

North Gateway Village Planning

Committee Hearing Date

Planning Commission Hearing Date November 18, 2014

Request From: S-1 SP (6.49 ac) **Request To:** C-2 SP (6.49 ac)

Proposed Use Co-locate a wireless communication

facility on an existing lattice tower and retain uses allowed by Special Permit Z-

SP-13-03.

November 13, 2014

Location Approximately 989 feet north and 350

feet east of the northeast corner of 51st Avenue alignment and Carefree Highway.

Owner Arizona Game and Fish Department

Applicant's Representative Christine Tucker, Insite Inc.

Staff Recommendation Approval, subject to stipulations

General Plan Conformity						
General Plan Land Use Designation		Public / Quasi Public				
Street Map Classification	Carefree H	lighway	Arterial	100-foot north half street		

NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENT, GOAL 2, POLICY 3: CREATE NEW DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT THAT IS SENSITIVE TO THE SCALE AND CHARACTER OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS AND INCORPORATES ADEQUATE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO PREVENT NEGATIVE IMPACT(S) ON THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

The proposed wireless communications facility will be located on an existing lattice tower which is not near or visible from residential neighborhoods and therefore will not negatively impact surrounding uses.

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Surrounding Land Uses/Zoning					
	Land Use	Zoning			
On Site	Ben Avery Shooting Range Facilities	S-1 SP			
North	Ben Avery Shooting Range Facilities	S-1 SP			
South	Vacant	S-1			
East	Ben Avery Shooting Range Facilities	S-1 SP			
West	Ben Avery Shooting Range Facilities	S-1 SP			

Colocation of a Visible Wireless Communication Facility (715.B.3)					
<u>Standards</u>	Requirements	Proposed (*Variance required)			
Setbacks					
Interior building setbacks from	300 (north)	Met – 300 feet			
residentially zoned property	300 (south)	Met – 300 feet			
	300 (east)	Met – 300 feet			
	300 (west)	Met – 300 feet			
Height	Maximum 85 feet	*Not met – 95 feet			

Area Plan	
Carefree Highway Scenic Corridor Design Policies. See Background Item #8	

Background

1. This is a request to rezone 6.49 acres from S-1 SP (Ranch or Farm Residence, Special Permit) to C-2 SP (Intermediate Commercial, Special Permit) to allow for the colocation of a wireless communication facility on an existing lattice tower located approximately 989 feet north and 350 feet east of the northeast corner of 51st Avenue alignment and Carefree Highway.



2. The proposed wireless communication facility is located at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Offices at the Ben Avery Shooting Range facility. The shooting range is owned and managed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

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- 3. C-2 SP zoning is being requested because visible wireless communication facilities are not permitted in the S-1 zoning district. The C-2 SP allows for a new visible wireless communication facility. Zoning Ordinance Section 715.B.2.d requires that wireless communication facilities be located a minimum of 300 feet from a residentially zoned district. The geometry of the proposed zoning area (300-foot radius) allows the proposal to conform to this section of the Zoning Ordinance. The existing Special Permit is being retained to allow the continued use of the Ben Avery shooting range in the proposed rezoning area.
- 4. The General Plan designation for the parcel is Public/Quasi Public. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan designation.
- 5. Much of the land surrounding the range currently exists as natural, undisturbed open space. Arizona Game and Fish Department offices and the Pioneer Living History Museum are some of the existing nearby uses.
- 6. Section 715.B.3.a.(1) of the Zoning Ordinance requires that the height of a visible wireless communication facility be a maximum of 85-feet in height. The proposed antenna will be 95-feet in height and will require a height variance through the Zoning Adjustment process.
- 7. The proposed wireless communication facility conforms to the Carefree Highway Scenic Corridor Design Policy that designates commercially zoned areas to provide a 120-foot setback from the centerline of Carefree Highway.
- 8. The proposed wireless communication facility is collocating on an existing lattice tower. A stipulation that requires the development to be constructed in general conformance with the site plan will ensure that a only the subject co-location can be constructed in this zoning district. Additional co-locations would require approval through the Planning Hearing Officer (PHO) process and City Council to modify this stipulation.
- 9. It has been determined that this parcel is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), but is located in Shaded Zone X, on panel 0845 L of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated October 16, 2013.
- 10. Development and use of the site is subject to all applicable codes and ordinances. Zoning approval does not negate other ordinance requirements. Other formal actions such as, but not limited to, zoning adjustments and abandonment me be required.

Findings

- The proposed wireless communications facility is proposed to be located on an existing lattice tower which minimizes the visual impact on the surrounding area. Co-location of the wireless communication facilities is encouraged, per section 715.B.5 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The proposed use expands the services that Ben Avery provides to its customers and the region.

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3. The proposal is consistent with the surrounding land uses. Much of the land surrounding the range currently exists as natural, undisturbed open space. Arizona Game and Fish Department offices and the Pioneer Living History Museum are some of the few existing nearby uses, which are compatible with the proposed wireless communication facility.

Stipulations

1. The development shall be in general conformance with the site plan date stamped August 27, 2014 except as modified by the Planning and Development Department.

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Attachments

Sketch Map

Aerial

Site Plan & Elevations, 2 pages (date stamped 8/27/14)







