

Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

THE PLANNING, ZONING AND HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION
(PZHAC) WILL BE HAVING A REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA.
MONDAY- JULY 7, 2025 @ 6 PM
(MINUTES)

COMMISSIONERS

- Eric Walkinshaw – Chairperson
- Lori Miller – Secretary
- Eric Gallegos – Commissioner
- Martha Mulvihill – Commissioner
- Rose Mary Alvillar – Alt. Commissioner
- Stevie Paz – Alt. Commissioner

STAFF

- Eddie Salazar – Community & Economic Development
- Liana Aguire – Historic Preservation Specialist
- Tom Maese – NM CID Inspector

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| Ruben Quintano | Catherine Walkinshaw |
| Richard Moreno | Mary H Ratje |
| Michael Langford | Ben Schmit |
| Trina Witter | Cale Robertson |
| Felicia Fresquez | |
| Santana Ochoa | |

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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| Commissioner Gallegos - | present |
| Commissioner Miller - | present |
| Chair Walkinshaw - | present |
| Vice Chair Alba - | absent – (resigned) |
| Commissioner Mulvihill - | present |
| Alt. Commissioner Alvillar - | present |
| Alt. Commissioner Paz - | present |

5-0 Quorum established, Alt. Commissioner Alvillar to fill vacant seat in this meeting.

3. CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1st motion to approve made by Commissioner Miller
- 2nd motion to approve by Commissioner Mulvihill

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| Commissioner Gallegos | yes |
| Commissioner Miller | yes |
| Commissioner Alvillar | yes |
| Commissioner Mulvihill | yes |

4-0 Vote, Approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

The public is invited to address the commission regarding items listed on the agenda as allowed by the chair. You can also email your comments to clerktreasurer@mesillanm.gov at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

None

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**Note: Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk (*), will be voted on with one motion unless the commissioner requests that a specific item be removed for discussion.*

a. *June 16, 2025, PZHAC Work Session, & Regular meeting minutes

1st motion to approve made by Commissioner Gallegos

2nd motion to approve by Commissioner Mulvihill

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

4-0 Vote, Approved unanimously.

6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

a. PZHAC CASE #062017 - 3000 Snow Rd, submitted by Santana Ochoa. Requesting approval to install a manufactured home on the property. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF).

1st motion to approve made by Commissioner Miller

2nd motion to approve by Commissioner Mulvihill

Commissioner Gallegos	no
Commissioner Miller	yes
Chair Walkinshaw	yes – voted to break a tie vote
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	no

3-2 vote, Approved

b. PZHAC CASE #062021-2185 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Richard Moreno. Requesting approval to install two gates on property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

1st motion to approve made by Miller

2nd motion to approve by Mulvihill

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

4-0 vote, Approved unanimously.

- c. **PZHAC CASE #062022** -2316 Calle de Colon, submitted by Steven Martinez. Requesting approval to renovate his workshop's roof. Currently it has rolled tar roofing material and would like to change it to white/natural corrugated steel. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

1st motion to approve made by Commissioner Gallegos

2nd motion to approve by Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

4-0 vote, Approved unanimously.

- d. **PZHAC CASE #062024** -2030 Calle de Parian, Submitted by Jonathon Alonzo. Seeking permission to put up a sign for business, Oficina Vintage. ZONE: Historic Commercial (HC).

1st motion to postpone until further clarification made by Commissioner Miller

2nd motion to postpone until further clarification made by Commissioner Gallegos

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

4-0 vote to postpone, Approved unanimously.

- e. **BUSINESS CASE #1391** - 2030 Calle de Parian, submitted by Jonathan Alonzo. Requesting approval to operate a retail business, Oficina Vintage LLC. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC).

1st motion to postpone until further clarification made by Commissioner Gallegos

2nd motion to postpone until further clarification made by Commissioner Mulvihill

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	no
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

3-0 vote to postpone.

8. COMMISSIONERS / STAFF COMMENTS

Chair Walkinshaw discussed an email that was sent by a resident, Jeffrey Buras, regarding an ongoing issue with light pollution. It appears light fixers had been replaced and shields and possible lumens do not meet code. Code officers to follow up.

Community & Economic Director Salazar was asked by chair to explain the project on University Ave. He stated Mesilla is aware of the concerns of the residents affected by the project and is doing what they can to address the concerns.

Michael Langfod, resident from the area on University Ave. commented and asked if there is an alternative possibility to building a barrier wall such as landscaping.

Ben Schmitt addressed the commission with a petition to erect a barrier such as a rock wall. Residents are concerned with privacy and safety.

Community & Economic Director Salazar stated the concerns from the residents regarding the project on University by NM DOT have been presented to the BOT. It is not the commissions authority in resolving matters such as these.

Cale Robertson resident living in the vicinity of the project is also concerned with safety and privacy. He gave some examples on why it is a concern.

9. ADJOURNMENT

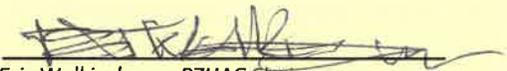
1st motion to approve made by Commissioner Gallegos

2nd motion to approve by Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Gallegos	yes
Commissioner Miller	yes
Chair Walkinshaw	yes
Alt. Commissioner Alvillar	yes
Commissioner Mulvihill	yes

4-0 vote, Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2025.


 Eric Walkinshaw – PZHAC Chairman



ATTEST:


 Gloria Maya – Town Clerk/Treasurer

NOTICE

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