. dates of discussion, results of votes).

Discussion on July 10th, 2024 / Vote on August 14th, 2024. Board unanimously approved with 13 votes in favor of prioritizing maintenance projects for existing infrastructure and facilities.

Special Projects

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Support for SB 1208 Waste Discharge Permits: Landfills

6b. Provide Date of Action.

May 8, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approved unanimously (9 votes in favor) to send a letter of support for SB 1208.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Aug 14, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approved unanimously (11 votes in favor) to send a letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation
Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Letter to New Police Chief to attend a future meeting

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Sep 11, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approved unanimously (11 votes in favor) to send a letter to New Police Chief to attend a future meeting. Additionally, a request was submitted via the Police website.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Park Name Letter (Park located on Grove Ave. and 27th St.)

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Mar 12, 2025

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approved unanimously (11 votes in favor) to send a letter on the historical significance of the location and name that should be taken into consideration.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Letter of Support for SANDAG's Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant Application

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Apr 3, 2025

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approved unanimously (8 votes in favor) to send a letter of support for the City's application to SANDAG's Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant to support the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Plan update.

9a. Upload your approved minutes for the year and any relevant documents you wish to include in this year's annual report.

PDF

2024-2025 Otay Mesa-Nestor Minutes.pdf

1.3MB

10a. Planning Group Representative.

Edgar Garfias

10b. Email.

omncpg.sec@gmail.com

10c. Phone Number.

619-791-5876

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center

April 10th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobalm
District 3 Robert Broomfield
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 6 Johnny E. Swanson
District 7 Rosie Montaña

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5
District 15

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Edgar Garfias, Secretary of the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG), called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 13th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with edits to the name of the 1695 Saturn Project in minutes and agenda.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. March 27th Border Pollution Coalition Meeting
 - i. Smuggler's Gulch Dredging has started.
 - ii. Repairs to Pilot Channel Berms will start this summer.
 - iii. Feds will transfer \$156 million to IBWC construction with approximately \$103 million for the IBWC treatment plant.
 - iv. Coast Keeper will file a lawsuit against IBWC for being out of compliance
 - b. March 27th Imperial Beach Special Workshop
 - i. IB clinic have recorded 500% increase in Diarrhea.
 - ii. Ecoli transferred from shoes to hands to doors to anywhere.
 - iii. Border Patrol, Seal Team and Lifeguards having issues.
 - iv. 400 contaminants found in TJ river valley water. 200 dangerous and 150 on the EPA's Toxic Substance List.
 - c. Resident brought up missing minutes on website.
 - i. Have been posted since meeting.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Day of the Child, April 28th 10-3pm
 - b. Bob Mikloski asked about the Picador and Del Sol robbery
 - c. Brian McGonagill asked about whether continuous enforcement will continue at 99 cent store location with it being closed
 - d. Bobby Hicks asked about Motor Home training based on the settlement by City on vehicle habitation legislation that will lead to progressive enforcement and 3 opportunities with shelter offers before an arrest. Pictures for reporting are permissible.
 - e. Steve Eggers asked about success of the license plate reader

f. Ride alongs continue to be an option for people interested.

5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sanidiego.gov

- a. Nestor Creek between Dahlia Ave and Cedar St were clean.
 - i. Nestor creek on private property won't be cleared by City. A notice of liability has been provided to the owners.
- b. As of March 11th, District 8 has 176 streetlights in the repair backlog.
 - i. Otay Mesa-Nestor had 93 of 292 service requests completed.
- c. Otay Mesa Nestor Drop-off
 - i. Scheduled for Saturday April 20th from 9am-12pm at Montgomery Waller.
- d. Events
 - i. MWRC UCSD Health Fair, April 13th 10-3pm
 - ii. MWRC Day of the Child, April 28th 10-3pm
 - iii. MWRC Movies in the Park Saturday, August 3rd 6-8pm Elemental
 - iv. SWRC Mother's Day Cupcake decorating May 4th at 10-11:30am
- e. Mayor will release provisional budget on Friday, 4/12/24
 - i. City Council will start hearing on the proposed budget from the mayor between May 1st to May 6th.
- f. Brian McGonagill asked about Iris Avenue and painting of street bump.
- g. Albert Estrada asked about the outstanding streetlights in Otay Mesa. 27 still outstanding.
- h. Mary Lou Tarobalm asked whether the budget would be public. Shared that SDGE related streetlight issues would be a different team to repair per conversation with workers.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sanidiego.gov

- a. Homelessness – Plan to establish largest shelter
 - i. Will need to go through the approval process and go committee on April 18th
 - 1. Bobby Hicks shared concern over a 35 year lease for a large costs rather than purchasing a building instead.
 - 2. Albert Estrada asked about the lease amount and how much would be needed in addition to make the space useful.
 - ii. Have safe sleeping locations for people to stay
 - iii. Diverse strategy approach is being taken
- b. Public Safety
 - i. New Chief of Police – Assistant Chief promoted.
 - 1. The group would like to invite the new chief to our meeting.
 - ii. Recruiting fire chief survey is out
- c. FEMA
 - i. April 19th Last Day to Apply
 - ii. April 22nd Last Day to Sign Up
 - iii. Direct money to prockets
 - iv. Mary Lou Tarabolm asked about what the total number of people and families that received aid. Asked about FEMA reaching out directly, which they did do door to door reach out.

