

MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of September 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Fairfield, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cayler, Walker, Hollingsworth and Chairperson Rhoads-Poston

EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; Jim Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel; Karen Avery, Senior Planner; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

The Minutes of the regular meetings of July 2 and August 20, 2015 were approved as prepared.

Items from the Public:

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Use Permit Application No. U-15-03 of **Verizon Wireless** for an 80' new wireless communications facility to be located at 4461 Peaceful Glen Road, 2.5 miles north of the City of Vacaville in an "RR-2.5" Rural Residential Zoning District, APN: 0105-030-290. The Planning Commission will also be considering adoption of a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. (Project Planner: Karen Avery)

Karen Avery gave a brief presentation of the written staff report. Verizon Wireless is requesting a use permit to install a telecommunications facility consisting of an 80' multi-carrier monopine within a 1225 sq. ft. lease area. The lease area will contain the ground equipment necessary to operate the site and will be enclosed by a 6' chain link fence with privacy slats. The project complies with the County's requirement for new wireless communications facilities. A Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with CEQA requirements.

Ms. Avery noted that two comment letters were received regarding aesthetics. One letter was not specific to the site design, the second letter requested that the wireless facility consist of a camouflaged tree placed off the roadway which staff believes is what the applicant is proposing. Staff recommended approval of the project.

Since there were no questions of staff, Chairperson Rhoads-Poston opened the public hearing.

Maria Kim spoke on behalf of Verizon Wireless. She stated that Verizon has looked very hard to find a facility in this area that will be able to offload capacity from two existing Verizon wireless sites to the north and to the south. She said that capacity is the need for bandwidth of service and this site is particularly important because it is located off I-505 near the major junction with I-80.

Since there were no further speakers, Chairperson Rhoads-Poston closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hollingsworth and seconded by Commissioner Walker to adopt the Negative Declaration and the mandatory and additional findings and approve Use Permit Application No. U-15-03, subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4627)

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS**

There were no announcements and reports.

3. Since there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned**.