



BENICIA PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 8, 2009

7:00 P.M.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll Call of Commissioners**

Present: Commissioners Rod Sherry, Lee Syracuse, Brad Thomas and Chair Healy

Absent: Commissioners Don Dean and Rick Ernst (both excused), Commissioner Richard Bortolazzo

Staff Present: Damon Golubics, Principal Planner
Rhonda Corey, Senior Administrative Clerk

- C. Reference to Fundamental Rights of Public** - A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to this meeting room per Section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.

II. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

Damon Golubics advised Commissioners that Item V (A) has been pulled from the Agenda and continued to the meeting of November 12, 2009. Additional City staff members need to be consulted regarding the lease agreement and possible additional fees.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. WRITTEN**
None.
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Syracuse, seconded by Commissioner Sherry, the Consent Calendar was approved with action taken under the adoption of the Agenda to continue Item V(A) to the meeting of November 12, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Sherry, Syracuse, Thomas and Chair Healy
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioners Dean, Ernst and Bortolazzo
Abstain: None

- A. **Approval of Agenda**
- B. **Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2009**
- C. **Approval of 2010 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule**

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. **USE PERMIT - 1100 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD (APN: 086-151-190), VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY**
09PLN-37 Use Permit
1100 Southampton Road, APN: 086-151-190

PROPOSAL:

The applicant requests approval of a use permit to install three additional wireless communication antennas on top of an existing pole located on the athletic field of Benicia Middle School at 1100 Southampton Road. All associated equipment would be located within the existing equipment shelter along the fence line.

Recommendation: Approve a Use Permit to add three additional antennas to an existing wireless communications facility located on the athletic field of Benicia Middle School at 1100 Southampton Road, based on the Findings and Conditions of Approval set forth in the proposed Resolution.

This Agenda Item was continued by the Commission to the November 12, 2009 meeting.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- A. **COMMISSION PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST – Commission Discussion**
Staff will facilitate a discussion regarding the Priority Projects list that was assembled in conjunction with the Commission’s review of the City Council’s Strategic Planning process.

Damon Golubics advised that work is still being done on the Priority Projects list. Some items are still in need of funding and re-allocation of staff resources. Additional priorities may be added if the Commission so desires.

The General Plan implementation discussion is tentatively scheduled for November or December. Projects that have already been completed are the Strategic Plan and the Downtown Mixed Used Master Plan.

Damon Golubics stated that the City Manager's Office requested that Commissioners be informed of the upcoming Stimulus Conference on October 13, 2009. Mayor Elizabeth Patterson will be in attendance. Commissioners may attend and carpool with the Mayor if they wish. The fee for the Conference may be paid by Commissioners and will be reimbursed by the City.

Damon Golubics reminded Commissioners about the Special Joint Meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Commission and the Planning Commission on October 22, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Open Government training will be provided for both Commissions as well as discussion of the Lower Arsenal EIR.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair Healy said that he feels that the Priority Projects List looks good. He suggested that former Chair Railsback be contacted regarding the Pine Lake issue for input since he was particularly concerned about this issue. Damon Golubics agreed and stated he would contact former Chair Railsback regarding the issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Healy adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.