

# OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Robert Egger, Sr. - South Bay Recreation Center  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

| Members Present:             | Members Absent:              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| District 1 Edgar Garfias     | District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal  |
| District 4 Omar Araiza       | District 7 Johnny E. Swanson |
| District 5 Marco Espinosa    |                              |
| District 6 Alexis Gonzalez   | Vacant District Seats:       |
| District 8 Steve Egger       | District 3                   |
| 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      |                              |

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 6:31 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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, OMNCPG meeting were approved with updates to 3a and 11i..
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. Resident spoke about concern with crosswalk on Saturn and Palm, specifically the cross from Emery Elementary. Cars turning into the curb, especially problematic during pickups.
  - b. Augie Hernandez spoke about Twining Avenue with similar issues with cars not respecting the stop sign.
  - c. Marco Espinosa brought up an upcoming Tour of Terminal 1.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, 619-424-0412, [cedington@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:cedington@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - a. August 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee with a Cop went well
  - b. Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shop with a Cop went well where financially challenged kids were given an opportunity to shop at Target, taken out to eat, and attended a Padres game.
  - c. Press Release: Homicide at Sunset Avenue in Nestor killed within two camper trailers. Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic stop was made and suspect was arrested.
  - d. Uptick in vandalism especially against rec centers in the area.
  - e. No Sale Vehicle Situation: issues still happening on Beyer, citations have been given out and some cars have been towed.
    - i. Following streets are subject to Ordinance:
      1. Sunset Lane, between Averil Road and W. San Ysidro Blvd.
      2. W. San Ysidro Blvd, between Smythe Avenue and Averil Road
      3. Beyer Blvd, between Coronado Avenue and Iris Avenue
      4. Alverson Road, between Sunset Lane and W. San Ysidro Blvd

- ii. Thanks from Alberto Estrada for work.
  - f. Omar Araiza asked about volunteers for the RSP.
    - i. Need two RSPs to patrol. Currently only have one.
    - ii. Extra eyes in the community.
    - iii. 55 and above, retired or semi-retired, can pass a background check.
    - iv. 2 week academy, 2 shifts a month, 16 hours a month.
    - v. Bob Mikloski asked if it was possible to post it on NextDoor.
  - g. Cadet program 16-21 and Junior Cadet program 6<sup>th</sup> graders and above.
  - h. Steve Egger asked about power outage. Caused by vehicle crash into an electrical box.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [VCaymaris@sandiego.gov](mailto:VCaymaris@sandiego.gov)
- a. Paid Parking at the Zoo and Balboa Park, Vivian Moreno is against these proposals.
  - b. Two surveys: Parks and Rec – Needs assessment, Budget Priorities
    - i. Alberto Estrada mentions that completing the Parks and Rec survey will also ask if you would like to participate in a focus group.
  - c. Dumpster Drop Off – September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Opportunity to host future meetings at St. Charles.
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. Assembly will be voting on AB 105:
    - i. Assemblymember Alvarez advocated in Sacramento for the appropriation of funds to Proposition 4. AB 105 now includes \$46M for water quality problems arising in the California-Mexico cross-border rivers and coastal waters.
    - ii. Assemblymember Alvarez will continue working to urge the State Water Resources Control Board to allocate the \$46M to address the Tijuana River Valley Sewage Crisis. A portion of the funds would address the turbulent water flow by Saturn Blvd, a hotspot where water contaminants get into the air.
  - b. State of Chula Vista University and Town Hall will be on Saturday, October 25, at Southwestern College at 10:00-11:00am.
  - c. South Bay College Opportunity Fair on Saturday, November 15, at Southwest High School, at 9am-1pm.

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. Steve Egger spoke about the high hydrogen sulfide levels that exceeded California air quality standards. In addition, there were several other contaminants on the EPA list of toxic substances.
    - ii. 10 MGD for SBIWTP was approved at the Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting on 8/27/25.
    - iii. Bob Mikloski asked if the river could be rerouted to restore the natural course.
    - iv. Marco Espinosa brought up an upcoming SANDAG border committee meeting that this could be brought up to.
    - v. Alberto Estrada brought up the dashboard and the only thing that is left is to complete the contract with the operator of the plant.
  - b. Community Planning Group Vision Subcommittee
    - i. No report.
  - c. Parks Subcommittee
    - i. Subcommittee will be attending the next Parks meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
12. **Informational Item: ADA Right-of-Way Project**

We will be introducing the City of San Diego ADA Right-of-Way Project, highlighting the purpose and benefits of the project, and where we are in the process. We will then share our draft scoring criteria with the group to elicit your feedback. This scoring criteria will affect which pedestrian upgrades will be prioritized for funding. Cristian Belmudez, Traffic Engineer and Deputy Project Manager, [cbelmudez@cramobility.com](mailto:cbelmudez@cramobility.com)

  - a. Brian McGonagil believes that there are other priorities that need to take precedent to this study.
  - b. Officer Edington brought up the lack of resident feedback from relying on data being collected.
    - a. Looking to use Get It Done complaints to add a portion of that.
  - c. Bobby Hicks asking if older communities are given any priorities. Often older communities are left out versus new communities with more destinations.
    - a. Omar Araiza brought up the example that the lack of pedestrian walkways in the area impact street evaluations. Missing information of traffic and impacts on existing residents walking.
  - d. Alberto Estrada brought up the need for additional weights for older communities when compared to other communities in the City that already have many improvements.
  - e. Resident asked whether it brings up whether the data collected includes any information on the current status of the sidewalks.

- a. Relying on survey data that was previously collected.
  - f. Resident mentions that there should be priorities for deficiencies rather than destinations.
- 13. **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. Moved till next meeting due to time constraints.
- 14. **Discussion Item: Potential New Location for Meetings**  
Principal Blair from Saint Charles Catholic School in kindly offered one of their classrooms, and if needed, the parish hall of the church as well as potential new location for our meetings.
  - a. Omar Araiza would like to make the motion to host future meetings at Saint Charles Parish Hall. Seconded Gary McGrath. Approved unanimously.
- 15. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
  - a. Reminder to complete training.
- 16. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:55**

| Guests Present at Meeting |                  |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ruben Garfias             | Oscar Romo       | Cristian Belmudez |
| Victor Caymaris           | Kareston Markley | Lilianna Barba    |
|                           |                  |                   |