

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2011, MEETING - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AUDIO OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING, IN PERSON, AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, OR ON-LINE AT [WWW.SFCITY.ORG/COMMISSIONANDBOARDMEETINGS](http://WWW.SFCITY.ORG/COMMISSIONANDBOARDMEETINGS).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julie Cuellar at 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice-Chair Mario Rodriguez

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Julie Cuellar, Vice-chair Mario Rodriguez, and Commissioner Alvin F. Durham

**ABSENT:**

Robert Montañez and Jose Ruelas

**ALSO PRESENT:**

City Planner Fred Ramirez, Assistant Planner Edgar Arroyo, and Community Development Secretary Michelle De Santiago

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-chair M. Rodriguez moved to approve the agenda of October 4, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner A. Durham, the motion carried with the following vote:

\*Commissioner J. Ruelas arrived at 7:02 p.m.\*

<b>AYES:</b>	M. Rodriguez, A. Durham, J. Cuellar, and J. Ruelas
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	R. Montañez
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner A. Durham moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2011. Seconded by Vice-chair M. Rodriguez, the motion carried with the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	A. Durham, M. Rodriguez, J. Cuellar, and J. Ruelas
<b>NOES:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING 7A:**

**Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, Conditional Use Permit 2011-04 and Site Plan Review 2011-06, (Formerly Conditional Use Permit 2009-02 and Site Plan Review 2009-16) – 120 North Macneil Street, San Fernando, CA 91340 (“Public Works Operations Facility”) – T-Mobile West Corporation (c/o Synergy Development Services, Inc.) 16147 Wyandotte Street, Van Nuys, Ca 91406 – The proposed project entails the construction and use of a wireless telecommunications facility on the site of a City-owned facility (Public Works Operation Facility) within the C-1 (Limited Commercial) zone and Redevelopment Project Area No. 3. Subject to approval by the Planning and Preservation Commission, an application for a conditional use permit (pursuant to City Code Section 106-1326 and 106-13356(5)) has been submitted to allow for the facility’s installation and operation on a City-owned property used for municipal purposes. The proposed facility includes the construction of a tower structure (“Monopole”), with 12 antennas on three sectors, and a ground mounted equipment shelter to house the facility’s associated equipment.**

#### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

Assistant Planner Edgar Arroyo provided the staff presentation recommending that the Planning and Preservation Commission approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, Conditional Use Permit 2011-04, and Site Plan Review 2011-06, pursuant to Planning and Preservation Commission Resolution 2011-08 and the conditions of approval attached as Exhibit “A” to the resolution (“Attachment 1”).

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

None

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

M. Rodriguez asked if there was any feed back from the San Fernando Middle School after the public hearing notice was posted regarding the proximity of the wireless telecommunications facility to the school.

E. Arroyo indicated that staff hadn’t received any comments or concerns from the middle school regarding the proposed facility. He noted that in addition to posting the public hearing notice a notice was sent to the Environmental Safety Office of the Los Angeles Unified School District and no comments or inquiries were received prior to the meeting.

J. Cuellar asked if anything was to happen to a cable box that is currently in close proximity to the proposed facility.

E. Arroyo stated that the Public Works Department requested that the cable box be kept accessible and maintained in its current location.

J. Cuellar asked if the windows just to the right of the tower would be impacted or obstructed.

F. Ramirez indicated that the purpose for the wrought iron would be to provide a view that would not be obstructed.

Subsequent to discussion Commissioner A. Durham moved to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and approve the site plan review and conditional use permit applications associated with the proposed wireless telecommunication facility at 120 North Macneil Street. Seconded by Chairperson J. Cuellar, the motion carried with the following vote:

**AYES:** A. Durham, J. Cuellar, M. Rodriguez, and J. Ruelas  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** R. Montañez  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

City Planner Fred Ramirez informed the Planning Commission that as of today staff did not have any pending cases that would come to the commission in the month of November. He indicated that if that was the case that staff would conduct a workshop in November to discuss certain components of the proposed density bonus ordinance.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

M. Rodriguez asked about the status of the fence installation at 1218 Fourth Street

F. Ramirez indicated that the applicant did express some funding constraints with regards to installing a six foot fence. He stated that it is quite possible that the applicant would install the fence at a height of three feet.

J. Cuellar expressed some safety concerns regarding the garage structures at the apartment building located at North Brand and Glenoaks Boulevard as well as the red-tagged residence at North Brand Boulevard and Lucas Street.

F. Ramirez indicated that he would inform the Building and Safety Supervisor about the concern. Fred indicated that there may be some identified housing quality issues and that he would provide the commission with an update at the November meeting.

### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-chair M. Rodriguez moved to adjourn to November 1, 2011. Second by Commissioner A. Durham, the motion carried with the following vote:

**AYES:** M. Rodriguez, A. Durham, J. Cuellar, and J. Ruelas  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** R. Montañez  
**ABSTAIN:** None

7:39 P.M.  
Fred Ramirez  
Planning Commission Secretary