

Minutes of Serra Mesa Planning Group Regular Meeting

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In person at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Dr and via Zoom

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chris Rosemond (Chair) at 7:03pm.

Members Present: Jeff Berkwits, Rick Gonzales, Wayne Harris, Joe Ippolito, Sharon Kramer, Carey Longley, Cindy Moore (Secretary), Chris Rosemond (Chair).

Members Absent: Deborah Burns (Vice Chair), Kira Finkenberg

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Chris Rosemond and seconded by Jeff Berkwits to accept Agenda as is.

Approval of : Motion made by Jeff Berkwits, and seconded by Chris Rosemond, to approve minutes with a spelling correction (Berkwitz to Berkwits) passed unanimously.

Community Forum and Announcements: A resident asked if the Phyllis Place area could be considered a cul-de-sac for ADU building purposes since there's one way in and one way out. Korral Taylor, Community Representative for Mayor Gloria, was asked to follow-up. A Birdland resident added that Birdland is one way in and one way out. A resident announced that SB79 will be heard by state legislature on August 29.

Representatives:

- Miles Noel, Staff District Representative, Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7 – Not present but sent report. The Councilmember voted against parking fees. Next Coffee with Campillo is scheduled for September 6, 9:30-11am, at Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista.
- Korral Taylor, Community Representative, Mayor Gloria – Reported on parking fees downtown and at Balboa Park, I-805 clean-up in specific areas, and recreation needs survey.
- Imani Drew, Caseworker, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – New representative who introduced herself and spoke about immigration.
- Corey Funk, Long Range Planning Office – Not present
- Adam Miller, SDSU West Mission Valley Stadium site – Not present

Information and Action Items

1. Info Item: Sandrock Apartment – Affordable housing project at 3440 Sandrock Road (old library site). CommunityHousing Works representatives Steve Swiecicki, Roberto Garcia, and Kevin Leichner discussed a slide presentation and answered questions. Topics included number of units, cost, size of units, amenities, utilities, parking spots, security, ADA units, setback, insulation, timeline, vetting of residents, and parking on Sandrock.
2. Action Item (no action taken, became an information item): San Diego Housing Commission – supportive housing project at 7798 Starling Drive (Birdland). Presenters Buddy Bohrer, Casey Snell, and Colin Miller. Home Key project for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness; escrow contingent on receiving funds from state; anticipate response in October. 82 units (80 residences and 2 for staff), studios and 1-bedrooms, 66 parking spaces, county and VA provide services, and residents vetted. Will add security gate and some green space outside. If funds are granted, escrow could close in February; occupancy October/November 2026. Apartment interiors already remodeled; considering converting 8 of total 90 units to add amenities.

Chair Report: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jeff Berkwits and seconded by Wayne Harris at 8:30pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2025.