

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

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## **Meeting of August 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Fairfield, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners Rhoads-Poston, Karah, and Cayler

EXCUSED: Commissioners Boschee and Mahoney

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; Nedzlene Ferrario, Senior Planner; Jim Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Items from the floor - none

**The Minutes** of the regular meeting of August 2, 2012 were approved as prepared.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Use Permit Application No. U-12-09 of **AT&T (c/o Misako Hill)** to extend tower height, relocate and add antenna, Remote Radio Units, GPS and expand lease area. The property is located at 5176 Fry Road, .5 miles east of the City of Vacaville in an "A-40" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0135-090-050. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Nedzlene Ferrario) **Staff Recommendation:** Approval

Nedzlene Ferrario gave a brief presentation of the written staff report. She stated that approval of the project would allow AT&T to enhance and upgrade their 4G technology service which will provide a smoother, more consistent overall mobile broadband service. The wireless modifications are proposed on an existing 123 foot tall PG& E tower at the northeast corner of Fry Road and the railroad tracks, in Vacaville. The tower is an existing collocated wireless facility established in 2005. Staff recommended approval of the project.

The applicant's representative, Misako Hill, 1075 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Emeryville, thanked Ms. Ferrario for her work on the processing of this application. She stated that AT&T concurs with the conditions of approval as proposed.

Acting Chairperson Rhoads-Poston opened the public hearing. Since there were no speakers either for or against this matter, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cayler and seconded by Commissioner Karah to approve Use Permit Application No. U-12-09 subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4580)

2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider Use Permit Application No. U-12-10 of **AT&T (c/o Misako Hill)** to replace 6 panel antennas and add 10 Remote Radio Units on an existing wood pole, and add 1 GPS unit on the equipment shelter and add equipment within the shelter. The property is located at 3600 Ritchie Road .25 miles southwest of the City of Fairfield in an "RR-2.5" Rural Residential Zoning District, APN: 0044-050-160. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Nedzlene Ferrario) **Staff Recommendation:** Approval

Nedzlene Ferrario gave a brief presentation of the staff report. She stated that approval of the project would allow AT&T to enhance and upgrade their 4G technology service which will provide a smoother, more consistent overall mobile broadband service for the I-80/680 service corridors. The wireless modifications are proposed on an existing wireless facility, established in 1999, located at 3600 Ritchie Road, within the rural residential area of Cordelia. Staff recommended approval of the project.

Misako Hill reappeared before the commission. She again thanked Ms. Nedzlene for her work on the processing of the application and stated that AT&T concurs with the conditions of approval as proposed.

Acting Chairperson Rhoads-Poston opened the public hearing. Since there were no speakers either for or against this matter, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karah and seconded by Commissioner Cayler to approve Use Permit Application No. U-12-10 subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4581)

### 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS**

Commissioner Karah noted that added to the itinerary for the Annual California County Planning Commissioner's Association conference will be a cruise from the City of Rio Vista down the Sacramento River.

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