7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov

- a. Assemblymember David Alvarez and Senator Steve Padilla have brokered negotiations resulting in the exemption making it possible for the City to advance plans for University of Chula Vista campus development.
- b. AB 2633 would allow CSUs to award joint undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees

- with international universities.
 - c. AJR12 has been passed by bipartisan vote demanding immediate funding and an emergency declaration to address the growing environmental disaster at the Tijuana River watershed.
 - d. AB2586 provides equal access to campus employment opportunities for all students regardless of their immigration status.
 - e. Steve Egger asked about how to look up Bills online.
8. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
- a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
 - b. No report.
9. **Discussion Item: 1695 Saturn Project**
- a. Robert Broomfield from Council District 8 believes answers from previous meeting should be provided by early next week.
 - b. DSD City inspection staff have been performing periodic inspections of standing water
 - i. Onsite with contractors to address the issue
 - ii. Have pumps and storage tanks to address the issue.
 - c. Albert Velasquez asked about whether documenting through Get It Done was useful. What was the structure for investigation.
 - i. It is useful. Investigators are assigned to cases and council office and Mayor's office is there for departments to be accountable.
 - d. Bob Mikloski asked if code compliance was understaffed. Mayor's office said no.
 - e. Robert Broomfield and Bobby Hicks brought up concerns about a new developer taking over the project and the lack of new plans being provided.
 - f. Steve Egger asked about the Coastal Commission involvement.
 - g. Mary Lou Tarabolm asked about whether a single submission of complaints/questions would be better than a single one.
 - h. Resident brought up concerns about ongoing construction but no signage on the project.
 - i. Questions about the trees for hydroplaning that was in the original plans and what's going to be done with the changes?
 - i. Resident was told to contact code enforcement since it was an active project. Code compliant investigation does not offer anonymity of report.
10. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
- a. No report
11. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:56pm**

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center
May 8th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobalm
District 8 Steve Egger
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 14 Augie Hernandez
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 6 Johnny E. Swanson
District 7 Rosie Montaña
District 10 Bob Mikloski

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5
District 15

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 6:34 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 April 10th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Steve Egger provided an update from the April Border Pollution Coalition Meeting
 - i. Lauren Cazares briefed the EPA Center of Disease Control on the health hazards of the Tijuana River.
 - ii. Laura Wilkinson was at the White House asking for National Declaration
 - iii. AB 1597 Water Quality California sponsored by David Alvarez to appropriate funds to resolve problems created by the Tijuana River Valley
 - iv. SDSU Biology Team reporting on illness, water, soil, and air samples.
 - v. Coast Keeper filed a lawsuit in April against the IBWC
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. August 6th Night Out: Community Walk and Food Give Away
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Otay Valley Regional Park outreach even on May 18th 12pm-2pm
 - b. Councilmember Vivian Moreno went to DC to meet with EPA and CDC official
 - c. San Diego Regional Water Quality Board invited Commissioner Maria-Elena Giner to talk about improvements at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - d. Otay Mesa Dumpster Drop-off on May 18th 9am-12pm
 - e. Last chance for Budget Season comment on May 8th at 6:30pm
 - i. Budget cuts to Parks and Rec, Library program and hours.
 - ii. Revised budget released on May 14th.
 - f. Albert Estrada asked about the councilmember's comments on the budget
 - i. Councilmember had concerns about the cuts to SD Access for All that was helping digital divide.

- g. Brian McGonagill, Steve Egger and residents asked about the plans for 1695 Saturn and shared concerns about the impact of the ADUs and attachments not working in existing communication.
 - i. No update needed per City Staff
- 6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov
 - a. No report
- 7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov
 - a. AB 1786 California Individual Assistance Act: California Local Assistance Act
 - i. State local assistance program to provide greenhouse funds to address flooding
 - b. AB 2586 Opportunity for All
 - i. Albert Estrada asked about citizenship status versus legal status with regards to the bill.
 - c. Republic Services
 - i. May 11 International Compost Day at Otay Landfill 9am-12pm
 - 1. Bring Customer Proof
 - 2. Shovels for loading and item to load
 - d. Connecting Communities
 - i. Creating Report before working on legislation
- 8. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
 - b. Election Subcommittee
 - i. Gary McGrath is eligible for election.
 - ii. District Seats 4, 5, and 15 are Vacant.
 - iii. Gary McGrath elected unanimously to District 15.
- 9. **Action Item: Support for SB 1208 Waste discharge permits: landfills**
 - a. Added to agenda by unanimous vote during meeting.
 - b. Bill would additionally prohibit a regional water board from issuing a waste discharge permit for a new landfill that is used for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste if the land is located within the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve or within an area that is tributary to the Tijuana River.
 - c. Steve Egger proposed we support bill on behalf of Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Planning Group
 - i. Seconded by Brian McGonagill.
 - ii. Approved unanimously
- 10. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. No report
- 11. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:19pm**

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center

June 12th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 6 Johnny E. Swanson
District 8 Steve Egger
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 7 Rosie Montaña
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 14 Augie Hernandez

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Bobby Hicks, Vice-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 May 8th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Steve Egger read the following quote from Dan Malcolm IB Port Commissioner at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board Meeting on May 8th:
“The detected contaminants are a direct result of the transboundary sewage flows and are known to be persistent, bio-accumulative, carcinogenic, toxic and can be resuspended in water and air during weather events and in both wet and dry seasons. Exposing nearby communities. Contaminated air from the nearby Tijuana River outflows can diffuse across the community of San Ysidro, Imperial Beach, and in or homes, childcare centers, schools and potentially increase the health risk of local community members without any direct water contact.”
 - b. Brian McGonagill requested we sent a letter to Juan Vargas regarding the Tijuana River Valley. Will be added to agenda next month.
 - c. Johnny Swanson brought up a potential presentation by Mayor Paloma in August to the group on the Tijuana River Valley.
 - d. Mary Lou Tarobal brought up the international aspect of the Tijuana River Valley.
 - i. Field representatives brought up the existing agreement between the US and Mexico. Per Mexico, project to update their waste management plant will be complete by September 2024. IWBC believes only a portion will be complete.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Teen Night at South Bay Recreational Center
 - i. 6 weeks, 2 officers present, 5-9pm
 - b. August 6th Night Out: Community Walk and Food Give Away
 - c. Chula Vista RSVP 50+ fully and partially retired

- i. 20hrs of service of month
- d. House of Worship grant has ended 400+ hours staffed
- e. Enforcement guidelines on vehicle habitation – 4 contacts in history before in-custody arrest at officer’s discretion
 - i. Suggestions that any reports to the police are descriptive
- f. Request by Bob Mikloski on having the new Chief attend a future meeting
- g. Johnny Swanson asked about the visit/crime record at the Nestor Senior Village

