

# OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

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 6:40 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 10th, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. School Board Member from San Ysidro talked about a cleanup under the bridge on Howard Street near the trolley station. Additionally, spoke about running for the district 8 city council seat.
  - b. Resident asked about what is being done about tagging and lack of response to calls. Investigation is done once the graffiti is reported based on monikers. The lack of monikers makes it tougher to catch.
  - c. Resident brought up issues with roads, focus on Piccard Ave from Del Sol Blvd to Kimsue Way.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, [cedington@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:cedington@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - a. Vehicle impounds are up, non-registered vehicles.
  - b. Otay Mesa Nestor Library 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 11am – Get It Done Workshop
    - i. Southern Division has the lowest amount of Get It Done reports related to policing.
  - c. Montgomery Waller Fall Festival 5pm-8pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Faith in Blue Event – Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 6am-2pm
  - e. Resident asked about speed bumps that were approved on Arey Drive. Why not place them where people are speeding? Request for something to control speeding.
    - i. Speed bumps were installed due to an accident that took place and tied to the nearby schools.
    - ii. Request can be submitted via City Traffic Engineering.
  - f. School Principal brought up their own Fall Festival on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- g. Mary Lou Tarobal brought up the lack of flashing/lighting at the roundabout on Green Bay.

5. **Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [VCaymaris@sanidiego.gov](mailto:VCaymaris@sanidiego.gov)

- a. Upcoming Adjustments to Water and Wastewater Rates to be reviewed on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Halloween Events
  - i. At Montgomery-Waller Park (“parque del ala”) on Friday, October 24th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm;
  - ii. At the Robert Egger Sr. Park & South Bay Recreation Center on Tuesday, October 28th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm;
  - iii. At Silver Wing Park on Tuesday, October 28th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and;
  - iv. At Cesar Solis Community Park on Tuesday, October 21st, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
- c. Jewish Family Services assisting those impacted by the government shutdown. Every Wednesday, will provide supplemental groceries until shutdown ends.
- d. Looking for Youth Commissioner and Commission on Police Practice representative to represent District 8.
  - i. Youth Commissioner Requirements:
    - 1. Between 14 and 25
    - 2. Living in or attending school in the City of San Diego
    - 3. Able to commit to a 2-year term
    - 4. Able to commit to attend monthly, in-person meetings
  - ii. Commission on Police Practice
    - 1. Opens Oct 6<sup>th</sup> and deadline on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
- e. Community Recreation Needs Assessment
  - i. Deadline to complete the survey is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- f. Friends of the Otay Mesa Library is looking for volunteers for their board.
- g. Andres introduced himself as the representative.
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall at the San Ysidro Public Library.
  - ii. Next Town Hall in Barrio Logan:
  - iii. Economic Feasibility Plan to see how businesses are being affected.
  - iv. Infrastructure Feasibility Study to see what can be done on Saturn Blvd regarding the hot spot in the Tijuana River Valley.
  - v. Community Garden – Tijuana River Valley on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Gazebo. Looking for a non-profit to take over the lease for the gardens and county stepping in to keep them on the land for enough time to get organized.
  - vi. Alberto Estrada was grateful to have a representative from the City, County and the State present for the first time in over a year.
  - vii. Mary Lou Tarobal asked about what to expect regarding the community garden meeting.
    - 1. Currently putting together a plan for what they want to happen to the gardens.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, [LMaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:LMaganda@sandiego.gov)
  - a. No report.
7. **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. Several Assembly bills have been signed by Governor Newsom
    - i. AB 655 – California-Mexico Border Relations Oversight Act
      1. Improves oversight and strengthens border relations
    - ii. AB 652 – San Diego Air Pollution Control District Amendment
      1. Modernizes the governance structure of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District
    - iii. AB 30 – Ethanol Blend Implementation Act
      1. Authorizes the sale and use of E15 gasoline
    - iv. AB 357 – Faculty and Student
      1. Reduces bureaucratic delays for affordable student housing on college campuses
    - v. Three other bills awaiting signature.
  - b. Southwestern College – State of Chula Vista University on Oct 25 from 10-11am at Southwestern College
  - c. South Bay College Opportunity Fair on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm at Southwest High School
8. **52<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide, [Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov)
  - a. No report.
9. **18<sup>th</sup> District Report:** Artemis Hodoyan, District Representative, [Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov)
  - a. No Report
10. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee
    - i. Steve Egger spoke about the need for water samples of water that is flowing into the plant and water that is flowing out of the plant. Make the information public on what is flowing out to the ocean from the plant.
      1. Representative from County agrees that there needs to be a study with the water, the land, and the air and take into consideration the growth in flow.
    - ii. More can be down south of the border with the same amount of funding to reduce the flow.
  - b. Community Planning Group Vision Subcommittee
    - i. Scheduling meeting this upcoming meeting.
    - ii. Did receive the grant for the community plan update.
  - c. Parks Subcommittee
    - i. Marco spoke about attending the parks meeting.
    - ii. Vehicles are driving onto the baseball fields.

11. **Informational Item: Alter Terra TRV Trash Boom Sites**

Oscar Romo will present on the work being performed by the Alter Terra non-profit at the TRV trash boom sites. Oscar Romo, Natural Systems Designer, [oscar.romo.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:oscar.romo.ruiz@gmail.com)

- a. System will be redeployed next week, was taken out during the Summer. Anticipate a wet year and are looking for more funding. The majority of the funding is being used for collection of trash and only 10% was used for the infrastructure.
- b. Alexis asked about whether the City of Tijuana is implementing anything to address the issues. Additionally, whether there was a focus on creating a master plan for what's going on.
  - i. Binational committee is reviewing for projects to implement. There is a list of projects, but no funding after 2 years of work.
  - ii. There have been many master plans approved, but never funded. New one is being negotiated between the two countries.
- c. Steve Egger asked about the push on the EPA.
  - i. Movement on the wastewater runoff, but not too much progress on the trash collection.
  - ii. There is some reluctance to fund projects in Mexico by the US.
- d. Victor spoke about total cost of the plant was about 42 million dollars versus 600 million projected in the US.
- e. Victor asked about how much trash has been collected.
  - i. 500 tons have been collected.
- f. Resident asked about the Memorandum of Understanding and whether it's being updated. Additionally, asked about what needs to be done in Tijuana to address the issue.
  - a. The MOU has been updated many times but there isn't follow up.

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

- a. Reminder to complete training.

13. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:22pm**

Guests Present at Meeting		
David Blair	Robert Gillchrest	