

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

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Erica Jung

Committee Chair



Peter Sean  
Jay Park  
Roberto Kim

**PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Zoning, Land Use & Planning Committee**  
MEETING MINUTES  
**June 22, 2015 at 6:30pm**  
**Kolping House – Auditorium (Parking available)**  
**1225 S Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015**  
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### 1. Call to Order

Meeting start time: 6:35pm

### 2. Roll Call

Peter Sean  
Erica Jung  
Roberto Kim  
Jay Park

### 3. Welcome Message

### 4. Zoning Land Use & Planning Action items

- a. **Discussion and possible action, conditional use zoning permit Case No: ZA2015-1397CW, 2270 W. Pico Blvd, Verizon-Alpico, Verizon Wireless SMSA, LLP, would like to build a Wireless Tower.**

Lisa and William Desmond representatives for Verizon Wireless make the presentation for the Verizon Wireless Tower or “tree”.]

Lisa the location is called Alpico and gives various documents to the board members.

- We are looking to put in new wireless tower. Propagation maps say that we need this tower. We also need the landlord’s approval and RF needs.  
Points to a handout –
  - a. red means that the wireless signal in the Alpico area is not getting enough of a strong signal to provide to clients.
  - b. green represents best signal quality.

Question from Peter Sean – How did they come up with the site’s name?

Lisa – The engineers came up with the name. Drop calls suggest that the signal is weak in a red zone. The tower will be next to a 99cents store. It will take up 2 parking spaces. We will be using new equipment with a smaller footprint. The antennas’ are very dense and can’t be detected. It is a wireless antenna tower. The landlord is willing to let Verizon Wireless put it there protected by a concrete wall with vegetation in front to beautify it. The tower looks like a tree. The antennas will be placed in the tree - coverage is 100ft.

- Erica – How did you get the data?  
Lisa – Engineers go out to check usage on the other sites and make comparisons.  
Erica – Are these more trees?  
Lisa – Yes. It is called densification as we are using more and more data.

Roberto – When is it checked?

- Lisa – It is checked once a month.

Jay – Are there more and more?

Lisa – Somewhere else – our trees are the best in the area.

Erica – Will that interfere with other providers?

Lisa – No. Each provider has their own frequency.

Jay – What happens if a car hits the tree?

Lisa – Technicians will fix the problem immediately – they perform regular checkups.

Peter – How will the community react – will this affect their health?

Lisa – The tower's frequency run on a different band – they are radio wave. Legally I cannot discuss health issues or concerns. The wave 12 feet in front of the tree are in measurable. The tree is locked and the antennas are high up on the tree.

Erica – Does it make noise?

Lisa – It has a generator that is turn on once a month.

Public Question:

Mark – This is an earthquake zone – what happens during an earthquake? Will you notify the community?

Lisa – It is over engineered to stay standing. The City Council issued new ordinance, and this is 33% above safety factor in comparison to other structures. Depending on the soil's condition it will go down 25ft to 50 ft. There is a pylon on its base. It is very safe. The pole is very expensive and it is very reliable. We come to PUNC and we notify the community within a 500 foot radius. There is no none cancer hazard. The devise is regulated by the FCC – 5% for maximum permissible exposure. A baby monitor's magnetic exposure is higher than a cell phone and higher than the frequency emitted from the tower. The FCC prohibits the city from considering health factors.

Board Questions:

Peter – If health and neighbors are not an issue, why are you here?

William – We want to be good neighbors and consult with neighborhood councils to obtain their opinions on aesthetic and location.

Peter – Why?

William – It depends on the city's regulations, so we meet with the neighborhood councils. If there are any concerns from the community, we would schedule a meeting.

Public Comment:

Louis Shapiro – How big is the wall and what about graffiti?

William – The wall is 8 feet high. If there is an issue, we will put security lit on top of the area around the tree.

We are running fiber-optic and aluminum wires. This prevents theft. We are to respond within 48 hours if graffiti is a problem – we will take preventative measure.

Lisa – The FCC requires signage on the walls warning that there is a diesel fuel tank on the site. We will respond within 24 hours if there is a health issue and/or other problem.

Board Member Question:

Peter – There is a 54 gallon diesel tank on the premise. Isn't it explosive?

William – Diesel is no explosive. The tank is doubled wall. If there is an accident, the exterior tank will be damaged but not the interior tank.

Public Question:

Mark – What does the city of Los Angeles want from you?

William – We were given the following conditions:

- Graffiti removal within 6 months
- Security lit
- Additionally landscaping
- LA has carte blanche to impose conditions
- Provide recorded agreements from landlord
- The landlord is also responsible for the same conditions.

Board Question:

Peter – What is the difference between antennas and boxes on the ground level?

William – Boxes have nothing to do with wireless. They are for landlines. Verizon telephone and

Verizon Wireless are not affiliated. They are different companies and have nothing to do with each other.

**Peter motions to pushed Verizon Wireless request for conditional use zoning permit Case No: ZA2015-1397CW, 2270 W. Pico Blvd, Verizon-Alpico, Verizon Wireless SMSA, LLP, would like to build a Wireless Tower to the General**

**Board Member meeting on July 6, 2015.**

**Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion**

**Vote: 4 Yes**

**Motion passes to move Verizon Wireless request for conditional use zoning permit Case No: ZA2015-1397CW, 2270 W. Pico Blvd, Verizon-Alpico, Verizon Wireless SMSA, LLP, would like to build a Wireless Tower to the General Board Member meeting on July 6, 2015.**

Board Question:

Jay – What is Alpico?

William – It could be named after an individual. Verizon Wireless’ engineers use person’s names not numbers to name the sites.

**5. Public comments on non-agenda items within the committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.**

None

**6. Board Member comments on non-agenda items within the committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.**

None

**7. Meeting adjournment.**

Erica motions to adjourn the meeting

Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

All in favor

Meeting is adjourned at 7:18pm

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