5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov

- a. Storm Water CIP
 - i. Project will be performed by Stormwater Department In-House Pipe Repair crew and funded by WIFIA loan.
- b. Otay Mesa Dumpster Drop-off on June 29th
- c. Park Activities
 - i. MWRC Summer Lunch starts on June 10th, 12pm lunch, 2pm snacks
 - ii. MWRC Movies in the Park on August 3rd at 6pm, Movie at 8pm – Elemental
 - iii. Silver Wing – Parks After Dark every Thursday-Saturday from 5-8pm from June 20th through July 27th
 - iv. Silver Wing Movies in the Park, Friday, July 12th, Wonka
- d. Budget Season
 - i. FY25 Budget Season wrapped up
 - ii. Councilmember Moreno able to restore programs cut like After School Programs and Youth Centric programing
- e. Alberto Estrada asked about what projects were considered for the area and who does quality control on slurry seal?
- f. Bobby Hicks asked about street choice for repair.
 - i. Vivian Moreno disagrees with plan that is focused on meeting % of good streets which leads to simple repair over critical need repair.
- g. Bob Mikloski asked about the redevelopment of Brown Field.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov

- a. No report

7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov

- a. AB 8057 CA and Mexico Rivers
 - i. Funds available for direct expenditures to address water quality
- b. San Diego Food Bank
 - i. Teaming up with schools across the city to provide produce on campus

8. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov

- a. June 11th introduced amendment to combat pollution in Tijuana River Valley, but didn’t pass
- b. Biden Administration issued high priority letter on May 20th for an interdepartmental taskforce to tackle IWBC expansion
- c. Public Health investigation of air, water, soil and illness
- d. Federal Nexus Requests made by office for about \$19 Million to be used for various projects across the community

9. **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
- c. Confirm information on latest CPG Roster

10. **Informational Item:** Enhancing Restoration within Otay Valley Regional Park

A project, “Enhancing Restoration & Connections within Otay Valley Regional Park”, is underway to develop a shovel-ready plan that will significantly benefit a 15-acre piece of park property badly in need of improvement. This presentation will introduce the project, get initial feedback about opportunities for improvement, and pave the way for more community input into the landscape concept plan. Laurie Broedling, San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium, 619 307-1760, lbroedling@outlook.com

- a. Questions about existing trails, retaining some Eucalyptus trees for raptors, would only use native plants and mosquito control would be done.

11. **Chair’s Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair

- a. No report

12. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:00pm**

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center
July 10th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 8 Steve Egger
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 14 Augie Hernandez
District 15 Gary McGrath
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Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5

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 6:38 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 June 12th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with a correction to add missing member to the present list.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. No comments.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Back to School Event at Montgomery Waller Park
 - i. July 20th
 - b. August 6th Night Out: Community Walk and Food Give Away
 - c. Grove, Orovista and 25th, reported motor homes with raw sewage.
 - i. Get It Done helps and report as encampment category
 - ii. Question about the availability of dump stations by Bobby Hicks
 - d. Steve Egger brought up concerns about paving without stripping on Tocayo, ownership of cameras on Saturn and Coronado. Location of SD street cameras available online.
 - e. Brian McGonagill asked about the use of live dispatch for the cameras.
 - i. Cameras only used for after the fact. Need cause to access the camera footage.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Introduction of Victor Caymaris, a new council representative from the District 8 office.
 - b. 5.5 million for projects across district. Will provide link to projects included.
 - c. Parks after Dark program at Silver Wing Park
 - d. Town Hall at Otay Mesa Nestor Library
 - i. July 25th 5pm-7pm
 - ii. Candidate for fire chief and new police chief will be present
 - e. Otay Mesa Dumpster Drop Off
 - i. Saturday July 27th at Montgomery Waller

- f. Brian McGonagill asked about the construction taking place on Tocayo and Oroville.
 - i. New Bike Lane Construction.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@saniego.gov
 - a. No report
7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov
 - a. AB 2526 Opportunity for All – Going through committees
 - b. California Southwestern Law School Legal Clinic
 - i. At Chicano Federation on Wed July 21st 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - c. Binational Event
 - i. Friday September 6th
 - ii. Public Health hosted by Sharp, Scripps, and CIMSA
 - iii. Open to the public
 - d. IWBC report available on website from meeting on the same day.
8. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov
 - a. No report.
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10. **Discussion Item:** Letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation
Request from Brian McGonagill at June 12th meeting to prepare and send letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation.
 - a. Letter will request input in House of Representatives and provide information from ongoing situation. Letter will be presented for approval at next meeting.
11. **Discussion Item:** Infrastructure Prioritization
The City Planning Department invites planning groups to submit priorities for infrastructure projects and improvements for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which helps the City plan future infrastructure projects. The group's knowledge and input will help the City ensure that infrastructure goes where it will best meet community members' needs and improve their lives.
 - a. Questions about whether this should address existing community plan or new ones.
12. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. New stop sign on Hemlock Ave and Green Bay in the next month or 2.
13. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:24pm**

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

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center
August 14th, 2024

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal
District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 6 Johnny E. Swanson
District 8 Steve Egger
District 9 Albert Estrada
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 7 Rosie Montaña
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 14 Augie Hernandez

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5

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 6:39 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 July 10th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with a correction to add missing member to the present list.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Channel 8 was present and made themselves available for any story ideas.
 - b. Resident asked about resurfacing project on Coronado and Palm.
 - c. Resident asked about 1695 Saturn Blvd project being used for luxury housing. Why and comments on actual needs.
 - d. Motion made by Bob Mikloski to invite Chief of Police to meeting.
 - e. Candidate running for City Attorney spoke about her candidacy.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Nation Night Out was a success with about 2000 residents present
 - b. Steve Egger asked to office to pass information out for residents present.
 - c. Resident asked about streetlights and cameras.
 - i. Information can be found at www.sandiego.gov/plice/data-transparency/technology
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Meetings being held on cost recovery for trash pickup due to Motion B. Next meetings planned for November and March for District 8.
 - i. Albert Estrada asked about trash pick up meetings to be held in the southern part of the district.
 - ii. Gary McGrath asked about what meetings consist of. Looking for public input.
 - iii. Bob Mikloski asked about who decides meeting locations. Environmental Service Department.
 - iv. Bobby Hicks brought up concerns about fee due to trash taxes being paid through property taxes.

- b. IWBC is not compliant with permits
- c. Bob Mikloski asked about leak on Dennry Rd. Being addressed by PUD.
- d. Johnny Swanson asked about landfill plans.
- e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about trash separation for businesses.
- f. Resident asked about plans on Otay Mesa East and the plans for housing and infrastructure. Additionally, concerns with Lithium battery plant.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov

- a. No report

7. **City of Imperial Beach, Office of the Mayor:** Paloma Aguirre, Mayor, paloma.aguirre@imperialbeachca.gov

- a. No report.

8. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov

- a. Representative was not present, but emailed report was read.
- b. AB 2429 on Fentanyl Education was signed earlier in the month to require school districts to complete health education courses that cover the dangers of fentanyl.
- c. AJR 12 to urge the federal government to address the Tijuana River was passed earlier this year and demands immediate funding and an emergency declaration.
- d. AB 2586 Opportunity for All Act approved by Senate Judiciary Committee to provide employment opportunities to all students regardless of immigration status.
- e. Cali-Baja Fridays
 - i. 2nd Excursion on Public Health on September 6th from 9am-3pm
- f. Town Hall in Barrio Logan – Community Coffee
 - i. September 18th from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Ryan Bros Coffee, 1894 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113

9. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov

- a. Congressman was able to meet with high level officials during his CODEL to address the Tijuana River Valley pollution. Discussed importance of continuing to invest in water infrastructure improvements.
 - i. Johnny Swanson asked about progress in Mexico. 50% completion by September and completing 16 other projects.
 - ii. Albert Estrada suggested working with the Department of Justice, Office of Environmental Justice on this issue.
- b. Water Resources Development Act of 2024
 - i. On July 23rd, the act passed the House and authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program for project to improve the nation's ports, harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection.
 - ii. Includes \$200 million to address infrastructure needs to assist the response to the sewage pollution in the Tijuana River Valley.
 - 1. Gary McGrath asked about funding release and Robert Broomfield asked about any funding for maintenance.
- c. Re-Introduction of Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act being worked on by Congressman.
- d. CDC Responses Letter regarding South Bay Sewage Health Impacts
 - i. On July 31st, the Congressional Delegation received a response letter from CDC director, Mandy K. Cohen. The joint letter sent on May 9th, requested an immediate examination of the public health impacts wastewater contamination has on our South

Bay communities.

e. Youth Spotlight Nominations

- i. Office is looking for stand-out young people between the ages of 13 and 22 who deserve to be recognized for their volunteer work, philanthropy, civil contributions, or for any other notable achievements.

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:** Letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation

Request from Brian McGonagill at June 12th meeting to prepare and send letter to Juan Vargas on Tijuana River Valley Situation. Letter will request input in House of Representatives and provide information from ongoing situation.

- a. Letter was presented at the meeting. Alberto Estrada made a motion to approve and Bob Mikloski seconded. Unanimously approved.

12. **Action Item:** Infrastructure Prioritization

The City Planning Department invites planning groups to submit priorities for infrastructure projects and improvements for the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which helps the City plan future infrastructure projects. The group's knowledge and input will help the City ensure that infrastructure goes where it will best meet community members' needs and improve their lives.

- a. Board proposed and unanimously approved submitting priority of maintenance to existing infrastructure and facilities.

13. **Informational Item:** Egger Highlands Improvements 1

Egger Highlands Improvements 1 is a City of San Diego Capital Improvements Design-Build Project that is starting the construction phase in August, 2024. The project consists of replacing or rehabilitating more than 6 miles of sewer mains. Construction will also include three dozen sewer replumbs and 172 new curb ramps. Vic Salazar, Vic Salazar Communications, 619.517.4744.

- a. Less than 6 miles, no water work. 4 phases, location to start hasn't been determined.
- b. Lateral agreements needed for City to pay at no cost to resident.
- c. Robert Broomfield asked about impact on schools. Will work around vacations or summers.
- d. Steve Egger asked about any nighttime construction. Only daytime construction.
- e. Bobby Hicks asked about why no put in infrastructure for septic area.
- f. Brian McGonagill asked about what will happen to the abandoned sewer.
- g. Johnny Swanson asked about how far south the City sewers go.

14. **Informational Item:** Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) – the Active Recreation Area 3 and Heritage Staging Area and Trails projects

The presentation will cover the new developments in Otay Valley Regional Park, specifically the Active Recreation Area 3 and the Heritage Staging Area and Trails projects. It will provide an overview of the project's goals, benefits, and how they will enhance recreational opportunities and access within the park. Camille Wildburger, Park Project Manager, 619-616-0534, CamilleL.Wildburger@sdcounty.ca.gov

- a. Bobby asked about timeline. At Design phase. Will reach construction in about 3 years but will need to be funded.
- b. Robert Broomfield asked about old plans. Abandoned due to lack of funding.
- c. Steve Egger asked about homeless west of Hollister and west of 805.

- d. Resident asked about homeless impact. More tool to enforce and help, will activate a space for unsheltered people in park
- 15. **Informational Item:** Stop the Stink - What's the Answer to stopping the Mexican Sewage Problem
Leon Benham of the C4CC will present how Best Practices of River Management and the latest technology can solve our border sewage problem. Leon Benham, leonbenham59@gmail.com
 - a. Time ran out during the meeting, will be placed on the agenda for next month.
- 16. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. No report.
- 17. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:03pm**

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center

September 11th, 2024

Members Present:

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District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 14 Augie Hernandez
District 15 Gary McGrath
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

District 7 Rosie Montaña
District 8 Steve Egger
District 11 Albert Velasquez

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5

1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Bobby Hicks, Vice Chair of the Otay Mesa Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG), called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 August 14th OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously with some additional details to be added for clarification.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Brian McGonagill reminded us of 9/11
 - b. Augie Hernandez shared that the County has created a Title Fraud website to inform people when a title submission is submitted. Flier was passed around.
 - c. Residents spoke about 9/11 and about the possibility of joining.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. News release on 2 days of threats against schools in SD
 - b. No credible threats at this time but added officers to ensure security all taken seriously and investigated.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, rbroomfield@sandiego.gov
 - a. Residential Project – Block 8R Utilities Undergrounding Program
 - i. New Reliable underground electrical, telephone, and broadband service utilities will serve 294 properties, will install or replace 52 curb ramps and will install 54 new streetlights in the western portion of District 8 (Palm Ave before crossing over to Imperial Beach) over 36-54 months, with actual construction starting in early Summer 2025.
 - b. Parks & Rec
 - i. Phase 1 of Beyer Park construction officially launched this week and inauguration expected in 2026.
 - ii. Riviera del Sol Park Inauguration delayed, Engineering Dept discovered line under the playground is cracked. Waiting on contractor to provide schedule for repairs.
 - iii. Eggers Sr. South Bay Park construction continues, scheduled to be finished in winter and inauguration expected in Jan 2025.
 - c. Tijuana River Valley

