



LA JOLLA SHORES PLANNED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FROM:

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2025

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Sherri Lightner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 2: ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sherri Lightner, Kathleen Neil, Suzanne Weissman, and Phillip Wise.

Staff Liaison: Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner, City Planning Department; Matthew Nasrallah, Associate Planner, City Planning Department.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Board Member Neil, seconded by Board Member Wise. Agenda approved 4-0-0.

Item 4: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from June 18, 2024.

Motion to approve the minutes with changes by Board Member Wise, seconded by Board Member Weissman. Minutes approved 4-0-0.

Item 5: BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Board Member Neil brought to attention the release of the 2025 Land Development Code Update. There are 2 items on the list that affect La Jolla specifically. One of the items removes the City Manager as the Secretary for the Advisory Board. She wants to know if that means that City staff will no longer participate in the monthly meetings.

Board Member Lightner shares the same concern over the Land Development Code Update that Board Member Neil has.

Board Member Weissman would like to know the clarification Board Member Neil requested.

Item 6: STAFF LIAISON COMMENT

Staff planned to announce the 2025 Land Development Code Update as well. Staff will follow up with the Board on their questions and concerns.

Item 7: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

Item 8: **Review of Approval Process: PRJ-1112468 – 7741 Lookout Drive (Action Item)**

The project applicant was not required to present the project to the La Jolla Shores Planned District Advisory Board. The Board will review and consider a draft letter for submittal to the Mayor and City Council addressing the project's approval process.

Public Comment:

AJ Remen, architect, worked for his client, Vanessa, on her home for several years, which is adjacent to 7741 Lookout Drive. AJ thinks that this project should have come before the advisory board due to its impact on community character and scale. AJ presented exhibits of the project's progress to show the board.

Vanessa, who lives adjacent to the project site at 7777 Lookout Drive, states that the owners of 7741 Lookout Drive initially notified all other neighbors on the street except for her. Once the project owners notified her, they did not disclose that the project included building a new ADU. There is also an addition to the house that Vanessa believes is unpermitted. She has applied for a permit review with DSD.

Board Comment included:

- The draft letter includes a strong case for evaluation of the review process
- Suggestion to include previous letters written to DSD about other projects that did not go through Board review as references
- Recommends that the neighbor who spoke publicly write to their City Council Member and the Mayor to bring attention to their concerns
- Recommends that the neighbor include a stop-work order request in any communication to the City

Board Motion: The LJSPDAB moved to send the letter to the Mayor and City Council as drafted. Motion made by Board Member Wise, seconded by Board Member Lightner. Motion approved 4-0-0.

Item 9: **PRJ-1135846 - 0 Ruelle Nice (Action Item)**

The project proposes constructing a new 8,025 SF single family residence, two-story dwelling unit over basement with garage, spa, site retaining walls, and

additional site improvements. The applicant is seeking a recommendation of a Site Development Permit (SDP) and Coastal Development Permit (CDP).

Tony Sanshey of Island Architects presented the project.

Public Comment:

No public comment was provided.

Board Comment included:

- Requested clarification on brush management and the drainage report
- Concern regarding a lack of written support from one neighbor
- Question regarding the placement of the solar panels
- Concern regarding the effect of the project on the neighbor's view easement
- Question on why the project's classification as a priority development

Board Motion: The LJSPDAB moved to recommend the project as presented for a Site Development Permit and Coastal Development Permit. Motion made by Board Member Neil, seconded by Board Member Weissman. Motion approved 4-0-0.

Item 10: ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: September 17, 2025. The meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.