

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Design Review Board

March 12, 2018, 12:30 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Soutowood called a regular meeting of the Design Review Board to order at 12:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Chairman Soutowood, Board members Kusiak, Langdon and McCullough.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Morgan Norville representing AT&T Mobility and DRB 17-09.

Staff: Senior Planner Jacobs.

INFORMATION ITEMS None.

BUSINESS

- a. **Design Review DRB 17-09 (AT&T Mobility)** – Consideration of a Design Review to construct a wireless communications facility at 5301 Lake Murray Boulevard in the C (General Commercial) zone.

Senior Planner Jacobs summarized the staff report, noting the City's Design Guidelines for Wireless Communications Facilities. Project Morgan Norville applicant provided additional background information on the proposed project.

Board member Soutowood discussed the project and stated his preference for roof Option 2, the equipment shelter with a gable roof, as shown on Sheets A.3.2 and A.3.3. He suggested that the exterior shelter walls could be stucco or a split-faced CMU. He expressed concern that the proposed white color of the equipment shelter walls might attract graffiti, and recommended that the equipment shelter shall be painted a gray color to discourage graffiti.

Board member Langdon had questions about the fencing, landscaping and the visibility of the equipment shelter from public view, particularly on the north side.

Board member McCullough suggested more landscaping for screening purposes around the equipment shelter, such as adding more 15-gallon, Podocarpus Macrophyllus on the north and east sides, with permanent irrigation and maintenance.

Senior Planner Jacobs noted that the monopole design is for one antenna array, and that future modification to add a second array would involve a ministerial permit process under provisions of the 2012 Middle Class Tax Relief Act which amended review procedures for wireless communications facilities.

Board member Soutowood made a motion to recommend approval of the project based on the plans dated February 26, 2018 and a finding that the project is consistent with the City's Urban Design Program subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall submit plans showing equipment design Option 2, with a gable roof, as shown on Sheets A.3.2 and A.3.3 of Exhibit A, the plans dated February 26, 2018, on file in the Community Development Department.
2. The equipment shelter shall be painted a gray color to discourage graffiti.
3. AT&T Mobility shall add landscaping to further screen the equipment shelter consisting of 14, 15-gallon, Podocarpus Macrophyllus, nine (9) as shown on the landscape plans proposed by CUP 17-86, a separate Medical Marijuana Dispensary application on the same site, and an additional three (3) planted on the north two (2) planted on the east sides of the equipment shelter.
4. Irrigation shall be installed to serve all required plantings, which shall be properly maintained and irrigated. The applicant shall arrange for landscape maintenance prior to building permit issuance.

Board member Langdon seconded the motion.

Aye:	Board members Kusiak, Langdon, McCullough, and Soutowood.
Nay:	None.
Absent/Recused:	None.
Abstain:	Jacobs.

b. Approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting.

Board member Soutowood made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 DRB meeting. Board member Langdon seconded the motion.

Aye: Board members Kusiak, Jacobs, Langdon, and Soutowood.
Nay: None.
Absent/Recused: None.
Abstain: McCullough.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Jacobs, Senior Planner