- i. Un Mar de Colores, Institute for Public Strategies, and Surfrider Foundation organized Pollution and Public Health in the Tijuana River Valley conference held during August in San Ysidro and Otay Mesa.
 - ii. San Antonio de los Buenos plant construction Will be done in the next few weeks, operational by December 2024/ January 2025.
- d. District 8 Upcoming Events
 - i. Bailando in the Barrio – September 21st Event at Memorial Park
 - ii. Dumpster Drop Off Events will continue at various parks within the district
 - iii. Arts, Culture, and Community Festivals City Council Allocation
 - 1. Funds derived from TOT funds, City Council Offices award to nonprofit organizations to promote local arts and culture.
 - 2. Application period open until midnight on Friday, September 13, 2024.
 - iv. Vivian Moreno Town Hall at Casa Familiar in San Ysidro on October 16, 2024.
- e. Bob Mikloski asked whether mattresses and electronics are okay for the dumpster drop off. No hazardous materials or electronics.
 - i. Albert Estrada asked about location of dumpster drop off.
- f. Resident asked about if spending in the South Bay is proportional to the taxes being generated in the South Bay.
 - i. Mary Lou Tarobal asked what the revenue amount of the area is and whether we can do the maintenance that's necessary in the district.
 - ii. Resident suggested speaking to smart border coalition about revenue being generated.
- g. Robert Broomfield mentioned that multiple reports through the Get It Done app help council offices to boost cases for repairs/maintenance.
 - i. Johnny Swanson mentioned that members should patrol their community and get people involved.
 - ii. Bob Mikloski asked about a change about residential sidewalks and becoming the resident's responsibility to repair and maintain.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov

- a. No report

7. **80th District Report:** Mayra Hernandez, Field Representative, 619-338-8090, mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov

- a. Representative was not present, but emailed report was read.
- b. AJR 12: Last week the Assemblymember held a press conference in Imperial Beach addressing the Assembly Joint Resolution that calls on the Federal Gov't to take immediate action to focus on the cross border pollution as well as the beach closures in San Diego. More details on that effort to come.
- c. AB 2501 – Cutting the Green Tape
 - i. It will authorize the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to accept funds from both State and Local public agencies.
 - ii. In the existing Law - The Water Boards administer federal Clean Water Act programs and adopts, reviews, and oversees water quality permit implementation. For climate change adaptation and ecosystem restoration projects, the Water Boards must participate in the planning and permitting processes associated with these projects to ensure the protection of water quality and ecosystems.
 - iii. This bill will provide the ability to receive additional funds from these public agencies would allow the Water Boards to review permit applications more efficiently for projects which address climate change adaptation and ecosystem restoration projects.

8. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov

- a. 9/9 Letter sent to Newsom and Biden for Federal State of Emergency regarding the Tijuana River Valley.
 - i. Robert Broomfield asked about studies being done for people with exposure
 - ii. Bobby Hicks asked about any responses from presidential candidates
 - iii. Albert Estrada brought up the two chemical compounds with elevated levels present in the Tijuana River Valley: Hydrogen Sulfide and Hydrogen Cyanide and the associated health concerns due to exposure.
 - iv. Gary McGrath asked about plans for rehabbing land if issues resolved.
 1. Sediment has also been part of the issue.
 2. While there is some mitigation in place, Mexico mitigation is still sending sediment to the river.
 - v. Johnny Swanson mentioned that air monitors were setup.
 1. Victor Caymaris, District 8 Community Rep, mentioned that an air pollution study is being conducted.
 - vi. Mary Lou Tarobal asked whether the governor has visited the valley.
 - vii. Board and Residents about options to work on this issue, what the hold up was, and why is it not being treated as important.
 1. Per State, existing act does not allow for the declaration of a state emergency.
 - a. Letter was set on August 28th with additional flows identified by SDSU.
- b. 9/12 Service Academy Night at Southwestern College
- c. 9/20 Civic Center Library – Passport Night

9. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
- b. Election-Subcommittee
 - i. Omar Araiza and Alexis Gonzalez are eligible for election.
 - ii. District Seats 4 and 5 are Vacant.
 - iii. Both candidates were elected onto the board unanimously.
- c. 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

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- a. Johnny Swanson asked what happens to pollution if it gets flushed out.
- b. Albert Estrada asked about how he would go about pushing for the river route restoration.

11. **Action Item: Letter to New Police Chief**

Letter to invite new police chief to attend meeting requested by OMNCPG member.

- a. Bob Mikloski made a motion to approve, Albert Estrada seconded, passed unanimously.

12. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair

- a. No report.

13. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:15pm**

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
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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 (ROI) 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
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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**

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 - a. Gary McGrath asked for public attendance to be added to the agenda moving forward.
 - i. Will start with January meeting.
 - b. Resident brought up harassment attack against someone that was part of the Otay Mesa group, not the Otay Mesa-Nestor.
 - c. Resident brought up issues in the Tijuana River Valley. There were issues included trash, debris, and sewage sludge. Advocating for returning to a single channel in the valley to avoid any standing water.
 - d. Kate Sessions Commitment representative offered help in the community for mapping and planting trees in the community.
2. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Saturday, 11-3pm at Montgomery Waller Park will be doing haircuts in the park.
 - b. Steve Egger asked about Satellite and Get It Dones.
 - i. Impounded 4 vehicles and marked others because it seemed to be storing crashed cars and oversized vehicles. Starting to clear up. Continue with Get It Done.
 - ii. Asked about law about parking near an intersection. No information on enforcement just yet. Will be live in Jan and enforcement starting until Mar.
 - c. Gary McGrath asked about a Sailboat on Saturn. Theres a question about whether it's on a trailer. It can be towed on a trailer, but it's considered trash otherwise.
 - d. At the end of Sunset Blvd. lots of cars being auctioned off and also being parked at the end of the road.
 - e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about trailer homes parked on streets.
 - i. Can't be parked from 2am-6am and oversized vehicle ordinance.
 - f. Omar Araiza asked about streetlights, on Hollister and Tocayo. Is there a way to address this?

