

*MINUTES*

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF EASTVALE  
Wednesday July 18, 2012  
6:00 P.M.**

**Rosa Parks Elementary School  
13830 Whispering Hills Drive  
Eastvale, CA 92880**

**1. *CALL TO ORDER***

Chairman Link called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. *ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Recording Secretary Renear called roll.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Valentine, Tessari and Blais, Chairman Link.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Patel

Staff present: Planning Director Norris, Senior Planner Guarracino, Assistant Planner Garcia, Recording Secretary Renear and Deputy City Clerk Berry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Blais.

Commissioner Patel arrived at 6:08 p.m.

**3. *ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:***

None

**4. *PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

None

**5. *PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:***

None

**6. *CONSENT CALENDAR:***

None

7. ***NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:***

Items were taken out of order because Commissioner Patel was not in attendance.

7.2 **Freeway Oriented Electronic Billboard**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission review the proposed designs for a Freeway-Oriented Electronic Billboard and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Senior Planner Jerry Guarracino provided the staff presentation.

There was discussion about the location of the sign, the design and location of the pole on the sign.

It was discussed that the sign could potentially bring in an average of \$40,000 a year in revenue from advertising fees.

Commissioners agreed on the asymmetrical design with a flag mount.

7.1 **Selection of new Vice Chair for 2012**

Per Section 2.2 of the Planning Commission Bylaws, the Commission will select a Vice Chair to preside over the Planning Commission meetings for the remainder of 2012.

**Motion: Moved by Valentine and seconded by Tessari to nominate Commissioner Blais for Vice Chair.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

8. ***PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:***

8.1 **Plot Plan No. 11-0749 – Verizon Wireless Facility at McCune Park**

Recommendation: The staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the resolution (included as an attachment to the staff report) adopting a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA for Plot Plan No. 11-0749, subject to the condition of approval.

Assistant Planner Alfredo Garcia provided the presentation.

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 p.m.

There was discussion between the commission and the applicant about height of the tower and whether two buildings at the park housing equipment are necessary. Applicant stated the tower is standard height

and both buildings are needed. It was also stated that there are no towers in the city where Verizon can co-locate.

Public Comment opened at 6:31 p.m.

Manuel Vasquez, a resident, discussed various reasons why he feels the tower is unsafe for people living nearby.

Mrs. Chen, a resident, expressed concern for the safety of children in the area and doesn't want the tower in a residential area.

Isabella Chiu, a resident, lives behind Harada Park and doesn't want the tower in her backyard.

Rachel Du, a resident, does not want the tower in Harada Park, she says her coverage is fine in the area and is concerned about radiation from base station.

The applicant, Richard Odette from Verizon Wireless, addressed concerns stating that the energy put off by the tower is safe. Odette also stated that the tower is needed for public safety officials who use Verizon Wireless for their communication systems in the area.

Public Hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.

Commissioner Valentine stated that the commission was not able to make a decision or object to the proposal based on health reasons.

Public Hearing opened at 6:50 p.m.

Rachel Du, resident, said she didn't receive a notification flier for the cell tower proposal.

Public Hearing closed at 6:57 p.m.

**Motion: Moved by Tessari and seconded by Patel to approve Resolution 12-25 with conditions that an independent review of coverage in the area be done prior to approval of future cell towers and a condition for certification be provided prior to tower being activated.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

8.2 **Plot Plan No. 12-0076 – Verizon Wireless Facility at Harada Park**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission adopt the resolution (included as an attachment to the staff report) adopting a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA for Plot Plan No. 12-0076 and approving Plot Plan No. 12-0076, subject to the conditions of approval.

Assistant Planner Alfredo Garcia provided the presentation.

There was discussion about the location of the tower and access to the buildings associated with the tower by vehicle.

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

Jasper Rong, a resident, said the tower is too close to residents and wants a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to do signal measurements.

Mrs. Chen, a resident, is concerned about health issues and would like the Commission to provide a uniform plan for other companies to follow by for future cell tower proposals.

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

**Motion: Moved by Blais and seconded by Patel to approve Resolution 12-26 with conditions that an independent review of coverage in the area be done prior to approval of future cell towers and a condition for certification be provided prior to tower being activated.**

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Tessari said he appreciates the interest and concern from the public regarding the cell towers and appreciates the comments and opinions provided.

**9. CITY STAFF REPORT:**

The August meeting may be cancelled, nothing on the agenda yet.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Renear  
Recording Secretary