

MINUTES OF THE

ALUC MEETING

August 19, 2020

The Airport Land Use Commission convened a Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 940 Main St., El Centro, California.

Staff present: Assistant Director Michael Abraham, Planner II Mariela Moran, Clerk Valerie Grijalva, Office Assistant Gabriela Robb.

Chairman Mike Goodsell called the meeting into order.

- I. **Roll Call:** Commissioners present: Goodsell, Carver (via conference call), Haugh, and Logue
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Non – Action Items:** Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2020 Minutes

Commissioner Haugh, Motion for the Approval of Minutes for the June 17, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Carver, I'll second that.

Chairman Goodsell, We have a motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Roll Call: Goodsell (yes) Carver (yes) Haugh (yes) Logue (yes)

Chairman Goodsell, Alright we are here for a Public Meeting to consider the proposed Tectonic Engineering for Eco-Site project listed in our package here. Who is our presenter for this project?

Mariela Moran, Planner II, read the project into the record.

1. Public hearing to consider the proposed Tectonic Engineer for Eco-Site project for consistency with the Imperial County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The project is for a 80-foot telecommunication tower. The project site is located at 1549 Dogwood Rd., El Centro CA, on property identified as Assessor Parcel Number 054-360-052-000, Latitude: 32° 45' 47.2868", Longitude: 115° 32' 08.4218" and is further described as that portion of Tract 140, Township 16 South, Range 14 East, S.B.M., shown and designated as Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No. M-1478 as recorded in Book 6 of Page 50 of Parcel Maps. Project is scheduled for review with the Airport Land Use Commission on August 19, 2020. (ALUC 04-20) [Mariela Moran Planner II 442-265-1736, extension 1747 or by email at marielamoran@co.imperial.ca.us].

Chairman Goodsell, Thank you very much, not a lot of folks in attendance but we have to go through the motions here. Is there anybody present that is a proponent, speaking in favor of the project? Seeing none, any opponents that are opposed? Seeing none, we will bring it to our panel for anything they want to share.

Commissioner Logue, All I will say is that we have already approved a larger tower for the Highway Patrol pretty close to this, so, I don't see any problems at all; unless anybody else has a problem.

Commissioner Haugh, The only curious question I have was, would the RF interfere in any way, shape or form with the BORTAC at some point with the airport, but that's an FCC question not an ALUC question.

Commissioner Logue, Technically it's an FCC and an FAA but the BORTAC is pretty far away. So, there are certainly between there, the BORTAC is pretty close to Calxico, so there are many towers between there.

Commissioner Haugh, And that's why it was a curiosity question

Commissioner Logue, No, and that actually is a very good point.

Commissioner Carver, Good point, yeah.

Commissioner Logue, In this case I think, we are probably safe in there. There is a lot of towers around, this just kind of fills a hole.

Commissioner Haugh, Yeah, I noticed that from the RF coverage map, was that this was going to turn that swath of low coverage into at least medium grade coverage.

Commissioner Logue, Yeah, and it's in a high shopping area, so, if people ever start shopping in stores again.

Chairman Goodsell, Probably no need for a light on this with the others, prominent there, do you think, right?

Commissioner Logue, No

Commissioner Haugh, The others have lights? Another curiosity question.

Commissioner Logue, Well we did ask the Highway Patrol to put a light on it; but that was pretty high. It was like 150 feet.

Commissioner Haugh, 80 feet is well below most of the flight paths around here.

Commissioner Logue, 80 feet is pretty normal. And, like I've said there are many other towers around there.

Chairman Goodsell, So, you are already avoiding those, so, you probably are not going to come lower to try to hit a smaller one.

Commissioner Logue, And the other thing, is sometimes we will have them put lights on because it is a frequently trafficked route for the crop dusters; that's not the case here

Commissioner Haugh, I think REACH would be the only aircraft that would be flying that low, if they had to in that area.

Commissioner Logue, And the Highway Patrol Helicopter

Commissioner Carver, And Mercy as well

Commissioner Logue, That's true, but I think we are ok, it's inland. Those guys would utilize the huge parking lot at the shopping mall to pick up. I do not see any reason for any variance on it. I would move that we find this compatible with the 1996 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Commissioner Haugh, I will second that motion

Chairman Goodsell, Ok, we have a motion and second, we need a roll call vote on this

Roll Call: Goodsell (yes) Carver (yes) Haugh (yes) Logue (yes)

Chairman Goodsell, There are no non-action items so I will adjourn this meeting.



Jim Minnick, Secretary
Airport Land Use Commission