



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on November 5, 2014. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

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| Marjorie Williams | | DTS |
| Bernie Fitzgerald | | DGS |
| Dave Niblock | | DPS |
| Ted Bowser | | DTS |
| Carlton Gilbert | (via phone) | M-NCPPC |

STAFF

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| Nancy Rodriguez | (via phone) | CTC |
| Bob Hunnicutt | (via phone) | CTC |

OTHER ATTENDEES

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| Janice Sartucci | | Parents Coalition |
| Sue Present | | Resident |
| Cliff Shaffer | (via phone) | WCC for Sprint |

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved that the minutes be approved as written. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. Verizon Wireless application to attach sixteen panel antennas at the 144' level atop a 147'-high office building on 4600 Association LTD Partnership property located at 4600 East-West Highway in Bethesda (201410-11). *Co-location.*

2. Verizon Wireless application to replace nine antennas with six panel antennas at the 125' level on a 199'-high monopole on 16801 Oakmont Avenue LLC property located at 16801 Oakmont Avenue in Gaithersburg (201411-01). *Minor Modification.*
3. Verizon Wireless application to replace three panel antennas at the 143' level on a 145'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at 11500 Game Preserve Road in Gaithersburg (201411-03). *Minor Modification.*
4. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas at the 198' level atop a 180'-high apartment building on Grosvenor Tower LP property located at 10301 Grosvenor Place in Rockville (201411-06). *Minor Modification.*
5. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with nine panel antennas at the 140' level on a 180'-high monopole on Burtonsville VFD property located at 15430 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville (201411-07). *Minor Modification.*
6. Verizon Wireless application to replace nine antennas with nine panel antennas at the 171' level on a 195'-high lattice tower on John W. Ferguson, et al property located at 14825 Comus Road in Clarksburg (201411-08). *Minor Modification.*

Marjorie Williams added application #201411-14 to the Consent agenda.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to replace nine antennas with nine panel antennas at the 112' level on a 130' water tank on WSSC property located at 7806-A Tomlinson Avenue in Chevy Chase (201411-02). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting that WSSC approves of the proposed attachment.*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that WSSC has not yet approved this modification. Consequently, the recommendation is conditioned on their approval.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to attach six panel antennas at the 95' level on a 120'-high monopole on Oakview Recreation Association located at 1101 Corliss Street in Silver Spring (201411-05). *Co-location. Conditioned on approval by the Board of Appeals for the use of the additional ground space at the base of the monopole for the equipment area expansion.*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that Verizon Wireless has not yet attached the antennas as recommended by the TFCG earlier this year. He added that because Sprint plans to expand the existing equipment area, which is limited in size by the special exception, the recommendation is conditioned on the Board of Appeals approval of same. Marjorie Williams noted that although the new zoning regulations will require approval of the Hearing Examiner for such a change, the special exception for this facility was approved under the current zoning ordinance, so it will be up to the Board to review and approve this change.

Sue Present remarked that she would like to note that there were errors in the documents being reviewed. Marjorie Williams explained that TFCG meetings are open to the public but for observation only, and that comments should be provided to the Board of Appeals; not the TFCG. Ms. Present added that there were errors in the documents related to the parking area. Dave Niblock replied that addressing those issues would be up to the Board of Appeals.

Cliff Schaffer, representing Sprint, remarked that if Ms. Present had any questions or concerns about their documents she could contact him and discuss them.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was approved with Carlton Gilbert abstaining.

Action Item: AT&T application to attach ten panel antennas at the 50' and 51' levels atop a 50'-high conference center/hotel on National 4-H Council property located at 7100 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase (201411-09). *Co-location. Conditioned on providing written approval by the Board of Appeals for any modifications that may be required to the special exception for this building and on providing documentation at the time of permitting from the Town of Chevy Chase that they have approved the attachment.*

Bob Hunnicutt noted that, because the use of this property by the 4H is permitted by special exception, we condition our recommendation (as has been done in the past for applications at the 4H facility) on any approvals needed by the Board of Appeals to add these antennas and related equipment. Additionally, because the property is within the limits of the Town of Chevy Chase, the recommendation is also conditioned on approval of the additional antennas by the Town.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to install one 2'-high dish antenna at the 181' level atop a 194'-high apartment building on BVF-11 Enclave LLC property located at 11235 Oak Leaf Drive in Silver Spring (201411-10). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on resolution of any RF conflicts with the County Public Safety Radio frequencies*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that because the County has public safety radio antennas atop this building, we condition our recommendation on Sprint immediately addressing any conflicts with the County services should any occur.

Motion: Ted Bowser moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to replace 12 antennas with 12 panel antennas at the 134' level on a 140'-high monopole on M-NCPPC property located at 1313 Bonifant Road in Colesville (201411-11). *Minor Modification. Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from M-NCPPC at the time of permitting that M-NCPPC approves of the attachment*

Bob Hunnicutt explained that M-NCPPC has not yet approved this modification and Michelle Grace asked that we note for the TFCG record that the structural analysis report submitted with the application was for modifications to AT&T antennas in 2011, not for the current Verizon Wireless modifications.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item: Retirement of Bernie Fitzgerald

Ms. Williams announced that Mr. Fitzgerald is retiring from County service and thanked him for his dedicated work serving as a member of the TFCG over the years. All wished him well.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on December 3, 2014 in Room #225 of the COB.