



## DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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### MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TCFG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on December 5, 2018. The following people were in attendance:

#### MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		TFCG Chair
Erika Lopez		OMB
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Gregory Russ	(via phone)	M-NCPPC
Martin	(via phone)	WSSC
Boyd	(via phone)	MCPS
Max Stuckey	(via phone)	DTS

#### STAFF

Jay O'Neill	CTC
Jasmina Rivas	CTC

#### OTHER ATTENDEES

Jordan Dewese		DTS
Brian Kim		DPS ROW
Katherine Blackwood	(via phone)	NB&C on behalf of Sprint/T-Mobile
Elizabeth Dietrich	(via phone)	NB&C on behalf of T-Mobile
Rick Myers	(via phone)	Public
Alexandra Bull		NB&C
Tracy Themak		Donohue & Stearns
Javad Shayan		DPS ROW
Mohammad Alsamma		T-Mobile

**Action Item: Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Martin Rookard moved that the November minutes be approved as written. Gregory Russ seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Action Item: Consent Agenda:**

**Consent Agenda**

1. ***Application Number:*** 2018090465 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 9/19/2018  
***Revised:*** 11/14/2018

***Applicant:*** AT&T Wireless

***Site Name/Location:*** Gymkhana Club / 14100 River Rd, Potomac

***Zoning Standard:*** RE-2 ***Property Owner:*** River Road Development Inc

***Description:*** Add a diesel generator in an existing equipment compound.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended

2. ***Application Number:*** 2018100539 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):***  
10/18/2018  
***Revised:*** 11/13/2018

***Applicant:*** AT&T Wireless

***Site Name/Location:*** Summit Hills Apartments / 8484 16th St, Silver Spring

***Zoning Standard:*** CR-2.5 ***Property Owner:*** Summit Hills LLC.

***Description:*** Remove three RRHs. Add six RRHs at 110'/111'/116' on an existing 90' building.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended

3. ***Application Number:*** 2018100540 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 10/19/2018  
***Revised:*** 11/14/2018

***Applicant:*** Sprint/Nextel

***Site Name/Location:*** Oakmont Monopole / 16801 Oakmont Ave, Gaithersburg

***Zoning Standard:*** IM-2.5 ***Property Owner:*** 16801 Oakmont Avenue LLC

***Description:*** Remove and replace three antennas at 187'/189' on an existing 191' monopole.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended

4. ***Application Number:*** 2018100565 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):***  
10/30/2018  
***Revised:*** 11/13/2018

***Applicant:*** T-Mobile

***Site Name/Location:*** Summit Hills Apartments / 8484 16th Street, Silver Spring

***Zoning Standard:*** CR-2.5 ***Property Owner:*** Summit Hills LLC.

***Description:*** Remove and replace nine antennas at 107' on an existing 98' building.

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended

5. **Application Number:** 2018090472 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 9/12/2018  
**Revised:** 10/23/2018  
**Revised:** 11/19/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Lakewood at Georgia / 11510 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** CR-3.0 **Property Owner:** Lakewood at Georgia Ave, LLC

**Description:** Remove eight antennas and one RRH. Add nine antennas and fifteen RRHs at 47'/60' on an existing 40' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

6. **Application Number:** 2018090494 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 9/28/2018  
**Revised:** 11/20/2018

**Applicant:** Verizon Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** National 4-H Council Bldg / 7100 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase

**Zoning Standard:** R-60 **Property Owner:** National 4-H Council

**Description:** Remove and replace three antennas and six RRHs at 54' on an existing 43' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

7. **Application Number:** 2018100535 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/17/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018  
**Revised:** 11/19/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Sudbury House Condo / 2100 Washington Ave, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** R-10 **Property Owner:** Sudbury House Condominiums

**Description:** Remove three antennas and three RRHs. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 109' on an existing 92' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

8. **Application Number:** 2018090492 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/8/2018  
**Revised:** 11/26/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Public Storage Briggs Chaney / 3351 Briggs Chaney Rd, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** EOF-0.75 **Property Owner:** Shurgard Maryland Properites Inc

**Description:** Remove six antennas. Add six antennas and six RRHs at 140' on an existing 140' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

9. **Application Number:** 2018110587 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/9/2018  
**Revised:** 11/26/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** WSSC Great Seneca / 12600 Great Seneca Hwy, Germantown

**Zoning Standard:** R-200 **Property Owner:** WSSC

**Description:** Remove six antennas. Add six antennas and three RRHs at 150' on an existing 228' tower.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting.

