

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, May 21, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chris Rosemond (Chair) at 7:06pm.

Members Present: Jeff Berkwits, Kira Finkenberg (online), Joe Ippolito, Sharon Kramer, Cindy Moore (Secretary), Chris Rosemond (Chair), Cat Stempel.

Members Absent: Deborah Burns, Clara Evans, Rick Gonzales, and Wayne Harris.

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

Minutes: Motion made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Jeff Berkwits to approve April 16, 2026 minutes (with name spelling correction) passed (5-0-2). Sharon and Kira abstained since they weren't present at the April meeting.

Community Forum and Announcements:

- Neighborhood Homes for All of Us – City conducting workshops. Program would allow up to 10 new units/parcel; would likely be limited to Sustainable Development Areas (lot of Serra Mesa).
- Becky Rapp – Commented on limiting smoke shops.
- Kathy Lippitt – Mentioned the City budget and the need for cost/benefit analysis. Suggested asking Kathryn Rhodes to speak at an SMPG meeting.

Representatives:

- County Supervisor Joel Anderson: Comments included Homebuyer Workshop, volunteer/internship opportunity, sign-up for newsletter, and Military Appreciation Breakfast.
- Miles Noel, Staff District Representative, Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7 (not present, but sent report): Comments included Campillo pleased with lawsuit settlement (trash fee reduction and free Balboa Park parking) and advocating for core services, including the arts, in the budget.
- State Senator Akilah Weber Pierson, Moana Alo; Corey Funk, Long Range Planning Office; Adam Miller, SDSU West Mission Valley Stadium site; Imani Drew, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – Not Present

Information and Action Items

1. Action Item, Taft Middle School pick-up/drop-off traffic safety concerns: Motion made by Sharon Kramer and seconded by Jeff Berkwits passed unanimously (7-0) to send letter with revisions to Shana Hazan, SDSUSD Trustee, requesting that the safety issues regarding drop-off and pick-up at Taft Middle School be addressed.
2. Action Item, Stadium trolley station parking request: Motion made by Jeff Berkwits and seconded by Cindy Moore passed unanimously (7-0) to send a letter with revisions to Dr Adela de la Torre, President SDSU, to request that SDSU Mission Valley West provide parking at the trolley station.

Chair Report: No Report

CPC: No Report

Motion made by Chris Rosemond and seconded by Jeff Berkwits to adjourn meeting at 7:56pm. Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2026.