

**CITY OF FOLSOM
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 20, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER PLANNING COMMISSION: Chair Greg Eldridge; Vice Chair Ross Jackson; Commissioners: John Arnaz, Dave Benevento, Brian Martell, Thomas Scott,

ABSENT: Lance Klug

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

MINUTES: Minutes of June 15, 2011 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Oath of Office Given to New Planning Commissioner**

Secretary Deppe administered oath of office to new Commissioner John Arnaz

2. **PN11-158, Verizon Conditional Use Permit Modification, 715 Riley Street**

Associate Planner Kei Zushi gave the staff report, stating the subject site is located at 715 Riley Street and the application is a modification to the previously approved conditional use permit (PN01-626). That conditional use permit was to replace the then existing monopole with another monopole. Three panel antennas were installed on the monopole and an equipment shelter was constructed. The current applicant is proposing to replace the wooden light pole with a steel light pole, which will be 78 feet tall. The applicant is also proposing to install six Verizon antennas on the new pole at a height of 75.5 feet. There are currently 12 field lights on the existing light pole and the applicant is proposing to transfer those lights to the new steel light pole. A vicinity map was shared with the Commission and the location of the proposed pole pointed out (southeast corner of the site). There are residential developments to the north and east and a commercial development to the south of the project site. Photographs of the project site were shared with the Commission. Planner Zushi added that the applicant has indicated that the Cell on Wheels (COW) is no longer a part of this application. The proposed monopole will be grey in color to match the other monopole on the site. Staff recommended approval of the project.

A discussion ensued with regard to approvals of previous applications at the site. It was pointed out that there were two separate monopoles on the site.

In response to Commissioner Scott, Planner Zushi replied that the proposed light pole was approximately 40 feet from the track. Commissioner Scott further asked for clarification with regard to the Electromagnetic Field. Planner Zushi explained that the 15-foot access restriction was for the antennas and not the pole.

Allen Fink, representing the applicant, provided some history of the site, stating that the wooden pole that was originally placed on the other side of the field was done by Metro PCS because the pole was unstable. ClearWire received approval by the Commission to put antennas on the new steel tower across the field. In 2008, Verizon wanted to replace the pole with a steel pole because the wooden pole was not sturdy enough and this was not done and that was why this application is before the Commission.

Chair Eldridge opened the Public Hearing; no one came forward to speak so the Public Hearing was closed.

COMMISSIONER ARNAZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MODIFICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VERIZON WIRELESS

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COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (PN 11-158) AS ILLUSTRATED IN ATTACHMENTS 5 AND 6 WITH FOLLOWING FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS: GENERAL FINDINGS "A" AND "B," CEQA FINDING "C," CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FINDING "D"; AND CONDITIONS 1-14.

COMMISSIONER MARTELL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	ARNAZ, JACKSON, BENEVENTO, MARTELL, ELDRIDGE, SCOTT
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	KLUG

REPORTS:

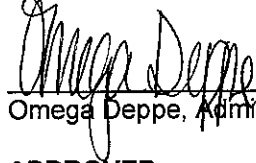
Planning Commission/Director:

Director Miller updated the Commission with regard to the Governor's plans as it relates to Redevelopment Agencies in California.

Commissioner Martell stated that exterior satellites were being placed at the Rivage development; he requested that staff look into this because the Commission had placed a condition of approval on the project that these satellites were not allowed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Omega Deppe, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



GREG ELDRIDGE, CHAIR