

# ***MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION***

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## **Meeting of April 7, 2016**

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

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

**EXCUSED:** Commissioner Castellblanch

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; 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 March 17, 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 Minor Use Permit Application No. MU-15-08 of **Verizon Wireless** to co-locate a wireless communication facility on an existing PG&E utility tower located at 5210 Hawkins Road, 3.5 miles east of the City of Vacaville in an "A-40" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0134-300-020. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction of Small Structures. (Project Planner: Eric Wilberg)

Eric Wilberg gave a brief presentation of the written staff report. On April 20, 2000 the Zoning Administrator granted Land Use Permit U-00-07 to Sprint for the construction and operation of wireless communication facility mounted on a 113' tall PG&E tower. On February 9, 2012 a revision was granted to allow modifications to the Sprint antennas and equipment. In order to provide clear, consistent mobile communications service to the area of eastern Vacaville, Verizon Wireless is requesting use permit approval to construct a co-located

telecommunication facility on an existing PG&E transmission tower. The facility consists of installing six (6) panel type antennas, six (6) remote radio units (RRU's) and two (2) surge protectors on a six (6) foot tall top hat extension above the existing Sprint antennas. The project would increase the overall height of the tower to 125'3". The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction of Small Structures. Staff recommended approval of the project.

Since there were no questions or comments, Chairperson Cayler opened the public hearing.

Aaron Salars, On Air, LLC, spoke on behalf of the applicant stating that they concur with staff's report and the conditions of approval. He commented that this is a good project and co-location is always a preferable choice.

Since there were no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads-Poston to adopt the resolution and approve Minor Use Permit Application No. MU-15-08 based on the findings and subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4637)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS**

There were no announcements or reports.

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