



AZUSA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

December 10, 2008
7:00 P.M.

NOTICE: A copy of the following public hearing staff reports and Initial Studies, if applicable, for the Planning Commission projects will be available for review during regular working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday at the Planning Division and during regular hours of the Azusa City Library. Any questions regarding any agenda item may be answered by the Planning Division at (626) 812-5017. The Planning Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Azusa Civic Auditorium at 213 East Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, California

Call To Order

Chairman Dodson called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Rentschler the flag salute.

Roll Call

Members present: RENTSCHLER, DODSON, GILES, ROSALES

Members Absent: ALVA

Staff Present

Director of Economic and Community, Kurt Christiansen; Assistant Director of Community Development, Conal McNamara; BBK Attorney, Michael Torres; Senior Planner, Susan Cole ; Planning Technician, Graciela Acosta.

Approval of Minutes

July 23, 2008

Commissioner Rentschler moved to approve and Chairman Dodson second the move. Commissioner Rosales abstained. Commissioner Giles recused. Minutes approved, 2 to 1.

July 30, 2008

Commissioner Rentschler moved to approve and Chairman Dodson second the move. Commissioner Rosales abstained. Commissioner Giles recused. Minutes approved, 2 to 1.

October 29, 2008

Commissioner Rosales moved to approved, Commissioner Giles second the move and approved the minutes with out objection.

Public Participation

1. Mr. Mike Lee, 636 E. Lee Place, spoke.
2. Mr. Morales spoke.

Public Hearing

1. Use Permit UP-2007-05 & VAR V 2007-06

Applicant: Delta Group for Verizon Wireless

APN: 8611-036-008

Location: 250 E. First Street

A Use Permit to construct a telecommunication facility disguised as a flag-pole with ground level electronic cabinets. A Variance is also requested to allow a reduction of front, side and rear yard setback.

Ms. Susan Cole, Senior Planner made the staff presentation.

Recommendation: The Planning Division recommends based on the Development Code and the Design Review Findings of Fact and conformance with the General Plan and CEQA guidelines, staff recommends approval subject to conditions of approval in Exhibit A with condition 9 modified.

The Commissioners discussed a height of other flag poles, landscaping in front of property, maintenance to the front of property, and were public notices were sent out.

Public Hearing

1. Mr. Vince Amaya, 2362 McGaw Ave. Irvine, CA 92614 and as applicant representative.
2. Mr. Jesse Martinez, present commander at 250 E. First Street, spoke in favor of project.
3. Mr. Art Morales, spoke in favor of the project.
4. Mr. Mike Lee, resident at 636 E. Lee Place, spoke in favor of project.

The Commissioners discussed height of flag pole, antenna inside pole, City owned property too far for coverage, would collocate, Roadway Inn not an option due to antennae separation requirements, flag would be maintained, flag pole would be regularly maintained, asphalt would be slurry sealed every two years as needed, and flag pole would not interfere with ingress or egress of property.

Deliberation

Commissioner Rentschler discussed concerns with flag and she was not concerned with two poles remaining on property. Commissioner Giles concerned with diameter of poles and the “new one” as oversized. Commissioner Rosales concerned with alternatives appearing as an eye sore, this alternative would be most appropriate for the location and conceals equipment within pole. He would have no objections to maintenance issues and he was glad the project would be a flag pole. Chairman Dodson concerns were lessened with the proposed location for the flag pole and no objections with one to three flag poles located there. He would like the locations depicted on a “master plan”.

First Motion

Commissioner Rentschler moved to approve Use Permit UP-2007-05 & Variance 2007-06 and second by Commissioner Rosales without removal of existing pole and modify conditions of approval. The vote was as follows:

AYES:	RENTSCHLER, ROSALES
NOES:	GILES
ABSTAIN:	DODSON
ABSENT:	ALVA

The motion fails 2 to 2.

Second Motion

Commissioner Giles moved to approve Use Permit UP-2007-05 & Variance 2007-06 and second by Commissioner Rosales with removal of existing pole and modify conditions of approval. The vote was as follows:

AYES: GILES, ROSALES
NOES: RENTSCHLER
ABSTAIN: DODSON
ABSENT: ALVA

The motion fails 2 to 2.

Third Motion

Commissioner Rentschler moved to approve Use Permit UP-2007-05 & Variance 2007-06 and second by Commissioner Rosales with allowance for existing pole to remain and modify conditions of approval. The vote was as follows:

AYES: RENTSCHLER, DODSON, GILES, ROSALES
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: ALVA

The vote was approval 4 to 0. There would be a 20 day appeal period on this item to City Council.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Dodson asked for an update on the Dierking presentation.

Mr. McNamara stated this request along with another request for recognition was discussed by City Council. A proclamation would be presented to Chairman Dierking at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Kristiansen mentioned there were two Commissioners, one was from the Personnel Board and the other was Commissioner Dierking. On December first this matter went to the City Council for action.

Commissioner Rosales clarified this matter would established policy for recognizing every Commissioner completing a full term.

New Business

Commissioner Dodson asked if there would be a meeting or were any items on the agenda for the meeting of December 24, 2008.

Mr. McNamara answered there were no items for now but there were items for January 2009.

Chairman Dodson stated next meeting for January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Reports and Communications

Mr. McNamara stated that no proclamation for Commissioner Dierking was discussed under New Business.

Discussion Items From the Planning Commission

- Commissioner Rentschler wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Rosales indicated the same wishes to the public, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To fellow Commissioners and staff Feliz Navidad and Prospero Ano Nuevo.
- Commissioner Giles indicated would see everyone next year.

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- Chairman Dodson pointed out the a City of Azusa sign needed maintenance.
Mr. McNamara stated he would ask Fran Delach to its maintenance.
Mr. Christiansen stated Redevelopment considered redoing the sign, currently maintained by Public Works and redevelopment is in the process of locating parts for reader board, unfortunately parts are mostly obsolete.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

December 14, 2008 cancelled.

January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.