

MEETING DATE/TYPE: VOTING MEETING 6-12-18

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

AGENDA ITEM: Special Use Permit (SUP18-00002) for the installation of a Cell Tower at 2797 Willow Creek Road; APN 106-23-058A: Owner is Free Methodist Church of Prescott, Inc. No public objections were received at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund (Cost Recovered)

Approved By: Michael Lamar, City Manager

Item Summary

This is a request for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the installation of a Cell Tower. The Land Development Code (LDC) establishes the SUP process for all cellular communications towers, except those owned and operated by a governmental entity. LDC Section 2.4.49 establishes the design and approval process. The location is zoned SF-9 Single-family, which allows telecommunications facilities with an approved SUP.

Background

Verizon Wireless is seeking to install a Cell Tower to improve their service coverage in the north region of Prescott. The proposed location is on a site with an existing church use. The site is near the southwest corner of the disturbed area of the site, as shown on the attached site plan.

Site Design

The site is graded and has functional access from the north from Mitchell Road. The proposed installation will include an 80 foot monopole, a 25 by 30 foot fenced compound containing a prefabricated equipment building and a 12 foot wide access easement from Mitchell Road to the leased site.

The tower design is for a monopole with three antenna arrays at the top. The 80 foot pole is 75 feet from the west property line, putting it just short of the required fall distance setback of 80 feet. It should be noted, however, that the distance to the edge of curb of the adjoining street is approximately 90 feet. The location meets all other setback requirements. The design will allow collocation of additional antennas, but none are proposed at this time. The monopole is proposed to be finished in a pine tree

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camouflage. A color for the compound fence has not been proposed, but will likely blend with the natural topography.

Planning and Zoning Commission Action

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this request at their public hearing meeting on May 10, 2018, and after discussion the vote was passed 5-2 to recommend approval of the SUP which included a new 85' stealth wireless communication facility with an 85' setback and a block, stucco equipment compound. The two dissenting Commissioners expressed concern for the requested 80 foot height.

Attachments

1. Zoning Vicinity Map
2. Aerial Map
3. Applicant's Information and Photo Renderings

Recommended Action: MOVE to approve SUP18-00002 with a district height exception for the installation of a new 85' stealth wireless communication facility including an 85' setback and with a block and stucco equipment compound.