

BEACH ZONING BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Beach Zoning Board was called to order by Chairperson Al Begger on February 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was Tony Wanner, Tama Smith, Tom Marman, City Auditor Kimberly Nunberg, Verizon Representative Mike Wald, guests Tom Wilhelmi, Jeff & Randi Stockwell and Jerry DeMartin.

Begger read minutes from the previous month meeting. Wanner moved to approve the minutes as read, second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Nunberg explained Verizon Wireless applied for a building permit to construct a cell tower behind Midstate Communications at 105 Second Street NE. PWS Beach referred the building application to the Zoning Board as it did not meet Zoning regulations. Verizon Wireless notified all property owners within 150' of the area in discussion by certified letter of the public hearing being held today for a conditional use permit.

Jeff and Randi Stockwell expressed concerns of a cell tower in a residential area for a number of reasons including health, aesthetics and declining property values. Nunberg mentioned Mack Gilman left a message on the answering machine opposing the cell tower for similar reasons. Jerry DeMartin shared reasons to find an alternative location for the cell tower, preferably on the outer edge of the city limits.

Other locations that possibly could work for the cell tower were discussed. The Zoning Board is in favor of a cell tower within the city but believes a more favorable location could be found. Smith moved a recommendation be given to City Council to continue working with Verizon Wireless to locate a more suitable site for a cell tower which would provide at least 150' between the cell tower and residential zoning, second by Wanner. Motion carried unanimously.

Begger moved to adjourn, second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Al Begger, Zoning Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kimberly Nunberg, City Auditor