

WEST SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
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RAMONA COMMUNITY CENTER
434 AQUA LANE, RAMONA
January 5, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 p.m.
2. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS PRESENT – Consideration Will be Given to Members Who Have Missed Consistently. They Will Be Removed and Will Need to Reapply for Membership. Members Present: Kristi Mansolf, Chair, Jamie Holabird, Robin Joy Maxson, Kevin Wallace
Guests: Chris and Sharron Camaratta, Rich Martin, Nancy Price

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mansolf said the RCPG meeting date for January changed from January 8 to January 15, due to meeting room availability.

4. Corrections/Approval to the West Minutes 12-1-14 – *Taken at the end of agenda*

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – *None*

Action Item:

6. MUP 14-036, Proposal for a 40 ft high Faux Water Tank, Verizon Telecommunications Facility, with 12 Antennas and 1 Microwave Dish Inside. Custom Concrete Block Equipment Shelter and a Concrete Block Enclosure for an Emergency Generator. Located at 1808 Cedar St by Summer Glen Rd and Olive St.

Ms. Goodman presented the project. The cell site design is for a 40 foot faux water tower with 12 antennas and a microwave dish. The facility will be metal but painted to look like wood. The equipment enclosure will be CMU block as required by the Fire Department. Noise from the project will be in compliance with County requirements. The tower is 50 feet from the property line. Originally the project was proposed to be more west of where it is now. That design did not comply with County requirements for setbacks.

Ms. Maxson asked if the elevation of the tower were different than when the project was first proposed?

Ms. Goodman said the elevation of the tower is about the same as before.

Mr. Wallace cited concerns of impacts of EMF radiation to residents when these facilities are in neighborhoods. The FCC limits for emissions are outdated in the United States. Europe has adapted cell sites to much more conservative levels of EMF than the United States. People living around EMF can have more chronic diseases than people not exposed to the EMF.

Ms. Camaratta said she is concerned with her property value dropping. She is also concerned with potential noise impacts and asked Ms. Goodman if there would be noise impacts?

Ms. Goodman said the emergency generator will be tested once a week, but noise levels will be in compliance with County requirements.

Ms. Maxson said she has a cell site near her property, and it hasn't affected anyone's property values.

When asked about the requirements for locations for cell sites, Ms. Goodman said volume and coverage needs are important considerations.

Ms. Camaratta asked if blasting would be required? There is a lot of rock in the area.

Ms. Goodman said she did not know yet if blasting would be required.

Rich Martin has concerns with health impacts from the cell site. He doesn't want to come out of his front door and look at it. The neighbors are very concerned with the cell site going into the neighborhood, and they will be attending the RCPG meeting 1-15-15.

MOTION: TO NOT APPROVE MUP 14-036 DUE TO NEIGHBORHOOD OPPOSITION IN THIS LOCATION.

Upon motion made by Robin Joy Maxson and seconded by Jamie Holabird, the motion passed 3-0-1-0-0, with Jamie Holabird abstaining.

4. Corrections/Approval to the West Minutes 12-1-14 – *Taken Out of Order*

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 12-1-14 AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Jamie Holabird and seconded by Kevin Wallace, the motion passed 4-0-0-0-0.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf

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