

City of Alamosa
Planning Commission
May 25, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Meeting

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order on the above date at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Mark Manzanares. Present were the following members: Farris Bervig, Debbie Clark, Robert McWhirter, and Scott Travis. Excused: Shirley Adcock. A quorum was declared. Staff present: Pat Steenburg, Harry Reynolds and Julie Scott.

Agenda Approval: M/S/C. Clark, Travis. Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. (Unanimous)

Approval of the Minutes: M/S/C. Travis, McWhirter. Motion made to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting as presented. (Unanimous)

Public Comments: None

Regular Business - Conduct Public Hearings- Planning Issues

The request of Crown Castle for an expansion of a Permitted Use by Special Review to allow additional modifications to an existing cell tower. The property affected is the existing cell tower located on Lots 1-8 inclusive, Lots 25-32 inclusive, Block 61, City of Alamosa, Alamosa County also known as 702 San Juan Ave.

The public hearing opened at 6:04 p.m.

The applicant was not present. Staff presented the request. Planning Commission has the option of tabling the request or making a recommendation based on what the applicant submitted.

Bervig: Mr. Chairman, it seems they are doing what the City has requested in the past which is to utilize the existing towers instead of applying for a new cell tower.

Manzanares: I agree. Are there questions, since there is no one in the audience, we will close the public hearing. Is there a motion?

The public hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

M/S/C. Bervig, McWhirter. Motion made to recommend approval of the request of Crown Castle for an expansion of a Permitted Use by Special Review to allow additional modifications to an existing cell tower. The property affected is the existing cell tower located on Lots 1-8 inclusive, Lots 25-32 inclusive; Block 61, City of Alamosa, Alamosa County also known as 702 San Juan Ave. (Unanimous)

Other Business:

Discussion of accessory structure at North River Greenhouse site.

Steenburg explained about the downtown design standards and the proposed structure that would be steel structure in the rear of the property near the railroad tracks. They don't seem to apply to accessory building. We thought it should be brought up to you.

Bervig questioned if the plans had been reviewed by staff and at this point no plans have been submitted.

Manzanares stated that what they have already done with the existing building has been outstanding and that this would be an improvement if they were to store equipment that is in the yard now in the accessory building, it would give it a neater appearance.

Reynolds gave additional information on the type of structure.

Bervig recommended that they work with staff on an acceptable design.

Manzanares stated he had no issue with even a metal building since it would not be facing the main street and it is so far back on the property.

Travis agreed. It is an industrial area and what they have constructed so far is an improvement to the property. If perhaps the color could match what is existing.

Steenburg stated they could suggest a muted color, light brown for example.

Clark also thought that it would be a nice improvement if it provided a place to store equipment that is now in the yard and wondered if there was an approximate size.

Reynolds stated 30' X 40' or perhaps larger and the site is roughly 7 acres.

Manzanares stated the problem with trying to pretty up a maintenance building is if rock is used and if it's damaged, it is harder to maintain than just steel panels. Also the lumber company on Tremont which is a steel building is more noticeable from Main St. than this accessory building would be.

After further discussion the following motion was made:

M/S/C. Travis, Bervig. Motion made to determine the best architectural design that fits to that site and that staff works with the owners to achieve an acceptable outcome when the plans are submitted for a building permit. (Unanimous)

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Scott".

Julie Scott
Recording Secretary

