

# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES CITY OF GRANT

June 20, 2011

**Present:** Glenn Larson, Tom Stangl, Bob Tufty, Terry Derosier, Loren Sederstrom, Mark Wojcik and Becky Siekmeier

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp; City Attorney, Nick Vivian; and City Clerk, Kim Points

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sederstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Tufty added Discussion of Planning Commission Members Conduct During Meetings to the regular agenda.

**MOTION by Commissioner Siekmeier to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Stangl seconded the motion. MOTION carried unanimously.**

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION made by Commissioner Siekmeier to approve the May 16, 2011 minutes, as presented. Commissioner Tufty seconded the motion. MOTION carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Tufty requested the added agenda item be considered prior to Item 5A.

**MOTION made by Commissioner Stangl to consider the added agenda item prior the amended CUP application. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion. MOTION carried unanimously.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Planning Commission Members Conduct During Meetings – Commissioner Tufty stated during recent meetings some of the Commissioners have been very rude and disrespectful. He stated staff has been treated with disdain and he believes they should be treated with respect. He added that public comment can not go on forever. There is a process for public comment and public hearings are held but continuing public comment for an unspecified amount of time is just not possible. He also stated that Members calling other governmental agencies and inviting them to meetings without going through the City Planner is unprofessional and shows a total lack of respect.

Chair Sederstrom stated the conversation should be held another time but he was concerned about bringing sewer and water into the City of Grant.

Commissioner Larson stated the last few meetings have been very chaotic. There is a certain protocol that needs to be followed. The role of the Planning Commission is to follow the City ordinances and evaluate applications based on those ordinances.

Commissioner Siekmeier state she supposed Chair Sederstrom as Chair because he indicated he was familiar with Roberts Rules of Order. The meetings have not been run well. The Planning Commission needs to work together and not let others run the meetings.

**MOTION by Commissioner Tufty to remove Chair Sederstrom as the Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Stangl seconded the motion. MOTION carried with Commissioner's Derosier, Wojcik and Sederstrom voting nay.**

**MOTION by Commissioner Tufty to nominate Commissioner Larson for Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Stangl seconded the motion. MOTION carried with Commissioner's Derosier and Sederstrom voting nay.**

- A. AT&T, Amended Conditional Use Permit Request, 8380 Kimbro Avenue (Crown Castle Owned Tower), Public Hearing – City Planner Haskamp provided the background on the request advising AT&T is requesting an amendment to the existing CUP for the communications tower located at 8380 Kimbro Avenue North. The applicant has requested to change out the six existing communication antennas and related equipment with a new model, and add an additional three antenna resulting in a total of nine antennas on the tower.

City Planner Haskamp advised there are no changes proposed to the ground equipment with this application. The tower location, height and landscaping are not affected, nor proposed to change, as part of the application.

City Planner Haskamp reviewed the changes from the existing CUP to the amended CUP and outlined the recommended conditions of approval. She noted the number of antennas are limited to and dictated by the load and what the tower can hold.

Mr. Steve Trueman, applicant, came forward and provided an explanation as to how the pole is structured. He stated the application is very simple and is borderline maintenance issue but three antennas are being added. There is no change to the ground equipment. The primary reason for the application is driven by the demand for Smart Phones resulting in the updating of antennas. The pole itself does not provide emissions and there is more exposure to radiation using a microwave.

Chair Larson opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Larry Lanoux, Keswick Avenue, came forward and thanked the City Planner for being so prepared for the tower application. He stated she should have been this prepared for the School and the City should have a Planner that works for the City as opposed to the School District. He stated he believes there was a quorum of the Planning Commission that met and determined to remove the previous Commissioner Sederstrom as Chair. He suggested citizens remove the four Planning Commissioners.

Ms. Joyce Welander, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, came forward and stated she is one of the four closest neighbors to the tower. She confirmed the maximum height of the tower and stated she is glad the tower will not be allowed to go any higher.

Chair Larson closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Chair Larson referred to the City's ordinance relating to antennas and health and safety.

Mr. Trueman advised massive studies have been done and it has never been proven there are health dangers with the poles or antennas. He stated the pole does not generate any radiation. The antennas do but that is why they are placed high on the tower. He confirmed that all information required with the application was submitted to the City and he has met all CUP requirements.

**MOTION by Commissioner Sederstrom to approve the amended CUP application, based on the outlined conditions. Commissioner Tufty seconded the motion. MOTION carried unanimously.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**7. NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Commissioner Tufty to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Siekmeier seconded the motion. MOTION carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Points  
City Clerk