



MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 4, 2019

The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Darrin MROZ, Chair
Veronica LONGORIA, Vice Chair
Paul CIRCO
Anthony SOTTILE

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vacant

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa DEVINE, Senior Planner
Barbara LUCK, City Attorney
Spencer HAYES, Assistant Planner
Ron Luis VALLES, Administrative Secretary

Chairman MROZ explained the mission of the Planning Commission and meeting procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda Item:	1
	Planning Commission minutes of May 21, 2019

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by LONGORIA, to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes;
carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Agenda Item:	2
Project Name:	Religious Monument Wireless Facility
Request:	Freestanding wireless communications facility concealed within a religious monument with supporting equipment
CEQA Recommendation:	Exempt
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL
Project Number(s):	Specific Plan (SP) No. 534
Location:	867 South Lincoln Avenue at the terminus of East Renette Avenue at South Lincoln Avenue
Project Planner:	Spencer Hayes, 619.441.1656, shayes@cityofelcajon.us
City Council Hearing Required?	Yes July, 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Recommended Actions:	1. Conduct the public hearing; and 2. MOVE to adopt the next resolutions in order recommending City Council approval of the proposed CEQA exemption and specific plan, subject to conditions.

HAYES summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt the proposed resolution recommending City Council approval of the proposed CEQA exemption and Specific Plan.

Ms. Shelly KILBOURN, representing the applicant Verizon Wireless, spoke in favor of the project. In response to a commissioner query, she explained the generator would provide back-up power in an emergency so there is no drop in service.

Mr. David SHOREL, a resident in the area noted lack of public notification of this project, and emphasized the church has a day care and shared concerns over increased radiation especially from 4G to 5G.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by LONGORIA, to close the public hearing; carried 4-0.

Motion was made by SOTTILE, seconded by MROZ, to adopt the proposed resolutions recommending City Council approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption 15303 (New Construction) for Specific Plan No. 534 for a New Wireless Communication Facility at the terminus of East Renette Avenue at South Lincoln Avenue in the RS-6 (Residential, Single-family, 6,000 square foot) zone; APN No. 493-224-01; General Plan Designation: Low Medium Density Residential (LMR); and subject to conditions; carried 4-0.

This item will be heard at a City Council public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2019.

WORKSHOP ITEM:

Agenda Item:	3
Project Name:	Climate Action Plan Workshop
Request:	Workshop
CEQA Recommendation:	Not Subject to CEQA
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	No Action
Project Number(s):	N/A
Location:	Citywide
Applicant:	City of El Cajon – Planning
Project Planner:	Melissa Devine, 619.441.1773, mdevine@cityofelcajon.us
City Council Hearing Required?	No
Recommended Actions:	1. Workshop item. No action requested

DEVINE summarized the staff report in a PowerPoint presentation.

There was no public testimony. Discussion ensued over photo voltaic charging stations, the need for renewable energy in El Cajon, waste recycling clarification, tracking carbon emissions from traffic passing through El Cajon, from Alpine to San Diego, and water recycling plant in East County.

This is a workshop item and no action is requested.

COMMUNICATIONS:

DEVINE noted that the City will be accepting applications for the Planning Commission vacancy. The deadline is 4:30 p.m., June 27 and applicants will be interviewed on July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. CIRCO asked about the opening of In-N-Out restaurant.


ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by CIRCO, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 7:51 p.m. this 4th day of June 2019 until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2019; carried 4-0.



Darrin MROZ, Chair

ATTEST:



Melissa DEVINE, Secretary