

# OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Members Present:	Members Absent:
District 1 Edgar Garfias	District 7 Johnny E. Swanson
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal	District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 4 Omar Araiza	
District 5 Marco Espinosa	Vacant District Seats:
District 6 Alexis Gonzalez	District 3
District 8 Steve Egger	
District 9 Albert Estrada	
District 10 Bob Mikloski	
District 12 Carlos Sanchez	
District 13 Brian McGonagill	
District 14 Augie Hernandez	
District 15 Gary McGrath	
District 16 Bobby Hicks	

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 6:31 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 9<sup>th</sup>, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. Gary McGrath - Add an agenda item on the April meeting agenda to attend the Night Out next August
  - b. Alberto Estrada – 8.5 million lawsuit against Sea World, can't be used in Montgomery Waller Park, second largest park, since it's a neighborhood park. 18 projects for improvements with some requested up to 30 years ago. Development Impact Fees account contains 500 thousand in fees. Motion for the Otay Mesa Nestor community planning group look to guidance for the usage of the development impact fees for the Montgomery Waller Park.
    - i. Victor Caymaris spoke about the Recreation group's involvement and working with them on that.
    - ii. Mary Lou Tarobal asked whether the guidance would be in regards to disbursements or timelines.
    - iii. Bob Mikloski asked where the lighting would be placed. Additionally, does police patrol the area.
      1. There are lights already in place, but aren't approved for sports and parking doesn't have them either. There has been vandalism.
    - iv. Gary McGrath proposed the creation of a subcommittee to tackle this issue.
    - v. Marco Espinosa attends those meetings and volunteers.
    - vi. Motion to create a subcommittee, Alberto Estrada made the motion, Marco Espinosa seconded. Approved unanimously.
      1. Member Alberto, Gary, Marco.

- c. Marco Espinosa spoke about the origin of the names for Otay and Nestor.
  - d. Omar Araiza spoke about the Coffee on the Beat, free coffee. August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. 138 West San Ysidro Blvd.
  - e. Bob Mikloski spoke about the Police Department appreciating their dedication.
  - f. Mary Lou Tarobal spoke about the success clearing traffic
  - g. Steve Egger spoke about the Poseidon Resources Project. They've repaved the Bay Blvd.
  - h. Lucky Waller Little League board member spoke about funds be appropriated for the park lighting and safety.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, [cedington@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:cedington@pd.sandiego.gov)
- a. National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup> was a success.
    - i. Highest community participation.
  - b. Coffee on the Beat 5-6pm on August 27<sup>th</sup> at Cafecito 1806. 138 West San Ysidro Blvd.
  - c. Cars for Sale on Beyer Blvd. Impounded a few vehicles when they didn't have up to date registration, but they caught on. Street designated by Council Members as no for sale zone allowed citations when a car is parked solely for the sale of vehicles.
  - d. Alberto Estrada thanked the officer for addressing this issue that has been a problem for a long time.
  - e. Omar Araiza spoke about junkyard lots around Brown Field due to construction that have moved. Code Compliance would deal with the issue. You can report via the website, but you can't remain anonymous when reporting that.
    - i. District Office and Police can submit for you, but it does help to have the name of a community member.
  - f. Bob Mikloski asked about the lack of enforcement around the Daylighting Law.
    - i. However, the City has been enforcing the law quite a bit.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [VCaymaris@sandiego.gov](mailto:VCaymaris@sandiego.gov)
- a. Working with residents on addressing any appeals regarding the Waste Management changes. Meeting with ESD to ask about any denials.
    - i. Bob Mikloski thanked the representative for attending the HOA meetings to address these issues.
    - ii. Mary Lou Tarobal spoke about how the property tax versus the waste management costs are almost equal. Also ran into issues selecting the smaller option.
  - b. Del Sol and Piccard aren't self-draining. There are concerns about rain.
6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, [LMaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:LMaganda@sandiego.gov)
- a. No report.

7. **County Supervisor, First District:** Ernesto Castañeda, Community Representative, 858-289-9198, [Ernesto.Castaneda@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Ernesto.Castaneda@sdcounty.ca.gov)
  - a. No report.
8. **80<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Lilianna Barba, Field Representative, 619-498-8580, [Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov)
  - a. Legislature in Summer Recess.
  - b. South Bay College Opportunity Fair on Saturday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at Southwest High School.
  - c. Omar Araiza asked about AI and people copyrighting their faces due to concerns about its future use.
    - i. Marco Espinosa spoke about the restrictions on the creation of AI laws
  - d. Alberto Estrada thanked the representative for helping to speak with CalTrans and addressing the issues along the 5 to the 15.
9. **52<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, [Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov)
  - a. No report.
10. **18<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Artemis Hodoyan, District Representative, [Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov)
  - a. No Report
11. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee
    - i. Action Item: Letters to Political Leaders
      1. Weren't completed
    - ii. Steve Egger spoke about the US and Mexico agreement that has been made.
      1. The work is expected to be ready on August 28th.
      2. Complaints can be made to San Diego County Air Pollution Control District via the website, call, or app.
    - iii. Victor Cayamaris spoke about attending the water board meeting where an EPA representative attended. Progress continues to complete the plant board.
  - b. Community Planning Group Vision Subcommittee
    - i. Omar Araiza spoke about the past meeting and asking for a presentation about the process for the community plan.
    - ii. Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month.
12. **Informational Item: County's AIRE Program**

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District presentation on the data they've collected. Additionally, details about their efforts to distribute the remaining 5,000 available air purifiers in Otay Mesa, Nestor, and Imperial Beach. Melina Meza, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, [melina.meza1@sdapcd.org](mailto:melina.meza1@sdapcd.org)

  - a. About 4000 air purifiers are still available.
  - b. Mary Lou Tarobal: how have they told the community about the program?
    - i. Media, social media, flyering, working with community groups and

- centers, working with programs like Meals on Wheels. Additionally, attended events like National Night Out to distribute information.
- ii. Proposed working with churches.
  - c. Marco Espinosa spoke about an event where filters were initially distributed in person.
  - d. Bob Mikloski asked if the filters need to be installed and if there was cost to install. Additionally, does A/C affect the efficiency of the unit?
    - i. They're portable and no cost. Don't need to be installed.
    - ii. There shouldn't be an impact on the effectiveness.
  - e. Alberto Estrada asked about the monitoring stations. Why did it go down from 12 to 3 sensors?
    - i. Difference between sensors and monitoring stations. The 12 sensors were for basic information and switched over to 3 monitoring stations that collect more detailed information as the issue got worse. This was implemented as a result of the community group overseeing the area requested the
  - f. Brian McGonagil asked how does the hydrogen sulfide get dissipated.
    - i. Will get answer back from engineering.
    - ii. Omar Araiza spoke about the Hazmat Book that is available as an app to look up the gas that may include that information.
  - g. Only for residences currently.
13. **Discussion Item: Omar Araiza Proposals**  
 Omar Araiza has proposed adopting Jotform for digital attendance. Additionally, proposes board members report on their districts, with even and off districts taking turns.
- a. Steve Egger spoke about his concerns about using the system.
  - b. Edgar Garfias concerns about signing in for the general public.
  - c. No motion made.
14. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
- a. No Report.
15. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:53 pm.**

Guests Present at Meeting		
Victor Cayamaris	Michele Hodge	Alani Fouquette
Joann Fouquette	Valeria Viera	Vicky Sterula