

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES

THURSDAY
AUGUST 14, 2008

1:02
PM

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS,
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALLED TO ORDER BY	Donald Schreiner, Chairman, noted for the record that there was a quorum present. He confirmed Proof of Publication for each case and noted that the meeting had been advertised pursuant to the Sunshine Statute.
RECORDING SECRETARY	Anna Ely
BOARD ATTENDEES	Donald Schreiner Mary Link Bennett Ruth Gray Marie Wuenschel
NOT PRESENT	Howard B. (Bob) Fox, Jr. Steven Berk Lloyd Atkins, Jr.
DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES	Terrie Diesbourg, Director, Zoning Division Anita Greiner, Chief Planner, Zoning Division Anna Ely, Public Hearing Coordinator, Zoning Division
BOARD ATTORNEY	Erin Hartigan, Assistant County Attorney

MINUTE APPROVAL **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2008 MEETING**

MOTION READS:	To approve the minutes of the July 10, 2008 Board of Adjustment hearing.		
MOTION BY:	MARY LINK BENNETT	SECONDED BY	RUTH GRAY
MOTION APPROVED: 4-0	FOR: Donald Schreiner Mary Link Bennett Ruth Gray Marie Wuenschel		AGAINST: None

BOA#40-08-3 **BOA#40-08-3 SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
VICTORIA BUCHER**

DISCUSSION	WITHDRAWN		
MOTION READS:	To approve the withdrawal of BOA#40-08-3 Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc		
MOTION BY:	MARY LINK BENNETT	SECONDED BY	RUTH GRAY
MOTION APPROVED 4-0	FOR: Donald Schreiner Mary Link Bennett Ruth Gray Marie Wuenschel		AGAINST: None

BOA#41-08-2 **BOA#41-08-2 SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC
VICTORIA BUCHER**

DISCUSSION	<p>Anita Greiner, Chief Planner, presented the staff report and showed the aerial for the case. She pointed out the location of the subject property and presented a map showing adjacent properties. She explained the previously approved rezoning and explained that the applicant's request for a variance is to the setbacks; to not center the tower on the property and to be closer to a residence than required by Code.</p> <p>She showed a site plan indicating the proposed location of the tower on the site. She stated that staff is recommending approval with the condition that the tower be located as shown on the site plan.</p> <p>In response to a question from Ruth Gray, Board Member, as to whether adjacent property owners were notified during the rezoning, Ms. Greiner stated yes, the case had been noticed through all the proper channels.</p> <p>Victoria Bucher was present to represent the owner Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECO). She stated that she spoke to the owners of the adjacent properties and that they did not have any objections. She explained that the monopole towers usage would be for communication and dispatch, day-to-day maintenance for the power company, and to assist in power restoration during emergency situations.</p> <p>In response to a question from Don Schreiner, Board Chairman, Ms. Bucher explained that their existing frequencies were sold off to cell phone operators by the FCC. She stated that SECO communications would be moving to a new band frequency and that old towers are not compatible and thus the need for new towers to handle the new frequency.</p> <p>Terrance Browning, neighboring property owner, asked would the tower contain tower antennas other than microwave and would they be used by any other companies.</p> <p>Ms. Bucher stated that the tower would be privately owned by SECO and would only contain towers to be used by SECO.</p> <p>Mr. Browning also had questions regarding the new frequencies to be used and whether they would interfere with the new HDTV television technology to be in place in February of 2009.</p> <p>In response Don Schreiner, Board Chairman, explained the usage of new and existing frequencies and how they pertained to tower communication and television transmissions.</p> <p>With no further question from the audience, Mr. Schreiner returned it to the Board.</p>		
	<p>MOTION READS: TO APPROVE BOA#41-08-2 with the condition that the tower be placed as shown on the site plan contained in the staff report.</p>		
MOTION BY:	RUTH GRAY	SECONDED BY	MARY LINK BENNET
MOTION APPROVED 4-0	<p>FOR: Donald Schreiner Mary Link Bennett Ruth Gray Marie Wuenschel</p>		<p>AGAINST: None</p>

Discussion of new recording equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Anna Ely, Recording Secretary

Donald Schreiner, Chairman