

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 20, 2026

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

Members Present: Jeff Berkwits, Deborah Burns (online), Rick Gonzales (online), Sharon Kramer, Cindy Moore (Secretary), Chris Rosemond (Chair), Cat Stempel.

Members Absent: Kira Finkenberg, Wayne Harris, Joe Ippolito.

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

Minutes: Motion made by Jeff Berkwits and seconded by Jeff Berkwits to approve May 21, 2026 minutes passed (7-0-0).

Community Forum and Announcements: Isaac Dechner thanked SMPG for their support in their request to name an alleyway in memory of their son. Miles Noel will check into palm tree trimming at Stonecrest. Mat Kostrinsky, running for City Council, introduced himself. Miles Noel will follow-up on Camino del Rio N sidewalk between Ward and Mission Gorge overrun with weeds reported by Cat Stempel.

Representatives:

- Miles Noel, Staff District Representative, Councilmember Raul Campillo, District 7 – Coffee event on Sept 12, 9am, at Mission Trails Visitors Center. Mission Bay bathrooms open.
- Matthew Nasrallah, Associate Planner, City Planning Department, introduced himself.
- Michaela Valk, Community Representative, Mayor Todd Gloria, introduced herself. El Nino letter sent to 7,000 residents in flood plain. Mentioned homeless project. Will send monthly report.
- State Senator Akilah Weber Pierson, Moana Alo. Mentioned book packet giveaway, There Ought to be a Law (submit ideas for legislation), nominations for Hispanic and small business recognition
- Intern Representative, County Supervisor Joel Anderson, District 2 and Imani Drew, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – Not Present

Information and Action Items

1. Info Item, Taft Middle School pick-up/drop-off traffic safety concerns update. Meeting held on July 29 with SDUSD personnel, Trustee Shana Hazan, Councilmember Raul Campillo, and representatives from SMPG, Serra Mesa Community Council, and Taft PTO. Short term: School personnel conducting safety educational campaign, coordinating with school police, and requesting additional red curb painting to improve visibility. Long term: advocate for Hawk signal and investigate using parking lot for pickup. Follow-up meeting in Nov or Dec. For more details refer to article in Observer, Sept-Oct 2026 edition. Miles Noel will check into Hawk.
2. Action Item, Letter to Mayor regarding vacant lots on Gramercy Dr. Motion made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Jeff Berkwits passed (7-0-0) to send revised letter to Mayor. See attachment.

Chair Report: Shared map showing specific Serra Mesa areas for sewer project.

CPC: No Report. Will try to attend in future.

Motion made by Chris Rosemond and seconded by Jeff Berkwits to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm. Next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2026.