October 1, 2002

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission

Regular Meeting of October 15, 2002

SUBJECT:	CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 02-7
APPLICANT:	AT&T WIRELESS 12900 PARK PLAZA DRIVE, 5 TH FLOOR CERRITOS, CA 90703
REQUESTS:	TO ALLOW THE LOCATION OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AT 710 PIER AVENUE - THE COMMUNITY THEATER BUILDING

Recommendation

Approve the request subject to the conditions as contained in the attached resolution.

Background	
ZONING:	O-S
GENERAL PLAN:	Open Space

At the July 23, 2002 meeting the City Council recognized the Community Center as a locally significant landmark (as distinguished from a historically significant landmark pursuant to Chapter 17.53). At the September 24, 2002 meeting the City Council authorized the applicant to proceed with obtaining permits to install a wireless telecommunications facility on the parapet of the Community Theater building located at 710 Pier Avenue, and authorized the City Manager to proceed with negotiations for a lease agreement. The City Council has reviewed a preliminary design for the installation of the wireless telecommunications facility in connection with the proposed lease agreement.

Analysis

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to allow the installation of telecommunications equipment on the City's Community Theater building. The applicant proposes to install 6 antennas on the existing building as part of a new wireless telecommunications facility. The antennas will be mounted on the north, south, and west facades and will not exceed the height of the building. The applicant indicates that the antennas are required to service the central portion of the city and to provide coverage along Pacific Coast Highway.

The Community Theater is approximately 50 feet in height and exceeds the 25-foot height limit in the O-S zone. Pursuant to Section 17.46.240, for any antenna or such device placed on the rooftop of an existing building nonconforming to the height limit, the surface area measurement shall only include measurement of the surface area of the device that exceeds the height of the existing roof or parapet wall, whichever is greater. Because the applicant proposes that the antennas be installed below the building's parapet, there is no surface area of the proposed antennas that will that exceed the height of the building. The placement of the antennas on the rooftop above the height of the parapet would not work because the antennas would be above the height limit.

Section 17.40.170 C(2) also requires that the City consider the extent to which the proposed facility is screened or camouflaged by existing or proposed new topography, vegetation, buildings, or other structures. Because the applicant proposes that the antennas be installed below the building's parapet, staff recommends that the antennas be painted to match the building exterior. Also, the antennas will not cover any of the exterior Art Deco architectural details of the building as recognized in City Council Resolution 02-6216. Conforming to the Site Selection Guidelines, the proposed use is consistent with the zone and planned use of the property and co-located on an existing city government building.

CONCUR:

Scott Lunceford Planning Assistant

Sol Blumenfeld, Director, Community Development Department

Attachments

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Location Map
- 3. Applicant Correspondence
- 4. Photos

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1	P.C. RESOLUTION NO. 02-
2	A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY
3	OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE LOCATION OF A
4	WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY ON THE COMMUNITY THEATER BUILDING AT 710 PIER AVENUE, LEGALLY
5	DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 THROUGH 20, BLOCK 79, 2 ND ADDITION
6	TO HERMOSA BEACH AND THE VACATED ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS, AND LOT 1, BLOCK 78, 2 ND ADDITION TO HERMOSA
7	BEACH AND HALF VACATED STREET ADJACENT NORTHWEST.
8 9	The Planning Commission of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby resolve and order as follows:
10	Section 1. An application was filed by AT&T Wireless seeking approval of a
11 12	Conditional Use Permit for installation of wireless communication antennas and equipment pursuant to the requirements of Section 17.46.240 of Zoning Ordinance;
13 14 15	<u>Section 2.</u> The Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing to consider the application for the Conditional Use Permit on October 15, 2002, at which testimony and evidence, both written and oral, was presented to and considered by the Planning Commission;
16 17	<u>Section 3</u> . Based on the evidence received at the public hearing, the Planning Commission makes the following factual findings:
18 19	1. The applicant is proposing to install six (6) antennas on the north, south and west facades of the Community Theater building. The applicant indicates that the antennas are required to service the central portion of the city and to provide coverage along Pacific Coast Highway.
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21	2. The subject lot is zoned O-S, Open Space.
22	Section 4. Based on the foregoing the Planning Commission finds:
23 24	1. The proposed antennas will be co-located with the existing city government building at 710 Pier Avenue, consistent with Section 17.40.170 C(7).
25 26	2. All antennas shall be installed below the building's parapet, therefore the proposed antennas will comply with height requirements pursuant to Section 17.46.240 C(1).
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1	3.	The proposed location of the facilities will not be materially detrimental to property or improvements in the vicinity and zone.
2 3 4	4.	The Planning Commission finds that use of the proposed site results in fewer or less severe environmental impacts than any feasible alternative site pursuant to Section $17.40.170 \text{ A}(8)$.
5		ction 5. Based on the foregoing, the Planning Commission hereby approves the nditional Use Permit subject to the following Conditions of Approval :
7 8 9 10	1.	An RF Environmental Evaluation Report shall be prepared by the applicant indicating that the proposed wireless communications facility meets FCC regulations and standards for construction, maintenance and operations ten days after installation of the facility and every two years thereafter the telecommunications service provider must submit a certification report attested to by a licensed RF engineer that the facility is compliant with applicable FCC regulations for RF emissions.
11	2.	The antennas shall be painted and maintained to match the existing color of the building and finished in a non-reflective material to blend with surrounding materials and colors. No logos or other commercially identifying graphics shall be installed on the wireless communication facility.
13 14 15	3.	The Conditional Use Permit shall only be effective upon execution of a City Council approved lease agreement for installation of the wireless telecommunications facility.
16 17	4.	Any change to or relocation of antennas or other equipment associated with the wireless telecommunications facility shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.
18 19 20	the owners Communit	ction 6. This grant shall not be effective for any purposes until the permittee and of the property involved have filed a the office of the Planning Division of the y Development Department their affidavits stating that they are aware of, and cept, all of the conditions of this grant.
21 22	The Conditional Use Permit shall be recorded, and proof of recordation shall be submitted to the Community Development Department.	
23 24	Each of the above conditions is separately enforced, and if one of the conditions of approval is found to be invalid by a court of law, all the other conditions shall remain valid and enforceable.	
25 26 27	employees	shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, it agents, officers, and from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers, or to attack, set aside, void or annul this permit approval, which action is brought
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17 18	ABSTAIN: ABSENT: CERTIFICATION
19 20 21 22	I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution P.C. No. 02- is a true and complete record of the action taken by the Planning Commission of the City of Hermosa Beach, California at their regular meeting of October 15, 2002.
23	Ron Pizer, Chairman Sol Blumenfeld, Secretary
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