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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:51 PM

To: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jocelyn Drake <Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Cc: Felipe Hernandez <Felipe.Hernandez@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Ramon Gomez <Ramon.Gomez@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: (Time-sensitive) Request for CONTINUATION of Jan. 19 hearing

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Dear Jonathan and Jocelyn,

Along with my neighbors' requests which will follow, I am writing to request a continuation of the January 19, 2024 public hearing regarding the proposed cell tower, Application #211097.

Reason: Adequate time has not been allotted for residents, the public, and/or legal counsel to review the materials.

Although notice was sent via USPS approx. 10 days in advance of this hearing, the actual materials to review, and the required mock-up on site, were not available until January 12 and 13 (Friday and Saturday), during a holiday weekend lasting through Monday, Jan. 15.

That has left Jan. 16, 17, and 18 (three or at most four business days) to review all materials—including a 300-page document. Additionally, my first available time to travel south to see the mock-up is on the weekend of January 20-21. My property is the nearest offsite property for the cell tower location.

It has been 11 months since AT&T submitted this current proposal or revision, after multiple discussions with your department. **All** parties involved deserve the same type of consideration and opportunities as the carrier has routinely been granted.

Lives and livelihoods will be massively impacted by your decision regarding the cell tower. On behalf of my neighbors, I am requesting a continuation of four weeks to review this newly-submitted material, and explore new options that have arisen because of it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy

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Nancy Sondel
Santa Cruz County
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From: David Earle <david.earle@sottogroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 5:34 PM
To: Jocelyn Drake <Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: Extension on the Jan 19th public hearing for Application #211097

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Resent- incorrect address originally... Apologies.

Jonathan and Jocelyn,

I am writing to request an extension/postponement of the public hearing for application #211097.

Adequate time to review the 300 page staff report has not been given. We have not been able to completely read and understand the report let alone do our research and prepare good responses to present at the meeting.

This is our neighborhood and we should have the ability to understand what is happening fully and protect it as needed.

I hope you will understand and postpone the hearing on this applications for at least another 2 weeks.

Thank you,

David Earle
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From: Diane Dutton <oneforallok@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:28 AM
To: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jocelyn Drake <Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Request for Continuance for #211097

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Hello Jonathan and Jocelyn,

I've been in conversation with my neighbors and we would like to request a continuance of one month to go through the entire 300+ page staff report and for the time needed to discuss this amongst ourselves.

This issue is very important to us and the requested time would be most helpful. We've been patient with ATT's process and I now hope that patience can be reciprocated to us.

Thanks and look forward to hearing from you on this.

Sincerely,
Diane Dutton-Jones

From: Diane Dutton <oneforallok@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 4:27 PM
To: Jocelyn Drake <Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Re: ATT's 3rd Alternate Location was Incorrect area Requested to be looked at. #211097 Robin Meadow Lane

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Hi Jonathan,

It's 4:25 now. Please forward our correspondence provided in this email to the Zoning Administrator to review before the Jan. 19th Zoning Administrator hearing for the public record.

See you tomorrow,

Diane Dutton-Jones

On Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 03:21:07 PM PST, Jonathan DiSalvo <jonathan.disalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov> wrote:

Hello Diane,

Thank you for your comments.

Please let me know if you would like me to forward the correspondence provided below to the Zoning Administrator for review for the January 19th Zoning Administrator hearing as part of the public record.

Thank you,



Jonathan DiSalvo

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From: Diane Dutton <oneforallok@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 2:10 PM

To: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jocelyn Drake
<Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: RE: ATT's 3rd Alternate Location is Incorrect area Requested to be looked at. #211097 Robin Meadow Lane

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Hi Jonathan,

I wanted to bring to your attention the surveying error ATT made in the alternative site location we requested.

On Nov 21, 2023, I emailed this portion of our request to you:

"The tower's new location could be in the area between the northern edge of Bay West Nursery's fence line and south of the pond where ATT has designated their first turnout on Robin Meadow Lane."

*This is not the area ATT looked at and it severely reduced the probability of what we were asking for to be considered.

I have looked at the topographical lines that were provided to us in the staff report. Please review this and consider the site, it really can be a win/win location for all of us who live here and ATT's objectives.

The elevation **at** the fence line spans between 161' - 167'. **The crest**, top of, RML's elevation is 187'.

Perhaps this is the 20ft difference ATT mentioned in the report. ***Remember, it is the elevation of the proposed building site we want, which is 181'. This is the elevation to work with for measuring.**

The fence line was not the site I/we had intended ATT to survey. It puts the proposed tower 5ft feet lower than our proposed site, **at the 1st turnout area on RML. The elevation here spans 166'-171'.**

** If the Turnout site is between 10 to 15 feet lower the foundation area could be graded to be only 10 feet lower than the upper site putting their antennas at 60 feet. From ATT's Coverage Maps, pgs 118-120, they can still get very good coverage at this elevation.

Please talk about this with Jocelyn. It is very important to Us and will be one of the most important decisions affecting our health and home life forever.

Thank you,

Diane Dutton-Jones, et al.

From: doug@daykinimaging.com <doug@daykinimaging.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:56 AM

To: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: 165 Robin Meadow Ln APN:109-341-19

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Jonathan

This email is in regards to the above property and is my Refusal to support this project, a few reasons are listed below.

#1 Health risks no need for me to recite as I'm sure you have had plenty of

documentation concerning this.

#2 Property subject to decreases in Value.

#3 No need for this in our neighbor hood are service in this area is just fine and we can always use WiFi calling if needed

#4 The only people that will benefit from this are listed below.

