CITY OF SACRAMENTO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

1231 | Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

ACTION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

On Wednesday, October 2, 1996, the Zoning Administrator ratified the Negative Declaration and approved with conditions a special permit to construct a monopole for cellular antenna for the project known as Z96-021. Findings of Fact and conditions of approval for the project are listed on pages 2-4.

Project Information

Request:

1. Negative Declaration

2. Zoning Administrator Special Permit to construct a 75 foot high cellular communications monopole for six antenna panels and a 336 square foot equipment shelter on 0.22+ partially developed acres in the Heavy Commercial (C-4) zone.

Location:

2570 3rd Street (D4, Area 1)

Assessor's Parcel Number:

009-0223-011

Applicant:

Airtouch Cellular (Lisa Burke)

2150 River Plaza Drive, Suite 400

Sacramento, CA 95814

Property

The CHY Company

Owner:

2555 3rd Street

Sacramento, CA 95818

General Plan Designation:

Heavy Commercial or Warehouse

Existing Land Use of Site:

Industrial

Existing Zoning of Site:

Heavy Commercial (C-4)

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning:

North: C-4; Commercial South: M-2; Industrial

East: C-4; Industrial/Warehouse

West: T-C; Interstate 5

Property Dimensions:

Irregular

Property Area:

0.22 + acres

Topography:

Flat

Street Improvements:

Existing

Utilities:

Existing

Project Plans:

See Exhibits A and B

Previous Files:

P95-078 (Previous antenna application withdrawn)

Additional Information: The applicant proposes to construct a 75 foot tall monopole, a 4' x 12' "top hat" assembly, and a 4-foot tall whip antenna attached to the base of the "top hat". The total height of the structure will be 75 feet. The tower will be adjacent to the side of a proposed 10-foot tall, 12 foot by 28 foot, equipment shelter. The shelter will be located on a vacant gravel site parallel to, but setback four feet from, the existing warehouse building. The pole and shelter will be surrounded by a six-foot tall chain-link fence with three-strand barbed-wire at the top. Any cellular equipment (antennas) which both receives and transmits that is attached to existing structures on City owned land requires a Zoning Administrator's Special Permit according to the Zoning Ordinance.

The site is located within the South Land Park Neighborhood Association, Upper Land Park Neighborhood Association, and Land Park Neighborhood Association areas. The project plans were sent to the association and the Land Park Neighborhood Association has returned a letter indicating their complete opposition to the proposed pole. Their concerns are the lack of comprehensive citywide policy regarding cellular/wireless facilities and the visual impact on the Broadway Corridor. The project was noticed and staff received several calls from the neighborhood association representatives regarding their opposition to the project. There were no neighborhood residents or association members in attendance at the October 2, 1996, hearing.

The site is within the Central City Design Review area. An application has been submitted to Design Review staff. The Design Review Board will hear the project on October 16, 1996.

<u>Environmental Determination:</u> This project, as proposed, will not have a significant impact on the environment and a negative declaration with no mitigation measures has been prepared and filed.

Conditions of Approval

Size and location of the monopole shall conform to the revised plans submitted. The
applicant shall use non-reflective paint on the antenna panels and monopole to
prevent glare. Final design conditions are subject to the outcome of the Design
Review Board decision.

- 2. Any additional antennas shall require a modification of the Special Permit. {Twelve antenna panels are approved}
- 3. The applicant shall obtain all necessary building permits prior to commencing construction.
- 4. On or before October 2, 2000, the applicant shall pursue relocating the antenna panels onto another existing pole structure either privately owned or owned by a public agency (e.g. City of Sacramento light standard, or structures within Cal Trans right-of-way). In the event the applicant is unable to relocate this facility to a pole structure within the public right-of-way or privately owned pole or similar structure, the applicant shall either obtain a Special Permit from the Zoning Administrator to extend the term of the Special Permit or shall remove the monopole by October 2, 2000. The application shall be filed four months prior to expiration.

The intent of this provision is to establish a process and procedure for timely negotiation and execution of all agreements necessary between the applicant and public or private agencies to enable the applicant to relocate this wireless communication facility on an existing public utility pole within the public right-of-way or other suitable existing private structure at a location that will allow the applicant to provide comparable service within the geographic area being serviced by the approved facility. It is the objective of the Planning Department that monopoles be eliminated and wireless facilities be integrated into existing structures to become "invisible wireless sites". The applicant can seek private or public sites to accomplish this objective.

The applicant shall provide, as part of the application for a Special Permit Modification to extend the valid term of the Special Permit, documentation of the applicant's efforts to relocate onto existing pole within the public right-of-way or privately owned similar structures.

- 5. Should the applicant every discontinue using the pole for cellular services then the applicant shall remove the pole within six months of termination.
- 6. The applicant shall cooperate and provide a good faith effort towards allowing a second carrier to collocate an antenna array at this site. The foundation for the pole shall be sized to accommodate a larger pole capable of serving two sets of antennae.

Findings of Fact: >

- 1. The proposed project, as conditioned, is based upon sound principles of land use in that:
 - a. the monopole with antenna panels will be located on a portion of a heavy industrial site adjacent to a warehouse building;

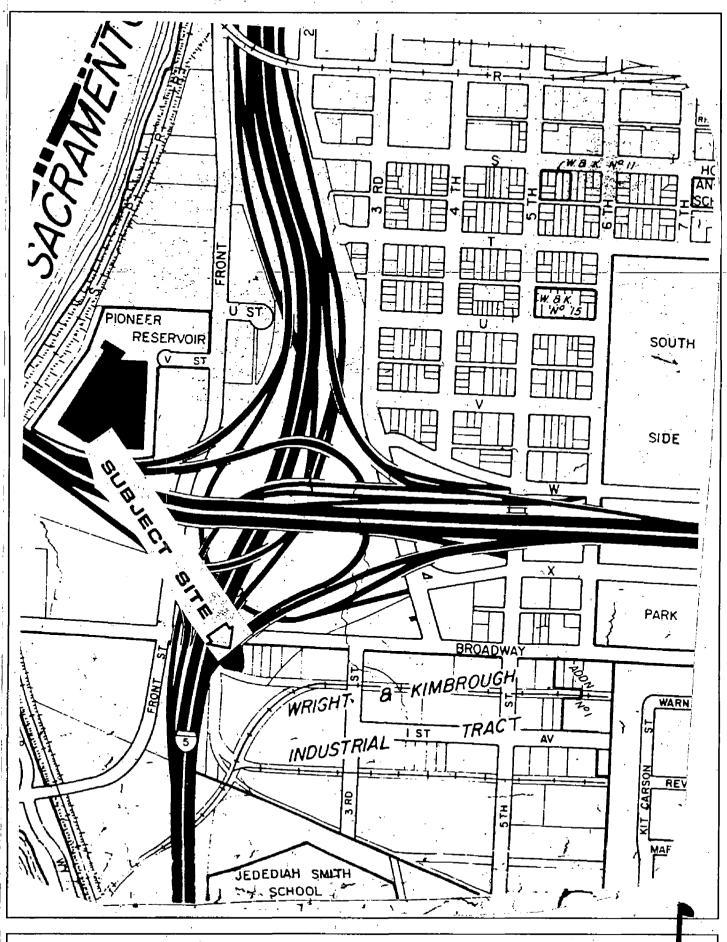
- b. the facility will be limited to a four year term to allow for further review after the implementation of the Broadway Corridor study area.
- 2. The project will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare nor result in a nuisance in that:
 - a. the proposed cellular equipment and monopole will be located in a corner of a industrial site:
 - the design and location of the monopole with antenna panels will not significantly impact the surrounding industrial area and will be reviewed and approved by the Design Review staff;
 - c. will have a foundation designed to allow collocation of additional wireless facilities on the pole; and
 - d. the design and location of the monopole with an antenna array will be review again in four years.
- 3. The project is consistent with the General Plan which designates the subject site as Heavy Commercial or Warehouse.

