

**CITY OF EL CENTRO PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 14, 2014**

The El Centro Planning Commission convened in a regular session at the Council Chambers, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, California at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Darian D. Chell
 Ron Merideth
 Harold Walk, Chair
 Sergio Lopez
 Marcela Miranda
 Cheyenne Gaddis

ABSENT: Evelia Jimenez (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Norma M. Villicana, Director of Community Development
 Kris Becker, City Attorney
 Frank Soto, Acting Building Official
 Raul Ojeda, Fire Captain
 Michael Coyne, Assistant Planner
 Gracie Gonzalez, Staff Assistant

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2013.

It was moved by Merideth and seconded by Lopez that the minutes be approved as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Chell, Merideth, Walk, Lopez, Miranda, Gaddis.
 Noes: None
 Absent Jimenez
 Abstained: None

Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing - Conditional Use Permit No. 13-10– The project proposes the construction of a 65' monopalm telecommunications tower on property located at 3451 Dogwood Avenue (Imperial Valley Mall) in the CG, general commercial zone. The site is further identified by APN 054-530-005. Pursuant to Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, it has been determined that this project is exempt from formal environmental review.

Mr. Coyne described the project site and surrounding uses and indicated that the tower is necessary in order to improve high speed wireless connectivity within AT&T's coverage area within the City. Mr. Coyne furthered outlined the 14 conditional of approval.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing.

Cathy Lim, agent for the applicant, concurred with staff's conditions of approval.

Commissioner Gaddis inquired if the tower would cover the Heber area.

Ms. Lim stated that it would not cover the Heber area and that the tower meets the FCC requirements.

Commissioner Walk inquired when the project would be up and would the coverage reach the west side of El Centro.

Ms. Lim stated that they would like to start as soon as possible and no it would not cover the west side of El Centro.

Commissioner Chell inquired if another company can collocate to this new tower.

Ms. Lim stated that yes the tower can accommodate another carrier.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

It was then moved by Chell and seconded by Merideth that the Planning Commission recommend approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 13-10, with the adoption of Planning Commission Resolution No. 14-01.

ROLL CALL:	Ayes:	Chell, Merideth, Walk, Lopez, Miranda, Gaddis.
	Noes:	None
	Absent	Jimenez
	Abstained:	None

Motion carried.

3. Non-Action Information Items

The Secretary reminded the Planning Commission that as of February future Planning Commission meetings will be held at the Old Post Office Pavilion until the remodeling of the Council Chambers is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident of 500 block of West Holt stated that over by his neighborhood there are a lot of dogs running around loose and attacking the dogs in the his neighborhood.

The Secretary stated that the information will be forwarded to the Animal Control Division at the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Norma M. Villicaña, AICP
Secretary-Director

Gracie Gonzalez
Recording Clerk