

MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on June 7, 2006. 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

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David Niblock DPS (240) 777-6252

Steve Batterden DPWT (240) 777-6063

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STAFF

Marjorie Williams DTS (240) 777-3762

Robert Hunnicutt CTC (410) 964-5700

David Doulong CTC (410) 964-5700

Carol Watson CTC (410) 964-5700

Mary Pat Wilson MCPS (301) 279-3009

OTHER ATTENDEES

Mike Budde T-Mobile

Pete Maheridis Verizon

Jack Andrews T-Mobile

Bill O'Brien

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Action Item - Meeting Minutes: Pat Hanehan submitted corrections he proposed for the May meeting minutes. The first change requested was to amend the paragraph regarding the discussion about previous applications on MCPS property to reflect that he had said "discussion about previous applications on MCPS property including new poles at Northwood High School and Daly Elementary School that have been approved both by the TFCG and the Planning Board."

Martin Rookard moved the May minutes be approved as amended. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and it was approved with Carlton Gilbert abstaining.

The second change Mr. Hanehan requested was to the next paragraph in the minutes, second sentence, "the M-NCPPC staff appeared to be taking the same position as Mr. Royalty." Mr. Hanehan said he wished to add words elaborating on what the earlier Planning Commission staff had opined in the past. The group agreed that since that discussion Mr. Hanehan wished to add to the minutes did not take place, the minutes could not be amended to include his suggestions. However, the group agreed to append a Planning Commission letter Mr. Hanehan presented at today's meeting to the May minutes.

Motion: Jane Lawton moved the letter be appended to the May minutes. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was approved with Carlton Gilbert abstaining.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Sprint application to changeout 9 existing antennas with 9 new 48" antennas on the same mounts and location on PEPCO transmission line tower #100-S located at Goshen Road & Rothbury Drive in Gaithersburg (Application #200605-16).

2. FiberTower application to install two dish antennas at the 85' level on the PSTA observation tower located at 10025 Darnestown Road in Rockville (Application #200606-02)
3. FiberTower application to install two dish antennas at the 92' level on the 100' monopole located on the Rinaldi property located at 15700 Georgia Avenue in Olney (Application #200606-03).
4. T-Mobile application to install three antennas at the 42' level inside a cupola of the Potomac United Methodist Church located at 10300 Falls Road in Potomac (Application #200606-05).
5. T-Mobile application to attach 9 antennas at the 100' level of a 100' monopole on Storage USA property located at 19500 Frederick Road in Germantown (Application #200606-07).
6. Nextel application to replace an existing equipment shelter with a new 12' x 20' shelter on the roof of the Grosvenor House Apartment building located at 10101 Grosvenor Place in Rockville (Application #200606-09).
7. FiberTower application to install one dish antenna at the 70' level of an existing 138' monopole located at I-270 & Montrose Road in Rockville (Application #200606-13).
8. Cingular application to replace six 51" and three 55" antennas with six 55" antennas at the same location and mounts on the roof of the Choice International Hotel located at 10750 Columbia Pike in Silver Spring (Application #200606-14).

Steve Batterden asked to have Item #2 placed on the regular agenda for discussion. Jane Lawton asked to move Items #6 and 7 for discussion as well.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved to recommend the remaining consent agenda items. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and it was approved with Pat Hanehan abstaining from voting on Cingular's applicaton (Item #8).

Action Item - Consent Agenda Item #2: FiberTower application to install two dish antennas at the 85' level on the PSTA observation tower located at 10025 Darnestown Road in Rockville (Application #200606-02)

Steve Batterden explained that he had discussed this siting on County property with Bob Hunnicutt, who asked about the structural capability of the metal support structure on top of the PSTA observation tower. Mr Batterden agreed this matter should be considered and he asked the carrier to provide a structural analysis. Consequently, he wished to condition the TFCG's recommendation for this application on submission of a structural analysis showing that the attachment can be safely made.

