



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on March 5, 2014. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Samantha Harris	(via phone)	MCPS
Naeem Mia	(via phone)	OMB
Martin Rookard	(via phone)	WSSC
Joan Cole	(via phone)	DTS

STAFF

Lee Afflerbach		CTC
Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC
Nancy Rodriguez	(via phone)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Butch Salamone		NB&C for AT&T Wireless
Justin Blanset		NB&C for AT&T Wireless
Jack Andrews	(via phone)	DYNIS for Verizon Wireless
Hillorie Morrison	(via phone)	SCEENG for Verizon Wireless
Michael Bortz	(via phone)	NB&C

Action Item - Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the minutes be approved as amended. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

Sprint application to add three antennas at four towers. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-06). *Minor Modification.*

Verizon application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 157' level on a 122'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at 1801 Ednor Road in Silver Spring (201403-08). *Co-location.*

Verizon application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 119' and 113' levels on a 123'-high hotel building on Hospitality Association of Colesville LP property located at 8728 Colesville Road in Silver Spring (201403-09). *Co-location.*

AT&T application to install emergency power generators on the ground at two buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-10). *Minor Modification.*

Verizon application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 142' level on a 132'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at 1400 Ashton Road in Ashton (201403-12). *Co-location.*

Verizon application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 149' level on a 134'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at Olney Mill Road in Olney (201403-13). *Co-location.*

Sprint application to replace three antennas at five monopoles and two towers. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-17). *Minor Modification.*

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the Consent Agenda items be approved. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

Action Item: AT&T application to construct a 155'-high monopole and attach twelve panel antennas at the 151' level on Montgomery County Revenue Authority property located at 13501 Penn Shop Road in Mt. Airy (201402-02). *New. Conditioned on the Board of Appeals approving a special exception to permit this monopole on this residentially zoned property.*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that the property is partially in Montgomery County and partially in Frederick County. The location for the monopole is on the Montgomery County side of the golf course, where it is likely to be screened from view of Montgomery County residents by the wooded areas between the monopole site and nearby homes. Frederick County residents who live near the golf course will see the top of the monopole. Mr. Hunnicutt added that there is an existing tower nearby but, according to the applicant, it is at capacity and the owner would not permit additional co-locations.

Lee Afflerbach remarked that this appeared to be a needed site for coverage in this part of the counties where there are few existing structures to support cell antennas. He said that he concluded from his review of the RF maps that the antennas are needed and the height of the monopole is supported by the engineering material provided by Verizon Wireless.

Motion: Joan Cole moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: AT&T application to construct a 124'-high monopole and attach twelve panel antennas at the 121' level on M-NCPPC property located at 5013 Baltic Avenue in Rockville (201402-03). *New. Conditioned on approval by the M-NCPPC of the plans for the monopole on the property and of a special exception by the Board of Appeals to permit the monopole on this residentially zoned property.*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that the trees surrounding most of the park will screen views of the monopole from all but the nearest residents. He added that the only existing structures near the park property were buildings along Rockville Pike too near adjacent Verizon Wireless antenna sites to be of value to meet the coverage objective for these proposed antennas.

Lee Afflerbach added that, based on his review of the RF maps provided by Verizon Wireless, the maps supported a need for antennas in this vicinity to meet the coverage objective and that the height of the antennas as proposed or perhaps somewhat lower could work to improve service in this part of the County.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: AT&T application to install emergency power generators at the bases of seven monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (201403-03). *Minor Modification. See Agenda attached list for conditions at some locations.*

Bob Hunnicutt remarked that the work at some of the sites listed on the application was to include placing equipment in an expansion to the existing equipment area, or in space apart from the designated equipment area. He asked Mr. Niblock, in the case of a facility permitted by special exception, whether the special exception would need to be modified to accommodate an expansion to the equipment area. He also asked, in the case of a facility where there was no special exception, whether a special exception would be needed to place facilities outside the equipment area on a residentially zoned property. Mr. Niblock replied that if there was a special exception it would need to be modified, but if not, the permitting review would be per whatever requirements would be applicable at the time.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to add three panel antennas to eight monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-04). *Minor Modification. See Agenda attached list for conditions at some locations.*

Butch Salamone asked why the modification to the Fire Station #31 site was not recommended. Mr. Hunnicutt replied that on advice of Bernie Fitzgerald, Real Estate Specialist with the Department of General Services and member of the TFCG absent from today's meeting, the application for that location was not approved because the lease does not provide for it. Nancy Rodriguez remarked that she had notified Mr. Salamone of the status of that site.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to add three panel antennas to fourteen rooftops. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-05). *Minor Modification. See Agenda attached list for conditions at some locations.*

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Clearwire application to replace three remote radio heads at the 68' level on a 100'-high monopole on MCPS property located at 12501 Dalewood Drive in Silver Spring (201403-07). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from MCPS at the time of permitting.*

Samantha Harris commented that she had advised all the carriers with facilities at this school (Wheaton High School) that because of a major reconstruction and renovation of this school, no further work would be permitted to any of the carriers' facilities on the property until the reconstruction is complete. Marjorie Williams suggested that the minor modification for this site be moved to be tabled or not recommended until MCPS will again be approving work at that site.

Action: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended as conditioned including a condition that the modifications at Wheaton High School be tabled until MCPS approved the work to be performed. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was approved with Samantha Harris abstaining.

Action Item: AT&T application to install emergency power generators at the bases of five monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses (201403-11). *Minor Modification. See Agenda attached list for conditions at some locations.*

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was approved with Samantha Harris abstaining.

Action Item: Verizon application to attach three panel antennas at the 60' level atop a 50'-high conference center/hotel on National 4-H Council property located at 7100 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase (201403-14). *Co-location. Conditioned on providing written approval from the 4-H Council and the Town of Chevy Chase to make these changes at the time of permitting.*

Dave Niblock noted that because this application is a co-location it is permitted by right with no approval by the Board of Appeals.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: American Tower Corp. application to install an emergency power generator at the base of the monopole on Montgomery Council, Knights of Columbus Building Corp. property located at 17001 Overhill Road in Derwood (201403-18). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on approval of any modifications that may be necessary to the special exceptions by the Board of Appeals.*

Marjorie Williams noted that the Tower Coordinator's Recommendation states that the equipment will be added within the existing equipment area but it will be installed in an expansion to the existing area. Bob Hunnicutt replied that he will correct the error on the Record of Action Form and the error would be noted in the minutes.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: American Tower Corp. application to install an emergency power generator at the base of the monopole on Sandy Spring VFD property located at 16911 Georgia Ave in Olney (201403-19). *Minor Modification.*

Marjorie Williams commented that the same error noted above for the last item discussed is on the Tower Coordinator's Recommendation for this application as well. Mr. Hunnicutt replied he would correct that error on the Record of Action form, too, and record same in the minutes of the meeting.

Dave Niblock noted that because there is no special exception on this property, DPS will process the application per any applicable Code requirements.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on April 2nd in Room #225 of the COB.