

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

RECORD OF ACTIONS

January 22, 2009

A. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Board members present: David Brown, Carol Bell, Sandy Diefenbach, Merle Watson, Karl Ulle (arrived at 9:04 a.m.) and Cathrine Laguna.

Board members absent: Robert James

Staff present: Rozanne Cherry

B. Record of Actions from the January 8, 2008 meeting:

MOTION: Moved by C. Bell, seconded by S. Diefenbach, to approve the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

C. Oral and Written Communications: None

D. Consent Calendar: None

E. Individual Case Review:

1. PHG 08-0045, New Wireless Facility, "Popsicle Stick" Installation, 2200 Johnston Road (Rincon Water Tank) Zone RA-5

Applicant: Terri Grisenti, Brian Cook & Associates, 4026 Hawk Street, Suite D, San Diego, CA 92103

Planner: Kristina Owens

Staff described the project which included installing five antennas on 15' high pole mount on the south side and ten antennas on 15' high pole mounts on the northeasterly side, adjacent to an existing water tank. Camouflage leaf socks were proposed over each antenna panel. Staff indicated the existing topography along with the granite slopes made it difficult to construct a mono-tree design similar to the one that already exists at the site. Staff also indicated the site is not very visible. Staff recommended approval of the project with the condition to reduce the total number of antennas from 15 to 9 with three sectors of three antennas each, remove the socks and to paint the poles the same color as the existing water tank, green.

The applicant, Ms. Terri Grisenti described the topography, geology and the visibility of the site. She also described the reasoning for the antennas being placed on two different groups of poles. She indicated that this location was a very high usage site for the Verizon system and that 15 antennas would last longer in the foreseeable future than three antennas in each sector due to the number of different data types to be accommodated.

Vice-Chair Bell preferred socks on the antennas to blend in with the existing vegetation. Board member Diefenbach clarified the fifth antenna would be provided for voice calls. She also

preferred socks on the antennas. Board member Watson indicated the site was isolated and not so noticeable. Board member Ulle clarified the antennas were separated due to the topography of the site and the granite ground and sensitive tank facilities preventing any type of blasting for footings for taller antenna poles.

MOTION: Moved by M. Watson, seconded by K. Ulle, to approve project as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-0

- F. Current Business: Stormwater Presentation presented by Cheryl Filar, Utilities; Mark Williams, J.T. Barr and Stephanie from EDAW. The stormwater water team summarized Federal, State and Local regulations, and described program goals, project planning and design, and integrated management practices (LID Toolbox). The team also identified the specific considerations for LID and infiltration (BMP's) for the San Diego region as climate (fire protection & irrigation requirements), groundwater (proximity & potential contamination), soils/geotechnical (clay soils & steep slopes), landscape and water conservation. Board members discussed concerns regarding the availability of recycled water, encouraging the use of drought-tolerant and native plants, the severe compaction of development sites affecting landscaping, and improving enforcement effectiveness.
- G. Oral Communications: Staff notified the Board that the Design Review Board agendas and the Record of Action would now be posted on the City's Web site.
- H. Board Member Discussion: None
- I. Adjournment at 11:30 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Design Review Board meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Training Room #1 at City Hall, 201 North Broadway.

David Brown, Chairman
of the Design Review Board

Rozanne Cherry, Secretary
of the Design Review Board