

MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on July 7, 2010. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams	DTS	
Mary Pat Wilson	MCPS/Facilities	(240) 314-4707
David Niblock	DPS	(240) 777-6252
Carlton Gilbert	M-NCPPC	(301) 495-4576
John Cuff	OMB	

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC	(301) 933-1488
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OTHER ATTENDEES

Alecia Vogel	NB&C/Clearwire
Charles Salamone	NB&C/Verizon Wireless

Action Item Meeting Minutes: Mary Pat Wilson requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that the condition shows for the recommendation for item # 2 (201006-07) on the Consent Agenda actually applies to Item #3 on the Regular Agenda (201006-06). Mary Pat Wilson moved the minutes be approved as amended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Action Item Consent Agenda Applications:

1. Clearwire application to attach one dish antenna at the 107' level on a 110'-high monopole on Rinaldi property, 15700 Georgia Avenue, Olney (#201007-03)
2. Clearwire application to attach two dish antennas at the 175' level on the 160'-high Promenade condominium building, 5225 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda (#201007-05)
3. Clearwire application to attach two dish antennas at the 167' level atop the 160'-high Chevy Chase office building, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase (#201007-06)
4. Clearwire application to attach three dish antennas at the 260' level atop the 235'-high Washingtonian apartment building, 9701 Fields Road, Gaithersburg (#201007-07)

5. Clearwire application to attach three dish antennas at the 187' level atop a 178'-high Berkshire Towers apartment building, 11235 Oak Leaf Drive, Silver Spring (201007-08)
6. Verizon Wireless application to replace six panel antennas with six panel antennas at the 90- level atop a 110'-high monopole at Northwood High School, 919 University Boulevard, Silver Spring. (201007-09)

Conditioned on Verizon Wireless providing documentation from MCPS of a legal right to attach antennas at time of permitting

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the consent agenda items be recommended as conditioned. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was approved with Mary Pat Wilson abstaining from Item #6.

Action Item Agenda Item #7: Clearwire application to attach nine antennas at the 98' level on the 230'-high WAVA lattice tower on Kenwood Country Club property, 5601 River Road, Bethesda (201006-02)

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that the Clearwire installed the antennas without obtaining a permit and placed four dish antennas instead of the three shown on the application and plans. He reported that he had been contacted by the tower site manager who complained that the work had been done without County review and that the work attachments had been made in the wrong place on one of the tower legs, blocking the climbing area and that four instead of three panel antennas had been attached. Mr. Hunnicutt said that accordingly, the Tower Coordinator's recommendation is conditioned on DPS approval of a permit for this work and submission of a structural analysis report to DPS at the time of Permitting that included all present antennas attachments to the tower with a copy of the report provided to the Tower Coordinator.

Marjorie Williams remarked that this is not the first time this has happened but is concerned that for this application and the next one on the agenda the carrier has acted without first obtaining a permit. Dave Niblock asked that when the Tower Coordinator becomes aware of work being performed without a permit to let him know as soon as possible. In cases like this, he added, the carrier will still have to file for a permit after the fact and are subject to possible fines. He said that DPS monitors such violations for patterns of repeat violations. Violations are subject to fines of up to \$500.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the application be recommended as conditioned. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Clearwire application to attach three dish antennas at the 90' level atop the 76'-high Walker House apartment building, 18700 Walkers Choice Road, Gaithersburg (#201007-04).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that these antennas have also been attached without a permit as Ms. Wilson already noted. Consequently, the Tower Coordinators recommendation is also conditioned on Clearwire obtaining DPS approval of a permit for this work. Alecia Vogel explained that Clearwire advised her that some of the antennas were placed under a prior permit. Mr. Hunnicutt stated that he did not believe that was correct but he would check the prior TFCG application.

Motion: Mary Pat Wilson moved the application be recommended. David Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.

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