



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TCFG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on June 5, 2019. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		TFCG Chair
Michelle Grace		M-NCPPC
Boyd Lawrence	(via phone)	MCPS
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Jennifer Nordin	(via phone)	OMB
Gregory Russ	(via phone)	M-NCPPC
Dan Sanayi		DOT

STAFF

Shawn Thompson		CTC
Jasmina Rivas		CTC
Crystal Rowe	(via phone)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Jordan Dewese		DTS
Javad Shayan		DPS
Brian Kim		DPS
Karl Yocher		Ion Media

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michelle Grace moved that the May minutes be approved as written. Gregory Russ seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. ***Application Number:*** 2019010655 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/8/2019
Revised: 4/15/2019
Revised: 4/21/2019
Revised: 4/24/2019

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Milestone/1 Milestone Center Ct, Germantown

Zoning Standard: CR-2.0 ***Property Owner:*** WMMH Building LLC

Description: Remove three antennas and two microwave dishes. Add six antennas and 15 RRHs at 137' on an existing 150' monopole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

2. ***Application Number:*** 2019040773 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 4/8/2019
Revised: 5/2/2019
Revised: 5/7/2019

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Carver Tower/2647 University Blvd, Wheaton

Zoning Standard: CR-5.0 ***Property Owner:*** Bajwa Property Management LLC

Description: Remove twelve antennas and 3 RRHs. Add six antennas and 3 RRHs. Relocate 6 RRHs and one Microwave Dish at 90' on an existing 275' tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

3. ***Application Number:*** 2019040786 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 4/24/2019
Revised: 5/7/2019

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Rinaldi Property/15700 Georgia Ave, Olney

Zoning Standard: R-200 ***Property Owner:*** Patricia V Rinaldi

Description: Remove three antennas and 3 RRHs. Add three antennas at 76' on an existing 125' monopole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

4. ***Application Number:*** 2019040795 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 4/29/2019
Revised: 5/15/2019
Revised: 5/17/2019

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Tilden Middle School/11211 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville

Zoning Standard: R-90 ***Property Owner:*** Board of Education

Description: Remove and replace three antennas at 70' on an existing 74' stealth monopole. Add 4 RRHs at ground level.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on condition the applicant provides written approval from the Superintendent of Montgomery County Public

Schools of the attachment at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

5. ***Application Number:*** 2019050807 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):***5/10/2019
Revised: 5/22/2019

Applicant: T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Postal Training Facility/10130 Democracy Blvd, Potomac

Zoning Standard: RE-2 ***Property Owner:*** United States Postal Service

Description: Remove and replace three antennas and 3 RRHs at 72' on an existing 57' building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

6. ***Application Number:*** 2019050820 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):***5/20/2019

Applicant: T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Pepco 660-N/11313 Deborah Dr, Rockville

Zoning Standard: R-90 ***Property Owner:*** Pepco

Description: Remove and replace three antennas at 135' on an existing 135' tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

7. ***Application Number:*** 2019050830 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):***5/20/2019

Applicant: T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Pepco 651-S/8910 Falls Farm Dr, Potomac

Zoning Standard: R-200 ***Property Owner:*** Pepco

Description: Remove and replace three antennas at 110' on an existing 110' tower.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Motion: Jennifer Nordin moved that items #1 through #7 on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Boyd Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

Regular Agenda

8. ***Application Number:*** 2019040780 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):***4/12/2019
Revised: 5/17/2019

Applicant: Dish Wireless

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

Zoning Standard: AR ***Property Owner:*** Shumaker Family Properties LLC

Description: Attach three antennas and 8 remote radio heads (RRH) at 460' on an existing 480' tower. Equipment to be installed within an existing fenced compound along with a ground mounted satellite dish antenna.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended with condition that applicant must apply to the Board of Appeals for a modification of the existing Special Exception (S-656) if necessary. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Jasmina Rivas summarized the application and noted that a Special Exception exists for this site. Marjorie Williams indicated that this application would be recommended with condition that the applicant must apply to the Board of Appeals for a modification of the existing Special Exception (S-656) if necessary.

Motion: Michelle Grace moved that the application be recommended. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion. Gregory Russ abstained from voting and all other members recommended the application.

9. ***Application Number:*** 2019030740 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 3/22/2019
Revised: 5/16/2019

Applicant: Ion Media

Site Name/Location: Pinnacle Towers/5202 (aka 5208) River Rd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: IM-2.5 ***Property Owner:*** Pinnacle Towers Inc

Description: Attach one television transmission antenna at 772' on an existing 745' media broadcast tower. Install a satellite dish antenna at ground level on a new 12'x12' concrete pad within a 16'x16' extension to an existing compound. Install a diesel generator at ground level on a new 14'x6' concrete pad within the existing compound.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended with the condition that a satisfactory routine environment report is filed with the TFCG before the applicant files with the Department of Permitting Services, and that the application complies will all zoning requirements and applicable laws.

Jasmina Rivas summarized the application and indicated that a Special Exception did exist for this tower site, but that it only pertained to cellular antennas. The Special Exception from 1994 also involved the construction of a one-story building on the property. The Special Exception in question is S-2093. Marjorie Williams added that the Board of Appeals would have to make a ruling on whether an amendment would be needed to this Special Exception. Marjorie Williams clarified that this application would only be recommended with conditions. The TFCG's recommendation would be conditioned on three things. First, the applicant would first have to submit a complete and satisfactory routine environmental report. Second, the applicant would have to contact the Board of Appeals to determine whether an amendment to any existing special exception is needed. Third, the applicant would have to comply with all zoning requirements and applicable laws. These applicable laws require having to contact the State Highway Administration, DPS ROW Permitting, or any other County entities that would help coordinate the safe placement of this 56' antenna via helicopter on this 745' tower. Karl Yochter on behalf of Ion Media indicated that Ion had contacted the Audi Service Center adjacent to this property and had spoken to them about airlifting the antenna from their property to avoid street closures and other safety hazards. Michelle Grace indicated that a Montgomery County Parks Property was adjacent to this site and that the applicant would have to do due diligence so as to not interfere or disturb Montgomery County Parks property. Regarding the routine environmental report Shawn Thompson mentioned that the applicant had confirmed that the report would be prepared by no later than 6/6.

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Motion: Michelle Grace moved that the application be recommended with the conditions mentioned above. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion. Gregory Russ abstained from voting and all other members recommended the application.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019, at 2 p.m. at 51 Monroe St., Suite 300.