

**KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

District 1 Commissioner – Riley Jones

District 2 Commissioner – Bob Bajwa

District 3 Commissioner – R.G. Trapnell*

District 4 Commissioner – Jim Gregory**

District 5 Commissioner - Louise Silacci

*Chairman

**Vice-Chairman

February 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Kings County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Trapnell, on February 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Riley Jones, Louise Silacci, R.G. Trapnell, Bob Bajwa, Jim Gregory

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: **STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Gatzka - Director, Erik Kaeding – County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director - Planning, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary, Dan Kassik - Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Rebekah Anderson, Sue Sorenson

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Gatzka summarized the agenda for the Commission.

UNSCHEDULED

APPEARANCES: No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Jones/Silacci) to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Gregory abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Conditional Use Permit No. 13-06 (SAC Wireless/Verizon Wireless)** – Mr. Kassik provided an overview of a proposal to establish a new 150-foot wireless communication tower with a fenced lease area for ground equipment located at 16834 12th Avenue, Hanford, CA, Assessor's Parcel Number 028-140-017. He reported that the project site is located within the General Agriculture zoning district and is consistent with the Kings County General Plan. Commissioner Gregory asked if the tower height triggered the requirement of a CUP. Dan explained that it was the use that determined whether a CUP was required. Commissioner Jones asked for an updated map showing all of the cell tower locations in the County.

Chairman Trapnell opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project. Rebekah Anderson, representing Verizon, spoke in favor of the project. Commissioner Jones asked if there were plans to rent space on the antenna to other companies. Ms. Anderson indicated space was available for other companies. Seeing nobody else wanting to speak in favor of the project, he then asked if there was anyone wanting to speak in opposition to the project. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Jones) to adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 14-04 approving the proposal to establish a new 150 foot wireless communication tower with a fenced lease area for ground equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. **FUTURE MEETINGS:** The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014. A General Plan Amendment and the corresponding change of zone district boundary is scheduled for the March meeting.
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** **Study Session on hydraulic fracturing** – Greg Gatzka provided a study session on hydraulic fracturing. He reported that the California Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources is the State designated authority for permitting and inspection of oil wells in California. He also reported that effective January 1, 2015 a separate permitting process will be required for fracking.
3. **STAFF COMMENTS:** None
4. **COMMISSION COMMENTS:** None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Gregory R. Gatzka, Commission Secretary