

MINUTES OF TTFCG MEETING

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TTFCG) was held on May 11, 2005. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Jane Lawton DTS (240) 777-3724

Pat Hanehan MCPS (301) 279-3609

Steve Batterden DPWT (240) 777-6063

Helen Xu DTS (240) 777-2804

Jim Krause WSSC (301) 206-4209

Carlton Gilbert M-NCPPC (301) 495-4576

Jennifer Bryant OMB (240) 777-2761

STAFF

Margie Williams DTS (240) 777-3762

Robert Hunnicutt CTC (410) 964-5700

Matt Wolff CTC (410) 964-5700

OTHER ATTENDEES

Bill O'Brien Cingular

Mike Budde T-Mobile

Jackie Karp NB&C for Verizon/Crown Castle

M.G. Diamond Verizon Wireless

CeeCee Middlebrooks Nextel

Margie Williams chaired the meeting in Jane Lawton's absence.

Discussion Item - Updates to the Website: M.G. Diamond reported that it appeared the County tower website database had not been updated in some time. Mike Budde added that the database on the website was currently a year old. Margie Williams took note and said she would check with the staff responsible for updating the website and make sure they have the current database posted.

Discussion Item - Meeting Minutes: Helen Xu noted that the minutes listed her as present via conference call when she was actually in attendance at the meeting. Margie Williams noted that it also showed Jim Krause was not at the meeting and she knew that he had also been in attendance. Bob Hunnicutt said he would amend the minutes accordingly. Jennifer Bryant moved the minutes be approved as written. Pat Hanehan seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. T-Mobile application to install nine 54" panel antennas at the 110' level on the penthouse walls of the eight-story Adventist Hospital building located at 7600 Carroll Avenue in Takoma Park (Application #200504-02).
2. T-Mobile application to attach nine 54" panel antennas at the 157' level atop the 147' Parkside Plaza Condominium building located at 9039 Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring (Application #200504-03).
3. Cingular Wireless application to replace nine 48" panel antennas with up to nine 52" dual band antennas at the 160' level on a 199' monopole on the Clement Property located at 25217 Peachtree Road in Clarksburg (Application #200504-06).
4. Cingular Wireless application to replace six 48" panel antennas with up to nine 52" dual band antennas at

the 115' level of an existing 134' monopole on the Barnhart Property located at Hawkins Creamery and Laytonsville Roads in Gaithersburg (Application #200504-07).

5. Cingular Wireless application to replace nine 48" panel antennas with up to nine 52" dual band antennas on the existing mounts at the 137' level of a PEPCO transmission line tower #143-S located at 2160A Brighton Dam Road in Brookeville (Application #200504-08).

6. Verizon Wireless application to install 12 panel antennas (six 71" antennas and six 47" antennas) at the 100' level on an existing 80' building located at 6900 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase (Application #200504-09).

Motion: Jim Krause moved the consent applications be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was approved with Pat Hanehan abstaining on all of the Cingular applications.

Jane Lawton, having concluded her business with the County Council session regarding her office budget, arrived at the meeting and resumed Chair of the proceedings.

Ms. Lawton asked if the antennas on item number 6 on the consent agenda were going to be painted to match the color of the exterior of the building. Bob Hunnicutt stated that based on his review of the photo simulations provided with the application, it appears as though they would. The applicant agreed that was the case.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to attach three 54" panel antennas at the 53' level of an existing 50' silo on the Steinberg property located at 15021 Dufief Mill Road in Gaithersburg (Application #200501-01.)

Matt Wolff summarized the application. He noted that the siting was first reviewed by the TTFCG at its March 2005 meeting at which time action on the item had been tabled because the proposed attachment did not meet zoning height requirements on the building. He said the antennas were now above the required 50' level in compliance with the zoning requirements. He noted that since this is an historic site and subject to Special Exception modification, the Tower Coordinator's recommendation was conditioned on the T-Mobile obtaining approval from the Historic Preservation Committee and any modifications that may be necessary to the Special Exception to permit this attachment to the silos.

Jim Krause asked the carrier representative to explain the function of an accelerator. Mike Budde stated that the accelerator was simply an RF friendly shroud that enclosed antennas in this stealth siting and had nothing to do with the technical performance of the antennas themselves.

Motion: Helen Xu moved that the application be recommended with the conditions noted by the tower coordinator. Jennifer Bryant seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to replace an existing 40' wooden PEPCO pole #730472-4678 with a 70' wooden PEPCO pole and attach three 54" panel antennas at the top. The existing pole is located in the 16000 Block of Longdraft Road in Gaithersburg (Application #200504-01).

Matt Wolff summarized the application. He noted that the recommendation was conditioned on PEPCO replacing the existing 40' pole with a 70' pole to permit this attachment as a By Right co-location. Jane Lawton commented that in the recommendation for this application, the Tower Coordinator commented that the other poles in close proximity to the pole to be replaced were also about 70' in height, which would minimize the impact of the replacement pole. She added that the tower coordinator also noted there was a line of trees that screened the site from many of the homes across the street.

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

Discussion Item - Nextel Memorial United Methodist Church: Bob Hunnicutt explained that CeeCee Middlebrooks had some modifications to an application that she would like to present to the group. Ms. Middlebrooks stated that the Nextel application (#200502-01) to attach antennas to the Methodist Church on Colesville Road that was approved by the TTFCG on March 9, 2005 was a design to attach antennas within an existing metal framework atop a 50' steeple structure. The metal framework was to be replaced with RF

friendly material.

Since the time the application was approved by the TTFCG, the church changed its opinion on the placement of the antennas, and now prefers that the steel framework remain intact and the antennas be attached on the outside of the metal framework. Ms. Middlebrooks said that three active antennas would be attached, one on each side of the framework, and would be painted to match the color of the metal. She noted that a fourth mock antenna would be placed on the fourth side of the structure to retain a balanced appearance to the structure. Jim Krause asked if the antennas would be directed to the same sectors as proposed in the original application. Ms. Middlebrooks stated that was the intent of the new design.

Motion: Jim Krause moved the modification be recommended. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item - Expected Zoning Text Amendments: Jane Lawton stated the last time zoning text amendments for tower regulation were amended, the Council did not address the regulation regarding broadcast towers in the County, but said they would revisit that issue at a later date. She said that Ms. Praisner was in the process of drafting zoning text language to address placement of broadcast towers in the County. Ms. Lawton said she had also received a call from Ralph Wilson inquiring about the heights of broadcast towers located in the County. She said she had referred his questions to the Tower Coordinator, who would research and identify the height of broadcast towers in the County. She commented that as these zoning text changes are being prepared, Council staff is reviewing all tower legislation to ensure consistency among the different sections of the code.

Discussion Item - Next Meeting: The next meeting of the TTFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.