

MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of March 17, 2016

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was held in the Solano County Administration Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers (1st floor), 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Castellblanch

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Walsh, Principal Planner; Karen Avery, Senior Planner; Jim Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Chairperson Cayler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2016 were approved as written.

Items from the Public

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Regular Calendar

Item No. 1.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider Use Permit Application No. U-15-06 of **Verizon Wireless** for a new wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a 103' monopine (faux tree) with supporting ground equipment located within a 50' x 50' fenced compound. The project is located at 5093 Midway Road, Vacaville, in an "RR-5" Rural Residential Zoning District, APN: 0106-220-560. The Planning Commission will also be considering a Mitigated Negative Declaration as recommended by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. (Project Planner: Karen Avery)

Karen Avery gave a brief presentation of staff's written report. The project site is located on a 5.03 acre parcel in a rural residential area. The parcel is developed with a single family dwelling. There is a small animal shelter located behind the house within a fenced enclosure. There is a row of mature trees located along the frontage of the property bordering Midway

Road. The remainder of the parcel is vegetated with annual grasses and it appears that the majority of the property has been used for animal grazing. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for the project which found no significant impacts. Ms. Avery noted that staff amended the conditions of approval, specifically Condition No. 2, to eliminate the language referencing the use of a chain link fence. With that, staff recommended approval of the project.

The applicant's representative, Jenny Blocker, spoke in favor of the project. She stated that this facility is needed for both coverage and capacity for Verizon's network. She said there are two facilities within the vicinity that are currently overloaded and so this site will not only provide coverage to residents, businesses and travelers on Highways 80 and 505, but will also offload those existing facilities so that they operate better.

Chairperson Cayler opened the public hearing. Since there was no one from the public wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Hollingsworth to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the mandatory and additional findings, and to approve Use Permit Application No. U-15-06 subject to the recommended conditions of approval as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4636)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS

There were no announcements or reports.

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