

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2010

2010-7305 - Clearwire - Crown Castle [Applicant] **Michael Loskutoff Trustee** [Owner]: Special Development Permit to allow an extension of an existing 56' wireless telecommunications monopole resulting in a height of 76' and colocation of a third carrier including three microwave dishes and three panel antennas with associated ground equipment on a site located at **1391 Geneva Drive** (Negative Declaration) (APN: 110-33-019) MH

Steve Lynch, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. He said staff is recommending approval subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment B.

Comm. Rowe discussed with staff the photo simulations. Comm. Rowe said she is concerned about the attractiveness of the pole and asked what the guideline would be regarding allowing a naked pole or requiring a tree pole. **Trudi Ryan**, Planning Officer, said there is no hard and fast guideline and it depends more on the backdrop for the pole. Ms. Ryan said staff tries to incorporate the surrounding architecture or trees with poles when possible and staff felt that the proposed pole was consistent with the industrial setting. Comm. Rowe confirmed with staff that the applicant could come back again and ask for another extension up to 100 feet.

Chair Chang opened the public hearing.

Pamela Nobel, representing Clearwire, the applicant, said the report covers the proposal well. She addressed Comm. Rowe's questions. Ms. Nobel said that this monopole is close to the property line and a tree pole would hang over the property line. She said the original proposal was to have a wagon wheel design, however they worked with staff and the proposal is now as stealth as possible.

Comm. Rowe asked why the base of the pole does not have to be broadened when height is being added. Ms. Nobel said the existing pole has adequate structural specifications to support the additional equipment.

Comm. Sulser discussed with the applicant the color of the pole. Comm. Sulser discussed with staff options of paint color for the pole.

Comm. Rowe discussed with staff the possibility of painting the pole a battleship grey. Staff said neutral colors are best.

Chair Chang closed the public hearing.

Comm. Sulser moved for Alternative 1, to adopt the Negative Declaration and approve the Special Development Permit with the Conditions of Approval in Attachment B. Comm. Klein seconded the motion.

Comm. Sulser said if this were a new installation he would want something better looking than the existing monopole, however since this is an extension of an existing monopole that has been on the property a long time that he finds the pole acceptable as proposed.

Comm. Klein said he was able to make the findings and agrees with Comm. Sulser. He said the extension on existing pole is still within the allowed height and he is comfortable with staff selecting the color. He said this is a monopole in an industrial area and this is as good as it is going to look.

ACTION: Comm. Sulser made a motion on 2010-7305 to adopt the Negative Declaration and approve the Special Development Permit with the Conditions of Approval in Attachment B. Comm. Klein seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

APPEAL OPTIONS: This action is final unless appealed to the City Council no later than July 13, 2010.