

CITY OF PRINEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING BRIEF

Tuesday, July 7th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The complete minutes are available by digital recording

City Commission Members Present: Marty Bailey, Seth Crawford, Linda Chadwick, Don Wood, Deb Harper

Commission Members Not Present: Al Baensch

Staff Present: Scott Edelman, Josh Smith, Ricky Sites

Provided Testimony: Don Larson, Roy, Donna Barnes, Devin Best

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Marty Bailey called the Commission to order.

Public Hearing:

A. Cu-2009-103 Cell Tower proposed south west of the hospital and City water tanks.

The applicant requested that this application be continued to the August 4th meeting due to new information. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

B. Cu-2009-102 Cell Tower proposed in Baldwin Industrial Park.

Staff: Staff gave a brief presentation of the proposal including photographs and aerial imagery.

Applicant: The applicant discussed the proposal explaining the reason for the location and height. The applicant then fielded questions and comments from the Commission as follows:

- Concern was expressed that maybe more smaller towers would be better than one large one and the applicant should demonstrate how that could work.
- Ideas were discussed on how to mask the tower with vegetation and color and possible moving the tower south behind the building.
- Concern was expressed that no light should be allowed on the tower.

Commission & Staff Discussion:

The discussion primarily focused on whether many smaller towers would be better than one large tower that other companies could co-locate on. Lighting, color, landscaping and location were also discussed further. The final determination was to approve the application with additional conditions to re-locate the site further south behind the building, use poplar trees to mask the base, prohibit any lighting, use two colors on the pole to mask it from different directions and require removal of pole if not in use.

Decision:

Don Wood then made a motion in favor of the application with the discussed changes. Deb Harper seconded the motion, the motion passed with 4 to one with Seth Crawford as the descending vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. DA-2009-100: Development Agreement for Ochoco Lumber

Staff: Staff gave a brief overview of the project and explaining that the reason for the development agreement is to accomplish the intent of the future overlay district prior to its passing and insure their projects viability prior to construction.

Applicant: Reiterated the project goals and reasoning and explained the design of the project.

Commission/Staff Deliberation: The commission discussion focused on how this project relates to the future Natural Features Overlay Zone and how this property and project will connect with adjacent properties in the future.

Decision: Seth Crawford made a motion to recommend this development agreement to the City Council. Don Wood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Matters:

- None.

Meeting Adjourned: