

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFF REVIEW COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM FULLERTON CITY HALL
THURSDAY, 10:00 A.M., AUGUST 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chair St. Paul called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

St. Paul, Voronel, Hughes, Lopez, and Tabatabaee (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Zelinka

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kusch, and Flores

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Committee Member Hughes, SECONDED by Committee Member Voronel that the minutes of August 6, 2009 be APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1

PRJ09-00194 – ZON09-00042. APPLICANT: OMNI POINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.;
PROPERTY OWNER: ARTEL ENTERPRISES. A request to install telecommunication equipment, including an antenna monopole measuring 65'-0" in height, located at the rear of a residential apartment development (Montclair Apartments) on property located at 2901-2939 Ruby Drive (approximately 300 feet west of the terminus of Ruby Drive) (R-3 zone) (Categorically exempt under Section 15332 of CEQA Guidelines) (Staff Planner: Andrew Kusch) (Continued from August 6, 2009)

Associate Planner Kusch explained that the item was continued from the previous meeting for an alternative design to the antenna. Staff received an email from an individual with concerns to the request. Associate Planner Kusch referenced the alternative eucalyptus design submitted by the applicant and believed it could not accommodate a collocated antenna.

Chair St. Paul asked if the Code requires collocation, and Associate Planner Kusch responded no.

Public hearing opened.

Monica Moretta, T-Mobile Representative, noted that T-mobile provided photo simulations of eucalyptus tree installations. She noted the proposed facility height was 65 feet and could be collocated. Ms. Moretta further noted the facility will be engineered to accommodate up to 3 carriers. She noted that T-Mobile would have to comply with the FCC requirements and guidelines for telecommunication facilities. Ms. Moretta explained that T-Mobile could provide the City and interested members of the public with a post installation test, which is a standard emission test that is done 90 days after the final day of construction.

Chair St. Paul believed the eucalyptus design was great, and asked if there was something that could be done to smooth the transition from the trunk to the branches. Ms. Moretta responded affirmatively, and provided the Committee with photographs of built sites in the cities of Claremont and Long Beach.

Chair St. Paul asked if there was a minimum or maximum amount of branches that can be added to the design. Ms. Moretta referenced the structural/foundation details and noted that the branches extend 6 feet and will cover the antennas.

Ben Stubbs, Montclair Apartments resident, had the following questions:

- How will he receive the post emissions test information?
- How long will the construction take?
- Will any parking spaces be barricaded during the construction?
- Will the transmitter run on a battery or power?
- Will he receive combined post emission totals for additional carriers that may collocate on the site?

Ms. Moretta noted that a post emission test will be submitted to the City within 90 days after construction, and can be emailed to Mr. Stubbs. She further noted that construction can take from 90 to 120 days depending on the availability of materials. Ms. Moretta explained that no parking spaces will be affected during construction and the designated parking for maintenance of the facility will be outside of the apartment complex. The facility will have power from the utility sources on the property, and in the event that the facility shuts down there will be a temporary generator for emergencies and power shut down. Chair St. Paul noted that as a condition of approval, the Committee can recommend that the combined post emission total for additional carriers that collocate on the site, be made available for the public.

Associate Planner Kusch questioned where the off-site parking space was for the maintenance of the facility. Ms. Moretta explained that the technician will park on Ruby Drive and walk onto the site to service the facility. She noted that visits are limited to once a month.

Public hearing closed.

Committee Member Tabatabaee believed that the new proposed antenna was a better design and was in support of the request.

Committee Member Lopez recommended that the design mirror the Claremont facility.

Committee Member Hughes concurred with Committee Member Lopez. He commended Ms. Moretta on her presentation. He believed that Mr. Stubbs concerns did not outweigh what the telecommunication facility will provide for the community. Committee Member Tabatabaee concurred with Committee Member Hughes.

Chair St. Paul recommended a condition that the design shall mirror the City of Claremont design. He further recommended a condition to require the post emissions test for additional carriers that may collocate on the facility.

MOTION made by Committee Member Tabatabaee, SECONDED by Committee Member Hughes, to APPROVE the request subject to staff's recommended conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair St. Paul explained the 10-day appeal period.

OTHER MATTERS

Chair St. Paul explained that the City Council has adopted an Ordinance amending Title 15 of the Fullerton Municipal Code pertaining to Minor Site Plans, Staff Review Committee, Zoning Adjustments and related provisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Adjourned at 10:22 a.m. as Staff Review Committee.

BY: _____
Susana Flores, Secretary