

**SITE PLAN AND APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPAARC)  
MEETING NOTES  
May 18, 2011**

**Attendees:**

**Members Present:** J. Cory, P. D'Agostino, R. Dahal, I. Eckersberg, W. Hallen, D. Marino, C. Ruiz, P. Schneider, M. Travis

**Staff Present:** J. Enerio, B. Newman, D. Rockwell

**Presiding Member:** W. Hallen

A quorum being present, Chair Hallen called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

**Projects Reviewed:**

<b>SPAARC</b>	<b>1528 Dempster Street</b>	<b>Process Approval</b>
Installation of Lightspeed facility (VRAD box) in alley		

APPLICATION PRESENTED BY:	Matt Pilkington	Representing AT&T
	Paul Schneider	Public Works Dept.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Schneider explained the events leading to the proposal for relocation of the Lightspeed facility (VRAD box). The following was discussed:

- Box was placed in its current location under a resident's window, on a narrow strip of public way in 2008 and was among the first ones installed
- On 2/23/10, due to loss of phone service, AT&T workers were at the site for 2 days and 1 night causing a major inconvenience to the resident
- "Stop the Box" group and the resident each sent letters to the City regarding the major inconvenience cause by the box location and asking that the box be relocated
- In 2010, members of SPAARC and AT&T representatives canvassed the area seeking an alternative location for the VRAD box, which was presented to AT&T for review and feasibility
- The alley behind a residence at 1528 Dempster was chosen as a preferred alternate but the resident was against having the box there due to the following issues:
  - Safety: The City was assured by AT&T that the box would not pose a safety issue
  - Property Value: The property value is difficult to assess, given the current state of the economy but the proposed location is definitely more aesthetically appealing than the current one
  - Constant inconvenience: AT&T has stated that they are always available to move their trucks when they are in the way
  - Aesthetics: AT&T has agreed to replace the resident's existing, worn fence with a 6' high fence, at the residents request, to block the view of the box from her home to the rear yard

- Total width of VRAD box pad 12'6"; lot width is about 25' and the existing garage is located in the adjacent joint lot.
- Residents along the alley requested that the alley be paved as a result of the VRAD box installation; The City has determined that the alley will not be paved as a result of the VRAD box installation, as no other alleys in the City have been paved as a result of VRAD box installations
- Mr. Dahal provided a letter that was sent to all the residents on the alley notifying them of the 5/18/11 SPAARC meeting to give them an opportunity to attend. Two residents responded:
  - Mr. McNabb of 1527 Wilder, opposite the VRAD box site requested that there be no obstruction that would cause damage to his vehicle when coming in and out of his garage. The City had considered it during the field review for an alternate location. There will be about 25 feet of clearance from his garage to the VRAD box which provides room to maneuver.
  - The second resident asked why the box was being placed in this alley.
- Mr. Valavanis stated that the proposed location is a tremendous improvement to the original location and commended the Committee for their work.
- Mr. Hallen said the original site was very unfortunate and this is a great improvement

Action:

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the process approval.

**Other Business:**

The meeting notes of the May 11, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

The next SPAARC meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Newman