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Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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TO: Paul McCarthy
HEARING OFFICER

FROM: MARK CHILD 
ZONING PERMITS I SECTION

SUBJECT: PROJECT NUMBER R2008-01980 (3)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RCUP200800165 (3)
3418 Shoreheights Dr.

On September 15, 2009 a public hearing was conducted for the consideration of project number R2008-01980, RCUP200800165. The applicant, Omnipoint Communications (T-Mobile), is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to authorize the construction, maintenance and installation of a new wireless telecommunications facility consisting of three (3) panel antennas, to be mounted on a 22'6" concrete textured octagonal pole within the public road right-of-way (ROW). The antennas will be enclosed by a 30" x 66" random placed on the top of the pole. The overall height of the pole is 28' and the associated equipment will be placed in a vault across the street.

After hearing testimony from an opponent and taking into consideration various letters of opposition from the neighborhood residents, the Hearing Officer requested that the applicant meet with the neighbors to determine if they can resolve all the concerns raised by the neighbors. The main concern was geological issues to constructing the wireless facility.

On November 17, 2009 a public hearing was conducted and the applicant indicated that the required community meeting scheduled for November 14, 2009 was canceled and was to be conducted in December which did not occur. The hearing was continued to January 5, 2010.

At the January 5, 2010 hearing the applicant indicated that he was unsuccessful in conducting a meeting with the neighbors and requested that the hearing to be continued. The Hearing Officer continued the hearing to February 16, 2010 to give the applicant one additional opportunity to meet with the neighbors.

The neighbors met on January 25, 2010 and it appears that there was no resolution to the neighborhood concerns. On January 26, 2010, Staff received an e-mail from Audrey Sarn who stated that the "neighborhood seems to be overwhelmingly against it".

In view of the facts presented above the applicant will present further information of the neighborhood meeting.

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Fierros, Daniel

From: Audrey Sarn [audrey@audreysarn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Fierros, Daniel
Subject: Re: Sunset Mesa Proposed Cell Tower

Thank you Daniel for clarifying.

The neighborhood seems to be overwhelmingly against it. This community is unique because it has no above ground utilities. A big draw of this neighborhood is it's scenic beauty. We have CCR's to help maintain the beauty and all residents participate in CCRs, so to then have a cell tower doesn't make any sense. I could understand if we had above ground utilities, but we don't and that is a big draw for the residents. Also, we have located only 5 T-Mobile customers and not even all of them want the cell tower. (This tower will only benefit T-Mobile carriers since it is not a co-location tower.) It just doesn't make sense on multiple levels for our community.

Most people cannot come to the hearing due to work, kids and age (we have many older residents) so they are asking what they can do to have their voices heard. Could you please provide me with Paul McCarthy's address so that I can let them know to write a letter or let me know the best way to have their voices heard.

Thank you again for your help Daniel. It makes a big difference to be able to email and get a response from someone so I appreciate it tremendously.

Audrey Sarn

On Jan 26, 2010, at 9:46 AM, Fierros, Daniel wrote:

> I am the person who will present your case to the hearing officer. Any
> concerns or issues that need or have been resolve I can inform the
> hearing officer of those issues or concerns.

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> The Hearing officer is Paul McCarthy. You can write a letter to the
> hearing officer which I can deliver to him prior the hearing and the
> letter will also become part of the public file. You are not allowed
> to discuss the case with the hearing officer outside the hearing room
> this would violate the Brown Act.

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> Is the neighborhood for or against the project now that everyone is
> informed of the facts? What occurred in the meeting?

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> Daniel Fierros

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Audrey Sarn [mailto:audrey@audreysarn.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 9:04 AM
> To: Fierros, Daniel
> Subject: Sunset Mesa Proposed Cell Tower

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> Hi Daniel,

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> Our community meeting last night went well.

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> I wanted to know:

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> 1. Are you the person who will be at the hearing listening to us? If
> not, who is that and how can I contact them?
> 2. If you are not the person at the hearing, what is your position?
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> I am just trying to figure out everyone's roll in all of this.
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> Thank you,
> Audrey Sarn