

**TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 17, 2016**

Members Present:

Jamie Knowlton, Chairman  
Jim Gustafson  
Doug Faurer  
Tom Fridstein  
Jim Anathan  
Teri Hooper

Staff Present:

Julie Ann Woods  
Cindy Ford  
Jim Wahlstrom  
John Dresser  
Rhonda Coxon

Members Absent:

Patrick Keelty

Others Present:

None

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Jamie Knowlton, Chairman. Town Clerk Rhonda Coxon swore in members Knowlton, Anathan and Hooper. Jim Gustafson nominated Jamie Knowlton to continue on as Chairman, second by Doug Faurer and approved unanimously. Jamie Knowlton nominated Doug Faurer to serve as Vice Chair, second by Jim Gustafson. Doug Faurer nominated Jim Gustafson to serve as Vice Chair; no second being heard, the motion to nominate Doug Faurer as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

Item 1: Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2016. The Minutes of the 1/16/16 meeting were brought up for approval. There being lengthy modifications proposed by the Chairman, the minutes were tabled for approval at the next meeting.

Item 2: Resolutions of Appreciation: There being two Resolutions of Appreciation prepared for ex-commissioners Donna Aiken and David Rachofsky, Jim Gustafson made a motion of approval for these motions, second by Tom Fridstein and approved by a motion of 4-0.

Item 3: Special Review / Verizon Antenna Placement at Town Park: Jim Wahlstrom introduced this Special Review of an application by Closser Consulting, Inc. on behalf of Verizon Wireless for placement of a small antenna currently located at Town Park in order to improve reception. Due to road closures in Glenwood Canyon and the applicant's being in Denver, a telephone conference link was used to converse with the applicant.

The application originally was proposed to be reviewed administratively, but due to the fact that the Town Council had to review the lease as the landowner, it was thought that it would be best for Planning Commission to hear it as a Special Review.

The applicant pointed out that Federal regulations govern the placement of towers like these and that Verizon was trying to get away from using large towers, especially in small communities. The changes proposed would benefit coverage of events at the Town Park facilities as well as negate the use of large mobile equipment during big events such as Jazz Aspen.

The Planning Commission then had a discussion about the lack of adequate wireless service in the Town as a whole and wanted to talk about ways to improve it. The applicant's representative said that Verizon does not have a "Master Plan" on how to improve service to Snowmass Village. This application is to improve service at the Town Park site. The proposed antenna is a small one and, if it works well, they may be open to considering other requests for small antennas around town to improve service. Staff described this as a first step to install a small antenna that works, which may lead to more placements in town to improve service.

The Planning Commission thought it would be a good idea to bring any future requests to them for approval, rather than automatically letting them be decided on an Administrative basis. This would give them a handle on how many antennas might be proposed and where they might be placed.

There was a suggestion that the placement be moved from where it is currently proposed to the south side to shield the equipment. Staff pointed out that there is currently a study being conducted and plans under way to create new sidewalks and connectivity in that area of the park and that it would depend on where those connections are eventually made. Planning Commission asked Staff to include as a finding and a condition that the antenna be put on the south side of the parking lot. Jim Anathan made a motion to approve the Special Review for the placement of Verizon antenna at Town Park, second by Jim Gustafson and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.