

OTAY MESA-NESTOR COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES 14 April 2010

Members Present:

Dist. 1 John Swanson
Dist. 2 Sam Mendoza
Dist. 3 Ed Abraham
Dist. 6 Maria Mendoza
Dist. 7 Ira Briggs
Dist. 8 Myrna Briggs
Dist. 9 Vinnie Thoms

Dist. 10. Bob Mikloski
Dist. 12. Carlos Sanchez
Dist. 13. Daniel Wagner
Dist. 14. Wayne Dickey
Dist. 15. Walt Zumstein
Dist. 16. Steve Schroeder

Members Unexcused Absent:

Dist. 5. Diego Padilla
Dist. 11. Marie Johnson

Members Unexcused Late:

Dist. 4. Diane Porter

Guests Present:

Coralee Zumstein, resident, Tom Olmstead, visitor, Eriberto Valdez, visitor

1. Call to Order/Introduction of Members: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Daniel Wagner, Chair, at the Otay Mesa Branch Library. He welcomed all Board members and the community to the meeting of the Otay Mesa-Nestor Community Planning Group (OMNCPG).
2. Approval of minutes – Motion by John Swanson to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010, OMCPG meeting, and the motion was passed unanimously.
3. Non-Agenda Public Comments: None.
4. Council District 8 Report: None.
5. SDPD Community Relations: Officer Apodaca informed the OMNCPG of the federal program called “Operation Stonegarden.” This federal assistance program (\$60 million in grants nationwide in 2009) is for local law enforcement that is limited to borderland counties. Funding is used additional San Diego Police Department personnel and overtime pay for homeland security operations locally in South Bay. Officer Apodaca further said that the program funds 12-14 officers on day watch, and about 10 officers for night watch shifts. The officers specifically target local gang activity and drug sales. “Operation Stonegarden” is a program of Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide grants “designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders along routes of ingress...”

For more info about this federal program, see <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/opsq/index.shtm>

Officer Apodaca also announced a free upcoming presentation to the community to inform young people and their parents about Internet and cell phone predators. The event was scheduled for April 29, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at Mar Vista Middle School. Officer Apodaca’s phone number is 619-424-0438, and his email address is rapodaca@pd.sandiego.gov

Carolyn Westphal, Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego, also spoke. She told the group that she continues to concentrate on quality of life issues in South Bay. She said that she has been successful in getting habitual alcoholics off the street, either by getting them longer jail sentences, or offering residential rehabilitation to them, which some have accepted.

6. Informational Item: Eriberto Valdez, Program Specialist, of the City Planning and Investment Department, City of San Diego, made a presentation of the draft FY 2011 Annual Action Plan. He handed out copies of the draft plan, and said that the 30 day comment period is from April 13, 2010 through May 12, 2010. Chair Daniel Wagner asked that information to be sent to the OMCPG for the 2012 Application Year.
7. Chair's Report: Chairman Daniel Wagner said that per the Brown Act, no private conversations between members of the OMCPG can occur about projects that may come under their later review. He also said that the Brown Field Workshop Master Plan Update will be on May 26, 2010. In addition, he said that the Imperial Beach Health Center will be moving into our area at 1016 Outer Rd., just east and north of Coronado Avenue and the I-5 freeway. He also said that at a future meeting, a presentation will be made by Mr. Fuentes, a representative of the City of San Diego. Mr. Fuentes will present an update of public works projects scheduled to be accomplished in the South Bay area, and will address the Safe Route to School program. He will also describe how the stimulus money will be used to implement these projects.

OMCPG Development Sub-Committee Report:

- a. The following projects will first be reviewed by members of the OMCPG Development Sub-Committee, then discussed at a future regular meeting of the whole group:
 - i. Midway Baptist Church, 2460 Palm Avenue, Project #205163, Project Manager Renee Mezo.
 - ii. Sprint/Clearwire, 1515 Palm Avenue, Project #195248, Project Manager Alex Hempton.
8. Long Range City Planner's Report: No report.
9. Other Business/Announcements:
 - a. Steve Schroeder said that a church from Bonita is setting up tables at the northern terminus of Saturn Blvd., behind Home Depot, and feeding the homeless on Saturdays. He said that this activity may attract more homeless to the area.
 - b. Myrna Briggs asked what is planned to be built now where the go-kart business used to be Hollister. An RV Park was planned, but never built.
 - c. Wayne Dickey said that the Otay Valley Regional Park dedication is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 23, 2010 behind the ranger station of Beyer Blvd.
10. Adjournment: 7:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted by John C. Swanson, Secretary

The next meeting is May 12, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the Otay Mesa/Nestor Branch Library.