

November 5, 2014

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**RE: 1400 WEST KENNETH ROAD
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITES PERMIT
CASE NO. PWTF 1318464**

Dear Mr. Desmond:

The Planning Commission of the City of Glendale, at its meeting held on November 5, 2014, conducted a public hearing on a Telecommunications Facilites Permit Case No. PWTF 11318464 and after due consideration, the Planning Commission **DENIED** Wireless Case No. PWTF 11318464 located at **1400 West Kenneth Road**, for an application for a proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility consisting of 12 antennas on 3 arrays mounted on a proposed 50-foot tall mono palm in the "C1"- Neighborhood Commercial zone described as Lots 37 to 45 inclusive and Lot 50 of Tract No. 6165, in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: The Community Development Department, after having conducted an Initial Study, has prepared a Negative Declaration for the project.

A motion adopted by the Planning Commission is attached.

If you have any questions or need additional information on filing an appeal please contact the undersigned, in the Community Development Department at (818) 548-3210.

Sincerely,
Hassan Haghani, A.I.C.P.
Director of Community Development Department



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Senior Planner
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CC: City Clerk (K.Cruz); Police Dept. (Lt.S.Bickle/Z.Avila); City Attorney's Dept. (G. van Muyden/Y.Neukian); Fire Prevention Engineering Section- (D.Nickles); City Engineer and Traffic & Transportation Section (R.Golanian/G.Tom); Director of Public Works and General Manager for Glendale Water and Power (S.Zurn); Glendale Water & Power--Water Section (R.Takidin); Glendale Water & Power--Electric Section (M.Kelley/M.Jackson); Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept. (E.Tatevosian); Neighborhood Services Division (A.Jimenez); Integrated Waste Management Admin. (D.Hartwell); Maintenance Services Section Admin. (D.Hardgrove); Street and Field Services Admin.; Environmental Management (M.Oillataguerra); Information Services Admin./Wireless Communications (S.Hronek); W.Desmond; V.Gardner; D.Scherrer; and case planner-Brad Collin.

MOTION

Moved by Planning Commissioner Astorian, seconded by Planning Commissioner Yesayan, that upon review and consideration of all materials and exhibits of current record relative to Wireless Telecommunication Facility Case No. PWTF 1318464, located at **1400 Kenneth Road**, and after having conducted a hearing on said matter, that the Planning Commission hereby **DENIES** said Wireless Telecommunication Facility Case No. PWTF 1318464 in accord with the findings set forth below:

Pursuant to Section 30.48.040 of the Glendale Municipal Code, a Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits may be granted by the reviewing authority only if the following findings of fact can be made:

- (1) The proposed wireless telecommunications facility has not been designed to achieve compatibility with the community.

The proposed 50 foot tall mono pole antenna has not been designed to achieve community compatibility because it will be much taller than any other building in the surrounding community. The maximum height for buildings in this zone is 25 feet. The bottom of the proposed 50 foot mono palm antenna would be enclosed within seven foot four inch tall walls and screened from view from the public right of way, but the top 42 feet will be exposed. The proposed location puts the mono pole antenna about the center of the parking lot, closer to and visible from Kenneth Road. There are other locations in the neighborhood as discussed below in paragraph 4, whether co-located with another carrier or placed further away from surrounding single family residential homes that would minimize the visual impact to the surrounding uses.

- (2) Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility or maybe reasonably feasible.

The proposed 50 foot high Wireless Telecommunication Facility mono pole antenna set within the subject parking lot in any configuration will not be compatible with the adjacent uses because the height limit in this zone is 25 feet, and because pole is out of context and compatibility with the existing low intensity commercial uses and single family residential neighborhood within the vicinity. Alternative configurations within this site will not increase compatibility.

- (3) Alternative locations on the site will increase community compatibility or are reasonably feasible.

To move the Facility to the southern portion of the site, adjacent to the cemetery, may be less intrusive to the surrounding low intensity commercial uses and single family residential neighborhood than its proposed location, and therefore may increase community compatibility.

- (4) The location of the wireless telecommunications facility on alternative sites will increase community compatibility or may be reasonably feasible.

The applicant stated that they investigated alternative site locations before selecting the proposed site to fill a gap in coverage within the network of other providers. Comments from the City's Wireless Administrator for Information Services, Steve Hronek, stated that the proposed site is necessary to fill a significant gap in coverage consistent with the ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits. The four other sites investigated before selecting the proposed site include:

- A. A rooftop design on top of a commercial building at 1407 and 1411 West Kenneth was contemplated; however, the property owner did not want a cell site on her building.
- B. A Church property, located at 1020 West Kenneth was considered; however due to it being located near a residential zone it was not pursued.
- C. Another commercial rooftop, located at 1422 West Kenneth Road was considered since there are existing wireless carriers there; however, the property owner told the applicant there was no room for an additional carrier.
- D. The Grandview Cemetery was not possible at the time, back in 2013, due to the property being up for sale and the sale was not finalized yet. However, the Cemetery location is considered the best option because it has minimal impacts to the surrounding commercial and residential neighborhoods and could achieve the goal of the surrounding commercial and residential neighborhoods because it will allow the existing low intensity and single family residential area to be maintained.

- (5) The facility is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage.

The network was designed around this location. The radio frequency propagation maps submitted with the application show how the coverage gap is being met by this proposal. Steve Hronek, Wireless Administrator for the City's Information Services Department, reviewed the application materials and maps and concurred that this site appears necessary to fill a gap in coverage consistent with the ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits.

- (6) The applicant has submitted a statement of its willingness to allow other carriers to co-locate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility wherever technically and economically feasible and where co-location would not harm community compatibility.

The Applicant, Verizon Wireless submitted a letter dated July 17, 2013, which states the following: "Verizon Wireless is willing to allow other carriers to co-locate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility located at 1400 West Kenneth Road, Glendale, CA 91201 wherever technically and economically feasible and aesthetically desirable."

- (7) Noise generated by equipment will not be unnecessary, excessive, annoying nor be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.

The applicant has stated that there will not be any noise generated on a daily basis. However, if there is a power outage, the emergency backup generator may operate temporarily in order to guarantee that service (including emergency 911 service) is able to continue. Additionally, the generator is contained within noise-suppressing housing, limiting the noise audible to the surrounding neighborhood.

- (8) The facility complies with all of the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and orders.

VOTE

Ayes: Astorian, Lee, Yesayan, Landregan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Manoukian

APPEAL PERIOD, TIME LIMIT, LAPSE OF PRIVILEGES, TIME EXTENSION

The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this grant is not a permit or license and that any permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper City and public agency.

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the City Council if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented. It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Permit Services Center (PSC) or the Community Development Department (CDD) upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before **NOVEMBER 20, 2014** at the Permit Services Center (PSC), 633 East Broadway, Room 101, Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or at the Community Development Department (CDD), 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Monday thru Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

APPEAL FORMS available on-line

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/SubmittingAProject.asp>

To save you time and a trip - please note that some of our FORMS are available on line and may be downloaded.

NOTICE – subsequent contacts with this office

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner who acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished by appointment only, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Brad Collin at 818-548-3210.