



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on October 5, 2016. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Patricia Wolford		DPS
Ted Bowser		DTS
Boyd Lawrence	(via phone)	MCPS
Gregory Russ	(via phone)	MNCPPC
Naeem Mia	(via phone)	OMB

STAFF

Nancy Rodriguez	CTC
Lee Afflerbach	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Cee Cee Middlebrooks	Advantage Engineering for T-Mobile
Harold Bernadizkowski	NB&C for Verizon Wireless

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Gregory Russ moved that the September minutes be approved as written. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. **Application number:** 201609-34 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 11 August 2016

Applicant: AT&T

Site Name/Location: Pyle Property / 211 Ednor Road, Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: RE-2, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Helen Pyle

Description: Replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas, and add three RRHs at the 153' level on a 162'-high monopole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

2. **Application number:** 201610-01 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 25 August 2016

Applicant: AT&T

Site Name/Location: Benmar Property / 23000 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson

Zoning Standard: AR, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Montgomery Mule LLC

Description: Replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas, and add three RRHs at the 227' level on a 230'-high self-support tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

3. **Application number:** 201610-02 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 25 August 2016

Applicant: AT&T

Site Name/Location: Shumaker Property / 16700 Barnesville Road, Barnesville

Zoning Standard: RDT, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Kenneth Shumaker

Description: Replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas, and add three RRHs at the 455' level on a 480'-high tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

4. **Application number:** 201610-03 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 25 August 2016

Applicant: AT&T

Site Name/Location: Classic Residence / 8100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase

Zoning Standard: R-10, Limited Use **Property Owner:** SNH CCMD Properties, LLC

Description: Replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas, and add six RRHs at the 141', 149', and 152' levels on a 172'-high condominium.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

5. **Application number:** 201610-05 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 01 September 2016

Applicant: American Tower Corp.

Site Name/Location: Hights Branch Tower / 6300 Damascus Road, Gaithersburg

Zoning Standard: AR, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Douglas E. & Robin L. Lechluder

Description: Install a new backup power generator in the extended equipment compound on the ground adjacent to the tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

6. **Application number:** 201610-59 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 07 September 2016
Applicant: Verizon Wireless
Site Name/Location: WDCA Tower / 5202 River Road, Bethesda
Zoning Standard: H-5.0, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Pinnacle Towers, Inc.
Description: Replace twelve panel antennas, six 96"-high and six 72"-high, at the 126' level on a 745'-high tower.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended
7. **Application number:** 201610-60 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 09 September 2016
Applicant: AT&T
Site Name/Location: Pavilion Apartments / 5901 Montrose Road, Rockville
Zoning Standard: C-1.5, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Monterey North Bethesda LLC
Description: Replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas, and add six RRHs at the 158' level on a 132'-high apartment building.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended
8. **Application number:** 201610-61 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 09 September 2016
Applicant: AT&T
Site Name/Location: World Building Tower / 8121 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: CBD-2, Limited Use **Property Owner:** The World Building
Description: Replace three antennas with six panel antennas, three 96"-high and three 72"-high, and add nine RRHs at the 148' level on a tower atop a 117'-high office building.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended
9. **Application number:** 201610-62 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 02 September 2016
Applicant: AT&T
Site Name/Location: Summit Hills Apartments / 8484 16th Street, Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: R-10, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Southern Management Corp.
Description: Replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas, and add six RRHs at the 110', 111', and 116' levels atop a 90'-high apartment building.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended
10. **Application number:** 201610-65 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 02 September 2016
Applicant: AT&T
Site Name/Location: Public Storage Prosperity / 12355 Prosperity Drive, Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: I-1, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Public Storage P&D LP
Description: Add three 96"-high panel antennas and six RRHs at the 116' level on a 140'-high monopole.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

11. **Application number:** 201610-66 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 01 September 2016
Applicant: American Tower Corp.
Site Name/Location: Weitzer Property / 14705 Sugarland Road, Poolesville
Zoning Standard: RDT, Limited Use **Property Owner:** David Weitzer
Description: Install a new backup power generator in the existing equipment compound on the ground adjacent to the monopole.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

