



Planning Commission Minutes
1/10/2012

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Role Call: Present – Laura Azevedo Jeney, Ron Saeger, Rob Dutcher, Tom Moore, Mark Cooney, Roxann Goss, Lance Jones, Jim Wailes and Rea Orthner
Also present, Tony Petersen, Tom Foster, James Turpen, Aaron Zimmer

Agenda Review: Moved by Jim Wailes, seconded by Rob Dutcher to postpone officer elections until all 2012 commissioner appointments are official passed 7-0

Review of Minutes: The 11/8/2011 minutes were approved with one change.

New Business:

1. Location and Extent Review – CDOT/Crown Castle DAS Node Equipment (i.e. cellular service equipment) Storage Building, Tunnel #4, SH 119

Tony Petersen opened the discussion stating that the Land Use Act exempted CDOT from the Gilpin County Zoning Code and that any suggestions made by the Planning Commission would be advisory only.

The Crown Castle team of Tom Foster, James Turpen, Aaron Zimmer presented plans for a storage building proposed for construction on CDOT ROW for the purpose of storing cellular service equipment. The proposed building would be 20'x 40' located in a 20'x 50' area on the abandoned approach to Tunnel #4. The building would be constructed with architectural block with a red, double-shed roof. It would have no windows or outside lights (although security lights could be added at a later date) and all exterior surfaces would be bullet proof. An emergency compact generator would be housed outside of the building. The building site would be above flood elevation and no vegetation would be disturbed. The structure would not be staffed. Access would be infrequent for routine equipment maintenance and emergency repairs only. 800 amp service is available to the building site.

4G cell service infrastructure would include 31 nodes Placed on 35' tall poles located on US 6 from Golden and Clear Creek County up SH 119 to within 3 miles of Black Hawk city limits. Existing light poles on SH 119 would be utilized. Power and fiber optic would be buried in CDOT ROW from Golden. Verizon would be the anchor tenant with as many as 4 additional tenants expected in the future.

This is a public/private project with CDOT utilizing node poles for traffic cameras and State Patrol utilizing the same poles for their own communication needs. Road closures would be necessary for installation.

Commissioner Dutcher expressed concern for noise that may emanate from the proposed generator. Commissioner Jones emphasized those concerns and asked where the nearest



residence is located. Petersen replied one residence was located just east and above the proposed site. Foster stated the generator would run only when power was out and it would be muffled.

Commissioner Orthner suggested a rusted tin roof to replace the proposed red roof. Zimmer stated that would be feasible. Orthner also suggested the building be faced with natural stone. Foster stated natural stone would add considerable cost and Zimmer stated the space constraints dictated by CDOT provides no extra building width to accommodate additional facing. Petersen expressed hope that CDOT could provide some additional width and suggested Zimmer explore facing the building with field stone similar to the "Welcome to Gilpin County" sign across the road.

Commissioner Moore expressed great concern over road closure impacts to the gaming community. Foster stated that road closure schedules would be set by CDOT. Meetings with CDOT and the gaming community are in progress.

The Planning Commission thanked the Crown Castle team for their consideration. Foster stated that all suggestions would be considered and volunteered to forward copies of the final design.

2. Planning Commission Term Vacancy Recommendation

Four applications were received for 3 vacancies. Petersen suggested the 3 incumbents seeking reappointment be excused from the remainder of the meeting. Petersen also left the meeting room leaving the remaining commissioners to deliberate in private. The Planning Commission recommended the BOCC reappointment Ron Saeger and Rea Orthner. No consensus was reach concerning a third appointment therefore no recommendation would be forwarded to the BOCC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Reynolds Jency", written over a horizontal line.

Date

2/15/12