

MINUTES OF TTF CG MEETING

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TTF CG) was held on December 14, 2005. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Jane Lawton DTS (240) 777-3724

Pat Hanehan MCPS (301) 279-3609

Martin Rookard WSSC (301) 206-8979

Jennifer Bryant OMB (240) 777-2761

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OTHER ATTENDEES

Jill Goyette Cingular

Diane Lattin FiberTower

Michelle Rhodes FiberTower

Jim Weitzman New World Radio

Mike Budde T-Mobile

Matt Chaney T-Mobile

Erin Galvin T-Mobile

Steven Weber T-Mobile

Jackie Karp Verizon Wireless

Action Item - Meeting Minutes: Carlton Gilbert moved that the minutes be approved as written. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Cingular Wireless application to attach three 58" multi-band panel antennas at the 155' level on an existing 193' monopole located on Beall Farm at 12900 Princes Distillery Road in Clarksburg (Application #200508-07).
2. T-Mobile application to replace two existing 54" panel antennas at the 203' level with nine 53" panel antennas at the 214' level on 750' guyed lattice tower located on the WWDC Tower Radio property at 8744 Brookeville Road in Silver Spring (Application #200511-01).
3. Verizon Wireless application to attach twelve 51" panel antennas at the 130' level on an existing 326' self-supporting lattice tower at 2647 University Boulevard in Silver Spring (Application # 200511-06).

Motion: Martin Rookard moved that the consent agenda items be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was approved with Pat Hanehan abstaining from Cingular applications..

Action Item: Nextel application to attach twelve 72" panel antennas atop existing 140' high water tanks (four at the 143' level on Tank C, and eight at the 147' on Tank A). Three GPS antennas will also be attached on these Hampshire Greens Water Tanks at 15916 New Hampshire Avenue in Spencerville (Application # 200508-05).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application initially received by the Tower Coordinator in August. He noted that this recommendation was delayed awaiting response to a request for additional information from the carrier.

The initial application showed incorrect tower heights and raised questions about the potential for interference with the County's public safety radio services also located at this site.

Matt Wolff explained that the Nextel antennas were in the same frequency range as the County's 800 MHz services and were positioned at approximately the same elevations and in close proximity to the County's antennas on a third water tank at the site. He added, however, that each of the Nextel sectors was directed away from the County's 800 MHz antennas. Mr. Hunnicutt explained that he discussed this with Helen Xu and though it appeared unlikely that there would be any interference, Ms. Xu wanted to make it clear that in the event there was interference, Nextel would take appropriate steps to address the problem. Consequently, Mr. Hunnicutt said the recommendation was conditioned on Nextel resolving any interference issues. Secondly, he noted that the WSSC had reported they had an agreement with the adjacent community that before any additional antennas would be attached to the water tanks, the WSSC would obtain concurrence of the community; therefore, the recommendation is conditioned on WSSC obtaining that concurrence from the community as well.

Jane Lawton asked Martin Rookard if WSSC had met with the community yet. Martin Rookard replied that he did not know if the community had been briefed on the attachment and asked that the action on the application be tabled until he could check on that.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved that the application be tabled until next month. Jennifer Bryant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: FiberTower application to attach up to two 3' microwave dish antennas at the 80' level, and one 1' microwave dish antenna at the 75' level on an existing 738' WDCA broadcast tower at 5202 River Road in Bethesda (Application # 200511-03).

Bob Hunnicutt explained that applications #200511-03 and #200511-05 from FiberTower were not on the consent agenda because he wanted to note for the group that at last month's presentation by FiberTower, they displayed a model microwave dish antenna that was one foot in diameter. He said that upon reviewing the applications, he found that there were also microwave dishes that were three feet in diameter and wanted to bring that to the attention of the TTFCG. He added that the application was initially for individual antennas at the sites; however, upon review of the design plans he found that there were positions shown for future antennas as well. He said that in keeping with the group's review of these kinds of situations, FiberTower revised their applications to include those future sites as well. Matt Wolff added that these sites linked individual cell tower locations to a fiber tower hub site in the District. He said that as additional cell sites are added to their network, the TTFCG would need to approve those applications as well.

Motion: Helen Xu moved that the application be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: FiberTower application to attach up to four 1' microwave dish antennas at the 118' level on an existing 230' lattice tower on Kenwood Country Club property at 5601 River Road in Bethesda (Application # 200511-05).

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that the application be recommended. Pat Hanehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items: Zoning Text Amendments 02-05 and 05-10: Jane Lawton advised the group that the County Council had adopted two zoning text amendments, one of which addressed the definition of a telecommunications facility - separating telecommunication towers from broadcast towers, and which also changed the name of the TTFCG to the TFCG. The second ZTA established a height limit for amateur radio antennas and broadcast towers.

Mr. Hunnicutt noted that one of the parties present at the meeting today represented New World Radio and asked him if they had any comments on the legislation. Jim Weitzman replied that he represented WUST broadcast station operating in Virginia at 1100 KHz and that he did not have any comments today but was just interested in the process and in hearing if the committee had anything to say about the changes to the legislation. Jane Lawton asked if there were any comments on the legislation and hearing none she adjourned

the meeting.

Discussion Item - Next Meeting: The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.