

Planning Commission Meeting
January 16, 2008
Verbatim Excerpt

FS-B07-59 – VERIZON WIRELESS, 4700 MEDFORD DRIVE

During Commission Matters

Commissioner Harsel: Mr. Chairman, I have a “feature shown” in the Braddock District for Verizon Wireless at 4700 Medford Drive. They want to add a second set of antennas to the light pole monopole located at Annandale High School. And I’m going to say an aside here. It’s going up high on the pole. It’s going at 108 feet. But my aside is this: you know, Mr. Chairman, I am feeling a little bit concerned that these telecommunication companies are coming, sailing through like they could care less what the Commissioners, where it comes and goes. I doubt if they even notify the Supervisors. And this one poses no problem. This is a three-panel antenna. In their photo simulation, it’s like the other three that are there. They’re flat. They’re going to paint them the same color. Now, this is where, wherever we’re taking notes, in the staff report, it says Verizon has indicated that the ten-foot by twelve-foot by twenty-foot – oh, I’m sorry. The equipment cabinet, that’s fine. But the dimensions on the monopole, the light pole, they quote one thing and the staff report has another. And therefore, Mr. Chairman, when I say that this is indeed a “feature shown”, because we have the monopole, it’s at the famous Annandale High School where we moved it three times to finally get it located, and I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THAT THIS CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY PROPOSED BY VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE STADIUM LIGHT POLE MONOPOLE IS IN FACT A “FEATURE SHOWN” AND IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.2-2232 OF THE *CODE OF VIRGINIA*. And let me say this: if Verizon’s doing any more applications in the Braddock District, I would appreciate their contacting me or I just may pull it for a public hearing.

Commissioner Alcorn: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Alcorn. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion to concur with the “feature shown” determination in FS-B07-59, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Hopkins absent from the meeting.)

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