Planning and Zoning Commission

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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To: Planning and Zoning Commission

Subject: Hold a public hearing, discuss, and consider making a recommendation to the Town Council regarding a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow for construction of a 120-foot-tall cellular antenna on a stadium light pole at the Sunnyvale ISD (SISD) high school stadium, on property located at 222 Collins Road, zoned Single Family 2 (SF-2) residential zoning district in accordance with the Town of Sunnyvale Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). **Case 1832-SUP/222 N Collins – Cellular Antenna**

Meeting: Planning and Zoning Commission - December 17, 2025

Department: Development Services

Staff Contact: Laura Evans

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of the SUP.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant, Hayley Sorenson with KGI Wireless, is requesting approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow the installation of a cellular antenna on a 120-foot stadium light pole at the Sunnyvale ISD High School stadium, located at 222 Collins Road within the Single Family-2 (SF-2) zoning district.

Per the Town of Sunnyvale Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), cellular antennas and towers require approval of a Special Use Permit in all zoning districts.

The subject property is currently developed with the Sunnyvale High School campus and its associated athletic stadium. The proposal includes the removal of an existing 100-foot stadium light pole and the installation of a new 115-foot stadium light pole topped with a 5-foot lightning rod, resulting in a total structure height of 120 feet. The antenna will be placed below the lighting fixtures, helping integrate the equipment into the existing stadium structure and reducing visual clutter. Because the antenna installation is occurring within an already developed athletic facility, the visual impact is expected to be lower than a standalone monopole or cellular tower.

Existing stadium lights will be relocated onto the new pole at approximately 115 feet in height. The lights will continue to face eastward toward the field, and light spill over toward adjacent residential areas will not increase. The lighting impacts are expected to be neutral as the orientation will remain unchanged and no increase in lighting hours is proposed. The nearest residential property with an existing home is approximately 250 feet away. This exceeds setback standards for cellular antenna installations, providing an adequate buffer and minimizing visual intrusion.

The request also includes the construction of a 30-foot by 40-foot fenced equipment area located behind the stadium seating to accommodate ground-mounted equipment, utilities, and a generator. This enclosure will be partially screened with a masonry wall. The portion located beneath the stadium, which is not publicly accessible, will utilize chain-link fencing with barbed wire for security.

Additionally, underground fiber will be routed through a 10-foot-wide utility easement extending from the public right-of-way to the project site. Electrical service will be provided underground through a 20-foot-wide utility and fiber easement from the nearest power pole to the installation site.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

38 letters of notification were mailed to neighboring property owners within 200 feet of the subject property on December 5, 2025. Two signs have been posted on the subject property on December 5, 2025. As of writing this report, the town has not received any responses for the proposed SUP request.

ATTACHMENTS:

Map
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