

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting
April 9th, 2022

Members Present:

District 1 Edgar Garfias
District 2 Johnny E. Swanson
District 3 Robert Broomfield
District 6 Richard Cuevas
District 7 Christopher Malick
District 9 Armond Moore
District 10 Bob Mikloski
District 11 Albert Velasquez
District 12 Carlos Sanchez
District 13 Brian McGonagill
District 15 Walt Zumstein
District 16 Bobby Hicks

Members Absent:

Vacant District Seats:

District 4
District 5
District 8
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 6:32 p.m. He welcomed all Board members and members of the community to the meeting.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the March 9th 2022 OMNCPG meetings were unanimously approved.
3. **Non-Agenda Public Comments:** (2-minute limit per speaker).
 - a. Johnny Swanson spoke about an accident on Ilex and Green Bay that happened on 4/12. Asking about a sign warning about a curving road.
 - b. Alberto Estrada asked about update on intersection of Hollister and Coronado.
 - i. Get It Done App requests have been submitted.
 - c. Alberto Estrada asked about decoration of SDGE transformer boxes.
 - d. Steve Egger spoke about parking problem on the southbound Saturn before Leon Ave Stop Sign.
4. **San Diego Police Department Report:** SDPD Officer Carlos Edington, cedington@pd.sandiego.gov (619) 424-0412.
 - a. April 6th, performed 1550 Palm Avenue Search warrant. Unlicensed Cannabis distributed.
 - b. Reported on encroachment, homelessness, speeding and traffic citations. Will give additional details at the following meeting in May.
5. **Council District 8 Report:** Gerardo Ramirez, Council Representative, 619-236-6688, GRamirezBorj@sandiego.gov
 - a. City of San Diego's Stormwater Public Survey open until April 30th. <https://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/services/maintenance>
 - b. Montgomery Waller Advisory Group organizing Child Day event on Sunday April 24th.
 - c. Mayor releasing proposed budget by the end of next week. Beginning of May, budget hearings will begin by council.

- d. Questions on the Tijuana River Valley site. Settlement was reached on litigation, but will need to follow up on updates at a later time. Additional comments on the smell driving down Hollister and Saturn.
- e. Question about need to transition back to in person meetings. Hybrid method would need to approved by the council monthly.
- f. Question on Palm Avenue Turbin Generator on the water tank. Will need to follow up.
- g. Damage on signage and follow up on promised signage for the community. Group will need to follow up on two new locations for signage.

6. **City of San Diego, Office of the Mayor:** Pending Reassignment, Update provided by email from Director of Community Engagement Michaela Valk, 619-549-5299 Mvalk@sandiego.gov
- a. Build Better SD is scheduled to return to the Planning Commission for further discussion on April 21st . Additionally, this item will be heard by City Council in April/May of 2022.
 - b. Right now you can submit public input via this website:
https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/450/Issue_11543 it is planned to close on April 10th
 - c. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed November 15, 2021, allocating a total of \$550 billion to support nation-wide.
 - i. The Mayor recently met with representatives in Washington D.C. to discuss the need for funds to support regional and City infrastructure priorities.
 - ii. San Diego Airport alone is set to receive \$24 million to aid in infrastructure improvements.
 - d. Additionally, San Diego County Representatives secured more than \$107 million for local community projects as part of the federal appropriations bill for fiscal year 2022.
 - i. This brings \$2.4 million in funding home for four specific community projects in the City of San Diego
 - e. [Bridge to home includes 7 projects, which](#) propose a total of 662 apartments to be available for low-income residents, with 193 apartments including supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.
 - f. On March 15th , Council unanimously approved the disbursement of a loan for the first of these projects – the Cortez Hill Apartments affordable housing project.
 - g. The Mayor announced that since March, 260 people experiencing homelessness have accepted offers for shelter and have come off of the street.
 - h. Additionally, 110 people have exited out of shelters and into housing. We are bringing on more shelter beds within the week and upcoming months.
 - i. Announced in coordination with Governor Newsom, CARE Court will be a new policy framework designed to assist people living with untreated mental health and substance abuse challenges.
 - j. CARE (Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment) Court would provide a new tool for local governments to help those that suffer from psychotic episodes gain access to behavioral health services and housing through a court-ordered care plan for up to 24 months.
 - k. CARE Court is less restrictive than conservatorships and could apply to a broader population of people experiencing homelessness.
 - l. Under the proposal, the court-ordered response could be initiated by family, county and community-based social services, behavioral health providers or first responders. Individuals exiting a short-term involuntary hospital hold or arrest would be especially good candidates for CARE Court.
 - m. Once approved by the State legislature, Mayor Gloria will ensure CARE Court is put into practice locally to aid the hundreds of people on San Diego’s streets whose untreated behavioral health disorders prevent them from improving their circumstances.

- n. The Mayor will be releasing his budget this Friday, April 15 with significant investments in infrastructure, housing, homelessness and public safety. Once it is released I'll be sure to forward
- 7. **Office of the San Diego City Attorney Report:** Mark Robertson, Deputy City Attorney, mrobertson@sandiego.gov 619-553-5500.
 - a. No report.
- 8. **City Planner Report:** Shannon Muldrieg, Senior Planner, 619-236-6301, mprinz@sandiego.gov
 - a. No report
- 9. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteer Code Compliance, Project Review, By-Laws, and Parks and Recreation subcommittees.
 - b. No report.
- 10. **Chair's Report:** Alber Velasquez, OMNCPG Chair.
 - a. In person meetings, would need to identify a location. Library time and availability will be investigated before making a decision.
- 11. **Meeting was adjournment at 7:06 pm**