



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

South Pasadena Planning Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The South Pasadena Planning Commission Meeting will be conducted in-person from the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

The Meeting will be available:

- In Person – Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena
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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Amitabh Barthakur

ROLL CALL: Chair Amitabh Barthakur
Vice-Chair Jason Claypool
Commissioner Mark Gallatin
Commissioner Arnold Swanborn
Commissioner James Martin
Commissioner Matthew Horton
Commissioner Joseph Williams
Youth Commissioner Batia Lou

COUNCIL LIAISON: Mayor Sheila Rossi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Majority vote of the Commission to proceed with Commission business.

DISCLOSURE OF SITE VISITS AND EX-PARTE CONTACTS

Disclosure by Commissioners of site visits and ex-parte contact for items on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES (Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes)

The Planning Commission welcomes public input. If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may participate by one of the following options:

Option 1:

Participate in-person at the Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

Option 2:

Participants will be able to “raise their hand” using the Zoom icon during the meeting, and they will have their microphone un-muted during comment portions of the agenda to speak for up to 3 minutes per item.

Option 3:

Email public comment(s) to PlanningComments@southpasadenaca.gov. Public Comments received in writing will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be part of the meeting record. Written public comments will be uploaded online for public viewing under Additional Documents. There is no word limit on emailed Public Comment(s). Please make sure to indicate:

- 1) Name (optional), and
- 2) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on, and
- 3) Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the Planning Commission meeting.

NOTE: Pursuant to State law, the Planning Commission may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Planning Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment – General (Non-Agenda Items)

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

2. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 3. Project No. VAR25-0002 – Variances to allow a swimming pool in the front yard and an eight-inch reduction in the setback of an existing legal nonconforming retaining wall at 1936 Hanscom Drive (APN: 5308-019-027) and to make a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15303, Class 3(e) New Construction of Small Accessory Structures including swimming pools.**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

1. Find the project exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15303, Class 3(e) (New Construction of Small Accessory Structures); and
2. Approve Project No. VAR25-0002 subject to Conditions of Approval.

DISCUSSION

4. Objective Design Standards (ODS) Update and Outline

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive and file an update on the ODS project and provide feedback.

ADMINISTRATION

5. **Comments from City Council Liaison**
6. **Comments from Subcommittees**
7. **Comments from Planning Commissioners**
8. **Comments from Staff**

ADJOURNMENT

9. **Adjourn to the Regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

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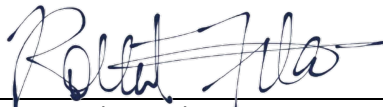


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9/3/2026

Date



Robert (Dean) Flores, Planning Manager