



LA MESA DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California
Board Members: Vice Chair Maria Ruiz-Ostmeyer
Board Member Christopher Langdon
Board Member Alison Morita
Director of Community Development Lynnette Santos

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4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Design Review Board will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

5. **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

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DATE: April 28, 2025

TO: Design Review Board

FROM: Allyson Kinnard, Associate Planner ^{aeK}

VIA: Lynnette Santos, Director of Community Development ^{LS}

SUBJECT: Objective Design Standards

To conform to State law, many cities are adopting objective design standards that establish clear and measurable criteria that can be evaluated by staff in the same manner as zoning development standards. The new objective standards would apply only to housing and mixed-use development projects required by State law to be approved ministerially.

Staff will present and requests DRB's input on elements related to Site Design, Building Design, and Landscape Design, three key considerations that will help to ensure that the appearance of new housing developments continue to be compatible with the city's Vision. Staff will also share what we have heard to date from the community on 1. what are the most important design considerations and 2. how might the existing guidelines pertaining to those design elements be made objective?

The draft standards are programmed to be reviewed and adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council by May of this year. The schedule for implementing objective design standards is driven by a June deadline imposed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.



La Mesa Design Review Board

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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Present: Vice Chair Maria Ruiz-Ostmeyer
Board Member Christopher Langdon
Board Member Alison Morita
Director of Community Development Lynnette Santos

Staff: Assistant Director of Community Development Jared Chavez
Associate Planner Allyson Kinnard
Associate Planner Laura Traffenstedt
Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra
Administrative Coordinator Julia Carrillo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director of Community Development Santos called meeting to order at 12:30pm.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.2 ROLL CALL

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions or deletions.

3. PRESENTATION

No presentations.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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No public comments.

5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

No conflict disclosures.

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

**6.1 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE DESIGN REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024**

Moved by Board Member Langdon

Seconded by Board Member Morita

Yes (4): Vice Chair Ruiz-Ostmeyer, Board Member Langdon, Board Member Morita, and Director of Community Development Santos

Motion Approved (4 to 0)

**6.2 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE DESIGN REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

Moved by Board Member Langdon

Seconded by Board Member Morita

Yes (4): Vice Chair Ruiz-Ostmeyer, Board Member Langdon, Board Member Morita, and Director of Community Development Santos

Motion Approved (4 to 0)

6.3 LOWELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY

DESIGN REVIEW A CONSIDERATION TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WITHIN A LEASED AREA LOCATED AT 4200 LOWELL STREET, APN 475-050-06-00 IN THE R1 (URBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Condition for the applicant to contact Helix High School regarding painting CMU similar to other out builds and have the high school paint their logo OR select integral colors for CMU instead.

Moved by Board Member Langdon

Seconded by Board Member Morita

Staff recommends that the Design Review Board approve the project, subject to City Council ratification.

Yes (4): Vice Chair Ruiz-Ostmeyer, Board Member Langdon, Board Member Morita, and Director of Community Development Santos

Motion Approved (4 to 0)

7. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Director of Community Development Santos stated there was a lot of positive feedback from the EnerSmart Town Hall held by councilmember.
- Assistant Director of Community Development Santos invited Board to the Objective Design Standards public session being held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6pm in the Arbor Room at the Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942

8. ADJOURNMENT

Director of Community Development Santos adjourned the meeting at 1:06pm.