

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

St. Charles Catholic School  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
District 1 Edgar Garfias	District 15 Gary McGrath
District 2 Mary Lou Tarobal	
District 4 Omar Araiza	
District 6 Alexis Gonzalez	<b>Vacant District Seats:</b>
District 8 Steve Egger	District 3
District 9 Albert Estrada	District 5
District 10 Bob Mikloski	District 7
District 11 Albert Velasquez	District 14
District 12 Carlos Sanchez	
District 13 Brian McGonagill	
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 6:33 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 January 14th, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. Alberto Estrada
    - i. Moving forward with landscaping the Police Station on Coronado.
    - ii. Coronado and Hollister has a 41.6 rating. Spoke with the paving department and spoke with the superintendent of the the area. The item is on the schedule but it's delayed due to unknown conflict.
  - b. Alexis Gonzalez spoke with Victor about the Grove Neighborhood park to ensure that native plants are included in the landscaping of the park.
  - c. Omar Araiza spoke about City elections and his running for the City Council.
    - i. Consensus to add discussion to agenda in March.
  - d. Edgar Garfias spoke about the 4 open seats on the board and who is eligible for joining.
  - e. Resident spoke about the Granger Street and Ebow Avenue haven't resurfaced for 3 decades (since 1998/99). Have reached out to the Mayor in a letter, no response has been received. Concerns about the streets not being addressed and only selectively fixing potholes even after onsite visits by councilmember Vivian Moreno. Street was rated 10 on a scale of 0-100.
    - i. Another resident that lives on the same street mentions the lack of street sweeping even if the schedule says that it is supposed to be swept once a month.
    - ii. A third resident that lives on the same street mentioned his mother suffers due to the potholes on the street.
    - iii. A fourth resident spoke about needing to park cars on the yard due to the gravel on the street potentially

- iv. Alexis Gonzalez brought up a proposal to send a letter from the planning group. Seconded by Omar.
  - v. Alberto Velasquez made a motion for Alexis Gonzalez draft a letter and formal request for transportation from the paving and pothole departments to speak to planning group about the paving of these roads. Approved unanimously.
  - vi. Bob Mikloski mentioned that he previously reached out to the director but was told they would speak to them individually not attend the meeting.
  - f. Resident on Hollister spoke about living next to an empty lot where homeless people had been and have used Hollister creek as a bathroom and has concerns about the exposure of the children in Mendoza Elementary.
  - g. Resident spoke about the Tijuana River Valley and the request to address the issue by moving the river back to the original historic location to the south. They have concerns about placing anti splash infrastructure that would not fix all the issues.
  - h. Resident spoke about San Diego County Air Quality and Pollution will be having a meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Ascencio Agustin, [aascencio@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:aascencio@pd.sandiego.gov)
- a. Introduced himself to the board and the community. Has been part of Southern Division for 21 years.
  - b. Resident brought up issues with Graffiti.
    - i. If graffiti is in progress, call 911. If it is old graffiti, report it to build up a case when an arrest is made.
  - c. Bob Mikloski asked about the officer's background and what he will be focused on.
5. **City of San Diego, Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [VCaymaris@sandiego.gov](mailto:VCaymaris@sandiego.gov)
- a. Tentative 2026 Otay Mesa-Nestor Dumpster Drop-Off Schedule
    - i. Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, Apr 4, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Jun 27<sup>th</sup>, Jul 4<sup>th</sup>, Sep 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Financial Assistance Program – Solid Waste Management Fee - <https://maacproject.org/sdswassistance/>
  - c. City of San Diego Boards and Commissions – Apply at <https://onboard.sandiego.gov/>
  - d. MTS Fare Change Study Workshops
    - i. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at National City Adult School
  - e. USPS releasing special lowrider stamps on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Logan Heights Library. Attendees are encouraged to register at <https://www.usps.com/lowridersstamps>.
  - f. Bob Mikloski asked about end of term and next steps.
    - i. She is termed out at the end of the year and the transition would be on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Mary Tarobal asked about how Vivian stands on the parking costs.
    - i. She voted against the parking rates at Balboa.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Lucero Maganda, Community Representative, [LMaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:LMaganda@sandiego.gov)
  - a. No Report.
  
