



La Mesa Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Jerry Jones
Commissioner Lauren Cooper
Commissioner David Harris

Absent: Vice Chair Jonathan Frankel
Commissioner Andrew Torpey

Staff: Director of Community Development Santos
Assistant Director of Community Development Jared Chavez
Associate Planner Kinnard
Assistant Planner Patrick Macpherson
Administrative Coordinator Julia Carrillo

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1.2 **INVOCATION**

1.3 **ROLL CALL**

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

No additions or deletions.

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

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 OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Moved by Commissioner Cooper

Seconded by Commissioner Harris

Yes (3): Chair Jones, Commissioner Cooper, and Commissioner Harris

Absent (2): Commissioner Frankel, and Commissioner Torpey

Motion Approved (3 to 0)

6. STAFF REPORTS

No staff reports.

7. PROCEDURAL RULES FOR CONDUCT OF HEARINGS

8. HEARINGS

8.1 PROJECT 2024-1915 (ESCOBEDO)

A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A FENCE TO EXCEED THE 4 FOOT MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT THAT IS ALLOWED WITHIN A FRONT YARD SETBACK BY 3 FEET 8 INCHES AND TO EXCEED THE 6 FOOT MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF A FRONT SETBACK BY 1 FOOT 8 INCHES (FOR A TOTAL MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT OF 7 FEET 8 INCHES), AT 8020 EASTRIDGE DRIVE, APN 475-554-09-00 IN THE SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (R1S) ZONE

Moved by Commissioner Harris

Seconded by Chair Jones

Adopt a resolution (**Attachment A**) approving the special permit subject to conditions of approval.

Yes (3): Chair Jones, Commissioner Cooper, and Commissioner Harris

Absent (2): Commissioner Frankel, and Commissioner Torpey

Motion Approved (3 to 0)

8.2 PROJECT 2024-2235; CUP 17-95 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (5-YEAR EXTENSION)

THE APPLICANT, THE LISCUM TRUST, REQUESTS FOR A 5-YEAR EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING CUP FOR AN ADULT USE CANNABIS RETAIL USE LOCATED AT 7935 EL CAJON BOULEVARD IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL-DESIGN-MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE.

Moved by Chair Jones

Seconded by Commissioner Cooper

Adopt the Resolution, approving Project 2024-2235, extension of an existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP 17-95); subject to conditions of approval (Attachment 1).

Yes (3): Chair Jones, Commissioner Cooper, and Commissioner Harris

Absent (2): Commissioner Frankel, and Commissioner Torpey

Motion Approved (3 to 0)

8.3 PROJECT 2023-2859 (GATESIDE)

CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY OF LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION OF PROJECT NO. 2023-2859 (GATESIDE) – A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A SIX-FOOT-HIGH RETAINING WALL WITH CUT THAT EXCEEDS SIX FEET WITHIN THE SIDE YARD SETBACK ON A VACANT LOT LOCATED ON GATESIDE ROAD (499-030-49-00) IN THE R1S (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Moved by Commissioner Harris

Seconded by Chair Jones

Adopt a resolution approving the Special Permit, subject to the conditions of approval (Attachment 1).

Yes (3): Chair Jones, Commissioner Cooper, and Commissioner Harris

Absent (2): Commissioner Frankel, and Commissioner Torpey

Motion Approved (3 to 0)

9. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned meeting at 6:39pm.