10. **Application Number:** 2018100498 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/8/2018  
**Revised:** 10/24/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Pepco 148-S / 0 Gold Mine Rd, Brinklow

**Zoning Standard:** R-C **Property Owner:** Pepco

**Description:** Remove six antennas. Add six antennas, one microwave dish, and nine RRHs at 140' on an existing 142' transmission tower.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

11. **Application Number:** 2018080456 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 8/21/2018  
**Revised:** 10/31/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Airpark Industrial Center / 7707 Airpark Rd, Gaithersburg

**Zoning Standard:** IL-1.0 **Property Owner:** Crown Atlantic Company LLC

**Description:** Remove three antennas. Add six antennas and three RRHs at 122' on an existing 120' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

12. **Application Number:** 2018090477 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 9/14/2018  
**Revised:** 11/1/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Summit Hills Apartments / 8484 16th St, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** CR-2.5 **Property Owner:** Summit Hills LLC.

**Description:** Remove three antennas and three RRHs. Add three antennas at 106'/114' on an existing 98' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

13. **Application Number:** 2018090480 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 9/14/2018  
**Revised:** 11/1/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Pavilion Apts / 5901 Montrose Rd, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** CR-4.0 **Property Owner:** Monterey North Bethesda Investors, LLC.

**Description:** Remove three antennas and three RRHs. Add three antennas at 141'/155' on an existing 132' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

14. **Application Number:** 2018100518 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/9/2018  
**Revised:** 10/30/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Pepco 163-S / 1000 Ashton Rd, Ashton

**Zoning Standard:** R-C **Property Owner:** Pepco

**Description:** Remove six antennas. Add six antennas and fifteen RRHs at 142' on an existing 132' transmission tower.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

15. **Application Number:** 2018100525 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/12/2018  
**Revised:** 10/25/2018  
**Revised:** 11/1/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Oakmont Monopole / 16801 Oakmont Ave, Gaithersburg

**Zoning Standard:** IM-2.5 **Property Owner:** 16801 Oakmont Avenue LLC

**Description:** Remove three antennas. Add three antennas and six RRHs at 192' on an existing 190' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

16. **Application Number:** 2018100534 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/18/2018  
**Revised:** 10/31/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Montg College Germantown / 20200 West Observation Dr, Germantown

**Zoning Standard:** I-3 **Property Owner:** Board of Community College Trustees

**Description:** Remove three antennas. Add six antennas and three RRHs at 203' on an existing 300' tower.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

17. **Application Number:** 2018080447 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 8/15/2018  
**Revised:** 10/4/2018  
**Revised:** 11/2/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Extra Space Storage / 19500 Frederick Rd, Germantown

**Zoning Standard:** GR-1.5 **Property Owner:** Prisaii II LLC

**Description:** Remove and replace three antennas and three RRHs at 80' on an existing 121' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

18. **Application Number:** 2018080449 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 8/15/2018  
**Revised:** 10/4/2018  
**Revised:** 11/2/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Pavilion Apts / 5901 Montrose Rd, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** CR-4.0 **Property Owner:** Bernmill Associates

**Description:** Remove and replace three antennas and three RRHs at 159'/175' on an existing 153' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

19. **Application Number:** 2018100541 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/19/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** WSSC Great Seneca / 12600 Great Seneca Hwy, Germantown

**Zoning Standard:** R-200 **Property Owner:** WSSC

**Description:** Remove and replace six antennas at 140' on an existing 228' tower.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting.

20. **Application Number:** 2018100563 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/29/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Watkins Mill High School / 10301 Apple Ridge Rd, Gaithersburg

**Zoning Standard:** R-200 **Property Owner:** MCPS

**Description:** Remove and replace three antennas at 118' on an existing 120' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from the Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools of the attachment at the time of permitting.

21. **Application Number:** 2018100500 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/2/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Park Montgomery Apts / 8860 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** R-H **Property Owner:** Park Montgomery Limited Prtnrshp

**Description:** Remove and replace six antennas and three RRHs at 138' on an existing 130' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

22. **Application Number:** 2018100514 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/8/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Parklawn / 11820 Parklawn Dr, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** EOF-0.75 **Property Owner:** PS Business Parks L P

**Description:** Remove six antennas and three RRHs. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 74'/78' on an existing 63' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

23. **Application Number:** 2018100519 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/10/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** MDOT-Kensington / I-495 & Conn Ave, Kensington

**Zoning Standard:** R-90 **Property Owner:** MDOT / State Hwy Admin.

**Description:** Remove six antennas. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 152' on an existing 160' monopole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

