

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA**

March 11, 2010

Chairman Wagner called the El Segundo Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the El Segundo City Hall's Council Chambers, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **PLEDGE TO FLAG**

PRESENT: WAGNER, FUENTES, BALDINO and NEWMAN **ROLL CALL**

ABSENT: FELLHAUER

None. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Wagner opened Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Commissioner Baldino nominated Commissioner Wagner as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Fuentes. Motion carried (4-0). **MOTION**

Commissioner Baldino nominated Commissioner Fellhauer for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Chair Wagner. Motion carried (4-0). **MOTION**

Chair Wagner presented the Consent Calendar. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None. **CALL ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Newman, to approve the February 25, 2010, Minutes. Motion carried (4-0). **MOTION**

Chair Wagner presented Agenda Item F-2, Environmental Assessment No. EA-855, Appeal of the Planning and Building Safety Director's Determination to Deny a Request for Plan Check Extension for Project B1416-06 and to Require the Project to Comply with El Segundo Municipal Code ("ESMC") Title 13 (Building Regulations) and Title 15 (Zoning Regulations). Appellant: Mr. Shaun Cooley. Property Owner: Mr. Shaun Cooley. Address: 624 W. Mariposa Avenue.

Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Newman, to approve the Appeal of the Planning and Building Safety Director's Determination to Deny a Request for Plan Check Extension for Project B1416-06 and Resolution No. 2668. Motion carried (4-0). **MOTION**

None. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Wagner presented Agenda Item I-3, Environmental Assessment No. EA-839

and Conditional Use Permit No. 09-03. Applicant: Trillium Consulting, Inc. **NEW BUSINESS – EA-Address: 615 Richmond Street. Property Owner: El Segundo Unified School 839 and CUP 09-03 District.**

Planning Manager Kimberly Christensen presented the staff report (of record.)

Commissioner Baldino asked staff if the height of the cell phone tower would be visible if one stood on Main Street looking toward the El Segundo Library and the gazebo.

Mr. Fernandez stated he was not sure if it would be visible.

Mr. Baldino inquired if the school district was the applicant and if the school district would benefit from the cell tower.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the applicants were the School District, T-Mobil and AT&T and the school district would benefit from it.

Gill Gonzalez, Trillium Consultant & representative for T-Mobile & AT&T

Mr. Gonzalez stated that he was proposing to collocate a cell site belonging to AT&T. He stated that he was proposing to relocate the cell tower closer to the football field away from the residence. Mr. Gonzales clarified that the school district would benefit from a portion of the proceeds gave a brief statement. He then made himself available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Newman inquired about the location of the existing cell cite and it's height.

Mr. Gonzalez responded that the existing site was located close to Mariposa and would be relocated to the center of the school, away from homes. The height of the existing tower is sixty one feet.

Ms. Newman inquired whether the existing site was a light pole.

Mr. Gonzalez stated it was designed as a functioning light standard.

Commissioner Baldino raised the question as to how long the existing cell tower had been there.

Planning Manager Kimberly Christensen stated the applicant did not have a permit so it was there illegally and was not aware of the date since the city had no records for it.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that on school sites, cell towers are typically governed by the Department of the States Architect, that there was a process, and a permit was issued by them.

Michelle Leveya, resident at 218 West Oak Avenue

Ms. Leveya shared her concern regarding the safety of the cell cites along with the reduction of property values and believed this would be a good idea for it.

Commissioner Newman raised a question if this was the only facility for the cell site at the Richmond Street Elementary School and whether there would be a

need for any additional sites at this location.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that with T-Mobile and AT&T there was a gap in coverage resulting in residences and businesses requiring services around the Richmond Street property.

Ms. Newman asked whether there would be a need for any additional cell sites at this location.

Mr. Gonzalez replied that when existing cell sites are too close, they cause interface and that being the case, T-Mobile, would not do that.

Mr. Baldino asked if there were other locations considered for the cell sites besides the school to service the coverage area.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the area was surrounded primarily by residential homes and the needs were created by the public and the residents. He implied that typically cities prefer cell facilities to collocate and T-Mobile had found an existing carrier.

Commissioner Fuentes inquired about the number of T-Mobile cell sites that were here in the city.

Ms. Christensen stated that she believed that the City had processed about half a dozen.

Commissioner Fuentes moved, seconded by Commissioner Newman to approve Mitigated Negative Declaration for Environmental Assessment No. EA-839 and Conditional Use Permit No. 09-03 and Resolution No. 2665. Motion carried (4-0).

MOTION

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING
CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Planning and Building Safety Director Carpenter congratulated Chair Wagner and Vice Chair Fellhauer on their re-election. Mr. Carpenter stated that there will be one item scheduled for the Special Planning Commission Meeting on March 18, 2010.

**REPORT FROM
PLANNING AND
BUILDING SAFETY
DIRECTOR**

The Commissioners congratulated David Wagner for his re-election as Chairman.

**PLANNING
COMMISSIONERS
COMMENTS**

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Wagner adjourned the meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

MOTION

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH 2010.

Greg Carpenter, Secretary of
the Planning Commission
and Director of The
Planning and Building Safety
Department

David Wagner, Chairman
Planning Commission
City of El Segundo, California

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