

## Oakland City Planning Commission

Vien Truong, Chair Michael Colbruno C. Blake Huntsman Chris Pattillo Jonelyn Whales Madeleine Zayas-Mart

September 21, 2011
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Present: Colbruno, Huntsman, Pattillo Whales,

Zayas-Mart.

Excused: Truong.

**Staff:** Scott Miller, Mike Rivera, Aubrey Rose, David Valeska, Heather Lee, Cheryl Dunaway

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Scott Miller announced that a vote for Chair Pro Tem is required in the absence of Chair Truong and a Vice Chair. Planning Commission voted unanimously 5 ayes, 0 noes for Commissioner Huntsman to act as Chair Pro Tem at tonight's Planning Commission Meeting. Commissioner Zayas-Mart raised the question that she received from the public inquiring about why the City provides free parking for those who attend the Planning Commission Meetings and not transit passes. They would like to see the City provide incentives for taking public transportation such as free bus or BART passes. Scott Miller responded that the City owns and contracts the parking garage and hence can easily provide free

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parking, whereas transit control is under BART or

AC Transit jurisdiction.

**Agenda Discussion** 

Item #1 has been removed from consent calendar.

Committee Reports

No Committee reports. Scott Miller announced

the September 28, 2011 Design Review

Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to be held on October 12, 2011 due to the Rosh Hashanah Holiday. Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2011 to be held before the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting. This

meeting may be delayed until November.

OPEN FORUM

CONSENT CALENDAR

**Speaker:** Elois Thornton

Item #2 remains on the consent calendar, but Staff has allowed the applicant, Russ Taplin to

speak.

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Location: 2701 High Street

Assessor' s Parcel

032 -2058-098-00

Number:

Proposal:

To expand a telecommunications facility at a four-story apartment

building by replacing three (3) antennas in one of two existing rooftop penthouses, installing three (3) additional antennas there, and replacing two (2) equipment cabinets inside the ground floor.

Applicant/

Michelle Weller / Cortel (for: Sprint)

Phone Number: Owner:

(925) 997-1312 Luis Dasilva

Case File Number:

CMD11-44

Planning Permits Required:

Major Conditional Use Permit with additional telecommunications

findings to expand a telecommunications facility located in a

residential zone;

Regular Design Review with additional findings

General Plan:

Mixed Housing Type Residential

Zoning:

RM-4 Mixed Housing Type Residential Zone - 4

**Environmental Determination:** 

Exempt, Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines:

Existing Facilities;

Section 15183 of the State CEQA Guidelines:

Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or

Zoning

**Historic Status:** 

Non-Historic Property

Service Delivery District: IV City Council District:

Date Filed:

July 28, 2011 Action to be Taken:

Decision based on staff report Finality of Decision:

Appealable to City Council within 10 days

For Further Information: Contact case planner Aubrey Rose, Planner II at (510) 238-2071

or arose@oaklandnet.com

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Commissioner Colbruno made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Zayas-Mart. Action on the matter: Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Location: Inside EBMUD's Water Reservoir property at the Southeast

Intersection of Bullard Dr & Estates Dr (APN: 048C-7188-001-

02)

Proposal: To install a 55 foot high Monopine tree to contain 3 directional

antenna panels, and to install 2 ground-mounted equipment cabinets inside a 6 foot high wooden shelter, located to the north of the water

reservoir facility.

Contact Person: T-Mobile/ Chris Coones

Phone Number: (916) 716-1416

Owner: East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD)

Case File Number: CMDV11-049

Planning Permits Required: Major Conditional Use Permit to operate a Monopole

Telecommunications facility in a residential zone;

Regular Design Review to install a Telecommunications Facility; and Minor Variance to exceed the maximum allowed height of 45 foot

where 55 foot high is proposed

General Plan: Hillside Residential

Zoning: RH-4 Hillside Residential Zone

Environmental Determination: Exempt, Section 15301(e) of the State CEOA Guidelines:

Existing Facilities (additions to existing structures); Section 15183 of the State CEOA Guidelines:

Projects consistent with a Community plan, General Plan or Zoning

Historic Status: (PDHP) Potential Designated Historic Property

Survey Rating: Db +3

Service Delivery District: 2 City Council District: 4

Date Filed: March 21, 2011(revised plans submitted on 08/30/11)

Action to be Taken: Decision based on staff report

Finality of Decision: Appealable to City Council within 10 days

For Further Information: Contact Case Planner Mike Rivera at (510) 238-6417, or by email at

mrivera@oaklandnet.com

Commissioner Pattillo recused herself from hearing this item.

Staff Member Mike Rivera gave a presentation and answered questions asked by the Planning Commission.

**Applicant:** Chris Coones gave a presentation and answered questions asked by the Planning Commission. Planning Commission also asked staff questions in which Scott Miller and Heather Lee responded.

**Speakers:** Matt Scoble, James Hallock, John Rubin, Lauren Kahn, Tracy Fitzgerald, Scott Law, Ellen Ansel, Robert Ansel, Beth Goldberg, Laura Thomas, Maryrose Dunton, Roseann Carrigan.



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Planning Commission Comments: Planning Commission raised the concerns about the proposed monopine being moved from one location to another which will raise the same concerns about blight issues but, from different neighbors. Planning Commission wanted to hear from T-Mobile to find out if it is absolutely necessary to have the proposed monopine installed at this site location. Some of the Planning Commissioners may be willing to support this project as long as the monopine looks more like a real pine tree rather than a cellphone tower like the existing pole.