#5 The owners of 165 Robin Meadow Lane from revenue they receive.

#6. The County of Santa Cruz from the revenue stream it get's

#7 The Company involved in installing the tower.

#8 The Company who owns the tower.

I Don't see any upside to this project and you should have another letter I sent the last time you proposed this project also please refer to that.

In ending I do not want this cell tower in my neighborhood and for the reasons above and really don't want to have to hear about this anymore.

Next time try having the public hearing during a time that works for all the residents (NOT JUST THE COUNTY MEMBERS BENEFIT)

Regards

Doug Daykin
118 Wheelock Rd

From: Diane Dutton <oneforalllok@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 7:44 AM

To: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Jocelyn Drake
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Subject: Written comments for My Oral Presentation

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Hello Ms. DiasPini,

Here wi the written version of the public comments I am making today, Jan 19, 2024.

Because of the short amount of time we've had to thoroughly review the details of the staff report I am asking for a continuance in order to flush out some details that will hopefully bring about a win/win situation.

The aesthetics is influenced by both the citing and design and is the only tool for us to use. For that reason, we would like the County to review the alternate site detailed in my email to Jonathan DiSalvo on Nov. 21, 2023. If done right this site could give ATT very good coverage towards their intended goals and restore some semblance of the natural beauty of this area when an 85 ft cell tower disguised as a fake tree is involved.

We are also looking at an offsite alternative location and we would like to submit the following:

- (1) the obligation to co-locate on the Melody Ln. property if feasible,**
- (2) the contention that co-location is required even if the tower must be replaced, and**
- (3) lack of evidence that the water tower actually does need to be replaced.**

This is all for now,

Thank you

Diane Dutton-Jones

From: Business Mail <homeoffice0929@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 8:53 AM

To: Jocelyn Drake <Jocelyn.Drake@santacruzcountyca.gov>; Fernanda Dias Pini <Fernanda.DiasPini@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Cc: Jonathan DiSalvo <Jonathan.DiSalvo@santacruzcountyca.gov>

Subject: REVISED: For public record : Letter re #211097 cell tower, 165 Robin Meadow Lane

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Ms. Drake, Ms. Dias Pini:

Please use this version for the public record, re: today's hearing.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nancy Sondel

Santa Cruz/Watsonville

**For public record: Letter re #211097 cell tower, 165 Robin Meadow Lane
SC COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING, JAN. 19, 2024**

Good morning. I'm Nancy Sondel, a semi-retired Pájaro Valley Unified School District independent contractor, teaching multiple arts, including in bilingual English-Spanish.

I would first like to add my name to others requesting a continuance today because we've been allowed only three or four business days to review 300 pages of materials that AT&T took a year to submit to the public.

Secondly, I am the property owner at 96 Wheelock Road, Watsonville. This property is the offsite residence nearest the proposed cell tower. I'm developing a nonprofit-affiliated program on my property called PROJECT OASIS; the subtitle is Arts and Nature Therapy for Underserved Teens.

This free of charge, year-round program will bring integrated mental health, social, recreational, and vocational resources to at-risk and/or low-income youth, staffed by top professionals—as well as free, organic, community gardens to nourish families in need. Staff includes Integrative Expressive-Arts therapists, psychiatric professionals, ecotherapy and outdoor recreation specialists...

Our arts and other activities such as photography, archery, and woodworking can lower

stress levels by up to 75 percent. Much needed by teens!

I bought this scenic five-acre property specifically for Project Oasis—then learned that a proposed cell tower was to be located less than 500 feet from my property line.

The tower would threaten Project Oasis in multiple ways. For example, in applying for sponsorship by a local nonprofit group, I claimed in my mission statement that Project Oasis would be held in an “all-natural setting.” But by no definition can a cell tower be considered “natural.”

If this failure to comply with my mission statement means we lose our status as a nonprofit affiliate, it will cripple my fundraising options. No money, no program. I have already lost potential revenue for Project Oasis, because compatible businesses do not want to rent land that they perceive to be contaminated by never-ending cell tower radiation.

And though local officials may not legally factor in the widely-perceived health risks of cell towers, the public *can and does* take these factors seriously. Parents, educators, and medical professionals may fear subjecting their children, students, and patients to the much-discussed dangers of cell tower radiation. Their turning away will inflict a loss on our entire community.

Project Oasis cannot simply relocate. It took nine months of intensive searching to find this ONE property that meets our requirements for size, terrain, location, and accessibility. It's already set up with an outdoor bathroom and a structure for performing arts. I've had extensive excavation done to create a spacious parking lot. It would be devastating, if not futile, to start this whole process again.

Oasis teens may work as assistants in the program, building self-esteem and earning pocket money. We will also underscore the rewards of giving—for example, by teens donating requested handmade greeting cards to youth-targeted nonprofits, such as Jacob's Heart for kids with cancer.

Project Oasis can partner with and offer open spaces to related local projects for at-risk teens. E.g., Watsonville Police Dept's PAL program (Police Activities League), and Watsonville's downtown Allcove program, among others.

Project Oasis is designed to engage young people who are struggling, long before they hit rock bottom. Early intervention is critical. That's where Project Oasis comes in. Our goals is to be a sort of "catcher in the rye." To reach kids who are on the brink, on a precipice... and to give them wings.

Project Oasis' benefits can have a ripple effect from the current generation to their offspring. But if this program disintegrates due to a cell tower, the tower may harm more people than it helps.

The County's decision about this cell tower will answer a fundamental question: "What kind of a community are we?"