

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: December 30, 2014
TO: Zoning Hearing Officer
FROM: Summer Burlison, Project Planner
SUBJECT: Continuation of the Zoning Hearing Officer's consideration of a Use Permit Renewal and Amendment to (1) allow the continued operation of an existing telecommunication facility, (2) legalize the addition of supporting equipment cabinets located within a ground lease area, and (3) install a 6-foot to 8-foot redwood fence around the ground equipment lease area (23'-3" by 16'-6") located within a landscaped median in the public right-of-way on Alpine Road at Wildwood Lane in the unincorporated Weekend Acres area of San Mateo County. The Use Permit includes a fence height exception for the 6-foot to 8-foot redwood fence enclosure where 4 feet is the maximum allowed within the public right-of-way. (AT&T, PLN 1999-00726)

The applicant requests continuance of the Zoning Hearing Officer's consideration of the subject Use Permit Renewal and Amendment (PLN 1999-00726) to the February 5, 2015 Zoning Hearing Officer meeting to give the applicant additional time to secure funding approval from AT&T for a contractor to provide, as requested by the Zoning Hearing Officer, an on-site "mock-up" of the proposed ground lease area fencing and to ensure residents have adequate time to review the "mock-up."

The project was continued from the December 4, 2014 Zoning Hearing Officer meeting to the January 15, 2015 Zoning Hearing Officer meeting to allow the applicant time to (1) explore the possibility of reducing the square footage of the proposed fenced area for existing equipment; (2) provide an on-site "mock-up" of the fenced area so that residents can comment on the potential impacts of the proposed fencing; (3) provide additional information regarding the need for this specific site in the overall AT&T network and the ramifications of either removing the site altogether or reducing the size of the equipment; and (4) to allow Planning staff time to gather additional information from the County Department of Public Works regarding its analysis of potential sight-distance impacts or other potential safety impacts of the proposed fencing.

The item is being continued to the February 5, 2015 meeting to allow the applicant sufficient time to complete the follow-up items requested by the Zoning Hearing Officer.

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