7. **San Diego Board of Supervisors, District 1:** Andres Geurts-Barreto, Community Representative, [andres.geurts@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:andres.geurts@sdcounty.ca.gov)
  - a. Two votes and letters were done in the past month for the Tijuana River Valley.
    - i. 2.5 million for the transition of the culverts to mitigate the aerolization of the wastewater.
    - ii. 4 million from the reserves to provide additional air purifiers.
  - b. The Clear Act
    - i. Prohibits federal agent from entering county property without having a warrant.
  - c. Visited the unincorporated portion of Bonita, highlighted the local businesses and attending the community planning group there. They will be attending more community planning groups over the year including the Otay Mesa-Nestor group.
  - d. Supervisor asked for Gubernatorial candidates visit the Tijuana River Valley and make a commitment to call for a state of emergency to address the issues.
  - e. College Fellowship starting in March until the end of the year. Open for application and paid at minimum wage. 20 hours a week, must be in college.
  - f. Resident asked whether the board has given up on getting the existing governor to declare a state of emergency.
    - i. The board has continued to push, but there has been no progress.
  - g. Resident was concerned about the electric bill increase tied to the air purifiers.
    - i. Resident wondered if SDGE's program to cover some necessary electric devices for bill reductions.
  - h. Bob Mikloski asked if the group that is overseeing the gardens are permanent.
    - i. The current deal is for a year.
  
8. **80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Report:** Lilianna Barba, Field Representative, 619-498-8580, [Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Lilianna.barba@asm.ca.gov)
  - a. Lilianna introduced an intern that will be working in the district office.
  - b. Lilianna has met with Caltrans regarding encampments.
    - i. Emphasized the importance of submitting reports via their website.
    - ii. Can also provide any reports to the district office for them to follow up.
  - c. The application is open for the Young Legislators Program.
    - i. Seeks to provide high school students an introduction to state government and help them decide whether they want to pursue a career in public service.
    - ii. The program consists of local government education, an introduction of the legislative process, community work, and sessions on professional and personal development. Students will work collaboratively and learn from guest speakers that work in public service or related fields.
    - iii. Deadline to apply is February 27, 2026.

9. **52nd Congressional District Report:** Valery Gomez, District Aide,  
[Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Valery.Gomez@mail.house.gov)
  - a. No Report.
10. **Office of Senator Steve Padilla Report:** Artemis Hodoyan, District Representative,  
[Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Artemis.Hodoyan@sen.ca.gov)
  - a. No Report.
11. **Action Item: UCSD South Bay Annual Health Fair**

Health fair will be hosted on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10am to 3pm and located at Montgomery High School, utilizing their parking lot space at 3250 Palm Avenue, San Diego, CA 92154. Looking for consensus to participate and have a table at the event.

  - a. Will be discussed at the next meeting.
12. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee
    - i. Steve Egger spoke about the county's proposed solutions for the Tijuana River Valley issue. Believes the South channel reroute is the only real solution versus the other band-aid approaches.
    - ii. Until the State declares a State of Emergency, the EPA cannot step in to address this per Commissioner Lee Zeldin.
    - iii. There is a 30MGD pump installed to send the sewer water 6 miles south to SAB. Based on the IBWC flow chart, the 43.2MGD could be addressed by increasing the pump capacity.
    - iv. Resident spoke about previous attempts to address the environmental issues in the valley have been prevented by protections for the sewage based ecology needed for the protection of endangered birds.
    - v. Resident asked whether the monetary issues could be addressed with a class action lawsuit.
      1. There is one in progress.
    - vi. Victor spoke about SB10 to use the revenue from the toll road to address the issues with the Tijuana River Valley, but wouldn't be until after the bond obligations would be met.
      1. Additionally, brought up using additional revenue by charging for crossing the border at the new crossing that will be paid crossing.
  - b. Community Planning Group Vision Subcommittee
    - i. 3 things to consider
      1. Developments that start with a certain amount of housing or low income percentage getting approved before they're sold to another developer that changes the amount or low income housing requirements.
      2. Land grabbing, multiple properties bought by organizations outside of the San Diego County to develop land for
      3. Prioritize water procurements before approving additional density and expansion.

- c. Parks Subcommittee
    - i. No report.
13. **Chair's Report:** Albert Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair
- a. Reminder to complete training.
  - b. We currently have 4 open seats on the board.
14. **Meeting was adjournment at 8:47pm**

<b>Guests Present at Meeting</b>		
Ron Graves	Cristina Garibay-Taylor	Ed Barno
Harold Miniard	Denise Duckworth	Maria Reed Stacey
Anne Odermatt	Carlos Brugger	Yadira Hernandez
Tony Odermatt	Karen Odermatt	Alessandra Harrigan
John Wojcik	Brian Bilbray	David Egger
Melinda Odermatt	Michael Odermatt	Damian Gravador
Liz Enriquez	Anouk Vashe	Cindy Barrows