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Committee: Plan Commission	Date: 11/17/2021
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Submitted By: Maria Pandazi, City Planner	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Minor Site Plan and Architectural Review, 1220 W. Sunset Dr. – Proposal to install a security camera tower in the parking lot.	

Details: The applicant would like to install a camera tower in the parking lot at the Pick N' Save location in the Shoppes at Fox River on West Sunset Drive. The tower consists of a 22-foot white metal pole, with several cameras at the top. The base is a wheeled trailer with stands which can be lowered to allow it to be moved around the parking lot. The tower is powered by a large solar array. Its total weight is 1,600 pounds.

The applicants have stated that the purpose of the tower is to assist with Loss Prevention in the parking lot, and it is one of 240 that have been installed so far at Kroger grocery stores nationwide. They say the mobility gives the flexibility to move the unit around the parking lot to cover problem areas.

Staff feels that the application is a request to install a temporary solution as a permanent structure. Like other structures in parking lots, it will see a high amount of wear and tear over time and will most likely deteriorate quickly. Camera installations attached to the existing light poles or the building itself would be preferable, and the applicant has not provided sufficient justification for why the proposed tower is necessary.

Options & Alternatives:

Financial Remarks: No financial impact.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends denial of Minor Site Plan and Architectural Review for the proposed new camera tower at 1220 W. Sunset Dr.

