

**CITY OF EL MIRAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Frank Carnal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. & led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were Commission Chairperson Frank Carnal, Vice-Chairperson Monica Dorsey, Commission Member Justin McCarty and Robyn Freberg. Commission Member Martin Crosby was excused. City staff present, Jorge Gastelum, Director of Development & Community Services/City Engineer, Jose A. Macias, Development Services Coordinator/GIS and Tom Doyle, Economic Development Specialist.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2016 AND JUNE 14, 2016

There being no changes to the May 12, 2016 meeting minutes, McCarty made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dorsey, motion passed 3-0, Carnal recused himself from the vote, Carnal did not attend the May meeting. There being no quorum for voting on the June 14, 2016 meeting minutes, Commission Chairperson Carnal tabled the item for the next Planning and Zoning Meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

1. Swearing in of re-appointed Commission Members.

Sharon Antes, City Of El Mirage City Clerk, swore in Commission Members Monica Dorsey and Robin Freberg to a two (2) year term to end in June 2018.

2. Appoint a new Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Carnal opened the discussion by requesting nominees for Chairperson, Dorsey nominated Carnal. There being no other nominations, the Commission members voted Carnal as the Commission Chairperson with a 4-0 vote.

Carnal opened the discussion by requesting nominees for Vice-Chairperson, Carnal nominated Dorsey. There being no other nominations, the Commission members voted Dorsey as the Commission Vice-Chairperson with a 4-0 vote.

3. Public hearing, discussion, & recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Facility (Monopole) at 12800 N. 127th Lane, El Mirage Arizona 85335.

Chairperson Carnal opened the public hearing; Macias presented the staff report to the Commission Members and audience. Dorsey made a comment expressing her appreciation for Verizon for agreeing to build a monopine to camouflage the pole; she stated it look nice and it's a great fit for the area.

Carnal made a call to audience for comments. Don Forsythe, 12729 W. Dahlia Drive, El Mirage Arizona 85335. Mr. Forsythe asked how tall the monopole was going to be; Macias answered that the equipment would be at a height of forty-five (45) feet high and the monopine at fifty (50) feet high. Mr. Forsyth was concerned that the monopine would interfere with the satellite signal. Melissa Parker, Reliant Land Services, stated that the frequency is different and should not interfere with the satellite dish signal. Mr. Forsythe stated he's not concerned about the frequency, but more about the height blocking the satellite signal. Parker stated that the monopine is far back that it should not block the signal, but if it did, Verizon would help solve the matter. Carnal ask if there was anyone else who would like to speak on the matter. Mrs. Forsythe asked if the Verizon coverage would improve in the area; Parker stated yes, that coverage in the neighborhood would be great.

There being no other comments, Carnal closed the public hearing and asked for a motion, Dorcey made the motion to recommend approval for a conditional use permit as presented, second by McCarty, motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

VII. STAFF REPORT

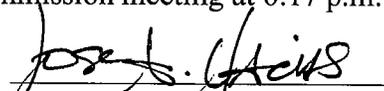
Gastelum reported on the following items; 1) The Arizona Department of Transportation has started the Grand Avenue and Thunderbird Road intersection project. As part of this project, Thompson Ranch Road will be closed north of Grand Avenue until August 2 for the BNSF's crossing. 2) Thunderbird Road will also be closed between A street and El Frio Street the weekend of July 23rd. 3) Please visit the El Mirage's website for weekly traffic restrictions and suggested routes.

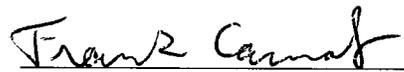
VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson Frank Carnal adjourned the commission meeting at 6:17 p.m.


Jose A. Macias, DSC/GIS


Frank Carnal, Chairperson