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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 March 4, 2015. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Peter Geiling		MCPS
Boyd Lawrence		MCPS
Laura Bradshaw	(via phone)	DPS
Carlton Gilbert	(via phone)	M-NCPPC

STAFF

Nancy Rodriguez		CTC
Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC
Lee Afflerbach	(via phone)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Harold Bernadzikowski	(via phone)	NB&C for Verizon Wireless
Michael Wieland	(via phone)	NB&C for Verizon Wireless
Joshua Schakola	(via phone)	SCE, Inc. for Verizon Wireless
Jacob Epstein	(via phone)	SCE, Inc. for Verizon Wireless

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Peter Geiling moved that the minutes be approved as written. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. Verizon Wireless application to add three remote radio heads at the 165' level on a 188'-high monopole on Timothy F. McDonnell property located at 20315 Georgia Avenue in Brookville (201503-04). *Minor Modification.*
2. Verizon Wireless application to attach one omni-directional antenna at the 43' level on a 30'-high rooftop on Clopper Mill Village Center LLC property located at 18066 Mateny Road in Germantown (201503-05). *Co-location.*
3. Verizon Wireless application to replace twelve panel antennas at the 170' and 172' levels on a 175'-high apartment building on Hillzo LP c/o Southern Management property located at 9737 Mt. Pisgah Road in Silver Spring (201503-07). *Minor Modification.*
4. Verizon Wireless application to install twelve panel antennas at the 42' level atop a 34'-high rooftop on Safeway Inc. property located at 5000 Bradley Boulevard in Chevy Chase (201503-10). *Co-location.*
5. Verizon Wireless application to replace nine panel antennas at the 120' level atop a 130'-high lattice tower on American Tower Inc. property located at 12419 Middlebrook Road in Germantown (201503-12). *Minor Modification.*
6. AT&T application to replace three panel antennas at the 202' and 203' levels on a 200'-high monopole on Damascus Volunteer Fire Department property located at 10211 Lewis Drive in Damascus (201503-13). *Minor Modification.*

Motion: Laura Bradshaw moved that all items on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

1. Verizon Wireless application to construct a 120'-high monopole and attach twelve panel antennas at the 120' level on Moyer and Sons Inc. property located at 13050 Shawnee Lane in Clarksburg (201502-11). *New.*

Nancy Rodriguez summarized the application noting that this monopole is situated in the new employment office (EOF) zone in a rural area of Clarksburg between Clarksburg High School and the MCPS Transportation Maintenance Facility. West of the MCPS property is recently constructed townhomes that will have a minimal view of the monopole. The engineering review of the RF maps showed that the antennas at the 120' level provide coverage over a larger area around the Moyer property than would antennas at the lower elevations. Given the lack of other existing structures we recommend the monopole as proposed to serve as large an area as possible and to provide a co-location opportunity for future carriers in this area.

Peter Geiling asked the applicant if he was aware of the Master Plan (EA1 proposed highway E-19) to extend Observation Road, being constructed right through the proposed monopole site. Harold Bernadzikowski said he is under the impression that the Master Plan will be constructed 436' to the West of the site and will not affect the construction of the monopole.

Mr. Geiling stated it would be prudent for the tower committee to find out exactly where the new road will be constructed prior to recommending the monopole, due to the fact that the cost of removing the monopole will be incurred by the County, not the carrier.

Carlton Gilbert commented that from a Park and Planning point of view, they are only looking to make sure the new monopole it meets setback requirements. The new EOF zone does not require setback from the Right of Way.

Marjorie Williams asked that the recommendation be edited to include that Verizon Wireless will adhere to all zoning and setback regulations for the future Observation Drive construction.

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

2. Verizon Wireless application to replace one panel antenna at the 112' level on a 108'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 7005B Radnor Road in Bethesda (201503-01).
Minor Modification.
Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting that WSSC approves of the attachment

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

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

3. Verizon Wireless application to add three remote radio heads at the 257' level on a 252'-high lattice tower on Montgomery County property located at 26149 Ridge Road in Damascus (201503-03). *Minor Modification.*
Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from Montgomery County at the time of permitting that Montgomery County approves of the attachment

Nancy Rodriguez summarized the application noting that Montgomery County has not yet approved this modification. Consequently, the recommendation is conditioned on their approval.

Thomas Williamson asked if the additional remote radio heads were included in the original lease between Verizon Wireless and the County. Joseph Epstein reported that the original lease included six remote radio heads and Verizon Wireless only attached three so this new application is to install the remaining three.

Mr. Williamson stated that the County approves of the application.

Motion: Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended without the condition by the Tower Coordinator. Laura Bradshaw seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. AT&T application to replace three panel antennas at the 140' level on a 150'-high monopole on MCPS property located at 300 Olney Sandy Spring Road in Sandy Spring (201503-09). *Minor Modification.*
Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from MCPS at the time of permitting that MCPS approves of the attachment

Nancy Rodriguez summarized the application noting that MCPS has not yet approved this modification. Consequently, the recommendation is conditioned on their approval.

Mr. Geiling stated that he would like to leave the recommendation as conditioned.

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

Discussion Items

- Revised plans for TFCG #201412-07 Verizon Wireless @ Aspen Hill – Small Cell 3 – 13601 Connecticut Avenue, Silver Spring. The applicant reports that the light pole is 43'-high and the antenna will be attached at the 45' level on the light pole instead of the heights proposed in the application the TFCG reviewed and recommended. See attached explanation and revised plans from the applicant.
- Revised plans for TFCG #201412-08 Verizon Wireless @ Aspen Hill – Small Cell 2 – 13601 Connecticut Avenue, Silver Spring. The applicant reports that the light pole is 43'-high and the antenna will be attached at the 45' level on the light pole instead of the heights proposed in the application the TFCG reviewed and recommended. See attached explanation and revised plans from the applicant.

Nancy Rodriguez summarized that these are two applications from Verizon Wireless, recommended by the tower committee in December 2014, to attach one small cell antennas on two different light poles in the Aspen Hill shopping center on Connecticut Avenue in Silver Spring. The original application listed the light poles as 38' high with the antennas to be attached at the 40' level. According to the applicant, the light pole is actually 43'-high and the antennas will be attached at the 45' level. The applicant submitted an explanation and revised plans showing the correct height of the light poles and the antennas, which are attached as supporting documents to the agenda.

No questions were presented by the tower committee and the two discussion items were approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on April 1, 2015 in Room #225 of the COB.