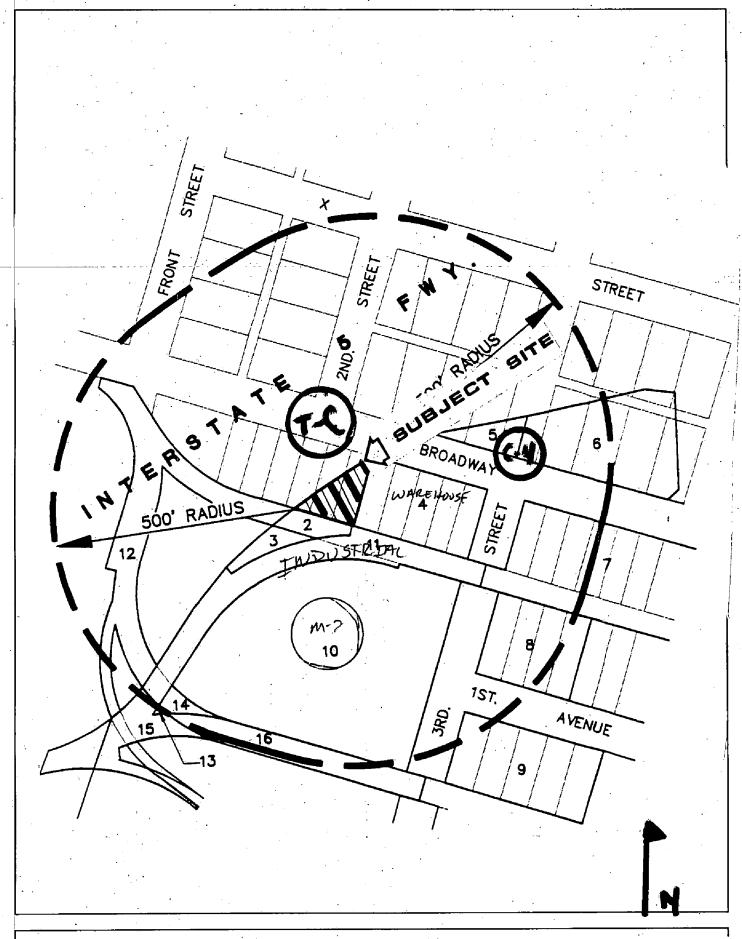
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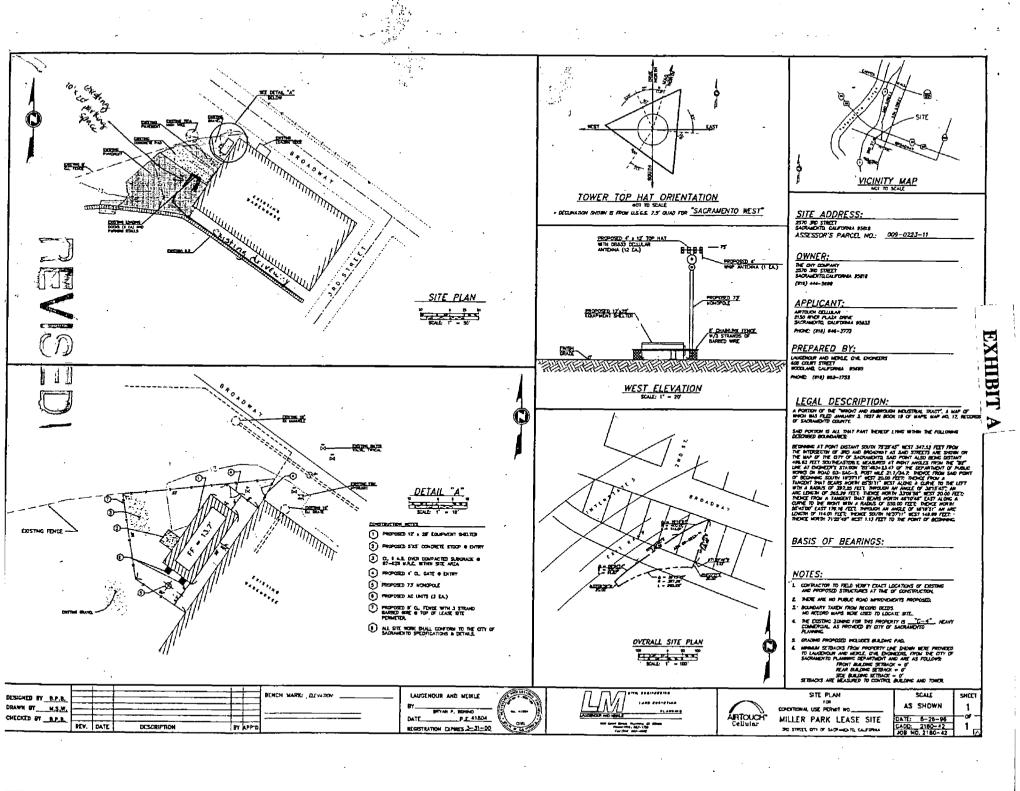
A use for which a Special Permit is granted must be established within two years after such permit is approved. If such use is not so established the Special Permit shall be deemed to have expired and shall be null and void. A Special Permit use which requires a Building Permit shall be deemed established when such Building Permit is secured and construction thereunder physically commenced. If no building permit is required, the use shall be deemed established when the activity permitted has been commenced.

