



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 September 3, 2014. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Ted Bowser	(via phone)	DTS
Naeem Mia	(via phone)	OMB
Peter Geiling	(via phone)	MCPS

STAFF

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

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rebecca Hunter		Crown Castle
JD McClosky		Crown Castle
Denise Bookman	(via phone)	Advantage Engineers
Nancy Armour	(via phone)	Wireless Communications
Consultants LLC		
M.G. Diamond	(via phone)	Law Offices of M. Gregg Diamond, P.C.
Andrew Senker	(via phone)	NB&C, LLC

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the minutes be approved as written. Naeem Mia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 74', 80', and 84' levels atop a 68'-high office building on Knowles Associates LLC property located at 10400 Connecticut Avenue in Kensington (201407-17). *Minor Modification.*
2. Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 105' level atop a 98'-high apartment building on Summit Hill Joint Venture property located at 8484 16th Street in Silver Spring (201407-18). *Minor Modification.*
3. Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 149' and 161' levels on a 140'-high apartment building on Park Ritchie Apartments property located at 7600 Maple Avenue in Takoma Park (201407-20). *Minor Modification.*
4. Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 151' level atop a 135'-high apartment building on Hillzo Limited Partnership property located at 9727 Mt. Pisgah Road in Silver Spring (201407-24). *Minor Modification.*
5. Crown Castle application to attach 30 panel antennas, 23"-high, atop 6 wooden PEPCO utility poles in the County public rights-of-way. See attached list of nodes (201408-03). *Co-location*
6. Crown Castle application to replace/relocate panel/omni-directional DAS antennas atop 38 wooden PEPCO/Verizon utility poles in the County public rights-of-way. See attached list of nodes (201408-06). *Minor Modification.*
7. Verizon application to add six 75"-high panel antennas at the 75' and 85' levels inside a 113'-high steeple on Washington Jesus Baptist Church property located at 5144 Massachusetts Avenue in Bethesda (201409-01). *Minor Modification.*
8. Pfizer Aviation application to attach four omni-directional antennas, one at 22"-high, two at 44"-high and one at 20"-high, attached to a 1" diameter steel pole at the 54' level atop a 54' high office building on PSB Meadows LLC property located at 12501 Prosperity Drive in Silver Spring (201409-02). *Co-location.*
9. Sprint application to add three 56" panel antennas at the 74' level inside a faux chimney on Connecticut Avenue LLP property located at 8221 Garland Avenue in Silver Spring (201409-03). *Minor Modification.*
10. AT&T application to attach twelve panel antennas, nine at 76"-high and three at 73"-high, at the 169' level atop a 160'-high residential condominium building on Parkside Plaza Condo Association property located at 9039 Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring (201409-11). *Co-location.*

Motion: Naeem Mia moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Peter Geiling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

Action Item: Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 140'-high level on a 204'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 2201 Industrial Parkway in Silver Spring (201407-19). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 115' level on a 122'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 7005B Radnor Road in Bethesda (201407-21). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting stating that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 150' level on a 150'-high monopole on WSSC property located at 12200 River Road in Potomac (201407-22). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting stating that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 154' level on a 183'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 12405 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring (201407-23). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: Sprint application to add three 56"-high panel antennas at the 35' level on a 38'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 24213 Ridge Road in Damascus (201407-25). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: AT&T application to add three remote radio heads at the 125' level on a 110'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 1945 Seminary Place in Silver Spring (201409-10). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting stating that WSSC approves of the attachment.*

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

Action Item: Crown Castle application to attach three 23" high panel antennas atop 22 wooden PEPCO and Verizon utility poles in the County public rights-of-way. See attached list of nodes (201408-04). Co-Location. *Conditioned on approval for modifications to any sites as may be required by the Montgomery County Historical Preservation Committee and the MNCPPC Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that a subsidiary of Crown Castle now owns all the DAS networks in the County and that these applications are designed to upgrade some of the nodes (antenna locations) to permit inclusion of Verizon Wireless services and to add capacity to existing coverage in the County. These upgrades will also allow AT&T and/or Sprint to expand existing coverage from these node locations. He explained the design of the proposed concealment canisters with antennas within, will be attached and mounted atop the poles. Some of the hardware or some of the poles will be replaced to accommodate the additional weight of the new antennas or NESC electrical facility, and one new pole will be added for coverage reasons.

Lee Afflerbach added that these facilities are being designed to standardize the mounting configurations atop the poles, which will permit sharing of facilities among the carriers providing service from the antennas, and allow for future expansion of DAS services in the community. He noted that the concealment canister minimizes the visual impact of the antennas atop the poles.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the applications be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Naeem Mia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Crown Castle applications to attach three 23" high panel antennas atop 9 wooden PEPCO and Verizon utility poles in the County public rights-of-way. See attached list of nodes (201408-05). Co-location. *Conditioned on approval for modifications to any sites as may be required by the Montgomery County Historical Preservation Committee and the MNCPPC Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.*

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the applications be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Naeem Mia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item: New Cable Administrator

Marjorie Williams announced appointment of Mr. Phil Roter as the new Cable Administrator and noted that he is scheduled to attend the next TFCG meeting in order to become familiar with the process and meet the members.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on October 1, 2014 in Room #225 of the COB.