



## La Mesa Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue  
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Andrew Torpey  
Vice Chair David Harris  
Commissioner Jerry Jones  
Commissioner Tristan Reed  
Assistant City Attorney Cory Lacy

Absent: Commissioner Marc Regier

Staff: Director of Community Development Lynnette Santos  
Assistant Director of Community Development Jared Chavez  
Assistant Planner Patrick Macpherson  
Associate Planner Laura Traffenstedt  
Administrative Coordinator Julia Carrillo  
Administrative Coordinator Heather Leal

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

Chair Torpey called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 1.1 **ROLL CALL**

#### 1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

No additions or deletions to the Agenda.

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 3.1 **Grossmont Specific Plan – Housing Clarifications**

### 4. **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.

5. **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

Harris recused self.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items \_\_ through \_\_)

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.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

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

No procedural rules for conduct of hearing.

9. **HEARINGS**

9.1 **PROJECT NO. 2025-2028**

CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY OF LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION OF A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE REAR YARD SETBACK FROM 30 FT. TO 15 FEET TO EXPAND AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 8800 JORIS WAY, APN 494-492-03-00 IN THE R1S-P (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL/SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY) ZONE.

**Moved by** Commissioner Jones

**Seconded by** Chair Torpey

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the resolution for Project Number 2025-2028, approving a variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 30 feet to 15 feet, subject to conditions of approval.

**Motion Approved**

10. **STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No comments

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Torpey adjourned at 6:33 p.m.