

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: AUGUST 23, 2007**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:

SUP-22852 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: CROWN CASTLE USA, INC. - OWNER: COUNTY OF CLARK - Request for a Special Use Permit FOR THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING 60 FOOT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (NON-STEALTH DESIGN) TO 80 FEET on the west side of Oso Blanca Road, approximately 1,175 feet south of Deer Springs Way (APN 125-21-301-000), C-1 (Limited Commercial) and U (Undeveloped) Zones [TC (Town Center) Land Use Designation], Ward 6 (Ross)

IF APPROVED, P.C.: 09/19/07

IF DENIED, P.C.: FINAL ACTION Unless Appealed Within 10 Days)

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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**RECOMMENDATION:
DENIAL**

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photo
5. Justification Letter
6. Support postcards
7. Submitted after final agenda Protest postcards

Motion made by SAM DUNNAM to Approve subject to conditions, deleting Condition 1 and adding the following condition as read for the record:

A. Maximum of 70 feet in height, stealth pine design, subject to the approval of Planning and Development.

Passed For: 6; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

GLENN TROWBRIDGE, DAVID STEINMAN, STEPHEN EVANS, LEO DAVENPORT, BYRON GOYNES, SAM DUNNAM; (Against-RICHARD TRUESDELL); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)



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Minutes:

CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT declared the Public Hearing open.

ANDY REED, Planning and Development Department, stated the proposed tower extension is incompatible with existing residential uses and recommended denial.

MARK McGAREY, 1181 Grier Road, appeared on behalf of the applicant. He explained Cricket Communications is attempting to enter the Las Vegas market and collocating antenna arrays is the least intrusive and most cost-effective way to do that. He noted the tower could be shorter than requested as a potential client had backed away from their interest in this tower and added that the property cannot be developed due to access issues related to the US-95 and I-215 freeways. He suggested the 10-foot tower extension is modest in nature and that collocation is preferred over new tower locations.

CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT stated he could not support a non-stealth tower and MR. McGAREY stated a true stealth design could be a possibility.

COMMISSIONER DUNNAM stated the neighborhood expressed concern with this application and concurred with CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT.

COMMISSIONER TROTTER expressed his support for a stealth design, but suggested a solitary pine tree in that location would appear silly. CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT and COMMISSIONER DUNNAM expressed their preference for a stealth design, stating that a solitary pine tree is preferable over a tall tower array.

MR. McGAREY informed COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL that it was possible to mount the antenna arrays at a lower height, but would not meet needs of the applicant who was attempting to create a cellular footprint with the fewest towers possible. COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL acknowledged that collocation is preferred over new cellular tower sites, but suggested installing the arrays at a lower height would be more appropriate.

During the crafting of the motion, MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department, assisted COMMISSIONER DUNNAM in wording the additional condition and MR. McGAREY agreed to all conditions, including the deletion of Condition 1.

CHAIRMAN DAVENPORT declared the Public Hearing closed.