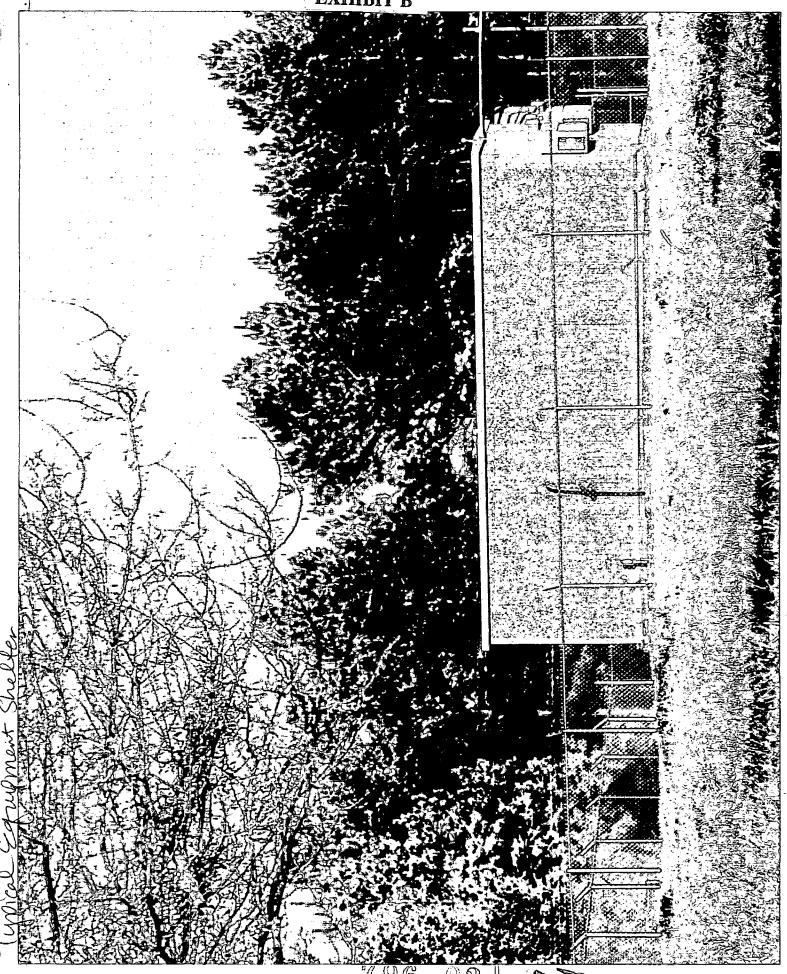
The decision of the Zoning Administrator may be appealed to the Planning Commission. An appeal must be filed within 10 days of the Zoning Administrator's hearing. If an appeal is not filed, the action of the Zoning Administrator is final:





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