# CITY OF SAN DIEGO
# M E M O R A N D U M

DATE:       October 27, 2006

TO:         Planning Commissioners

FROM:      Paul Godwin, Development Project Manager

SUBJECT:   115 Thorn Tentative Map – Project No. 101453

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This project was originally heard by the Planning Commission on October 12, 2006. The Commission requested clarification on the current power pole and overhead utility line configuration so the item was continued until October 19, 2006. Due to a lack of a quorum, all items from October 19, 2006 were trailed until November 2, 2006.

There is one power pole on the project site located in the Thorn Street right-of-way adjacent to the northern property line (photo "A" and "B" on attached exhibits). This power pole is the last power pole on Thorn Street before the lines underground along First Avenue. The power line which runs to this pole also connects to three other properties, which are labeled as "1", "2" and "3" on Photos "A" and "B" on the attached exhibits. The connections labeled "1" and "2" are for multi-family structures across the street on the north side of Thorn Street. Connection "3" is for the adjacent property to the east. The onsite power pole is also the point at which the main power lines on Thorn Street go underground along First Avenue. Photo "C" shows the conduit attached to the side of the pole which allows the Thorn Street lines to go underground.

Prior to the October 12th Planning Commission hearing, the applicant explored the possibility of undergrounding this pole in order to enhance their frontage and ease access into the project. However, because the existing line serves more than one property, a pole is required at this location. In order to make their property more attractive, the applicant is working with SDG&E to reduce the number of guide wires attached to the pole to help clean up its general appearance.

Staff continues to support the requested waiver of the requirement to underground the existing overhead utilities as it meets the requirements of the current City Council Policy.

Thank you.


Paul Godwin
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