

CASE NO: Z2004290 S

Staff and Zoning Commission Recommendation - City Council

December 21, 2004 - Postponed for 60 days by applicant.

Date:

March 24, 2005

Zoning Commission Meeting Date: March 01, 2005

Council District:

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Ferguson Map:

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Appeal:

No

Applicant:

Owner:

Southern Towers Inc.

CWS Retail on Austin Highway, Ltd.

Zoning Request:

From C-2 Commercial District to C-2 S Commercial District with Specific

Use Authorization for a telecommunications tower

0.057 acres out of NCB 8695

Property Location:

1433 Austin Highway

Near the intersection of Deerwood Drive and Austin Highway

Proposal:

To allow for the extension of the existing telecommunications tower.

Neighborhood

Wilshire Village Neighborhood Association, Terrell Heights Neighborhood

Association:

Association, and Austin Highway Revitalization Project

Neighborhood Plan:

Northeast Inner Loop Neighborhood Plan

TIA Statement:

A Traffic Impact Analysis is not required.

Staff Recommendation:

Consistent. The request for an "S" does not change the allowable uses in the existing zoning district therefore a finding of consistency is recommended.

Approval.

The subject property has an existing 100-foot telecommunications tower, which is located next to commercial properties as well as multi-family dwellings. This tower was located at this site prior to the adoption of the City of San Antonio Telecommunications Ordinance. The 15-foot increase would allow for the tower to be used by multiple carriers as opposed to building a new tower. The Unified Development Code recommends co-location as an alternative to new tower construction.

Zoning Commission Recommendation:		<u>VOTE</u>	
Approval		FOR	9
		AGAINST	0
CASE MANAGER :	Robin Stover 207-7945	ABSTAIN	0
		RECUSAL	0

On December 21, 2004 Zoning Case Z2004289 S was postponed for 60 days as per the applicant's request.

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Applicant: Southern Towers, Inc.

Zoning Request: "C-2" Commercial District to "C-2" S Commercial District with

Specific Use Authorization for a telecommunication tower.

Brock Bailey, 500 N. Akard, representing Verizon Wireless, stated they are purposing to extend their existing 100 foot communication tower by fifteen feet. He stated they are in agreement with staff recommendation of landscaping around the new compound. He further stated he does not feel this would have an adverse impact on the health, safety and welfare. He stated this would be consistent with the existing uses, which surrounds this property.

FAVOR

Gloria Johnson-Ramirez, 931 Austin Highway, representing Austin Highway Revitalization Project, stated they are in the process of renovating Austin Highway. She stated their mission is to make Austin Highway look presentable. She further stated they have met with Mr. Brock with regards to the proposed zoning change and are in support of this request. She stated Mr. Brock presented his proposal very well and addressed their concerns.

Staff stated there were 16 notices mailed out to the surrounding property owners, 2 returned in opposition and 0 returned in favor and 1 received in opposition outside the 200-foot radius. Austin Highway Revitalization Project is in support if there is landscaping around the base structure and no response from Wilshire Village Neighborhood Association and Terrell Heights Neighborhood Association.

Everyone present, for and against having been heard and the results of the written notices having been received, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

FINDING OF CONSISTENCY OF THE MASTER PLAN

COMMISSION ACTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Sherrill to find consistency with the neighborhood plan.

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(A verbal vote was taken)

AYES: Martinez, Robbins, Cardenas-Gamez, Dutmer, Dixson, Sherrill, Avila,

Stribling, Peel

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION ACTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Dutmer to recommend approval.

1. Property is located on 0.057 acres out of NCB 8695 at 1433 Austin Highway.

2. There were 16 notices mailed, 2 returned in opposition and 0 in favor.

3. Staff recommends approval.

AYES: Martinez, Robbins, Cardenas-Gamez, Dutmer, Dixson, Sherrill, Avila,

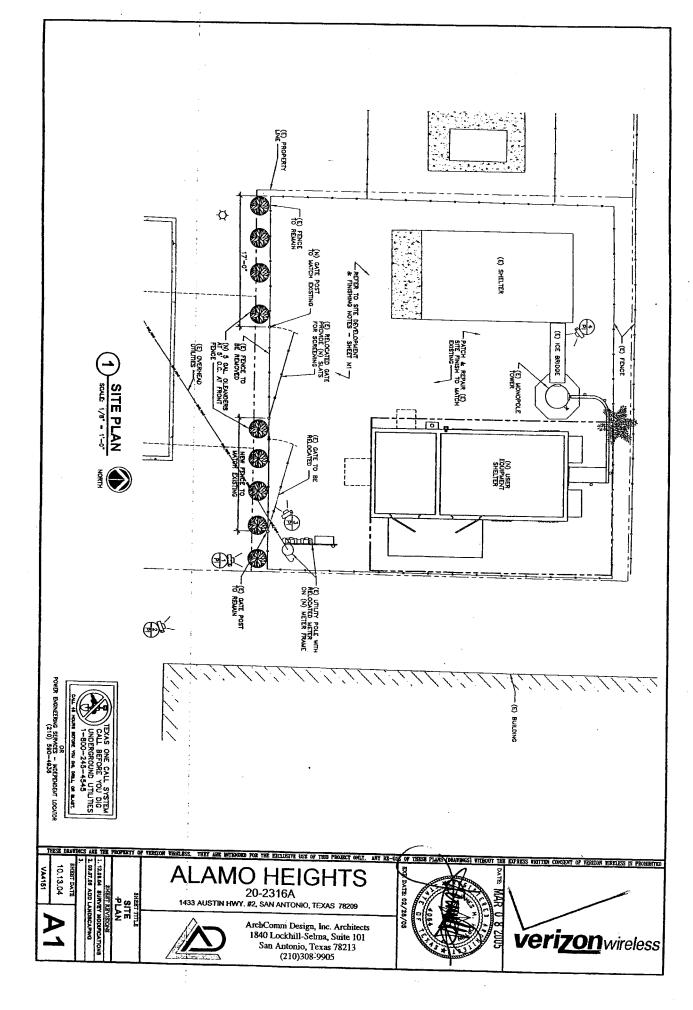
Stribling, Peel

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

RESULTS OF NOTICE FOR COUNCIL HEARING

To be provided at Council hearing.



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