- i. May be more about reaching out to the streets department.

3. Council District 8 Report: Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, RBroomfield@sandiego.gov

- a. FY26 Funding Opportunities open for its arts and culture funding season with online applications due by November 25th.
- b. Fire Station 48 Black Mountain Ranch Public Art Project seeking applications from artists to create artwork for the new fire station. Applications due by November 27th.
- c. Funding Application Review Panelist applications due by December 31st.
- d. ESD hosting public forum on Measure B at San Ysidro Library on November 26th from 5:30pm to 7pm.
- e. FY26 grants from the San Diego Tourism Marketing District is accepting applications for events that will take place between July 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2026. Due by November 15th at 5pm.
- f. 125 Press Conference on 10/24/24 by Vivian Moreno calling on the elimination of tolls due to new audits presented to SANDAG revealing significant financial mismanagement.
- g. Independent Budget Analyst released report on sidewalk maintenance responsibility on November 6th. Find the report at <https://www.sandiego.gov/iba/reports/reports24>
- h. Dumpster Drop-Off on November 30th and January 4th from 8am to 12pm or until bins are full.
- i. Turkey distribution event at Berry Elementary School in Nestor on November 22nd.
- j. City of San Diego Performance and Data Analytics scheduling interviews between December 9th and 20th for Get It Done User Research Panel.
 - i. Carlos Sanchez asked about where the interviews would be held. Optional between in person and virtual likely.
- k. Steve Egger asked about code compliance issues on Sunset.

4. City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor: Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sandiego.gov

- a. No report.

5. County Supervisor, First District: Ernesto Castañeda, Community Representative, 858-289-9198, Ernesto.Castaneda@sdcounty.ca.gov

- a. [Introduction](#)
- b. Grants application closed at the end of September. Next Dates will be at the end of July.
- c. Tijuana River Valley
 - i. Back in Sep, started with 400 air purifiers to the community.
 - ii. \$2.3 million from the federal government to purchase more air purifiers as a temporary solution.
 - iii. Press Release from APCD, Hydrogen Sulfide dashboard being released to guide residents on what to do based on the levels.
- d. Steve Egger asked about ponding in the valley. Request the original river path be restored.
- e. Omar Araiza asked about community health. What plans are in place and funding in place to address the impacts on the community's health?
 - i. Will reach out to colleagues for more information on that and CDC reached out to random households.

6. 80th District Report: Lilianna Barba, Field Representative, 619-498-8580, Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov

- a. No report.

7. 52th District Report: Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov

- a. No report.

8. 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

9. Informational Item: B24043 Citywide Referral Rehab 1 Construction Project

The project plans to rehabilitate sewer mains within the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community neighborhood tentatively Summer of 2025. Roberto Valadez, Associate Civil Engineer, RValadez@Sandiego.gov

- a. Streets in our community include:
- b. Liner should extend the life of the line for about 50 years, only a slight decrease in the width of the line. Limited sewer shut down for a couple hours.
- c. All affected homes will receive a fact sheet. City will install a clean out on the City's dime for any property that doesn't have it, unless the resident opts out.
 - i. Omar asked if additional languages will be provided.
 1. There will be a number to call on the fact sheet.
- d. Project should be awarded in the Winter with construction completion in Fall.
- e. Pipe installed in 50s and 60s. VCP pipe installation.

10. Informational Item: Otay Mesa Nestor Parks Update

A parks and recreation overview with focus on the various South Bay Park Capital Improvement Projects and other events. Additionally, projects taking place in the Otay Valley Regional Park. Andy Field, Parks and Recreation Director, AField@sandiego.gov

- a. Prototype bathrooms going to be tested.
- b. Omar Araiza asked about maintenance.
 - i. Restrooms once a day, grass mowed at least once a week, trash at least once a day, noon until 8 for rec centers M-F, and partial on Saturday.
 - ii. Deferred maintenance is a large scale problem.
 - iii. Building an electrical specialist group within the Parks and Rec department to help address lighting issues.

11. Discussion Item: Vivian Moreno Priority List for the Otay Mesa Nestor Area

- a. Albert Estrada brought up the councilmember's priority lists with a focus on
 - i. Sidewalk repairs, street lighting, street resurfacing, and parks in the district.
 - ii. Asking members to work with neighbors to email the city clerk about the projects listed in the priority list pushing for the council members to support the priority list.
 - iii. Also asking for the group to email in support as well.
 - iv. Shared concerns about fire station and landscaping neglect.
 - v. February 20-25th is an update of the budget priorities.
- b. Alexis Gonzalez is in support of the landscaping idea and added an additional nursery.
- c. Will be added to the agenda to send a letter as a group.

12. Chair's Report: Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair

- a. Reminder to do the training.

13. City of San Diego, City Planning Department: Matthew Nasrallah, Associate Planner, MNasrallah@sandiego.gov

- a. Community Plan updates will begin this upcoming year. Will starting with collecting funding first. Time will depend on how much funding and amendments are coming. Start up in late 2025.

14. Meeting was adjournment at 8:18pm

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
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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

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center February 12th, 2025

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2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The draft minutes of the January 8th, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre brought up her candidacy for the District 1 San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and spoke about the Tijuana River Valley sewage situation occurring. Brought up the need for the political expertise and will to fix the issue.
 - b. Alberto Estrada spoke about UT newspaper article on trash pickup pricing. Full cost recovery of \$53 monthly bill with an increase to \$65 dollars the following year.
 - c. Omar Araiza attended San Ysidro meeting. Brought up parking meters could potentially be installed and households would use permits for those meters. Initiatives like this need to be initiated by the households.
 - d. Brian McGonagill asked for a letter to be sent to our representative about changing the name of the park on Grove and 27th street. Will be added to the agenda for March.
 - e. Steve Egger brought up increased smell associated with the sewage situation getting worse. Additionally, agreed that the trash pickup cost is very high. There is a mention of a discount.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
 - a. Brought up the Get It Done App's importance and asked people to bring it up.
 - i. Steve Egger brought up the success of the app when addressing the issues that are brought up.

