

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA**

**Tuesday
November 20, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Clarita was called to order by Chair Berger at 7:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Kennedy led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Chair Berger and Commissioners Burkhart, Kennedy, Ostrom, and Trautman were all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Ostrom to approve the agenda. Said motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2007 (STUDY SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING)

A motion was made by Commissioner Ostrom and seconded by Commissioner Burkhart to approve the minutes of October 16, 2007 (study session and regular meeting). Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 1 MASTER CASE NO. 07-153, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 07-007

Lisa Hardy introduced Ray Barragan, Assistant Planner I.

Mr. Barragan gave the staff report and computer slide presentation.

The public hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m.

Courtney Schmidt, representing Omnipoint Communications, addressed the Commission.

Cynthia Godwin spoke in opposition to the project.

Chair Berger asked Assistant City Attorney Joe Montes to review the legal limitations of the Planning Commission in relation to approvals of wireless telecommunication facilities. Mr. Montes advised the Commission that they are prohibited from denying approval based on “health concerns”.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trautman and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy to adopt Resolution P07-25, approving Master Case No. 07-153, Conditional Use Permit No. 07-007, to allow for the construction a wireless telecommunications facility on an existing Southern California Edison transmission tower with the associated equipment housed beneath the tower, subject to the attached conditions of approval. A roll call vote was taken. Said motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 2 MASTER CASE NO. 07-149, MINOR USE PERMIT NO. 07-043

Lisa Hardy introduced Rachel Stoll, Planning Technician.

Ms. Stoll gave the staff report and computer slide presentation.

The public hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Francisco Negrete, the applicant, addressed the Commission.

Jaqui Ponce spoke in opposition to the project.

Chair Berger announced that Ms. Ponce submitted a written comment as well.

Mr. Negrete rebutted and answered questions from the Commission regarding his experience with alcohol sales and the restaurant’s menu.

The public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Trautman and seconded by Commissioner Ostrom to adopt Resolution P07-24 approving Master Case 07-149, which consists of Minor Use Permit No. 07-043 to allow for alcohol sales at a restaurant located at 23630 San Fernando Road #A, subject to the attached conditions of approval. A roll call vote was taken. Said motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING MANAGER’S REPORT

Lisa Hardy, Planning Manager, gave the Planning Manager’s report. Ms. Hardy notified the Commission that the appeal of the Valencia Town Center East expansion went before the City Council on October 30, 2007, and the project was approved. She informed the Commission that the Town Center West minor use permit for a revised shared parking program would come up for their approval on December 18, 2007.

Ms. Hardy announced that the continued public hearing for Caravilla Mobile Home Park will be brought back to the Planning Commission earlier than February 2008.

Ms. Hardy notified the Commission that the first regular meeting for 2008, scheduled on January 1, will be cancelled due to the holiday.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Kennedy wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ostrom and seconded by Commissioner Trautman to adjourn the meeting. Said motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Michael Berger, Chairperson
Planning Commission

Lisa M. Hardy, AICP, Planning Manager
Community Development

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