

**Kearny Mesa Planning Group**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes for Meeting of January 21, 2026**

**Planning Group Members in Attendance:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Mielke   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erik Flores    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robyn Badilla   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Jackson            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Hooper    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derick Applbaum |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meridith Marquis         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Mulvihill | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Nguyen                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wesley Quach |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Ruggels | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Sallen    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ian Kerch       | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Yung               |

**Community Members in Attendance:** Buzz Gibbs, Becky Rapp, Erin Kee, Cory Segall, Todd Gallegos, Officer Laurel-Torres, Alice Nguyen, Alberto Esquivel, Jenifer Murillo, Theresa Garcia, Dale Goldsmith, Mychal Loomis, and Moana Alo

- **Call to Order:** The Meeting was brought to order at 11:34 AM by Jeff Sallen, Chair of the Kearny Mesa Planning Group via ZOOM. Just made an announcement regarding board seat elections in taking place in March 2026.
- **Meeting Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2025, were shared with all participants. A vote was held and approved 6-0-3.
- **Officers Update:** Officer Laurel-Torres was kind enough to attend the meeting. The officer addressed the planning group and community with his crime stats from the previous month. Due to the holiday season and poor weather, many of his statistics were higher than normal.
- **Community Update:** Becky Rapp, planning group member from Rancho Bernardo, addressed the KMPG on the top of Item #20 in the 2026 Land Development Code Update. This item addresses the regulations pertaining to marijuana marketing on storefronts and billboards.

**Action Item:**

Alberto Esquivel, a Senior Planner from Core States Group addressed the planning group with a presentation on a proposed Costco Gas Station Development located on the corner of Convoy Street and Kearny Mesa Road. The project number is PRJ-1141718. The presentation was lengthy and very informative. Many of the Planning Group Members came prepared with concerns and questions for Alberto and his team. Many of the concerns pertained to increased traffic and congestion along Kearny Mesa Road. Physical condition of Kearny Mesa Road and old/faded street signs along this stretch of road were also addressed. The planning group voted to approve the project 7-1-2.

Following Alberto's presentation, we heard from district representative Moana Alo. Moana is a field representative for State Senator Akilah Weber Pierson.

Jeff then introduced two UCSD students, Erin Kee and Alice Nguyen. Both UCSD students are conducting research on Kearny Mesa zoning and parking concerns.

Jeff concluded the meeting exactly at 1:00 pm.