

ACTION MINUTES
DALY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Council Chambers, Daly City

Chair Crump called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Kelly, Edelman, Crump and Bautista

Staff Present: Schott, VanLonkhuysen, Engfer and DeFries

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Bautista, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

10. Use Permit UP09-6 and Environmental Assessment for co-location of a new wireless facility – 812 Skyline Drive

Staff report presented by: Steve Engfer, Assistant Planner

Mr. Engfer presented the request by Clearwire to obtain a use permit for the co-location of a wireless facility on the existing 57 ½ foot tall monopole with support equipment at the existing wireless site. The site is located on the west side of Skyline Drive, just south of the intersection of Oceanside and Skyline Drives and is approximately 50 feet from the bluff.

The site is in the Resource Protection (RP) and therefore requires a full use permit including a geotechnical report. It is also appealable to the Coastal Commission. It is currently being used as a wireless facility site and there are three monopoles with three carriers on the site. This project will co-locate on the 57 ½ foot monopole with a small equipment cabinet on a 5' x 5' concrete pad. Mr. Engfer showed photo simulations of the pole with the panels from various directions.

Commissioner Edelman wanted to confirm that no additional poles were being added. Mr. Engfer assured him that it was a co-location on an existing pole. Commissioner Kelly asked if there was anything that could be done to make it nicer to look at for the residents on Oceanside. Mr. Engfer replied that the proposal tries to minimize the visual impact. Commissioner Edelman then noted that he had seen these monopoles disguised in other locations and would that be a possibility at this site. Mr. Engfer responded that monopoles have been used before, but it would still stand out because there are no other trees in close enough proximity. Commissioner Kelly asked if staff considers what the neighbors have to look at. Mr. Engfer replied that staff does take that into consideration and the visual impact is minimized by the design and in this case is less than significant.

Commissioner Bautista asked if the cellular provider did any community outreach and Mr. Engfer replied that he was not aware of any. Commissioner Bautista then asked if the City had any of the other cellular providers modify their antennas to make them smaller. Mr. Engfer said that the other installations at the site are under separate use permits and can be reviewed at the time of their Use Permit renewal.

Commissioner Crump asked Mr. Engfer to address the Condition of Approval regarding annual inspections. Mr. Engfer explained the requirement of Condition #25 that requires annual

geotechnical reports for the site, which allows the City to have an annual evaluation of the geological stability of the site.

Commissioner Kelly asked if any comments were received from the public and Mr. Engfer replied that there were none.

Speakers: Vaughn Jones, President of the Skyline Palisades Homeowners' Association
Ana Gomez, Agent for Clearwire

Mr. Jones spoke against the project, stating that it was a dangerous and unwise proposal. Ms. Gomez explained that Clearwire sought to minimize the visual impact of the project and had taken every precaution possible. Commissioner Kelly asked about noise impacts and disruption during installation. Ms. Gomez replied that the site has a separate entrance and Mr. Engfer explained that the Conditions of Approval address the construction hours and hours of operation and maintenance.

COMMISSION ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Edelman, seconded by Commissioner Kelly to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Edelman, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to adopt the findings as outlined in the staff report of March 2, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Bautista, to affirm the Environmental Assessment. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Edelman, seconded by Commissioner Bautista, to approve Use Permit UP09-6 subject to the Findings and Conditions as outlined in the staff report of March 2, 2010. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. Use Permit UP09-7 and Environmental Assessment for minor modifications to an existing wireless facility – 2116 Olympic Way

Staff report presented by: Steve Engfer, Assistant Planner

Mr. Engfer presented the proposal by T-Mobile for a modification to an existing facility in the Resource Protection (RP) zone. The site is located north and west of the John Daly and Skyline intersection, just west of the horse stables. A use permit is required because the site is in the RP zone.

The proposal is for an electrical support panel to be mounted on two-9 foot 4 x 4 posts. It's an approximately 1' x 3' panel. He showed a photo simulation of what is being proposed.

Speakers: Chad Christie, T-Mobile representative

Mr. Christie explained that T-Mobile was proposing a telephone panel to bring additional telephone lines and possibly fiber into the existing phone site. He said that the height of the panel is approximately 9 feet and was dictated by AT&T. T-Mobile would like to propose something lower, but it was AT&T determination. The purpose of the panel is to bring additional bandwidth.

COMMISSION ACTION

Moved by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Bautista to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Edelman, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to adopt the findings as outlined in the staff report of March 2, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Bautista, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to affirm the Environmental Assessment. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Commissioner Edelman, seconded by Commissioner Bautista, to approve Use Permit UP09-7 subject to the Findings and Conditions as outlined in the staff report of March 2, 2010. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Edelman, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Berger
Director of Economic and Community Development

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