

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES – April 15, 2015**

PRESENT: Committee members Ike Perez, Anne Burdick, Tom Minton, Roy Moosa, Tom Harrington, Ron Miller and Jean Dooley. Guests: Mr. Ted Marioncelli, of Verizon Wireless, and Mr. Adam Stone, representing T- Mobil.

1. Open Forum – No comments.
2. Minutes- **Motion to accept Minutes from the March meeting, made by Ms. Burdick, passed. The Minutes were approved as presented.**
3. MUP14-004 Modification request for a Major Use Permit for an unmanned telecommunication site at 731 S. Stage Coach Lane was presented by Mr. Marioncelli. **Mr. Marioncelli indicated that he made two changes to the original plan as requested. One change was the reduction in the height of the tower, from 40+ feet to 35 ft. which would be accomplished by removing the inclined roof above the antennas, in order to conform to the Fallbrook Community Plan guidelines. The second was to temporarily remove the permanent generator and accompanying retaining wall needed to conceal it. Fire Department officials were concerned that the location of fuel storage was too close to the buildings and insist that the generator be located at least 25 feet from the buildings. Mr. Marioncelli explained that Verizon and church staff are still in discussions regarding the location of a future generator and he will come back to the planning group on that issue at a later time. Ms. Burdick said that one of the previous concerns was related to Verizon’s willingness to meet with the neighbors to discuss concerns. Mr. Marioncelli said that they have not had that meeting because the change in location had eliminated a lot of the concerns. Regarding the concern over the original deed to the property and purpose of its use, Mr. Marioncelli indicated that he has a letter from the original deed owner who stated that the cell tower was not a problem for her. Additional concerns previously expressed by neighbors included the possible danger of radiation emitted from the tower and the sharing of responsibility by Verizon in road maintenance on Reche Road. Since Reche Road is no longer included as part of the project, the maintenance issue should no longer be a concern. He suggested that those who have concerns about radiation contact the American Cancer Society or other groups who have researched the issue and have come to the conclusion that radiation is not something we need to be concerned about. After additional discussion, Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the changes as presented. The motion passed, with 5 yes votes and 1 voting against because the 40 foot peaked tower design was favored over the 35 foot flat top design.**
4. MUP15007 Request for a cellular communication facility for T-Mobil with a 45 foot tall monopine at the Fallbrook Community Center. **Mr. Adam Stone presented the request. He recognized that the Fallbrook Community Plan Guidelines have a height limitation of 35’, but indicated that he felt the additional height was necessary in this case because of its location among a number of tall trees and in order to provide the needed service to customers. He further stated that there will be no permanent generator on site and that there are no hazardous substances involved with the tower. There will be a wall surrounding the tower, but it will not be large and imposing. He mentioned that this is an ideal location for a cell tower because of its location very near a Fallbrook Emergency Evacuation site. Mr. Stone indicated that Verizon is willing to work with the County on providing “pruning, or limbing” services, as needed, in order that service not be restricted by the growth of large trees around the tower. Mrs. Dooley made a motion to require that the antennas not be higher than 35’ in**

**order to comply with the Community Plan Guidelines and to be consistent in considering requests, but that the monopine crown be allowed to extend to 40' in order to provide the desired cover for the antennas. The motion failed. Mr. Moosa stated that he thought it was important to support the intent of the guidelines, though not necessarily the "letter of the law." He considered that due to its location next to the Emergency Evacuation Center, that it "may save a life." Mr. Miller then made a motion to accept the project as presented. The motion passed, with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Dooley, committee member