

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

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

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

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 6:36 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 14th, OMNCPG meeting were approved unanimously.
  - a. 3e. Ebow Avenue add detail
  - b. Item 12 Tijuana River Valley misspelled
  - c. Albert Estrada made a motion to approve with corrections, Alexis Gonzalez seconded, Approved unanimously.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
  - a. Albert Estrada – request for a letter for Coronado and Hollister, 17,000 cars every single day, 25 years since the last slurry, 1994 last overlay. Director Bethany Bezak, Councilmember Moreno. Bobby Hicks made an amendment to add Elm Avenue to the motion. Consensus to add to the agenda for the next month.
    - i. Resident brought up previous efforts to add a speed bump or stop sign on Elm Avenue.
    - ii. Resident asked about the street work and traffic light issues that impact traffic along Coronado Avenue.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Ascencio Agustin, [aascencio@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:aascencio@pd.sandiego.gov)
  - a. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 3am, officers Hollister and Oro Vista, Radio call of a car doing donuts in the intersection and the officers arrived on time to see and pursue the driver. The driver crashed with 5 juveniles inside, still under investigation.
5. **City of San Diego, Council District 8 Report:** Victor Caymaris, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, [VCaymaris@sandiego.gov](mailto:VCaymaris@sandiego.gov)
  - a. Vivian Moreno voted in favor of the empty homes tax to be included on the June ballot.
    - i. Resident asked about the tax and when would the timeline be on implementation if it passes.

- b. 2026 Otay Mesa-Nestor Dumpster Drop-Off Schedule – now offering electronics disposal. Next one on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. City of San Diego Boards and Commissions – Apply at <https://onboard.sandiego.gov/>
  - d. 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>.
  - e. Luckie Waller Opening Ceremony at Montgomery-Waller Park on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am.
  - f. Budget Season
    - i. Residents who live within San Diego City Limits are invited to take the five-minute survey at:
    - ii. Virtual Budget Crash Course being hosted on March 24<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Brian McGonagill
    - i. Spoke about the 27th street from the Police Department to Iris. Need for a center line.
    - ii. Voiced his disapproval of the empty home tax.
  - h. Albert Estrada
    - i. Asked about Get it Done analytics and what’s the reporting number and responses to those reports.
    - ii. Concerns with repairs and responses taking so long discouraging people from submitting those reports.
      - 1. Resident spoke about issues with flooding that was reported, but no solutions were found.
      - 2. Resident spoke about their experience with the Get it Done app to address some issues such as illegal dumping.
      - 3. Resident asked if there are different departments are addressing Get it Done requests. If so, can you address the departments that aren’t completing issues in a timely manner.
      - 4. Resident asked about how gas and SANDAG taxes to address street repairs. How do we get that money?
  - i. Bobby Hicks
    - i. Asked about black trash cans being left behind when grey ones were dropped off.
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. Miriam De La Torre filled in for Andres.
  - b. Separate sale of ADUs issue was presented. There was no action. Issue will be reviewed in the Summer.
  - c. Electronic Town Hall Meeting addressing any questions or concerns where people can call in and participate over the phone.

- d. Mendoza Elementary 3/12 - Will be present to speak about the benefits available by the County
  - e. Ad Hoc Responsibility Committee working on a workshop on contracting and procurement.
  - f. Small Business Walks – Small Plates and Places – Recently spoke to small business owners on 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue to get feedback on what’s needed and what can be improved by the County.
  - g. Paloma Internship for College students – last day to apply on March 11<sup>th</sup> for those looking to get experience.
  - h. Paloma has been reaching out to Gubernnerial candidates to visit the Tijuana River Valley and commit to addressing the Tijuana River Valley if elected.
  - i. Resident asked how can the County do something for the community that isn’t already being done by the City of San Diego. Do they work together to address the issues at a State level?
    - i. Addressing funding issues for projects in the area such as those in the Tijuana River Valley. Additionally, reach out to the State together on issues that impact both.
  - j. Resident spoke about his concerns that the County isn’t hearing enough from the public or responding to the feedback on the sewage issue on the Tijuana River Valley.
    - i. A second resident spoke about the County reaching out to the local people here to address the issue.
    - ii. A third resident brought up that the funds to address the issues could be better used than the current approach.
    - iii. Bobby Hicks spoke about his concerns about the
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. No Report.
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. Motion to attend by Alexis Gonzalez, seconded by Edgar Garfias. Approved unanimously.

12. **Action Item: Letter of Support for Pavement Resurfacing on Granger Street**  
Per vote at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Board agreed to draft a letter to address the need for pavement resurfacing along with resident who brought this issue to our attention. Looking for approval to send the letter as drafted.
  - a. Bobby Hicks made a recommendation to point out the ADA issues in the letter as well.
  - b. Motion made by Albert Estrada to send the letter, and was seconded by Bobby Hicks. Approved unanimously. Draft will be sent to members to review. If an edit is requested in the next week, the item will be placed on the April agenda to be reapproved. Otherwise, it will be sent.
  
13. **Discussion Item: Participation on OMNCPG Board and City Council Campaign**  
Omar Araiza brought up that he will be campaigning for City of San Diego City Council District 8. Wants to address any concerns or potential conflicts between his candidacy and continuing to serve on the board.
  - a. Tabled until the next meeting.
  
14. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. Community Planning Group Vision Subcommittee
  - b. Parks Subcommittee
  - c. Tijuana River Valley Subcommittee
    - i. Action Item: Letter in Support of Option 5 Southern Channel Re-route  
Looking for approval to send a letter to San Diego County in support of Option 5 the Southern Channel Re-route from the Saturn Boulevard Feasibility Study that was presented to the OMNCPG on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
      1. Concerns were brought up regarding redirecting funding from the existing allocations, the impact of a letter to address the issue, delays in addressing the issue, and uncertainty about what could actually be accomplished currently.
      2. Steve Egger made a motion in support, Bobby Hicks seconded. Vote 3-3-2. Fails to pass.
    - ii. Steve Egger presented the issues with the Tijuana River Valley and the need to restore the pilot channel and restore the Southern river flow.
      1. Per a Channel Maintenance Special Study prepared by Dudek for the City of San Diego in 2015, the City is required to maintain the maintenance channels and free of invasive exotic species in perpetuity.
      2. Similarly Rick Engineering Company also noted that the maintenance of the pilot channel and smuggler gulch channel is required to reduce the effects of flooding.
      3. Per the TRV Regional Park Campground, after the 1993 flood the pilot channel was excavated to protect the campground but over the next 3 decades the maintenance has been sporadic.
      4. H<sub>2</sub>S Air Quality Updates show high levels of hydrogen sulfide in the community. Additionally, there are several other chemical

compounds in the soil, water or air that are toxic hazards.

- iii. Resident spoke about the issue coming from Tijuana.
- iv. Resident spoke about similar projects to this being done and that it would help address this issue.
- v. Resident spoke about history of the issue and fixation on addressing the outpour rather than restoring the outlet channel.’
- vi. County representative addressed the issue coming from Tijuana, and there is a need for the state to declare a state of emergency so that the national government can put pressure on the Mexican government to address the water that is flowing over.

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

a. **No report**

16. **Meeting was adjournment at 9pm**

<b>Guests Present at Meeting</b>		
Liz Enriquez	Eddie Gonzalez	David Egger
Ron Graves	Elizabeth Wasserman	Cindy Barrows
Leon Benham		