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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2015**

**FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT      WARD: 1**  
**DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: PLANNING CASE P15-0157 BY ANDREA URBAS OF CORTEL ON BEHALF OF VERIZON WIRELESS – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 45-FOOT MONOPINE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY – 1151 SPRUCE STREET**

## **ISSUE:**

The issue for City Council consideration, on behalf of Andrea Urbas of Cortel for Verizon Wireless, is a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 45-foot wireless telecommunications facility camouflaged as a monopine, on an approximately 7.56 acre site currently developed with industrial uses. The property is located at 1151 Spruce Street.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Determine the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment based upon the findings set forth in the case record and adopt a Negative Declaration; and
2. Approve Planning Case P15-0157 based on and subject to the findings and recommended conditions found in the attached Planning Commission staff report.

## **STAFF/PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommended approval to the Planning Commission, subject to recommended conditions of approval. On October 22, 2015, the City Planning Commission recommended approval of Planning Case P15-0157 by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes and 0 abstentions, subject to staff's modified recommended conditions.

## **BACKGROUND:**

To allow for the construction of a 45-foot high wireless telecommunications facility camouflaged as a pine tree and a related 784 square foot equipment enclosure on the subject property. The proposed lease area is generally situated towards the northwesterly portion of the property approximately 581 feet from Spruce Street, and 595 feet from Rustin Avenue.

The monopine will consist of a single antenna array installed at a centerline height of approximately 36 feet above ground level. The antenna array will consist of twelve (12) antennas attached to three (3) separate sectors. The pole of the monopine will consist of a faux bark finish to resemble the texture and color of a pine tree trunk. The faux branches and pine needles are proposed to extend out beyond the antenna arrays for camouflage purposes. Furthermore, all mounted equipment will be painted to match the proposed monopine.

The proposal also includes the installation of an approximately 784 square foot equipment enclosure, with an 8 foot high block wall. The equipment enclosure is proposed to accommodate new radio equipment cabinets as well as supporting cables and utilities. A metal gate is proposed along the southerly side of the enclosure for access to the support equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no impact to the General Fund, since all project costs are borne by the applicant.

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**Attachments:**

1. City Planning Commission Recommended Conditions
2. City Planning Commission Report – October 22, 2015
3. City Planning Commission Draft Minutes