



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 22.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: JANUARY 24, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: ABEYANAYAKE - SUP-28473 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING -
APPLICANT: METROPCS - OWNER: MER-CAR CORPORATION - Request for a
Special Use Permit FOR A PROPOSED 60 FOOT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
FACILITY, SITE DESIGN at 4506 East Charleston Boulevard (APN 140-32-401-006), C-1
(Limited Commercial Zone, Ward 3 (Reese))

IF APPROVED: C.C. - 02/20/08

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

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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City Council Meeting

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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. Photos
5. Justification Letter
6. Protest/support postcards and telephone protest

Motion made by GLENN TROWBRIDGE to Deny

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

SAM DUNNAM, DAVID STEINMAN, RICHARD TRUESDELL, BYRON GOYNES,
GLENN TROWBRIDGE, STEVEN EVANS, VICKI QUINN; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN GOYNES declared the Public Hearing open.

ANDY REED, Planning and Development Department, stated that approval of a third cell phone tower at this location would create a saturation of uses in the area and he recommended denial.

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JOHN WRIGHT, 7477 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Suite 260, appeared on behalf of the applicant. He stated that his client was entering the Las Vegas market and explained that the proposed location is the only option for providing service to an area that has a very high demand. He described the proposed cell tower and respectfully requested approval.

TODD FARLOW, 240 North 16th Street, suggested that the cell tower be located on a nearby school which would supply the school with a source of revenue.

MR. WRIGHT explained that the school location would be too close to other locations and stated the proposed location was intended to provide coverage for the intersection.

COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL supported staff's recommendation for denial. He stated the cell phone industry was not contributing to the development of Las Vegas into a world-class city by presenting projects that lacked creativity and were unattractive.

COMMISSIONER QUINN concurred with MR. FARLOW and COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL.

COMMISSIONER EVANS observed that the Commissioners consistently recommend that cell towers be placed in or on public facilities like parks and senior centers. He agreed with COMMISSIONER TRUESDELL that the negative impact of the proposed tower on the quality of life in the City is not worth the increased cell phone coverage.

COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE encouraged the applicant to explore the use of schools, parks and churches as possible tower locations.

CHAIRMAN GONZALEZ declared the Public Hearing closed.