- ii. Bob Mikloski asked about a reported vehicle that might have been broken.
 - b. Brian McGonagill asked about the Daylighting, there working on updating the enforcement details.
 - i. Omar Araiza asked about whether it applies to crosswalks and/or intersections.
 - 1. Still looking for clarity.
 - ii. Steve Egger brought up situations where the restriction would make it easier for cars to also avoid any accidents.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Robert Broomfield, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, RBroomfield@sandiego.gov
- a. 2/3/25 Item 200 Affordable Housing Preservation Ordinance Passed. Require properties with deed-restricted homes to notify the City of intent to sell and provide the opportunity for those properties to be purchased by affordable housing developers or entities to extend and preserve their affordable status.
 - b. 2/3/25 Item 202 Nakano Project Passed. Approval for long-awaited 200+ homes development by TriPointe Homes in District 8 that includes the annexation of a parcel from the City of Chula Vista by the City of San Diego.
 - c. 1/27/25 Item S400 Proposed Parking Meter Fee Increase Passed. Approval of a parking meter fee increase by 100% in the City of San Diego to mitigate the current budget deficit, projected to generate \$9.6 million in additional cost recovery revenue.
 - d. San Ysidro Community Center - Casa Familiar meeting In person and virtual meeting about the International Treatment plant and the progress.
 - e. Door Hangers about Get It Done were provided.
 - f. Bob Mikloski asked about whether replacement cans would be free.
 - g. Omar Araiza brought up the Monday Council meeting and cost cutting needed and the impacts that it will have for the community. Additionally brought up the low-income housing issues that are concentrated in the community.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, LMaganda@sanidiego.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. AB 30 to require the California Air Resources Board to adopt a regulation authorizing transportation fuel blends of up to 15% ethanol by July 1, 2025. If CARB fails to meet the deadline, the AB 30 makes E15 legal for sale and use in California.
 - i. Alberto Velasquez asked about the increase of ethanol in the blend would reduce prices.

- ii. Steve Egger brought up problems with the increased amount of ethanol in the fuel blends. This would cause problems with storage and fuel efficiency.
 - iii. Bob Mikloski brought up the possibility of raising gas taxes further.
 - iv. Resident brought up the possibility of using an additive to cancel out the ethanol increase.
 - b. AB 358 to allow law enforcement to examine devices belonging to deceased victims in order to investigate their death. Will allow law enforcement to examine devices used by stalkers and criminals to spy on others.
 - c. First Time Homebuyer workshop on Saturday 22nd at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in National City at 10am-12pm.
- 9. **52th District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov
 - a. Additional 250 Mil for the expansion of the International Wastewater Plant and should be the remaining needed for the project based on current estimates.
 - b. The plant is active, but unclear what percentage it is operating at.
 - c. Office is tracking executive orders and providing assistance to anyone that is being impacted.
 - d. March Travel Fair for Passport Needs,
 - e. Omar Araiza asked about the accounting for the grants for the expansion and the transparency to track the usage of that money.
 - f. Steve Egger brought up treating the water that's in the Tijuana River. Will there be any capacity for the Tijuana sewage increase over the years.
 - i. Additional projects being developed to address water in the river as well as projects in Mexico to address some of the sewage flow.
 - ii. Additionally, concerns about sediment have been brought up with Mexico to address the build up of the river and the plant. Sediment mitigation plan will be presented on 2/13.
 - g. Brian McGonagill thanked for keeping the fight up.
 - h. Resident brought up the rain being responsible for flows before, but flowing constantly now.
- 10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
 - a. Election Subcommittee needed for next month's election for seats 1-8
 - i. Albert Velasquez, Gary McGrath, and Albert Estrada.
- 2. **Informational Item:** Fiscal Year 2026 Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) Annual Plan Overview of the City's Affordable Housing Fund to solicit public comment on uses for Fiscal Year 2026. Per Municipal Code, SDHC presents to three Community Planning Groups annually. Sarah Ahern, Compliance & Special Programs Analyst, 619-578-7571, saraha@sdhc.org
 - a. Omar Araiza asked about the goals for the Affordable Housing Fund in comparison to the outcomes. Additionally, whether the funding is for rental units or loan to purchase. Is mixed use incentivized? Who's managing the properties? How will the increased construction costs being planned against?

- a. There is an output goal with the annual plan that accompanies the funding distribution.
 - b. Mixed use hasn't been included so far as far they know.
 - c. Ultimately, the management would not be the commission's responsibility.
 - d. Developers will hold the majority of the risk for completing a project, but funding could still fall short.
 - b. Brian McGonagill asked where the funding is coming from.
 - a. Housing Impact Fee from commercial development and Pay In-Lieu fees from residential development.
 - c. Alberto Velasquez asked if what they're requesting for feedback on the distribution mix.
 - a. Yes, additionally other ideas/programs that should exist.
 - d. Steve Egger brought up how the pay in-lieu would impact the final cost for the housing.
 - a. But it would allow them to avoid building the affordable housing unit.
 - e. Bobby Hicks brought up issues with other districts paying the fee and then building in our district. Is there a law requiring each district to build a portion? Is the city setting aside funds?
 - a. Ultimately, it depends on where developers choose to build versus pay the fee.
 - f. Johnny Swanson asked whether the projects listed are in progress. Additionally, what projects are planned for other areas.
 - a. Yes, they have received funding. Other areas do have projects, but ultimately up to who chooses to construct and use the funding.
 - g. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about how they pick their affordable housing projects.
 - a. There's a notice of funding available to provide gap funding.
 - h. Bob Mikloski asked about what the income level to qualify for the programs.
 - a. Funds must be used for very low, low, and median income.
 - i. Augie Hernandez asked about what the average price for the unit would be?
 - j. Resident mentioned that there is a 10 year waiting list.
 - a. For the voucher system, there is a limited amount for the vouchers and their effectiveness has been reduced due to increasing prices. New programs are being looked at to replace the system.
3. **Informational Item:** Ready, Set, Grow San Diego
- The City of San Diego Urban Forestry Program was awarded a \$10 million grant from the Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of the Inflation Reduction Act for a five-year tree planting program. Ready, Set, Grow San Diego will focus on planting and protecting trees in underserved areas, while engaging local residents in the process through community meetings and partnerships.
- Amy Nonaka, Project Officer 2, 619-335-0577, ANonaka@sandiego.gov
- a. Albert Velazquez asked whether the grant funding has already been received by the City.
 - a. City pays the project up front and then gets reimbursed by the grant. The \$10 million is what has been locked for reimbursement from.

