

**CITY OF DANA POINT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 2010
6:00 – 6:15 p.m.

City Hall Offices
Council Chamber (#210)
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chairwoman O'Connor called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jennifer Farrell (Assistant City Attorney) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Liz Claus, Commissioner Gary Newkirk, and Vice-Chairwoman April O'Connor

Commissioner(s) Absent: Chairman Ed Conway, and Commissioner Norman Denton

Staff Present: John Tilton (City Architect/Planning Manager), Evan Langan (Associate Planner), Jennifer Farrell (Assistant City Attorney), and Denise Jacobo (Planning Secretary)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the regular Planning Commission Meeting of May 3, 2010.

ACTION: Motion made (Claus) and seconded (Newkirk) to approve the Minutes of the regular Planning Commission Meeting of May 3, 2010. Motion carried 3-0-2. (AYES: Claus, Newkirk, O'Connor NOES: None ABSENT: Conway, Denton ABSTAIN: None)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 2: Request for Antenna Use Permit AUP10-0001 to allow the addition of seven, new cellular antenna facilities within an existing cupola atop the roof of the Marriott Laguna Cliffs Hotel (25135 Park Lantern).

Applicant/ Suzanne Islet (Cortes LLC on behalf of ClearWire)

Owner: Regency Laguna LP (Jim Samuels)

Location: 25135 Park Lantern - APN 682-311-11
(Marriott Laguna Cliffs Hotel)

Request: Approval of Antenna Use Permit AUP10-0001 to allow the addition of seven, new cellular antenna facilities within an existing cupola atop the roof of the Marriott Laguna Cliffs Hotel.

Environmental: The subject project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Sections 15301 (a) (Class 1 – Existing Facilities). A Categorical Exemption has been prepared and will be duly filed per the requirements of the statute.

Recommendation: That the Planning Commission adopt the attached, Draft Resolution 10-05-17-09, approving the referenced scope-of-work.

Evan Langan (Associate Planner) presented the staff report.

Vice-Chairwoman O'Connor opened the Public Hearing.

Suzanne Iselt (Applicant representing ClearWire, Santa Monica) stated that they agreed with the conditions of approval as proposed by Staff.

Vice-Chairwoman O'Connor closed the Public Hearing.

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ACTION: Motion made (Claus) and seconded (Newkirk) to adopt Resolution No. 10-05-17-09 approving Antenna Use Permit AUP10-0001 to allow the addition of seven, new cellular antenna facilities within an existing cupola atop the roof of the Marriott Laguna Cliffs Hotel (25135 Park Lantern). Motion carried 3-0-2. (AYES: Claus, Newkirk, O'Connor NOES: None ABSENT: Conway, Denton, ABSTAIN: None)

E. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

F. STAFF REPORTS

John Tilton (City Architect/Planning Manager) briefed the commission on forthcoming projects including new hotels, cellular antennae installations, church expansion and others.

He reported that while some Town Center (condominium) projects are presently on hold, owing to the tenuous state of the housing economy, he added that at least one property owner has expressed interest in creating a mixed use office/retail at the street level.

In response to Commissioner Claus, Mr. Tilton elaborated the Coastal Commissions' difference of opinion regarding the Headlands access.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Newkirk stated the whale (nicknamed "Lily") observed in the Dana Point Harbor brought a lot of attention and news coverage, and he thought the community's efforts to get involved was a great learning experience on how fragile things can be.

Commissioner Claus also stated that it was nice to see the publicity, but sad there was not a happier ending to the story. She gave kudos to all the members of the community involved in the valiant rescue effort, while giving tribute to Lily.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairwoman O'Connor announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Monday, June 7, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter) in the Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Ed Conway, Chairman
Planning Commission