

CITY OF PRINEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING BRIEF

Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The complete minutes are available by digital recording

Commission Members Present: Marty Bailey, Seth Crawford, Linda Chadwick, Will Van Vactor, Deb Harper, Al Baensch

Commission Members Not Present: None

Staff Present: Scott Edelman, Josh Smith

Provided Testimony: Grover Palin, Don Larson

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Marty Bailey called the meeting to order.

A. Continuation of Cu-2008-303, request for placement of a 30 ft. wireless telecommunication facility with enclosure; 31 ft. from the edge of rimrock above Crestview.

Staff: Provided a brief summary of what the Commission asked for at the first hearing and then turned it over to the applicant for a presentation of the submitted information.

Applicant: Don Larson represented the company wanting the cellular site. He presented a new photo simulation with a monopine (cell tower that looks like a Pine tree) and new RF plot maps depicting the reception for multiple cell sites. Don expressed that this was still the preferred site while showing the coverage's of a multiple site solution.

Public Testimony:

Grover Palin: Spoke against the application describing it as a double standard due to his M37 claim that does not allow him to build anything on the rim. He did not believe the Commission had the authority to approve the application.

Commission & Staff Discussion:

The Commission asked several questions in regards to the other site locations, durability of a monopine cell tower and questions of staff regarding the M37 claim. Some Commissioners agreed that the monopine was a plausible solution that would not degrade the viewshed.

After the majority of the discussion it was determined that this was their opportunity to protect the scenic views of the rim without exception and that the County's 200' setback Ordinance should be upheld.

Motion: Don Wood made a motion that the request be denied. Linda Chadwick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. City Council/Planning Commission Workshop was scheduled for the 31st of March.

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

A. Brief discussion about how the next goal 5, 6 & 7 hearing will operate.

Meeting Adjourned: