

**CORRESPONDENCE
FROM 11/14/11
COUNCIL MEETING**

Iraheta, Alba

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: FW: Remarks for November 14th Appeal Hearing
Attachments: Appeal of Wi fi Antenna at Grand and CA _11-14-11.pdf

From: Gretchen Brickson [jgbrickson@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2011 6:29 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Madison, Steve; Suzuki, Takako; Christopher Sutton; ostenson.brandt@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Remarks for November 14th Appeal Hearing

Mark,

Attached is an electronic copy of my remarks for tomorrow's Appeal hearing. Please distribute to the City Council members for the hearing.

Let me know if you have any questions. I will be tied up in the late afternoon, but if you need to reach me please call my cell phone at (818) 454-4892.

It has been a pleasure working with you.

Regards,

Gretchen

**Appeal of Decision to Approve T-Mobile Permit to
Install Wireless Antenna at California and Grand
Appellant Remarks
November 14, 2011**

Mayor Boggard, Vice Mayor McAustin and members of the council, thank you for the opportunity to speak. As you know, I am Gretchen Brickson, the appellant in this case. Again I want to thank Dan Rix, Richard Yee, Mark Jomsky and Steve Madison's office for their time and attention to this matter. The appeal process thoroughly met my request for community participation and I hope will serve as a model for future wireless telecommunication decisions.

Proposed Antenna Violates Pasadena Municipal Code

However, I am disappointed that the Department of Public Works and T-Mobile have been unable to identify an *alternative location* that would protect pedestrian safety, preserve the historic nature of Grand Avenue and bring resources to the City. I am also concerned that the proposed installation violates the Pasadena Municipal Code in two ways:

1. The 25 foot height standard in Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 12.22.120 B. is not met.

Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC), Section 12.22.120 B. states, "*No wireless telecommunications facility may be located on a pole that is less than 25 feet in height*" and is intended to ensure that cell tower arrays are located ABOVE the highest roof line of adjacent residences. This supports aesthetics, safety, and effectiveness of signal transmission. However, the "25 foot" rule fails to take into account instances such as this where the street's elevation is below adjoining residences.

The topography at Grand and California is unusual. The pole proposed for the antenna is located within a depression between nearby higher residential properties. This means that the antenna would be below the highest roof lines—resulting in reduced signal effectiveness and placing the antenna improperly within the direct line of sight of the adjoining residential properties on South Grand.

For example, the property at 558 South Grand starts with an eight foot high concrete wall, and the yard slopes upward to the east. The residence's pool is placed halfway up the slope and the house is above that. The antenna would be directly adjacent to the yard and pool. The residence at 555 South Grand is many feet higher, and the placement of the wireless antenna at the proposed site would place it at or below the first floor.

Appeal of Decision to Install Wireless Antenna at California and Grand

The residents and owners of these properties have raised this issue during the hearings and community meetings, and the applicant has not responded adequately.

2. The antenna placement is not on a side frontage as required by PMC, Section 12.22.110 F.

PMC Code, Section 12.22.110 F. requires that any placement of an antenna near a corner in a residential area must be on the side frontage and not on the primary frontage of a residence. The unusual design of the residences at 555 and 558 South Grand mean that the proposed location is not on the side frontage. In fact, the front steps of both homes have sole access from South Grand Avenue.

Alternative Locations are Available

An alternative antenna location at Orange Grove and California Boulevards—proposed by telecommunications consultant, Jonathan Kramer—is less intrusive and preferable. The Orange Grove and California intersection does not pose the topographical challenges of the Grand and California location. Since several concrete light standards and traffic signal poles already exist at the intersection, the visual impact would also be less than an antenna placed at Grand and California.

An antenna at Orange Grove and California could be paired with a second antenna at La Loma Road and Arroyo Boulevard. A concrete light pole is currently in place at the southwest corner of La Loma and Arroyo. The City could enhance the height of this pole or replace the pole with a taller concrete or steel pole. There are no residences on the west side of Arroyo because the land to the west is within the Lower Arroyo Seco open space area. The residences on the east side of Arroyo are at the same elevation as the ground on the west side. The topography within one block of this site is either level, slightly inclined or lower. This site will provide substantially larger coverage than the site at Grand and California without the negative impact on residents.

In summary, the proposed antenna should be: 1) placed at an alternative site where the bottom of the antenna is above the highest roof lines of adjacent residences; and 2) located only on a side frontage of a residence. For this reason I ask you to uphold the appeal and instruct the applicant to continue to work with the City of Pasadena to develop an alternative location for the antenna. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Presentation Supporting Denial of T-Mobile Antenna Application at Grand Ave and California Blvd

Prepared for Pasadena City Council
Hearing on November 14, 2011

By Raymond Quan

Historical Perspective

- Pasadena telecom ordinance enacted in 2009
- T-Mobile application at Grand and California is first residential antenna to be contested under the new ordinance through the appeal process
- Neighborhood associations in other Pasadena Districts, as well as the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, are closely monitoring this **precedent setting case** and expect City Council to protect the interests of the residents.

Justification Study

- Initially, T-Mobile did not submit a justification study in violation of Pasadena Ordinance
- Coverage maps incomplete – **important relevant information omitted**
- Omission of coverage provided by the T-Mobile approved site at Ave 64 & Cheviotdale
- Exaggerated size of gap
- T-Mobile has not yet produced complete maps as requested at recent community meeting.
- T-Mobile has a history of incomplete coverage maps.

Justification Study – E911

- T-Mobile consistently states E911 calls as justification for granting their cell antenna placement, claiming public safety endangerment.
- This is specious per FCC rulings requiring ANY carrier to connect an E911 call from **ANY** cell phone, even an **unsubscribed** cell phone.
- LA Co BOS & City of Glendale demanded that T-Mobile stop making misleading E911 statements.

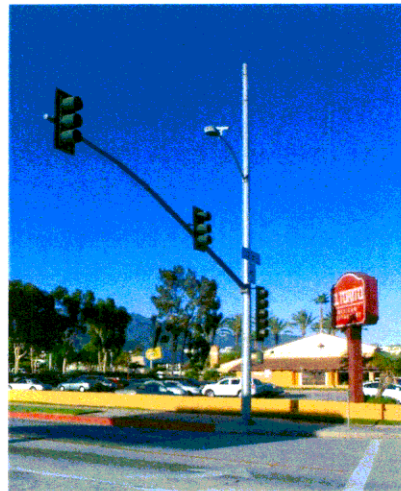
Alternate Sites

- No analysis of existing lamp posts on California Blvd east of Orange Grove
- Not very far from intersection of California and Orange Grove.
- There are 3 similar lamp posts - one on south side of California Blvd



Alternate Sites

- Example of traffic signal and camera mast installation
- Traffic signal co-location of this type exists at Sierra Madre Villa & Foothill
- California & Orange Grove location suitable for this type of installation



California & Orange Grove

- T-Mobile claims California & OG site causes “interference” due to antennas being too close
- But maps show other T-Mobile sites are even closer
- California & OG much more desirable and provides good or acceptable coverage according to **T-Mobile’s own maps** once Ave 64/Cheviotdale antenna is included.
- Coverage gap is closed – **No “significant gap”**

Arroyo and La Loma

- Fulfills many T-Mobile criteria
- Adjacent to fewer houses since it borders on the arroyo
- Matches Oak Knoll & Alpine type installation
- Neighbor on adjacent corner supportive



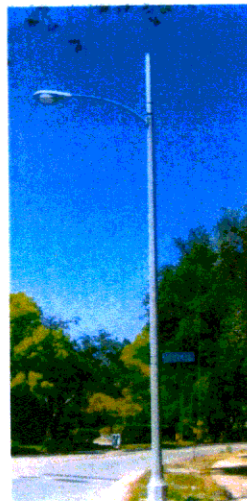
Alternate Sites

- Intersection of California & Orange Grove (or immediately East or West) is less intrusive than Grand & California
- T-Mobile's own coverage maps show no residual significant gap
- If farther east on California is only alternative addition of Arroyo and La Loma can fill gap in least intrusive manner consistent with code.

Alternate Sites

Appellant called for

- *"a report to the City Council [regarding] the feasibility of the installation of a street light and antenna, or other new, well camouflaged pole with antenna, on California Boulevard, East of Grand Avenue and West of Orange Grove Boulevard."*
- Appellant request has not been met by T-Mobile or by the city
- Cost of new Oak Knoll & Alpine type lamp post is only \$5,000 according to Public Works Dept



Alternate Sites

- Non right-of-way locations not considered
- Nearby private institutions not approached
- Upgrade existing T-Mobile monopole antenna *IE04559A* near Colorado Street bridge
- Alternate sites **avoid future problem** when utility poles become undergrounded
- Alternate sites offer potential benefit of providing annual **city revenue** but this is incidental and **not** a deciding factor.

“The TCA does not guarantee wireless service providers coverage free of small ‘dead spots’ .”

Sprint PCS vs Palos Verdes Estates(2009)

www.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2009/10/13/05-56106.pdf

Aesthetics can now be used as basis
for City Council denial of a cellular
antenna application

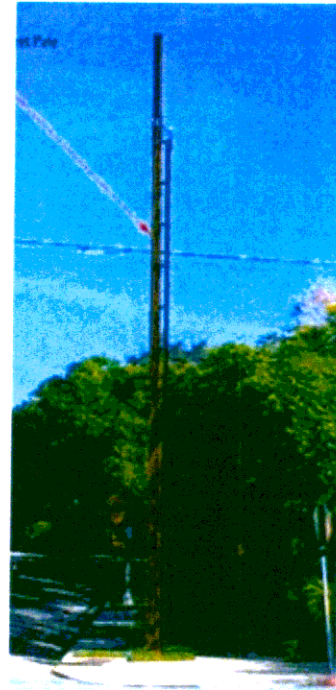
“California law does not prohibit local
governments from taking into account
aesthetic considerations in deciding
whether to permit the development of
WCFs within their jurisdictions.”

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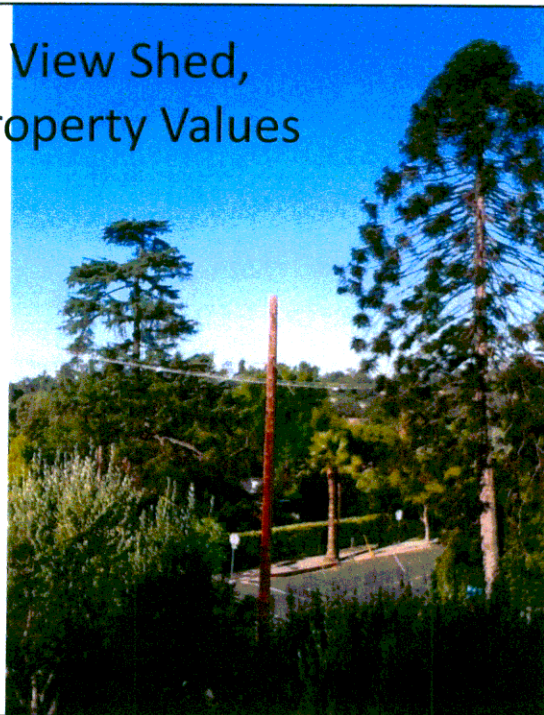
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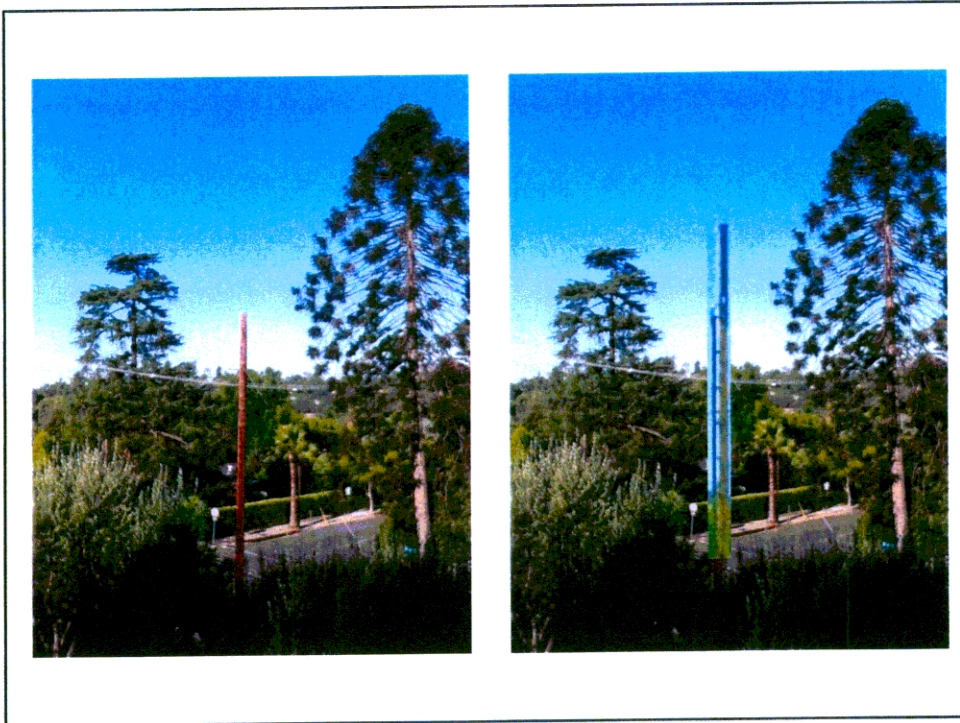
- Existing pole already an eyesore
- 6'10" antenna topper worsens appearance
- 4" riser pipe + 4" standoff bracket effectively doubles the profile of the pole
- "Busy looking"
- The city has used Oak Knoll/Alpine site as a standard PROW installation



Detrimental to View Shed, Aesthetics and Property Values

- View from adjacent property
- Negative effect on view shed which will negatively effect property values
- This was upheld by LA Co BOS denial of a T-Mobile antenna application
- Would detract from the residential character of historic neighborhood





NOT Least Intrusive Site

There are:

- Alternate sites at less intrusive locations
- Alternate sites more compatible with surroundings
- Alternate sites leave no significant gap
- Alternate antenna mounts far less aesthetically intrusive



Photo Simulations

- Initially not made available to the public
- Followed by photo simulation of wrong site at Oak Knoll & Alpine (day before deadline)
- Pasadena Ordinance 12.22.050.B.4 requires photograph
- Public outcry for **accurate** photo simulations

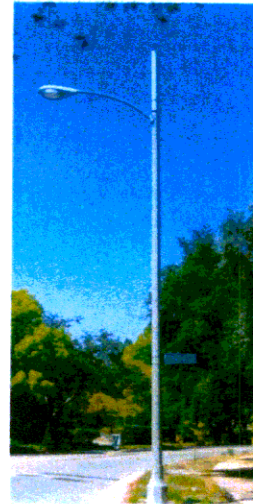


Photo Simulation Errors



2 wires were digitally removed – why?



Existing pole was **SHORTENED**



2 wires would have revealed the shortening

Existing



Scroll back and forth between this and the next slide.
Shortening of existing pole is clearly evident.

Proposed



Existing pole was also darkened and moved westward.
Guy wire across street MUST remain yet it was erased.
Erasure artifacts still visible (not a cloud)

Existing/proposed photos staggered on page
making pole shortening harder to notice

IE05372c

588 S. Grand Ave., Pasadena CA 91105

...T-Mobile...



View 1
View Name:
Looking north at proposed pole replacement

T-Mobile USA

10000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Tel: 800.950.0800

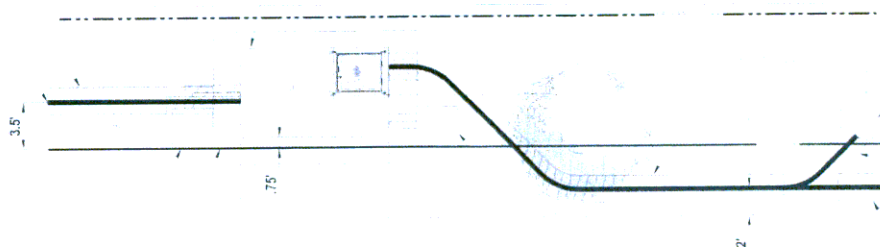
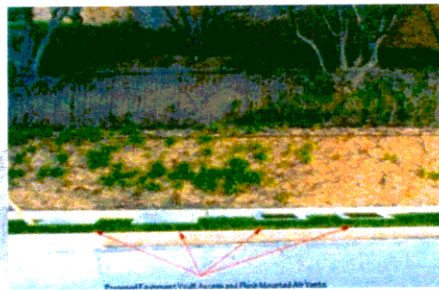
Applicant

GPS mobile
antenna
surveying

10000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Tel: 800.950.0800

Contact

Hatch & Vents Do Not Match Plans



- T-Mobile has submitted **inaccurate & non-current** photo simulations not in keeping with Pasadena Ordinance 12.22.050.B.4
- Public Works Department and residents deserve accurate and current photo simulations

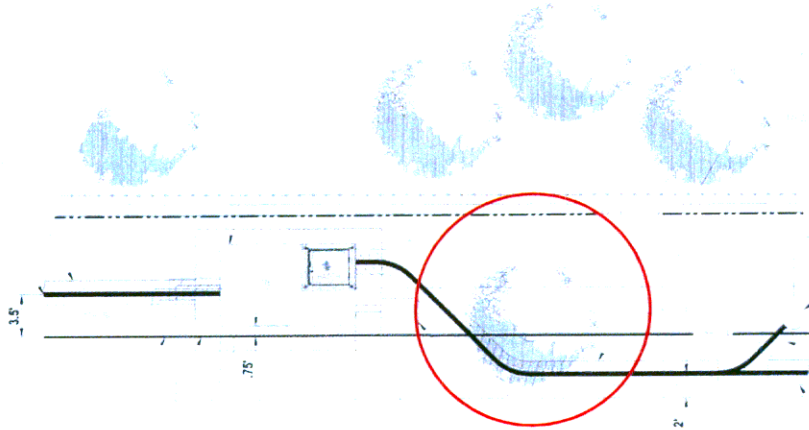


Application Incomplete - Trees

- Ordinance 12.22.110 (H): The applicant **shall obtain** the director's approval of a **tree protection plan** prepared by a certified arborist for the installation of any telecommunications facility located within the canopy of a **street tree, or a protected tree** on private property within a **minimum of a 10-foot radius** of the base of such a tree. Depending on site specific criteria (e.g. location of tree, size and type of tree etc.) a radius greater than 10 feet may be required by the director.
- No tree protection plan is on file at Public Works Dept in **violation of 12.22.110 (H)** as well as **violation of Pasadena Tree Protection Ordinance**.

Application Incomplete - Trees

- Two trees are affected
- Technical plans show 3' deep trench very close to tree trunks well within 10' minimum distance



Application Incomplete - Trees

The larger tree is a **protected native species:** *quercus agrifolia* (coast live oak) which is already leaning




Application Incomplete - Trees

- T-Mobile not in compliance with 12.22.110 (H) as well as Pasadena Tree Protection Ordinance.
- Prior Oak Knoll & Alpine site: T-Mobile application's tree survey left blank despite many protected oak trees.
- Ordinance compliance should be **strictly enforced**.



Application Lacks RF Data

- RF emissions cannot exceed FCC standards.
- RF emission specifications and drawings are not in T-Mobile's technical plans and are **not filed** with Public Works Dept 
- In two municipalities (Mission Viejo and Windsor Hills) the RF emission specs submitted by T-Mobile were **found to be erroneous** by non T-Mobile experts.

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Potential Threat To Public Safety

- Concerns that 160+lb 6'2" antenna atop 43' high old wooden pole attached by only an 8" mount (screwed into 52 year old wood) is not earthquake safe or crash proof.
- Load on pole should be recalculated when an additional burden is placed on a pole.
- Structural analysis, inspection records, maintenance records not on file at PWD
- Pedestrian/skateboard trip hazard from hatch in walkway

Potential Threat To Public Safety

- 2007 Malibu fires were caused by antennas of 4 cell companies mounted on 3 wooden utility poles
- Poles fell starting fire
- Who is responsible for inspection and maintenance on a JPA/JPC pole?
- If something happens then who is responsible or liable?



- CPUC is still investigating source of liability for the 2007 Malibu fires
- Edison claimed poles met regulations but maintenance records incomplete
- Awaiting trial in February 2012

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Date of Issuance
February 2, 2009

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Southern California Edison Company, Verizon Wireless LLC, Sprint Communications Company LP, NextG Networks of California, and AT&T Communications of California, Inc. Regarding the Utility Facilities and the Canyon Fire in Malibu of October 2007

FILED
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
SAN FRANCISCO
JANUARY 29, 2009
L09-01-018

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION
AND NOTICE OF HEARING

I. INTRODUCTION

By this order, the Commission institutes a formal investigation to determine whether the named Respondents violated any provision or provisions of the Public Utilities Code, Commission general orders or decisions, or other applicable rules or requirements in regards to their facilities which may have caused the fire in Malibu on October 21, 2007 (the October 21, 2007 fire in Malibu is alternately referred to as the "Malibu" or "Canyon" fire). Respondents are the Southern California Edison Company, Verizon Wireless (Verizon), Sprint Communications Company LP (Sprint), NextG Networks of California (NextG), and AT&T Communications of California, Inc. (AT&T). Each and all Respondents are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and to state law, and to the Commission's general orders, rules, and decisions. Among other things, these authorities set forth requirements pertaining to the construction, inspection, and maintenance of utility poles, including the wires and other utility equipment attached to the poles.

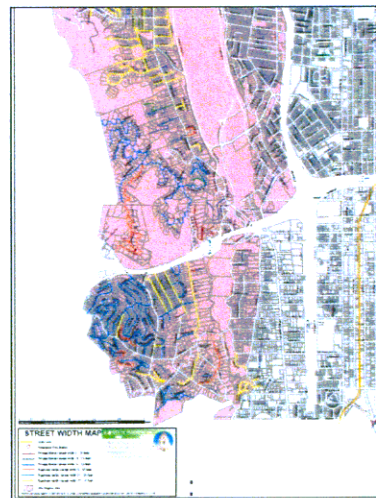
This order provides notice that the Commission will set a hearing to determine whether any or all Respondents have violated the Commission's general orders or other applicable authority pertaining to the leakage of the Malibu utility poles and the

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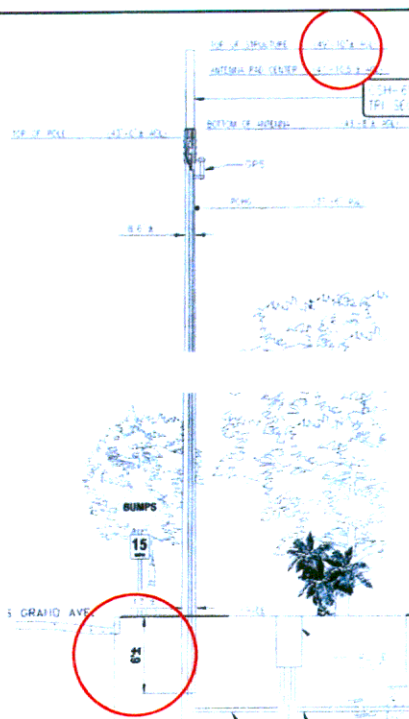
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Potential Threat To Public Safety

- Grand & California is classified as a **High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (HFHSZ)** and 1 block east of a **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)**
- Potential for 2007 Malibu fire situation during earthquake or car crash
- Liability falls on Pasadena for approving antenna?



- Existing pole with new antenna is 49'10" AGL
- T-Mobile technical drawings show **6' depth** of pole below ground
- New total length is 49'10" + 6' = 55'10"
- CPUC GO 95 Rule 49.1-C calls for **7' depth** in soil for poles 55' long.
- Adding antenna may be **prohibited** by CPUC regulations – PWD review is pending
- Liability falls on Pasadena for approving antenna?



C Setting of Poles

The depths of pole setting given in Table 6 are applicable to wood poles set in firm soil or in solid rock. Where the soil is not firm, deeper settings or other special methods of pole setting should be used. Where unguyed poles are set subject to heavy strain, or at corners or curves, deeper settings or other special measures to prevent overturning or excessive movement of the pole at the ground line should be used.

Metallic poles, prestressed concrete poles, or poles of other non-wood materials that are set directly in firm soil or rock shall be set at least as deep as specified in Table 6 for wood poles. Where the resultant bearing surface of these poles is not sufficient to prevent overturning or excessive movement of the pole at the ground line under maximum loading conditions, special measures such as heel and toe bracing, setting in concrete, bolting to a concrete foundation, or other special methods shall be used.

Note: Revised July 26, 1966 by Decision No. 71009, February 13, 1974 by Decision No. 82466, January 19, 1994 by Resolution SU-25 and October 9, 1996 by Resolution SU-40.

Total Length of Pole (feet)	Depth in Soil (feet)	Depth in Rock (feet)
20	4	3
25	4 1/2	3
30	5	3
35	5	3 1/2
40	5 1/2	3 1/2
45	6	4
50	6 1/2	4
55	7	4 1/2
60	7	4 1/2
65	7 1/2	5
70	7 1/2	5
75	8	5 1/2
80	8	6

Note: Revised March 9, 1988 by Resolution E-3076

Rule 49.1-D

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/Graphics/13352.PDF>

Summary of Findings

- Incomplete justification study/coverage maps
- Alternate site proposals are better compromises
- Not proven “least intrusive site”
- Adverse aesthetic impacts
- Negative impact to view shed & property values
- Not consistent with the character of neighborhood
- Incomplete application - ordinance violations
- Potential public safety hazard
- Addition of antenna may not meet CPUC GO 95
- All may be grounds for application denial

City Council Actions

- Uphold the appeal
- Deny the T-Mobile application
- “Shot clock” restraints make this the only reasonable City Council action.
- Continuation/modifications not warranted.
- City encourages further efforts to provide service to subject area via *de novo* application by T-Mobile at more appropriate site.

Finally, Public Opinion

- T-Mobile customers needing signal and not near proposed antenna: something to gain and nothing to lose - **PRO**
- Non T-Mobile customers near proposed antenna: nothing to gain and everything to lose – **CON**
- Each group motivated by own needs, not necessarily neighborhood's needs.
- This is not a Council decision based on raw votes.
- City Council needs to decide merits of application considering the balance of overall neighborhood needs, aesthetics, "least intrusive site" criteria and guidelines set by prevailing ordinances.

Iraheta, Alba

To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Cell Phone antenna @ California & Grand

From: Rix, Dan
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Yee, Richard; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Cell Phone antenna @ California & Grand

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From: chuck grosenbaugh [mailto:cgrosenbaugh@sunrisemortgage.com]
Sent: 2011-11-14 09:31
To: Rix, Dan
Subject: FW: Cell Phone antenna @ California & Grand

This is a copy of the email that I send to each of the members of the city council.

Once again this issue is being brought up for discussion. It is unfortunate that I will not be able to attend the council meeting tonight but I want to register my strong support for the new antenna. For those of us that live in the Arroyo it is imperative that the cellular providers give us quality service which this antenna will provide. Our cell phones are just marginally useful because of the lack of a quality signal. We have even attempted to use a signal booster to improve the service which has marginally helped. I also find it frustrating that one or two individuals have the power to over right the vast majority of residents that have wanted this antenna. When the city staff and city consultant both approve the antenna it is wrong to have these two individuals using misleading and questionable objections to delay approval.

Both Mimi and I strongly recommend you approve this antenna and stop the delaying tactics that are being employed.

Charles & Mimi Grosenbaugh
657 W. California Blvd.

Iraheta, Alba

Subject: FW: Cellular installation at California and Grand

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 1:41 PM
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From: Paul Little [Paul@pasadena-chamber.org]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 12:50 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; Beck, Michael
Subject: Cellular installation at California and Grand

Good afternoon.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce supports a comprehensive and viable communication system for all of Pasadena. As you are aware, this often means installation of cellular antennae in our city. The City Council enacted guidelines and regulations for the installation of such antennae with the hope of mitigating the issues surrounding cellular towers in residential areas. In fact, the City Council specifically announced a preference for pole top installations when these regulations were enacted a short few years ago.

The installation proposed by T-Mobile at California and Grand Avenue clearly fits within the parameters and will have no noticeable visual impact on the surrounding neighborhood. In fact, T-Mobile will upgrade the light pole that will house the 72inch antenna. In addition, cellular service for T-Mobile customers in the area will be substantially improved.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce urges you to support the installation of the cellular antenna at California and Grand in Pasadena.

If it is of any interest, T-Mobile is not presently a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Our interest in the decision is only to support a viable and effective mobile phone and data network in Pasadena.

Thank you,

Paul

Paul Little

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Item 12

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Subject: FW: Please APPROVE The California and Grand T-Mobile Antenna Without Further Ado

From: Yee, Richard
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To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Flores, Silvia; Rix, Dan
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Mark,

I am forwarding another comment for the record.

Rich

From: timeresrch [mailto:timeresrch@gmail.com]
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To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; De La Cuba, Vannia; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Please APPROVE The California and Grand T-Mobile Antenna Without Further Ado

Eminent domain allows cities to buy private property for the greater public good. Here we have the exact opposite situation: A hysterical resident is attempting to stop improvements meant for the greater public good, and on property that does not belong to her. Why residents were ever invited to hold forth on improvements to city property is beyond me. This is a very minor improvement to city property, and local residents should have no say in the matter. Gretchen Brickson has wasted far too much time for too many people at this point, and it should stop now.

