



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 38.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
UP-3034 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: NEW
SINGULAR WIRELESS OWNERS SMOKE RANCH CENTER EQUITY PARTNERS,
LLC - Request for Special Use Permit FOR PROPOSED 70-FOOT TALL WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION FACILITY, HEALTH DESIGN (MONOPINE) at 6000 Smoke Ranch
Road (APN 138-12-000-003), CD (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow)

IF APPROVED, C.C.: 12/17/2008
IF DENIED, P.C. FINAL ACTION (Unless Appealed Within 10 Days)

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.	2	Planning Commission Mtg.	1
City Council Meeting	0	City Council Meeting	0

RECOMMENDATION:
DENIAL

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location, Aerial and Special Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letters
6. Support Postcard
7. Submitted after Final Agenda Protest/Support Postcards

Motion made by DAVID STEINMAN to Deny

Passed For: 6; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0
STEVEN EVANS, VICKI QUINN, DAVID STEINMAN, BYRON GOYNES, GLENN
TROWBRIDGE, RICHARD TRUESDELL; (Against-KEEN ELLSWORTH); (Abstain-None);
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:
CHAIR GOYNES declared the Public Hearing open.

PETER LOWENSTEIN, Planning and Development Department, stated the subject site has an existing stealth cellular tower and approval for three roof-top antennas. He recommended denial of the application as an additional tower would constitute a saturation of similar uses and would present a visual blight to nearby residential units. He noted additional protests and supports had been received.

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JOHN WRIGHT appeared on behalf of the applicant. He described the applicants efforts to obtain a site in this area and explained that a 70-foot pole was needed for the cellular antennas. He stated the tower was needed to handle existing traffic and volume and suggested this tower could limit additional towers in the area by providing a place for other cellular companies to co-locate. He also noted that the residential units had trees to help screen the view of the cell towers.

TODD FARLOW, 245 North 19th Street, suggested the cellular antennas be placed on schools or City facilities to provide much needed funding to those entities. CHAIR GOYNES, COMMISSIONER EVANS and COMMISSIONER STEINMAUER concurred.

MR. WRIGHT replied that the Clark County School District requires a minimum of five sites for antennas and his company could only find four workable sites. He added the City fire station in the area would not provide the coverage his client needed.

COMMISSIONER EVANS observed that stealth cell towers do not look like trees and noted the site was not being maintained. MR. WRIGHT explained that he was not responsible for the site's maintenance and stated the property owner was in the process of addressing the maintenance issues.

MR. WRIGHT informed COMMISSIONER EVANS that more cellular towers were needed as consumers are moving away from land lines and using their cell phones as primary phone lines.

COMMISSIONER STEINMAUER stated he could not support the application as it was unattractive and would create an oversaturation of towers. WRIGHT stated a stealth palm design could be used and offered to plant additional palm trees for shielding.

CHAIR GOYNES declared the Public Hearing closed.

