

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Westminster Council Chambers
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA 92683
April 12, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order The Planning Commission of the City of Westminster met in a regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 called to order in the Westminster Council Chambers, at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Turro.

Roll Call Commissioners present: Bertels, Cruz, Nguyen, Turro
Commissioner absent: Krippner

Staff Attendance Art Bashmakian, Planning Manager; Sam Rake, Contract Planner; Maria Moya, Department Secretary; and Christian Bettenhausen, Deputy City Attorney

Salute to the Flag All persons present joined in the Salute to the Flag, conducted by Commissioner Cruz.

Approval of Minutes There was no minutes scheduled for approval.

Commissioner Krippner arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Oral Communications There were no Oral Communications received.

Written Communications There were no Written Communications received.

Public Hearing A. Case No. 2006-11 – Conditional Use Permit, Design Review. Located at SW Corner of Hazard Avenue and Hoover Street. Construction of an unmanned, wireless telecommunications facility on the existing Southern California Edison transmission tower.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Case No. 2006- 11 (CUP, DR) for the construction of a wireless communications facility on the existing Southern California Edison transmission tower at the southwest corner of Hazard Avenue and Hoover Street based on the findings and subject to the conditions.

Mr. Sam Rake made a brief presentation on the background and analysis of the proposal. Based on staff findings, the Commission received staff recommendation to approve Case No. 2006- 11 (CUP, DR) subject to the conditions listed in the draft resolution.

The public hearing was opened.

Representing the applicant, TMobile, and available to answer any questions was Mr. Paul Gerst of Sequoia Deployment Services, One Venture, Irvine.

No one spoke in opposition and the public hearing was closed.

Motion

On motion of Commissioner Bertels, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, and carried 5-0, the Commission approved Case No. 2006-11 (CUP, DR) for the construction of a wireless communications facility on the existing Southern California Edison transmission tower at the southwest corner of Hazard Avenue and Hoover Street based on the findings and subject to the conditions listed in the draft resolution.

- B. Case No. 2006-13- Conditional Use Permit, Design Review. Located at 8990 Westminster Boulevard. Construction of a roof-top wireless telecommunications facility on the existing commercial building.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve Case No. 2006-13 (CUP, DR) for the construction of a wireless communications facility on the existing commercial building based on the findings and subject to conditions.

Mr. Rake indicated that this proposal is another wireless telecommunication facility proposed by the same applicant, Sequoia Deployment Services, which would be rooftop-mounted on a 3-story commercial building. Mr. Rake summarized the proposed project's background and design. Subject to staff findings and conditions, staff recommended that the Commission approve Case No. 2006-13 (CUP, DR).

The public hearing was opened and closed as no one wished to speak either for or against the proposal.

Motion

Commissioner Bertels moved that the Commission approved Case No. 2006-13 (CUP, DR) for the construction of a wireless communications facility on the existing commercial building based

on staff findings and subject to conditions listed in the resolution. Commissioner Nguyen seconded.

Mr. Bettenhausen pointed out that on Page 3 of 5, paragraph 5, line 2 of the draft resolution, "Case 2006-11" should be changed to "Case 2005-13".

The motion carried 5-0.

New Business There was no New Business scheduled for review.

Old Business There was no Old Business scheduled for review.

Administrative Approvals The Planning Commission received notification that there was no Administrative Approval item reviewed by the Planning Manager.

Reports and Comments:

Planning Manager Mr. Bashmakian expressed his appreciation to the Commission for wishing him congratulations as full-time Planning Manager. He stated that he was honored and happy to serve the community of Westminster and the Commission.

Mr. Bashmakian requested the Commission to confirm its intention to have City Council reconsider the "mansionization" issue. Mr. Bettenhausen advised that in order for the Commission to take action as to whether or not they want to make a recommendation to the City Council, the "mansionization" issue would have to be agendaized. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to agendaize the "mansionization" issue for the May 3 meeting.

Follow-up to Commissioners' Comments Commissioner Bertels stated that the unwanted palm trees are still up along Candlewood Street. Mr. Bashmakian responded that he would forward this information to Public Works Director Marwan Youssef.

City Attorney None

Planning Commissioners Commissioner Bertels mentioned he had the same prior complaints and nothing has been done about them.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Moya
Department Secretary