Motion: Steve Batterden moved the application be recommended as conditioned on submission of a structural analysis. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item - Consent Agenda Item #6: Nextel application to replace an existing equipment shelter with a new 12' x 20' shelter on the roof of the Grosvenor House Apartment building located at 10101 Grosvenor Place in Rockville (Application #200606-09).

Jane Lawton asked how tall was the shelter on top of the building. Bob Hunnicut replied that it was 10 feet tall, which was within the height limit for rooftop shelters.

Motion: Jane Lawton moved that the application be recommended. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item - Consent Agenda Item #7: FiberTower application to install one dish antenna at the 70' level of an existing 138' monopole located at I-270 & Montrose Road in Rockville (Application #200606-13).

Jane Lawton asked Marjorie Williams if FiberTower had paid their application fee for this filing. Ms. Williams said that they had not but that she was crediting payment received for another FiberTower application that was on hold to cover the fee for this application, and that the application could be acted upon by the group.

Motion: Jane Lawton moved the application be recommended. Pat Hanehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to replace two existing antennas with six 53" antennas pole mounted to the penthouse wall at the 59' level of the National 4-H Council building located at 7100 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase (Application #200606-01).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that there was a Special Exception for the attachment of the antennas to be replaced as well as a Special Exception for the 4-H building itself. Consequently, his recommendation was conditioned on the applicant obtaining any modifications to the Special Exceptions that may be necessary.

Jane Lawton asked about the height of the building. Jack Andrews replied that it was approximately 54 feet tall. He said that when he had asked the Board of Appeals about a Special Exception for attachment of the antennas, he was advised that there was no record that a Special Exception had been approved to permit the antennas.

Ms. Lawton explained that she knew that there was a Special Exception for the 4-H Center that limited the use of the facility to educational and private/nonprofit purposes only; consequently, she suspected there may have to be a modification to the Special Exception to permit these antennas.

Ms. Lawton asked Mr. Andrews if he had reviewed this application with the Town of Chevy Chase. Mr. Andrews replied that he called them but had not yet heard back, and that he planned to go there immediately after today's meeting.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the application be recommended conditioned on Board of Appeal approval of any modifications to the Special Exception at this location that may be necessary. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: T-Mobile application to install nine antennas on sleds mounted on the roof at the 55' level of the existing 46' Wildwood Medical Center building located at 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda (Application #20606-11).

Bob Hunnicutt noted that this was a typical rooftop co-location siting but because the building was less than 50 feet tall in this residential zone, it would require a Special Exception for the antennas. Jane Lawton asked Mr. Hunnicutt if he knew if the Board of Appeals had approved prior Special Exceptions for low buildings in residential areas. Mr. Hunnicutt said he could check but he knew that there had been a number of applications that the TFCG had reviewed and recommended that were on structures less than the 50 feet height required for the residential zone. Mike Budde added that T-Mobile's application for Inwood House and the Korean Housing Center were both residential properties less than 50 feet tall, and both had been approved by the Board of Appeals.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the application be recommended conditioned on obtaining a Special Exception. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item - Meeting Schedule: Jane Lawton stated that the next TFCG meeting was scheduled for July 5th and she thought there may not be a quorum present due to the holiday. She suggested that the group reschedule the July meeting for July 12th. She also recommended that the TFCG cancel the August meeting because there is usually very low attendance at those meetings due to staff vacations. All of the members approved the recommended meeting schedule changes.

Discussion Item - Damascus AM Radio Towers: Carlton Gilbert announced that the Planning Commission had received for review the application for a Special Exception for the four AM radio towers in Damascus. He noted that the Commission would not take any action until the TFCG had reviewed and acted on that application. He stated that a hearing date for the Special Exception had already been scheduled for Oct. 10, 2006, and he was concerned about the timing for the TFCG and Planning Commission review of the application.

Discussion Item - New TFCG Member: Pat Hanehan introduced Mary Pat Wilson as the new representative from MCPS to replace him on the TFCG. Jane Lawton commended Mr. Hanehan's performance over the many years he has so capably served on the TFCG and wished him well.

Discussion Item - Next Meeting: The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at

2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.