



**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 September 4, 2013. The following people were in attendance:

**MEMBERS**

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Ivan Galic		DTS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Samantha Harris	(via phone)	MCPS
Naeem Mia	(via phone)	OMB
Martin Rookard	(via phone)	WSSC
Carlton Gilbert	(via phone)	M-NCPPC
Joan Cole	(via phone)	DTS

**STAFF**

Bob Hunnicutt		CTC
Marty Liebman	(via phone)	CTC

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Joseph Gallagher	Gill and Sippel for Carderock Communications
Hillorie Morrison	SCE o/b/o for Verizon Wireless
Kenya Blant	SCE o/b/o for Verizon Wireless
Tracy Themak	Donohue and Sterns for SBA Towers

**Action Item - Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Martin Rookard moved the minutes be approved as amended. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Action Item: Consent Agenda**

Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 antennas with six 52"-high, two 58"-high, four 73"-high antennas at the 145' level on a 195'-high monopole on Weitzer Property located at 14705 Sugarland Road in Poolesville (201309-01). *Co-location.*

Sprint application to replace 3 antennas with three 72"-high antennas at the 60' level in a church steeple on Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church property located at 801 W. University Boulevard in Silver Spring (201309-03). *Minor Modification*

Verizon Wireless application to attach one 13"-high antenna at the 33' level on a 33'-high office building on Peterson Company (Romanos Grill) property at 933 Ellsworth Drive in Silver Spring (201310-02). *Co-location*.

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

### **Regular Agenda**

**Action Item:** T-Mobile application to construct a 100'-high monopole and attach three 59"-high antennas at the 97' level on Verizon Maryland, Inc. property located at 7887 Bradley Boulevard in Bethesda (201303-01). *New*.

*Conditioned on approval from the Board of Appeals for a special exception and a reduction in the setback requirements.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application and explained that this is the fourth time this site has been in front of the tower committee. The committee approved this site in 2009 with conditions on modifying the design of the proposed monopole. There have been a few iterations over the years for design changes, all of which have been withdrawn. The current application presented to the committee today matches the design that was recommended by the committee in 2009. T-Mobile is replacing an existing slender tower that has been there for many years. The design will have slightly more impact than the existing tower, but there have not been any complaints from the community regarding the proposed new tower. The site will accommodate antennas and space on the ground for at least two additional carriers. The site requires a special exception and the applicant is seeking a variance for a reduction in set-back requirements, therefore, the tower coordinator conditions the application on approval from the Board of Appeals for a special exception and a reduction in setback requirements.

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

**Action Item:** Verizon Wireless application to attach 20 antennas with twelve 96"-high and eight 48"-high, at the 165' level on a 142'-high office building on Highland House property located at 5480 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase (201309-02). *Co-location*.

*Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application and explained that, as has been the case with other applications to place outdoor power generators at a site, the recommendation for this application was also conditioned on the noise from the generator being in compliance with the limits set by the County's Noise Ordinance.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Room #225 of the COB.