



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 21.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: **UP-3546 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: VERIZON WIRELESS, INC. - OWNER: TERRY ENTERPRISES, LP.** - Request for a Special Use Permit FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NINE ANTENNAS ON AN EXISTING 110-FOOT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, NON-STEALTH DESIGN, AT A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 121 FEET 3441 West Sahara Avenue (APN 162-08-110-001), C-1 (Limited Commercial) Zone, Ward 1 (Tarkanian)

IF APPROVED, V.C.: 10/21/2009

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, Aerial and Special Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letter
6. Submitted after Final Agenda Protest Postcards

Motion made by VICKI QUINN to Deny

Passed For: 5; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

VICKI QUINN, BYRON GOYNES, GLENN TROWBRIDGE, STEVEN EVANS, GUS FLANGAS; (Against-KEEN ELLSWORTH); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-RICHARD TRUESDELL)

Minutes:

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open.

DOUG RANKIN, Planning and Development Department, stated the requested height increase and the nine antennas would result in increased visual impact. He recommended denial as the use cannot be conducted in a harmonious manner with the surrounding area.

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KEVIN DUGAN appeared on behalf of the applicant, Verizon Wireless. He noted that the site has existed in its current configuration since 1999 and the existing antennas height is 110 feet. This modification would maintain that height and is needed for the deployment of 4G technology.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, requested that a picture of the proposed antenna be displayed.

MR. NAVE informed COMMISSIONER ELLSWORTH that Verizon is proposing to remove six four-foot antennas and replace them with three eight-foot antennas. The height will not exceed 110 feet, but the new antennas will hang lower than the existing antennas.

COMMISSIONER EVANS acknowledged that the tower has been part of the City's skyline for several years, but expressed his preference for a stealth design. He pointed out the existing tower is very ugly and stated the City deserves more attractive cell tower designs. COMMISSIONER ELLS WORTH concurred.

MR. NAVE acknowledged that stealth towers can be suitable and pointed out the existing tower, neighboring power station, power lines and cell tower. He stated that higher cell towers enable the technology to work more efficiently and prevent the need for several shorter towers. He noted that he had met with COUNCILWOMAN MARK KELLAN who appeared to support the request. In response to COMMISSIONER ELLSWORTH'S suggestion that the existing towers appearance could be improved, NAVE explained that a stealth design would require completely replacing and redesigning the existing tower.

COMMISSIONER QUINN stated that this antenna tower would be more appropriate attached to a television station and not located in a residential neighborhood.

SEAN SPANGLER, Las Vegas resident, recommended the City require Verizon to invest the money needed to retrofit the tower and make it attractive. MR. FARLOW concurred.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed.