



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TFCG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on March 4, 2020. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		TFCG Chair
Michelle Grace		M-NCPPC
Patricia Wolford		DPS
Gregory Russ	(via phone)	M-NCPPC
Martin Rookard	(via phone)	WSSC
Alison Dollar		OMB
Boyd Lawrence	(via phone)	MCPS
Thomas Williamson		DGS

STAFF

Shawn Thompson	CTC
Jasmina Rivas	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Jordan Dewese	DTS
Thomas Kable	Crown Castle
Shea Beltran	NB&C on behalf of Verizon
Lynne Brooks	Motorola on behalf of WMATA
Amy Bird	NB&C on behalf of WMATA
Lester Butler	Motorola on behalf of WMATA
Linda Kobylski	DPS
Atiq Panjshiri	DPS

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the February minutes be approved as written. Alison Dollar seconded the motion. Thomas Williamson abstained from voting and all other members unanimously approved the February minutes.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. ***Application Number:*** 2019121057 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 12/9/2019
Revised: 1/29/2020

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Brink Water Tank/21701 Ridge Rd., Germantown

Zoning Standard: AR ***Property Owner:*** WSSC

Description: Remove and replace three remote radio heads (RRH) at 119' on an existing 124' water tank.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on condition the applicant provides written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws

2. ***Application Number:*** 2020011094 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/29/2020

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

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

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

Description: Remove six antennas and nine RRHs. Add nine antennas and six RRHs at 105'/108' on an existing 98'10" building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

3. ***Application Number:*** 2020011092 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/29/2020

Revised: 2/4/2020

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: World Building Tower/8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: CR-3.0 ***Property Owner:*** World Building LLC

Description: Remove three RRHs. Add three antennas and three RRHs at 131'/140' on an existing 117'4" building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

4. ***Application Number:*** 2020021096 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 2/3/2020

Revised: 2/10/2020

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

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

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

Description: Remove six antennas and nine RRHs. Add nine antennas and six RRHs at 55'/56'/57'/58' on an existing 64' building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

5. ***Application Number:*** 2020021099 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 2/5/2020
Revised: 2/10/2020

Applicant: AT&T Wireless

Site Name/Location: Fire Station 31/12100 Darnestown, Gaithersburg

Zoning Standard: R-200 ***Property Owner:*** Montgomery County

Description: Remove nine antennas and six RRHs. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 151' on an existing 161' monopole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

6. ***Application Number:*** 2020011071 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/30/2020
Revised: 2/12/2020

Applicant: AT&T Wireless

Site Name/Location: Barnhart Property/ Hawkins Crmry & Laytonsville Rd., Gaithersburg

Zoning Standard: AR ***Property Owner:*** Ruppert Family 2012 Trust

Description: Remove six antennas and three RRHs. Add six antennas and nine RRHs at 116' on an existing 125' monopole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

7. ***Application Number:*** 2020021100 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 2/11/2020
Revised: 2/19/2020
Revised: 2/20/2020

Applicant: Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Village Square Apartments/12011 Veirs Mill Rd., Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: R-30 ***Property Owner:*** Grossberg Louis C ET AL

Description: Remove nine antennas and six RRHs. Add six antennas and six RRHs at 46' on an existing 42' building.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

8. ***Application Number:*** 2020021102 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 2/14/2020
Revised: 2/24/2020

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Pepco 702485-0235/ Montevideo Rd., Poolesville

Zoning Standard: AR ***Property Owner:*** Montgomery County ROW

Description: Remove and replace one antenna at the top of an existing 43'4" wood pole. Relocate the existing cabinet on the wood pole at approximately the same vertical height. Install a new equipment cabinet at ground level on a concrete platform; place one RRH and one mini macro radio inside the new ground cabinet as well as one GPS antenna on top of the proposed cabinet.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on the condition that the applicant receives written approval from the M-NCPPC's Rural Rustic Roads Program at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Marjorie Williams indicated that because members of the public had expressed concern regarding applications 2020011094, 2020011092, and 2020021100 (i.e., #2 – #3 and #8 on the consent agenda), those items would be moved to the regular agenda for further discussion.

Motion: Michelle Grace moved that all items with the exception of items #2 – #3 and #8 on the consent agenda be recommended. Gregory Russ seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

Regular Agenda

9. ***Application Number:*** 2020011094 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/29/2020
Applicant: Verizon Wireless
Site Name/Location: Summit Hills Apartments/8484 16th St., Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: CR-2.5 ***Property Owner:*** Summit Hills LLC
Description: Remove six antennas and nine RRHs. Add nine antennas and six RRHs at 105'/108' on an existing 98'10" building.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Jasmina Rivas summarized the application. Shawn Thompson added that the issues that were brought up for this application included whether this structure's rooftop was at its maximum allowable capacity. Marjorie Williams recommended that the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) review this concern once the applicant brought the application into DPS for a building permit. Marjorie Williams also added that the application should be recommended on the condition that the rooftop does not exceed its maximum allowable capacity.

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the application be recommended with the suggested condition. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

10. ***Application Number:*** 2020011092 ***Type:*** Minor Modification ***Received (date):*** 1/29/2020
Revised: 2/4/2020
Applicant: Verizon Wireless
Site Name/Location: World Building Tower/8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring
Zoning Standard: CR-3.0 ***Property Owner:*** World Building LLC
Description: Remove three RRHs. Add three antennas and three RRHs at 131'/140' on an existing 117'4" building.
Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Jasmina Rivas summarized the application. Shawn Thompson added that the issues that were brought up for this application included whether this structure's rooftop was at its maximum allowable capacity. Marjorie Williams recommended that DPS review this concern once the applicant brought the application into DPS for a building permit. Marjorie Williams also added that the application should be recommended on the condition that the rooftop does not exceed its maximum allowable capacity.

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the application be recommended with the suggested condition. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

11. Application Number: 2020021102 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 2/14/2020
Revised: 2/24/2020

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Pepco 702485-0235/ Montevideo Rd., Poolesville

Zoning Standard: AR **Property Owner:** Montgomery County ROW

Description: Remove and replace one antenna at the top of an existing 43'4" wood pole. Relocate the existing cabinet on the wood pole at approximately the same vertical height. Install a new equipment cabinet at ground level on a concrete platform; place one RRH and one mini macro radio inside the new ground cabinet as well as one GPS antenna on top of the proposed cabinet.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on the condition that the applicant receives written approval from the M-NCPPC's Rural Rustic Roads Program at the time of permitting. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Jasmina Rivas summarized the application. Shawn Thompson added that the issues that were brought up for this application included the County's "Vision Zero" compliance strategy, the validity/existence of an original building permit, and the ground equipment cabinet size. Linda Kobylski confirmed that "Vision Zero" compliance would be checked during DPS's review of the application, as would the existence of an original building permit for this site. Jasmina Rivas added that the proposed ground equipment cabinet would be 11.74 cubic feet and would not exceed the allowable 12 cubic feet. Atiq Panjshiri commented on the placement of the equipment cabinet. He asked whether Crown Castle would have an issue with placing the cabinet on the rear side of the pole so that the cabinet would not be the first object impacted during an accident. Thomas Kable answered on behalf of Crown Castle, noting that the company would be open to any direction from DPS regarding the placement of their equipment cabinets. Marjorie Williams also reminded the committee that this Pepco pole is located on a rural rustic road and would need approval from the M-NCPPC's Rural Rustic Roads Program at the time of permitting.

Motion: Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended. Alison Dollar seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

12. Application Number: 2020011080 **Type:** Colocation **Received (date):** 1/14/2020
Revised: 1/30/2020

Applicant: Sprint/Nextel

Site Name/Location: Earhart Monopole/18920 Earhart Ct., Gaithersburg

Zoning Standard: IL-1.0 **Property Owner:** Storage Portfolio LLC

Description: Attach six antennas and six remote radio heads (RRH) at 90' on an existing 100' monopole. Install equipment within the existing storage unit rooms.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Jasmina Rivas summarized the application.

Motion: Michelle Grace moved that the application be recommended. Patricia Wolford seconded the motion and it was unanimously recommended.

13. Application Number: 2020011089 **Type:** New **Received (date):** 1/29/2020
Revised: 2/25/2020

Applicant: WMATA

Site Name/Location: WMATA - Shady Grove/15903 Somerville Dr., Rockville

Zoning Standard: IM-2.5 **Property Owner:** Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority

Description: Construct a 200' self-supporting lattice tower and install three antennas at 193'. Install an 12' x 34' equipment shelter, a 1,000-gallon liquid propane tank, a 50 kW generator, and a 9' chain-link fence with barbed wire at ground level.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended on the condition that the applicant goes through the Mandatory Referral process and receives a recommendation from the Planning Board. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

Discussion: Jasmina Rivas summarized the application.

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the application be recommended. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion. Gregory Russ abstained from voting and all other members unanimously recommended the application.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2020, at 2 p.m. at a location to be determined.