

# CITY OF SARATOGA PLANNING COMMISSION

## AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers/Civic Theater, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA  
TYPE: Regular Meeting

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### ROLL CALL

Commissioners – Chair Douglas Robertson, Vice-Chair Tina K. Walia, Mary-Lynne Bernald, Pragati Grover, Joyce Hlava, David Reis and Yan Zhao

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### MINUTES

Action Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of April 13, 2011

### ORAL COMMUNICATION

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### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- PLANNING COMMISSION DIRECTION TO STAFF

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**All interested persons may appear and be heard at the above time and place. Applicants/Appellants and their representatives have a total of ten minutes maximum for opening statements. Members of the Public may comment on any item for up to three minutes. Applicant/Appellants and their representatives have a total of five minutes maximum for closing statements.**

### PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Adopt Resolution finding that City’s Capital Improvement Program for FY11/12 is consistent with the City of Saratoga’s General Plan.** (John Cherbone)
- 2. APPLICATION PDR11-0004; T-Mobile (Sutro Consulting); 19700 Allendale Avenue (397-30-053) -**  
The applicant is requesting Design Review approval for a wireless telecommunication antenna facility on a new 97 foot tall pole. Per the applicant, the pole height is necessary to provide an adequate cellular signal to service residential areas north and northwest of the intersection of Saratoga Avenue and Fruitvale Avenue. The height is also necessary to provide coverage beyond the tree line and allow for down tilt which helps in cellular coverage. The height would allow future carriers to locate below the T-Mobile antennas such that 10 feet of separation is required between installations. Initially, T-Mobile would install six (6) antennas at the top of the pole with an antenna center height of 90 feet. Future carriers could occupy a lower portion of the pole with an antenna center height of 75 feet. The pole would be designed to look like a pine tree, otherwise known as a “mono-pine” stealth installation. The equipment would be located at the base of the pole and enclosed in a 10.5 foot x 49 foot area (515 SF) surrounded by a chain link fence with green plastic slats. The enclosure would match the fence surrounding the corporation maintenance

yard. T-Mobile would occupy three (3) cabinets, leaving space for three (3) future carrier cabinets. The enclosure would displace at least two parking spaces (including a handicapped space) and an area used by residents for filling sand bags. The applicant will be required to re-stripe the parking lot to replace the loss of the handicapped space and other spaces as required. The pole would be located on public property adjacent to an industrialized maintenance yard. Surrounding uses include residences, a school, a post-office, a public library, a church, City Hall and other public uses. The applicant has submitted an Existing Coverage Map showing a gap in coverage in the area and a proposed Coverage Map showing the projected improvement in coverage from the proposed wireless installation (Attachment 6). The maximum radio-frequency exposure level was calculated at .026% of the public exposure limit set by the Federal Communications Commission. The site is zoned R1-20,000 and the General Plan designation is Community Facilities (Cynthia McCormick, Assistant Planner)

#### **DIRECTORS ITEM**

#### **COMMISSION ITEMS**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Civic Theater  
13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA

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