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TO: Plan & Zoning Commission
FROM: Stephen Troskey, City Planner
DATE: November 25, 2008
RE: **Meeting for December 2, 2008**

1. Parking Variance – 216,218 East Main Street

Foster Hawkins applied for a variance to the required two off-street parking spots for his apartments at this address. Since only three Board members were present, he wished to hold off on a vote until more members were present.

2. US Cellular cell phone tower – MHS football field

An application has been turned in by US cellular to place a cell phone tower at the Marshalltown High School football field. They would replace an existing light pole with the tower and replace the lights. The information packet includes more specifics about the tower and site.

This is the third application the company has made. While the other two have no bearing on this application, a previous special use permit that was approved was behind the Meadow Lane Mall, across the street from residential property. The one that was denied, at the Best Vacuum store, was directly next to a house. It is our thought that a majority of users come directly from the high school, so the location seems appropriate. In addition, the Marshalltown School District has approved the tower for their property. The Plan and Zoning Commission recommended approval at their meeting on November 20, 2008. Staff also recommends approval of the application as presented because tall structures already exist on the site, so no completely new tower will be erected and US Cellular has shown a need for better coverage in this area

If you have any questions I can be reached at 641-754-5756 or stroskey@ci.marshalltown.ia.us