

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2009

2009-0745 - Clearwire LLC [Applicant] Birchwood Properties, LLC [Owner]: Application for a Special Development Permit to allow a fifth wireless telecommunications carrier to add three panel antennas and three microwave dishes on an existing monopole and associated ground equipment for a site located at **1259 Birchwood Drive**. (APN: 104-29-003) NC

Andrew Miner, Principal Planner, presented the staff report. Staff recommends approval of the project subject to the conditions in Attachment B.

Chair Chang opened the public hearing.

Gordon Bell, representative for Clearwire LLC, said that Clearwire concurs with the information in the staff report and is in agreement with the Conditions of Approval.

Comm. Hungerford asked Mr. Bell why the microwave dish addition is useful and what function the dishes serve. Mr. Bell explained that the Clearwire system operates on a microwave backhaul solution with dishes communicating with each other rather than using telephone lines.

Chair Chang closed the public hearing.

Comm. Sulser moved for Alternative 1 to approve the Use Permit with the attached conditions. Comm. Rowe seconded the motion.

Comm. Sulser said that for this type of application the Commission is primarily regulating the aesthetics and that he does not think the proposed project degrades the aesthetics of the site.

Comm. Rowe said that the proposed project causes no problems.

ACTION: Comm. Sulser made a motion on 2009-0745 to approve the Use Permit with the attached conditions. Comm. Rowe seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

APPEAL OPTIONS: This action is final unless appealed to City Council no later than December 8, 2009.