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**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
PLAN COMMISSION
January 13, 2016
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 P.M.**

Chairman Byrnes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2016, in Memorial Hall, the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.

PRESENT: Chairman Byrnes, Commissioner Crnovich, Commissioner Ryan, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Cashman, Commissioner Krillenberger, Commissioner Fiascone and Commissioner McMahon

ABSENT: Commissioner Unell

ALSO PRESENT: Chan Yu, Village Planner
Applicant Representatives for Cases: A-46-2015 and A-47-15

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Byrnes asked the Plan Commission (PC) for any comments from the December 9, 2015 meeting. There were none from the other Commissioners. However, Chairman Byrnes requested adding a subject, such as “one” or “driver” to the last sentence in the 6th paragraph on page 2. With no additional comments, Chairman Byrnes asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner McMahon motioned and Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

Findings and Recommendations

Case A-35-2015 – 20 E. Ogden Ave. – LaMantia – Text Amendment to allow Showrooms for Interior Design and Remodeling in the O-2 Limited Office District

Chairman Byrnes provided a summary of the application and asked the PC for any comments. With none, he asked for a motion to approve the Findings and Recommendations.

Commissioner McMahon motioned to approve. Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

Scheduling of Public Hearing

Case A-42-2015 – Village of Hinsdale – Text Amendment to Remove Registering Home Occupations to Match Municipal Code. (This item was for scheduling the time and date)

Chairman Byrnes explained that this item will be rescheduled for the February 10 meeting because the notification was not published in the newspaper.

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Exterior Appearance and Site Plan Review

Case A-46-2015 – 339 W. 57th St. – SAC Wireless for AT&T – Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Additional Telecommunication Equipment on an Existing Antenna Location.

Chairman Byrnes provided a brief review of the application, and introduced the applicant to present the proposed project.

Tony Phillips, SAC Wireless, introduced himself as the representative, on behalf of the applicant, AT&T. He also introduced his associate, Aaron Blackwell. He next explained that the project will not add antennas. However, they will be adding radio units behind the antennas. The upgrade will allow more capacity for more calls and data transfer. He clarified the difference between coverage and capacity. The area has the coverage, however, the radios will increase the capacity.

Commissioner Krillenberger asked if they represent the tower or carrier.

Tony replied they represent the carrier, AT&T, and clarified that the Village owns the tower.

Commissioner Peterson asked if the hardware will be installed behind the antennas.

Tony explained correct, the antennas are mounted on a pipe, the pipe is mounted to the tank, and the pipe has room between the tank and the antenna.

Commissioner Peterson asked for clarification, that they are not extending it out.

Tony replied correct, and that the photo simulations provided in the application will illustrate that you can't notice it.

Commissioner Crnovich, Commissioner Ryan and Commissioner Fiascone complimented the applicant for the wonderful and detailed application.

Chan Yu, Village Planner asked if they are using brackets for installation, versus welding.

Tony replied correct, they will utilize existing brackets.

Chairman Byrnes asked if there is anything proposed for the building at grade.

Tony explained there will be minor work performed inside the shelter.

Aaron also confirmed AT&T will perform very minor upgrades inside the shelter.

Chairman Byrnes replied he just wanted to make sure they are not missing any potential work done on the outside of the shelter.

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Commissioner Crnovich commented that she believes there was a report in regards to a break in sometime during the past year. Given, she asked about the security of the shelters.

Tony replied that every shelter has an alarm. If someone were to open the door, AT&T would get notified. Tony, however, was unclear if the signal was also directly tied to the Village Fire or Police Department.

Commissioner Fiascone asked how often the equipment upgrades are needed.

Tony replied all the time, since it is a technology driven upgrade. Carriers will pursue installation if there is new equipment available to help provide better service. This particular request, is a nationwide program being implemented by AT&T.

Commissioner Crnovich asked if this technology upgrade has replaced the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS).

Tony explained there's a different between "small cell" and "macro". This is a macro site, which offers a wide coverage area. The small cell, also known as "micro" site, is what a DAS is.

Commissioner Crnovich mentioned the DAS locations in Hinsdale are very noticeable, and asked if he knew about any new plans for adding those.

Tony replied that SAC Wireless does what the carriers want them to do; and that is driven by a needs analysis. Eventually, a customer will never be out of range for Wi-Fi.

Chairman Byrnes asked for any additional comments. With none, he asked for a motion to approve the Exterior Plan application.

Commissioner Krillenberger motioned to approve. Commissioner Crnovich seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

Chairman Byrnes asked for a motion to approve the Site Plan application.

Commissioner Crnovich motioned to approve. Commissioner Cashman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

Case A-47-2015 – 21 Spinning Wheel Rd. – SAC Wireless for AT&T – Exterior Appearance and Site Plan for Additional Telecommunication Equipment on an Existing Antenna Location.

Chairman Byrnes asked if the applicant is presenting essentially the same scope of work.

Tony replied this project differs because they are replacing antennas. The visual impact is nearly unnoticeable.

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Commissioner Crnovich asked if they knew how many antennas are on the roof top besides the ones AT&T owns.

Tony replied that he believes AT&T has 2 antennas per sector, for a total of 6. However, he does not know the total in regards to the other carriers.

Commissioner Crnovich commented that she wishes the Village will have a plan indicating where the antennas are located.

Chan mentioned the Village-owned water tower contract allows for 36 antennas maximum.

Aaron mentioned there is no way for them to know what other carriers have on the roof after reviewing their technical drawing sheets.

Chairman Byrnes asked for a motion to approve the Exterior Appearance application.

Commissioner Krillenberger motioned to approve. Commissioner Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

Chairman Byrnes asked for a motion to approve the Site Plan application.

Commissioner Krillenberger motioned to approve. Commissioner Fiascone seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 Ayes and 1 absent).

The meeting was adjourned after a motion was made by Commissioner Krillenberger and seconded by Commissioner Cashman at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chan Yu', written in a cursive style.

Chan Yu, Village Planner