

**APRIL 17, 2002**

The Hearing Officer, Manatee County, Florida, convened a REGULAR HEARING in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 4:00 p.m.

Presiding was: Susan Hartmann-Swartz

Also present were:

Jeffrey Steinsnyder, Assistant County Attorney  
Pat Tatum, Deputy Clerk,  
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

All witnesses and staff giving testimony were duly sworn.

**AGENDA**

The agenda of April 17, 2002.

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(Court Reporter Joann Zeck was present)

**SPECIAL PERMITS**

Public Hearing (Notices in the *Bradenton Herald* and *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* 4/5/02) was held to consider

**SP-01-07 - ACME TOWER S.R. 70**

Request: Special Permit to allow a 280-foot lattice telecommunications tower for four wireless providers on a lease parcel of 1.11 acres located on the north side of S.R. 70, three miles east of Myakka City.

If approved, staff recommended 7 stipulations.

Stephanie Brooks, Planning Department, reviewed a slide presentation, zoning map, future land use category map, and a site plan. Ms. Brooks stated the site is surrounded by vacant agricultural land used for grazing. She stated a church and a residence are 4,370 feet west of the parent parcel, a manufactured home is 1,200 feet southeast of the lease parcel and S.R. 70 is 409 feet to the south of the lease parcel. Ms. Brooks stated the structure might negatively impact the surrounding properties aesthetically. She recommended approval with mitigating factors.

**Steven Emberlin**, representing Acme Towers, stated he was unaware of any negative impact from this type of tower on surrounding properties.

Joaquin Servia, Planning Department, submitted a proposed draft order for consideration.

Ms. Hartmann-Swartz advised that a transcript of the hearing was not needed.

Public Hearing (Notices in the *Bradenton Herald* and *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* 4/5/02) was held to consider

**SP-01-06 - RUTH A. AND RASS B. COLLINS, JR./ACME TOWER DUETTE SITE**

Request: Special Permit to allow a 250-foot lattice telecommunications structure on a lease parcel of .92 acre located on the north side of S.R. 62 at 33600 S.R. 62, five miles west of Duette.

If approved, staff recommended 8 stipulations.

Dorothy Rainey, Planning Department, submitted a copy of a corrected Irrevocable License to Enter Real Property and Remove Abandoned Telecommunications Towers, and a new Stipulation 9. Ms. Rainey reviewed a slide presentation, zoning map, future land use category map, aerial, site plan, and large site plan. She stated the parent parcel, which contains grazing land, barn structures, and the parcel owner's residence, is surrounded by other agricultural land. Ms. Rainey recommended approval with mitigating factors.

**Steven Emberlin**, representing Acme Towers, stated the landscaping was erroneously omitted from the site plan and will be provided pursuant to **Stipulation 9**.

Discussion: Additional landscaping; wording of stipulation; landscaping would be in compliance with Section 715 of the Land Development Code; landscaping requirements must be shown on the final site plan; etc.

Mr. Servia submitted a proposed draft order.

Ms. Hartmann-Swartz stated a transcript would not be needed.

**HEARING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned.

Adj: 4:25 p.m.  
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Minutes Approved: May 20, 2002