12. **Application number:** 201610-67 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received:** 01 September 2016
Applicant: American Tower Corp.
Site Name/Location: Gymkhana Club / 14100 River Road, Potomac
Zoning Standard: RE-2, Limited Use **Property Owner:** River Road Development Inc.
Description: Install a new backup power generator in the existing equipment compound on the ground adjacent to the monopole.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

Motion: Ted Bowser moved that all items on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Naeem Mia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

13. **Application number:** 201610-57 **Type:** Colocation **Received:** 09 September 2016
Applicant: T-Mobile
Site Name/Location: Blair High School / 51 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: R-60, Limited Use **Property Owner:** M-NCPPC
Description: Attach up to six panel antennas, three 57"-high and three 93"-high, and one 2'-wide dish antenna at the 124' level on a 128'-high monopole.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from M-NCPPC that they approve of the attachment at the time of permitting.

Discussion:

Nancy Rodriguez reported that T-Mobile is collocating on a monopole on M-NCPPC property, adjacent to Blair high school. Michelle Grace with M-NCPPC could not attend the meeting today but provided a list of her concerns or questions regarding this application.

The application reviewed by the TFCG indicates six panel antennas will be installed on the monopole but the application submitted to M-NCPPC indicates nine panel antennas will be installed. Cee Cee Middlebrooks representing T-Mobile said she has been in contact with Michelle Grace and confirmed with her that six antennas will be installed. Ms. Middlebrooks said she will revise the application with M-NCPPC.

Ms. Rodriguez also noted that Michelle Grace expressed concern over the limited amount of available ground space surrounding the monopole. Ms. Grace is uncertain if the ground space can accommodate T-Mobile and two additional carriers.

Ms. Rodriguez added that it is our understanding that the County Public Safety Radio Project plans to replace the monopole with a taller structure and collocate their antennas. The State has also expressed interest in collocating on the replacement monopole. Ms. Rodriguez noted that T-Mobile is aware of the County's intentions with the monopole but is interested in moving forward with the installation and will move the antennas to a cell on wheels (COW) while the monopole is being replaced. Ms. Middlebrook added that she been in contact with Judy Miller, the project manager for the County's radio project, and the two will be performing a site visit soon to discuss next steps.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that the application is conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from M-NCPPC that they approve of the attachment at the time of permitting.

Motion: Ted Bowser moved that the application be recommended. Patricia Wolford seconded the motion and it was approved with Gregory Russ abstaining.

14. **Application number:** 201610-63 **Type:** Colocation **Received:** 14 September 2016

Applicant: AT&T

Site Name/Location: Shady Grove Medical Center / 9850 Key West Avenue, Rockville

Zoning Standard: CR-1.0, C-0.5, R-1.0, H-1.5, Limited Use **Property Owner:** HSRE-Capmed Shady Grove Medical Village LLC

Description: Attach nine panel antennas, three 73"-high, three 72"-high, and three 55"-high, at the 59' level atop a 54'-high office building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

Discussion: Ms. Rodriguez summarized the application nothing that the applicant indicated the antennas are needed to improve coverage to the surrounding area. T-Mobile also has antennas attached to this building and equipment cabinets will be added to the roof.

Motion: Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

15. **Application number:** 201610-64 **Type:** Colocation **Received:** 09 September 2016

Applicant: T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: White Flint Professional Building / 11119 Rockville Pike, Kensington

Zoning Standard: EOF-3.0 H-100, Limited Use **Property Owner:** Rockville Pike Partnership

Description: Attach six panel antennas, three 57"-high and three 93"-high, and one 2'-wide dish antenna at the 70' level atop a 62'-high office building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended

Discussion: Ms. Rodriguez summarized the application noting that the applicant indicated the antennas are needed to improve coverage to the surrounding area. Verizon Wireless also has antennas attached to this building and equipment cabinets will be added to the roof.

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the application be recommended. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion: Marjorie Williams noted that the Council is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at Quince Orchard High School to discuss the recent distributed antennas system (DAS) applications and the pending amendment to the Montgomery County zoning text amendment. The time has not yet been confirmed and the agenda for the meeting is pending. Representatives from Crown Castle and Mobilitie will be giving a presentation on the specifics of the projects and the need for the large amount of monopoles. In addition, Montgomery County will have representatives in attendance to answer questions.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on November 2, 2016 in Room #225 of the COB.