



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Memo to the Planning Commission

HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2011
Continued from the July 28, 2011, Hearing

Date: September 29, 2011
Case No.: **2011.0294 C**
Project Address: **199 Leland Avenue**
Zoning: NC-2 (Small-Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 6251/016
Project Sponsor: Tony Kim for AT&T
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Recommendation: **Approve with Conditions**

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BACKGROUND

The proposal is to install a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of nine new panel antennas on the rooftop and six new equipment cabinets in the garage of an existing three-story mixed use building that is approximately 30-feet tall. The proposal is part of a wireless transmission network operated by AT&T.

A request for continuance was submitted to the Planning Commission by Supervisor Malia Cohen on July 27, 2011. The request indicated that the Supervisor would like more time to discuss the project with members of the Visitacion Valley community and the Project Sponsor. The various parties agreed to a continuance to the Planning Commission hearing on October 6, 2011.

Since the continuance, a dialogue between the parties continued and AT&T provided a booth at the Leland Street Festival as outreach. Despite the additional communication a resolution could not be reached. The community's outstanding concerns remain health related and Supervisor Cohen continues to encourage dialogue between the community and local Congressional leaders, as well as AT&T representatives.

The Project Sponsor has no additional material to submit. Members of the Community intend to supply the Commissioners with additional petitions signed in opposition to the proposal.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

The scope of work remains the same.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

In order for the project to proceed, the Commission may grant the Conditional Use authorization pursuant to Planning Code Sections 303, 711.83 and 790.80, to allow the installation of wireless facilities.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The Project complies with the applicable requirements of the Planning Code.
- The Project is consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan.
- The Project is consistent with the 1996 WTS Facilities Siting Guidelines, Planning Commission Resolution No. 14182.
- The Project is a Location Preference 5, a preferred location, according to the Wireless Telecommunications Services (WTS) Siting Guidelines.
- The Project will improve coverage for an area where there is currently poor coverage.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve with Conditions

Attachments:

Letter requesting continuance from Supervisor Cohen
E-mail update from Supervisor Cohen

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District 10



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MALIA COHEN
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July 27, 2011

Members of the Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

I am respectfully requesting that you continue Item 16 on your July 28th Commission calendar pertaining to the request for Conditional Use Authorization to install a wireless communications facility at 199 Leland Avenue. My office and members of the Visitation Valley community have been meeting with the project sponsor to discuss issues pertaining to the location of this project. This continuance would enable my office and the community to have additional time to continue to discuss these issues before the Planning Commission considers action on this item.

I understand that your Commission calendar is full until October 6, 2011 and request that this item be continued to that date. Should you have any questions please contact my staff Andrea Bruss at 554-7672.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Malia".

Member,
Board of Supervisors

cc: John Rahaim, Planning Director
Jonis Ionin, Senior Planner
Erika Jackson, City Planner



199 Leland Ave.

Malia Cohen to: tranmarlene

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Cc: Megan Hamilton, Andrea Bruss, "BLAKEMAN, MARC D (ATTSI)",
"CHAN, JASON (ATTSI)", fhuang33, Brittany Bendix

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Marlene -

Thank you for your engagement and advocacy on the 199 Leland Ave. project. As you are aware, we asked that the Planning Commission continue this item from their July 28th calendar to allow more time for a dialogue between AT&T as the project sponsor and the community. I understand that since this time they have hosted two additional community meetings. I also understand that you and other members of the community remain concerned about the Federal regulations that govern the consideration of potential health impacts related to cellular sites.

In advance of this project being considered by the Planning Commission in early October, I would encourage you to continue conversations with AT&T about your concerns and meet with our local Congressional representative, Leader Pelosi to discuss your concerns regarding Federal regulation of these sites and propose changes.

Thank You

Always at your service,
Malia

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