

ACTION MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

September 16, 2024, 2:30 p.m.
Hybrid City Council Chamber/Virtual Zoom Meeting
215 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

Committee Members Present: Lori Mainini Hall, Kristin Juetten, Glenn Martin

Committee Members Absent: C.J. Horstman, Janet Huston

Staff Present: Community Development Director Brian Pedrotti, Planning Manager Andrew Perez, Associate Planner Patrick Holub, Shayna Gropen

Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in San Luis Obispo County, and in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Ralph M. Brown Act, this meeting was held by teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Martin called for a roll call. Committee Members Horstman and Huston were absent.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Martin led the flag salute.

4. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Chair Martin invited public comment.

Ethel Landers stated her appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the process virtually.

Chair Martin closed public comment.

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

7.a **Approval of Minutes**

(PEREZ)

Approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting as submitted.

AYES (3): Lori Mainini Hall, Kristin Juette, and Glenn Martin

ABSENT (2): C.J. Horstman, and Janet Huston

Passed (3 to 0)

8. **PROJECTS**

8.a **Consideration Of Conditional Use Permit 24-008; New 68 Foot Wireless Telecommunication Facility; Location – 959 Valley Road; Applicant – Verizon Wireless**

(GROPEN)

Assistant Planner Gropen presented the staff report, including the project site, surrounding land uses, and project details. She described the renderings, colors, and materials of the proposed structure. She also summarized the City's Telecommunication Standards and how the project is designed to comply with these standards. She also clarified the location of the nearest residential structure.

Madison LaScalza, spoke in support of the project as made herself available for questions.

Chair Martin invited public comment. Speaking from the public were:

Jeff Metcalf clarified that St John's church has not committed to hosting the site, nor signed any documents with Verizon.

Garry Schmidt stated his appreciation for the new location because of lesser visual impacts and encouraged Verizon to withdraw the application for the site adjacent to Sunrise Terrace upon the approval of this project.

Ethel Landers expressed her appreciation for the new project site.

Chair Martin closed public comment.

The Committee appreciated the project location and the design of the monopine and found it to be a vastly superior location that the location adjacent to Sunrise Terrace. The Committee was supportive of either of the color combinations that include both green and brown, and discouraged the pure green color. It was recommended that the church ultimately decide on the color of the foliage.

Moved by Glenn Martin

Seconded by Kristin Juette

Recommend approval of the project as submitted.

AYES (3): Lori Mainini Hall, Kristin Juette, and Glenn Martin

ABSENT (2): C.J. Horstman, and Janet Huston

Passed (3 to 0)

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None.

10. **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

11. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Planning Manager Perez announced that the Planning Commission is considering amendments to the wireless telecommunication facility ordinance.

He also announced the Committee Member Horstman resigned from the Committee and a replacement will be appointed at the September 24th City Council meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Glenn Martin, Chair

Andrew Perez, Planning Manager