With 4G technology becoming the new connectivity standard, it's now possible for customers to discontinue paying inflated landline rates for Internet connectivity. This is the new standard, and it should be READILY available in Pasadena of all places.

Please do NOT allow Pasadena to be further disadvantaged by misguided luddites bearing Powerpoint presentations who claim that cell phone signals destroy trees, kill birds, cause the sea level to rise and will send us back to the Dark Ages.

Please inform Ms. Brickson that this is about progress, and about Pasadena providing--as is expected of it--the full competitive range of connectivity options to its residents. After all, if the city would never place a roadblock on Orange Grove just to accommodate an irritated resident, then why would it block a strategic on-ramp to the Internet?

Mr. Williams
South Orange Grove

Flores, Silvia

From: Jomsky, Mark
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Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Cell Phone Antenna - Grand and California

Dear Sirs/Madames,

I am respectfully following up on an email I sent a few months ago regarding the proposed cell phone antenna to be installed atop a utility pole on the northeast corner of California and Grand Avenues.

I'm sure all of you are looking forward to putting this matter to rest, as it seems to have dragged out now over several months. I certainly can understand and respect process, and the importance of considering everyone's thoughts and feelings on the subject. During this time however, cell service in my neighborhood continues to be poor to non-existent, which I find remarkable considering the affluent community I live in and its proximity to downtown Pasadena (I live on Palmetto Drive between Orange Grove and Grand)

I would once again like to voice my support for the antenna. Please approve the installation so we in the Arroyo can have cell phone coverage.

Respectfully,

J. Rupert Thompson

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Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: CELL PHONE ANTENNA, GRAND AND CALIFORNIA

To Whom it May Concern,

I live on Palmetto Drive in the Arroyo, and walk my dogs past this telephone pole in question most every day.

If it hadn't been for the large sign alerting the community to the proposed cell phone antenna on top of said pole, I'm not sure I would have even noticed the pole, much less any antenna installation atop it, especially as planned to match the pole in color and design. Personally, I pay more attention on my walks to the beautiful homes and gardens in the Arroyo - not the telephone poles.

Cell service in the Arroyo is poor, and as a community we need to improve reception in this area. As more of us rely on cell service as an essential means of communication, it is a matter of convenience, modernization, and safety. Fortunately, we live in a community that demands technology and other advancements be implemented and installed in a low impact, tasteful manner that respects its surroundings and blends in with the environment. This cell phone antenna, in my opinion, does just that.

Please, as leaders of our community, make the right choice and approve this installation so Pasadena can continue to provide her residents first class services, while preserving the character of community.

Thank you and best regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 3:58 PM
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Cc: Flores, Silvia
Subject: FW: Grand and California T-Mobile antenna

Please add to the public comments.

Thanks,

Rich

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From: James Taylor [mailto:jtaylor@cmc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Cc: Ross Selvidge
Subject: Grand and California T-Mobile antenna

I can't believe the city has delayed acting on T-Mobile's request these past nine months for the reasons which have been articulated by the citizen who is not even affected by the tower. The City Council should have approved this long ago and dismissed the absurd objections which have been raised.

Please immediately approve the cell tower extension at Grand and California. I live at 788 S Grand Ave and have had horrible cell service since moving in last year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Prof. James D. Taylor
Claremont McKenna College
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Flores, Silvia

Subject: FW: Permit for cell phone tower at Calif. Blvd. at Grand Ave.

From: Yee, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 2:16 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Permit for cell phone tower at Calif. Blvd. at Grand Ave.

Mark,

FYI

From: Rpm229@aol.com [mailto:Rpm229@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 1:57 PM
To: Madison, Steve; Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Permit for cell phone tower at Calif. Blvd. at Grand Ave.

To Steve Madison and the Pasadena City Council,

I live within three blocks of California Boulevard and Grand Avenue, and I support the installation of a cell phone antenna at that location.

Our neighborhood really needs improved cell phone reception!

Also I think the permit process has taken too long, due to the ill-conceived objections put forth against it and the poor response of city staff to the permit application.

Please approve this installation and expedite the permit process.

Thank you,

Robert P. Miller
306 California Terrace
Pasadena, CA 91105