



# TOWN OF JEROME

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEROME DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

DATE: Monday, January 08, 2018 TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: **JEROME CIVIC CENTER**  
600 Clark St., JEROME, ARIZONA 86331

## MINUTES

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Design Review Board and to the general public that the Design Review Board will hold the above meeting in Council Chambers at Jerome Town Hall. Members of the Design Review Board will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing. The Design Review Board may recess the public meeting and convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney, who may participate telephonically, regarding any item listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).

### ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Mark Venker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dabney called roll. Present were Chair Mark Venker, Vice Chair John Schroeder and Brice Wood. Mike Parry was absent.

Staff present were Kyle Dabney, Zoning Administrator and Joni Savage, Deputy Clerk/Minute Taker.

### ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of December 11, 2017

Mr. Wood thanked staff for the excellent minutes, as did Mr. Schroeder.

Chair Venker aired his correction, "On page four at the bottom of the page it says "Chair Venker said he would air" the operative word air, should be err."

**Chair Venker made the motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017 and was seconded by Mr. Wood. The minutes were unanimously approved.**

### ITEM 3: PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – There were no petitions from the public.

### ITEM 4: MAINTENANCE OF AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO EXISTING CELL TOWERS

APPLICANT: ELLE STRADLING – COAL CREEK CONSULTING      CONSTRUCTED: 1920

ADDRESS: 885 HAMPSHIRE AVE (89A)      ZONE: I-1

OWNER OF RECORD: VERDE EXPLORATION LTD      APN: 401-11-021A

The applicant is seeking approval for maintenance to existing cell towers and additional equipment to be added on the towers as well as inside a screened off equipment base on the ground.

Mr. Dabney explained this is something all towns are dealing with right now. It is a Federal/State law that we may not deny any requests for maintenance to existing towers. Under Design Review our only authority would be to consider aesthetics, which they've already addressed in these plans. The differences found on the existing antennae are 9.2 inches wider on the face, 1.6 inches less in width on the profile and 12.9 inches taller. The radio head units are new and are 17.52 inches wide on the face, 5.7 inches wide on the profile and 25.39 inches tall. It is all in the packet where he has provided pictures.

Mr. Schroeder asked if any of the people that live adjacent to the high school had been given any information on this or just access it on a public website.

Mr. Dabney responded, "Right."

Mr. Wood thought it was fascinating, there is a manifold of cables called a "Medusa." There is a huge back-up battery.

Ms. Stradling responded yes.

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Mr. Wood said that is none of our business, he just found it interesting. It strikes him that this is not a major change. However, throughout Town, because one of the names referenced Flat Iron, people thought it was happening on the Flat Iron building in Town. That was confusing in the rumor mill. (The zoning administrator analysis had stated the Owner of Record: Flat Iron, and that error was recognized as such.)

Mr. Schroeder stated it is increasing in size a little. How much more energy is being pumped into this antenna, how much more energy does it put out versus what you have there now?

Ms. Stradling responded this new antenna is meant to increase the number of frequencies. This emits two different frequencies so that instead of having two antennas you only need one and it minimizes esthetics. We can change like for like.

Mr. Schroeder said it's not quite like for like. Your company has done studies on the impact? There are people in town that really hate the idea of this. And there not here right now, which says a lot. Your company had done studies and you swear to God this isn't going to hurt anybody's brain or impact children.

Ms. Stradling said it is fully within the FCC guidelines and the emissions shouldn't harm anyone. You'd have to stand directly in front of the antenna for 100 years before having any issues.

Mr. Venker asked if there were any other design related questions to this topic.

**Mr. Wood moved to approve the application as presented. Vice Chair Schroeder seconded. The motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.**

## ITEM 5: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Wood would like to look at the "sign section" of the ordinance and talk about it next month.

Mr. Schroeder said he agreed. And he would like to say he doesn't understand what happened at the last Council meeting. We're going to change the code.

Mr. Dabney said that's not up to us, it goes before P & Z first, they see the changes and make recommendations to Council. That was the attorney's option.

Mr. Schroeder said, "I understand that, but if we're just going to change Town code because somebody threatens to sue us then what good is our Town code?"

Chair Venker said, "To be fair in this case we were exposed to liability because of DRB's previous action to approve these items. An effort to change the law closes us and removes us from that legal liability if another candidate were to come forward and try and use previous examples, that are against Town code, instead of now we have a Town code that includes all existing signage, which means that anybody coming with something outside of what already exists we would have more control to say no and not have legal ramifications against the Town as a result from that."

Mr. Dabney said he would put it on the agenda so that we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Schroeder said he thinks we should look at it, what's the use of having a Town code.

Chair Venker asked Mr. Wood if his goal is to possibly have suggestions to bring to other boards.

Mr. Wood said yes.

Mr. Dabney said he would prepare some input, also.

## ITEM 6: ADJOURN

**Chair Venker made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Schroeder. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

*Approval on next page.*

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*Respectfully submitted by Joni Savage on February 12, 2018.*

Approved:

  
Design Review Board Chair

Date:

2.12.18

Attest:

  
Design Review Board Vice Chair

Date:

2/12/18