



LA JOLLA SHORES PLANNED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FROM:

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 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: Herbert Lazerow, Sherri Lightner, Kathleen Neil, and Suzanne Weissman.

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 Lazerow, seconded by Board Member Neil. Agenda approved 4-0-0.

Item 4: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from August 20, 2024.

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

Item 5: BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Board Member Weissman found the response to the board's letter regarding Lookout Drive from the mayor's office to be baffling.

Board Member Lazerow was concerned that specific state laws regarding the project were not explicitly identified in the mayor's office response. He also noted a text message from Board Member Wise, who was not in attendance, inviting him to the La Jolla Shores Association Meeting. He was hoping Board Member Wise would be in attendance to answer questions he had about the meeting.

Board Member Lightner found the mayor's office's response disheartening, nonsensical, and outside the notice period. She would like to speak directly with city staff about the project.

Board Member Neil inquired to City staff if it is possible for the Board to speak directly with the policy advisor instead of going back to the Director of Boards and Commissions regarding the letter the Board sent. She also noted that the meeting Board Member Wise extended a text invitation that can be attended by Zoom as well as in person, and believes it will be about traffic and parking adjacent to Kellogg Park.

Item 6: STAFF LIAISON COMMENT

Staff addressed the Board's questions about the 2025 Land Development Code Update from the previous meeting. The code change will remove the City Manager's name from the San Diego Municipal Code. City Planning staff is still working on the draft language, which is expected to be finalized by the end of the month. Once the draft language is available for public review, City Planning staff who work on the code amendments may attend a meeting to discuss the amendment with the Board.

Item 7: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

Item 8: **PRJ-1074569 - 8283 Prestwick Drive (Action Item)**

Application for a site development permit and coastal development permit to demolish the existing 5,228 square foot, two-story house and construct a new 8,185 square foot, two-story house, in the coastal zone of La Jolla Shores Planned District. Applicant: Paul Benton, Benton & Benton Architects.

Paul Benton of Benton & Benton Architects presented the project.

Public Comment:

Preston, the project site property owner, stated that he thinks it's a great project.

Board Comment included:

- Concern regarding the 45-degree angle on the 2-story wall
- Concern that the roof deck is too large and may cause a noise nuisance
- Request to notify the neighborhood prior to construction regarding soil exporting
- Suggestion to maintain the Torrey Pine Tree on the property
- Concern about the driveway with a curve regarding safety when backing out
- Concern that the project design is over the PDO height requirement

Board Motion: The LJSPDAB moved to recommend the project for a Site Development Permit and Coastal Development Permit, subject to the following modifications: the project complies with the PDO plumb height requirement in the

driveway and the area of entertainment space on the roof deck is reduced. Motion made by Board Member Neil, seconded by Board Member Lightner. Motion approved 4-0-0.

Item 9: ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: October 15, 2025. The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m.