



## La Mesa Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue  
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Jerry Jones  
Vice Chair Jonathan Frankel  
Commissioner David Harris  
Commissioner Andrew Torpey

Absent: Commissioner Lauren Cooper

Staff: Director of Community Development Santos  
Assistant Planner Patrick Macpherson  
Administrative Coordinator Julia Carrillo

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### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called to order at 6:00pm

#### 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### 1.2 **ROLL CALL**

#### 1.3 **INVOCATION**

### 2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No additions or deletions to agenda

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT - (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 discussion; however, the Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.

No public comment

**4. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

No conflict disclosures

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Item 5.1)

The Consent Calendar includes items considered to be routine. Unless discussion is requested by members of the Commission or audience, all Consent Calendar items may be approved by one motion.

**5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**

**Moved by** Commissioner Frankel  
**Seconded by** Commissioner Torpey

Yes (4): Chair Jones, Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Harris, and Commissioner Torpey

Absent (1): Commissioner Cooper

**Motion Approved (4 to 0)**

**6. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**6.1 2025 PLANNING COMMISSION WORKPLAN**

Will be brought back to Planning Commission on the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting (February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025) and tentatively scheduled to go to Council as a consent item on the second regularly scheduled meeting in February ( February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1 PROJECT 2023-2730**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION(S): (1) A RESOLUTION of the PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA MESA APPROVING PROJECT 2023-2730 (WOODLAND) – A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A THREE FOOT HIGH RETAINING WALL WITH FILL THAT EXCEEDS THREE FEET WITHIN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK ON A VACANT LOT LOCATED ON WOODLAND DRIVE (499-523-35-00) IN THE R1R-P (SEMI-RURAL RESIDENTIAL/ SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY) ZONE. (2) A RESOLUTION OF THE

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING PROJECT 2023-2730 FOR A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THREE RETAINING WALLS OVER 3 FEET IN HEIGHT ON A VACANT LOT LOCATED WITHIN THE SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ON WOODLAND DRIVE (499-523-35-00) IN THE SEMI-RURAL RESIDENTIAL/ SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY (R1R-P) ZONE

**Moved by** Commissioner Frankel

**Seconded by** Chair Jones

1) To adopt a resolution (**Attachment A**) approving the Special Permit, subject to the conditions of approval.

Yes (4): Chair Jones, Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Harris, and Commissioner Torpey

Absent (1): Commissioner Cooper

**Motion Approved (4 to 0)**

**Moved by** Commissioner Frankel

**Seconded by** Chair Jones

2) To adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) approving the Site Development Plan, subject to the conditions of approval.

Yes (4): Chair Jones, Commissioner Frankel, Commissioner Harris, and Commissioner Torpey

Absent (1): Commissioner Cooper

**Motion Approved (4 to 0)**

**8. PROCEDURAL RULES FOR CONDUCT OF HEARINGS**

**9. HEARINGS**

No hearings

**10. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jones adjourned meeting at 6:38pm