- b. Brian McGonagill asked about how to get in contact with the Ready, Set, Grow.
 - a. The best way to contact is through the website.
 - c. Bob Mikloski asked about removing dead trees and replacing and who's responsible. Additionally, how would anyone know about the service?
 - a. Get It Done requests to City Arborist would have them go out and determine that.
 - b. There are several points of contacts and websites to contact the City.
 - d. Omar Araiza asked about native trees or who they're purchased from. Was there any communication with Cal Fire?
 - a. Yes, planting native trees and vendors/nurseries were included in the grant narrative. Don't believe Cal Fire is involved.
 - e. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about how many trees can be planted.
 - a. Location may determine how many trees can be planted.
- 4. **Informational Item:** Kate Sessions Commitment
 Environmental non-profit presentation on how to increase the amount of trees in the community. Highlighting Free Tree Resources and the importance of urban greening. Anisah Enciso, Project Coordinator, anisah@katestrees.org
 - a. Trees from previous grant planting in 2018 in urban locations had 40% of trees healthy, and while the rest required additional aftercare and had recommendations for the City. Trees outside of residences fared a lot better.
 - b. Recommendations include plantings near schools and increased watering.
- 11. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. Reminder: There are 2 vacancies.
- 12. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:11pm**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Ricardo Banuelos	Ana McGrath	Matthew Hygins
Sarah Ahem	Emad Gewgily	Paloma Aguirre
Amy Nonaka	Anisah Encaso	Ruben E Garfias
Karen Valdizno Ampo		

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Vacant District Seats:

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1. **Call to Order/Introduction of Members:** Bobby Hicks, Vice 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 February 12th, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Mary Lou Tarobal –
 - i. Homeowner Insurance dropped even though there were 2 claims that weren't resolved in 5 years. Investigation claim wasn't covered, but was on file.
 - ii. Brought up that they would like to know what can be done by the board to make some progress.
 1. Recommendations to send letters to the State Department and Border Czar. Also to call the representatives and departments. Send complaint form to air control board. Working with other communities in the South Bay including Coronado. Bring up for the elections that are coming up for District 1.
 2. Edgar Garfias asked for the subcommittee to meet to work on putting together letters and information to make progress on this issue.
 - b. Omar Araiza attended IBWC meeting with updates for the process and progress. Mexico hasn't come thru on progress in the past and are working to get back on track. Brought up that Leon Benham spoke and made a presentation without disclosing that they were a board member of the IBWC.
 - i. Leon Benham spoke about his background and believes that the proposals won't be sufficient to handle additional flows over the next 7 years.
 - ii. There is consensus to add Leon for a presentation for next month's meeting.
 - c. Steve Egger brought up that the Poseidon \$1 Billion project has finished moving dirt after 3 years. Fire Division of Fish and Wildlife have finished cutting fire breaks in the Otay Valley Preserve south of the Swiss Park.

- d. Edgar Garfias spoke about the Housing Fund responses that we received.
 - e. Alberto Estrada asked what the purpose of the planning group.
 - f. #Stopthepoop representative brought up that he announced that he was a part of the commission. Senate Bill 10 for restoration of the Tijuana River Valley.
 - g. Alexis Gonzalez brought up local community plan and read the executive summary.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov
- a. Complaints from receiving notice from Treasury Department. Policy Cry Wolf program for alarm system, if non-renewal notice is ignored, you will receive a \$10 fee.
 - b. Enforcement at Nestor Neighborhood Park for people parking overtime. Parking lot is full in the morning.
 - c. Bobby Hicks asked for clarification on the Daylight Law.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, VCaymaris@sandiego.gov
- a. Apostille Pop Up Shop on March 12th at County Clerk's Office
 - b. Easier Passport Access for San Diegans on March 14th at San Ysidro Library
 - c. County of San Diego Homelessness Working Group meeting at Otay Mesa Nestor Library on March 20th.
 - d. Virtual crash course on the City's budget process on March 20th.
 - e. Get Prepared with a Free Disaster Course on April 5th at Jackie Robinson Family YMCA.
 - f. Creek to Bay Cleanup at Montgomery Waller Park on April 26th from 9am-12pm.
 - g. City of San Diego awarded Excellence in Data-Driven Government
 - h. Affordable Housing Verification Request Now Available Online
 - i. State of California announced annual homelessness funding for City of San Diego
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
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- a. AB 358 to allow law enforcement to examine devices belonging to deceased victims in order to investigate their death. Will allow law enforcement to examine devices used by stalkers and criminals to spy on others.
 - b. Brought up concerns about Ethanol. It is believed the increase would help reduce emissions and expand.
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.
 - h. Election delayed until next month's election for seats 1-8, if operating procedures are approved.
 - i. Election for officers will take place next month, if operating procedures are approved. Nominations needed for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.
 - i. Omar Araiza nominated Alexis Gonzalez for Vice-Chair.
 - ii. Alexis Gonzalez nominates Omar Araiza for Chair and Bobby Hicks for Vice Chair.
 - iii. Brian McGonagill nominates Albert Velasquez for Chair, Edgar Garfias for Secretary.
- 11. **Action Item: Park Name Letter (Park located on Grove Ave. and 27th St.)**

Brian McGonagill requested a letter be drafted and sent to our representative about changing the name of the park.

 - a. Brian McGonagill made a motion to submit the letter to the Parks and Recs Department and Victor, seconded by Steve Egger. Bobby Hicks made a motion to reference David Alvarez using funds to initiate the park planning, seconded by Steve Egger. Unanimously approved.
- 12. **Action Item: Updates to the Planning Group's Operating Procedures**

The Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Planning Group previously approved updates to the election procedures in accordance with City feedback. The group has received additional feedback from the City for the election procedures and the operating procedures that are needed and recommended.

 - a. Omar Araiza made a motion to submit the updated, seconded by Mary Lou Tarobal. Unanimously approved.
- 13. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
 - a. N/A
- 14. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:51pm**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Ruben E Garfias	Matt Lord	Leon Benham
Clint Shipman	Baron Tartlow	

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

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

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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	