Planning Commission also raised questions inquiring if the applicant offered the possibility of choosing another site location to install the proposed monopine where there are little to no residents living in the area and did T-Mobile consult with the residents in the area to discuss an alternate site location to install the proposed monopine.

According to the applicant, there were no viable alternate site locations.

Commissioner Zayas-Mart made a motion to approve with the conditions that the applicant add fast growing, robust and complimentary 36 box tree to camouflage the monopine at the wider gap and 24 box tree to camouflage the narrow gap to camouflage the first 30ft., seconded by Commissioner Whales.

Action on the matter: Approved 3 ayes, 1 no (Colbruno).

Location: 3211-3219 Lakeshore Avenue (APN 011-0838-024-00)

> Proposal: Allow an Adult Entertainment Activity (Retail Sales)

**Contact Person/Phone Number:** Barnaby Ltd. (415)974-8985

Terry Gardner Owner:

Case File Number: CMV10-142

Major Conditional Use Permit for Adult Entertainment Activity Planning Permits Required:

(merchandise and educational/health workshops) and Major Variance

for Location within 1000 Feet of a Residential Zone

General Plan: Neighborhood Center Mixed Use

> Zoning: CN-1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District

**Environmental Determination:** Categorically Exempt under California Environmental Quality Act

(CEOA) Guidelines Section 15301

**Historic Status:** D2+ Potential Designated Historic Property, Area of Secondary

Interest Contributor, Minor Importance; LS2 Lakeshore Avenue

Commercial District

Service Delivery District: City Council District:

**Staff Recommendation:** Decision based on Staff Report

**Finality of Action:** Appealable to City Council within 10 days

For Further Information: Contact David Valeska at (510) 238-2075 or

dvaleska@oaklandnet.com

Staff Member David Valeska gave a presentation and answered questions asked by the Planning Commission. Scott Miller assisted with answering questions asked by the Planning Commission.

Applicant: Jackie Strong gave a presentation and answered questions asked by the Planning Commission.

Speakers: Joani Blank, Susan Lehman, Kathy Rueger, Tao Matthews, Elizabeth Bialek,

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Ken Prat, Teresa Lee, LeNenna Joiner.

Planning Commission Comments: Concerns about the proposed operating hours being 7 days a week, how many staff members will there be, how many offices are there, etc. Planning Commission stated that they would like for the storefront display to be very positive without any adult content displayed in the windows.

Planning Commission expressed various positive reasons for supporting this proposed project.

Commissioner Pattillo made a motion to approve, seconded by Chair ProTem Colbruno. Action on the matter: Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes.

## APPEALS

4. Location: 1101-58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Assessor's Parcel 041-3892-062-02

Number:

Proposal: To appeal the Zoning Manager's decision to deny an application.

The application requested Zoning approvals to convert a vacant lot located in a residential neighborhood for use as a rear driveway to a warehouse property (1100-57<sup>th</sup> Avenue) located in an abutting industrial

district.

(Appeal of CDV09310 denied February 28, 2011)

Appellant/ Martin Johnson Phone Number: (510) 913-6126

Owner: Martin Johnson

Case File Number: A11-41 (Appeal of CDV08-310 denied February 28, 2011)
Planning Permits Required: Minor Conditional Use Permit to extend a use (industrial) into an

adjacent zone (residential);

Regular Design Review for construction (fence);

Minor Variances (2) for driveway separations of 10-feet where 25-feet

is required, both sides

General Plan: Detached Unit Residential\*

\*General Industrial/Transportation at time application was submitted

and deemed complete December 3, 2008

Zoning: RD-2 Detached Unit Residential Zone \* (front)/

IG General Industrial Zone + S-19 Health and Safety Protection

Overlay Zone (rear)

\* R-50 Medium Density Residential Zone at time of Appeal submittal

Environmental Determination: Exempt, Section 15270 of the State CEOA Guidelines:

Projects Which Are Disapproved

Historic Status: No record (vacant lot)

Service Delivery District: City Council District:

Date Filed: March 10, 2011

Action to be Taken: Deny the Appeal and uphold the Zoning Manager's decision to deny

the application

Finality of Decision: Final. Not administratively appealable.

For Further Information: Contact case planner Aubrey Rose, Planner II at (510) 238-2071 or

arose@oaklandnet.com

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Staff Member Aubrey Rose gave a presentation.

**Appellant:** Martin Johnson presented his reasons why his application should be approved and answered questions asked by the Planning Commission.

Speaker: Malia Sanchez.

Planning Commission Comments: Planning Commission expressed various reasons why they do not support this proposed project.

Commissioner Zayas-Mart made a motion to deny, seconded by Commissioner Pattillo. Action on the matter: Denied 5 noes, 0 ayes.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Pattillo recommended some corrections be made on pages 3 and 5 of the August 3, 2011 minutes concerning Commissioner Colbruno made a motion on item #3 but, there was no reason given on why the motion was made. Commissioner Pattillo recommended conditions of approval on item #5 that were not reflected concerning the landscape of planters considering the path of travel and the feasibility of possibly adding street trees.

Commissioner Colbruno made a motion to approve with corrections to be made on pages 3 and 5, seconded by Commissioner Pattillo.

Action on the matter: Approved 3 ayes, 2 abstentions.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

SCOTT MILLER

Zoning Manager

Planning and Zoning Division

Scott Miller

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** 

October 5, 2011