24. **Application Number:** 2018100529 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/16/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Columbia Towers / 12001 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** R-10 **Property Owner:** Legum & Norman

**Description:** Remove nine antennas. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 93'/108' on an existing 95' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

25. **Application Number:** 2018100531 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):**  
10/16/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Crossroads Building / 7676 New Hampshire Ave, Takoma Park

**Zoning Standard:** CRT-2.5 **Property Owner:** 7676 New Hampshire L.P.

**Description:** Remove three antennas and three RRHs. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 53' on an existing 49' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

26. **Application Number:** 2018100533 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/17/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** Ramada Silver Spring / 7990 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** CR-3.0 **Property Owner:** ELSS LLC

**Description:** Remove three antennas. Add six antennas and three RRHs at 73'/74' on an existing 62' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

27. **Application Number:** 2018100550 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 10/25/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018

**Applicant:** Verizon Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** Woodmont Triangle Garage / 7730 Woodmont Ave, Bethesda

**Zoning Standard:** CR 5.0 **Property Owner:** Montgomery County

**Description:** Remove and replace six antennas and three RRHs at 55'/56' on an existing 64' building.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved that items #1 through #27 on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Regular Agenda**

28. **Application Number:** 2018090489 **Type:** Colocation **Received (date):** 10/11/2018  
**Revised:** 11/1/2018

**Applicant:** Sprint/Nextel

**Site Name/Location:** 7001 Arlington / 7001 Arlington Rd, Bethesda

**Zoning Standard:** CRT-1.75 **Property Owner:** AERC 7001 Arlington Road LLC

**Description:** Attach six antennas and nine remote radio heads (RRH) at 83' on a 59' building. Install equipment cabinets on the rooftop.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

Jay O'Neill summarized the application.

**Motion:** Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended. Boyd Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.



29. **Application Number:** 2018110581 **Type:** Colocation **Received (date):** 11/8/2018  
**Revised:** 11/26/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Seneca Meadows Corporate Center/20501 Seneca Meadows Parkway, Germantown

**Zoning Standard:** CR-2.0 **Property Owner:** SENECA MEADOWS CORP CENTER IV LLC

**Description:** Attach six antennas and three remote radio heads (RRH) at 53' on a 47' building. Install equipment cabinets and generator on the rooftop.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended

Jay O'Neill summarized the application.

**Motion:** Gregory Russ moved that the application be recommended. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

30. **Application Number:** 2018100524 **Type:** New **Received (date):** 10/16/2018  
**Revised:** 11/02/2018  
**Revised:** 11/6/2018  
**Revised:** 11/26/2018

**Applicant:** T-Mobile/American Tower

**Site Name/Location:** Warfield Property/25723 Woodfield Rd, Damascus

**Zoning Standard:** RNC **Property Owner:** James H. Warfield

**Description:** Construct a 150'-high monopole and attach six panel antennas at the 147' level. Equipment will be placed in a new 75' x 75' compound.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended with conditions – complete the conditional use process with any overall structure height exceeding 135' subject to Hearing Examiner approval.

Marjorie Williams noted that this application was recommended by the TFCG twice previously at 150'; that the Applicant had not constructed the monopole before those recommendations expired; and that the application was being reviewed for a third time because zoning changes that took effect June 4, 2018, now restrict the height of any new installations in this zone to 135' unless a Hearing Examiner grants an increase based on specific justifications. Jay O'Neill summarized the application and the Coordinator's findings. Alexandra Bull with NB&C on behalf of T-Mobile indicated that T-Mobile cannot go lower than a RAD Center of 147'. Tracy Themak of Donohue & Stearns added that a 135' height would be less desirable for colocation, that this area lacks coverage, and that she had a copy of the historical approval from the Maryland Historical Trust and the M-NCPPC's Historic Preservation Section (meeting a condition of the recommendation). Mohammad Alsamma, T-Mobile's RF Engineer, noted that the extra height T-Mobile is requesting would give it the flexibility to adjust the signal with antenna downtilt. Marjorie Williams explained that although the Committee understood the stated need for a taller monopole for coverage in the area and to provide a colocation opportunity, the Committee could not recommend an overall structure height higher than 135'

because of the new zoning requirements. She indicated that the Applicant could provide missing or expanded justification for a taller monopole to the Hearing Examiner.

**Motion:** Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended with the current conditions. Boyd Lawrence seconded the motion. Gregory Russ abstained from voting. All other members agreed and the recommendation passed.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019 at 2pm at the Executive Office Building located at 101 Monroe St 13<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

The meeting was adjourned.