

Planning Commission Meeting
May 26, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-P10-10 – NEWPATH NETWORKS, LLC & NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC

Withdrawal of Nodes 5, 8, and 9 During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on December 9, 2010)

Commissioner Lawrence: thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have also a "feature shown," but before that I have an announcement that I'd like to make. This concerns application 2232-P10-10. That was from NewPath for a Distributed Antenna System, a set of nodes in the Oakton vicinity, Oak Valley Drive and Lake Vale communities. We had the public hearing quite some time ago, as you know. And since the public hearing, the applicant has been engaged in searching for alternative solutions to - - to - - two of the nodes and rectification of one that got stuck in staff's craw. For various reasons, this process has taken quite a while. They've - - they've extended the 2232 a couple of times and - - and we're still without information from which to create a staff report for a new public hearing. Partly this is because in looking for alternate locations for the poles supporting these antennas, the applicant is - - is looking in the right-of-way, but not on utility poles. So, VDOT gets in the act and they have to okay the proposed locations and the applicant can no longer control the timeline - - it's not a two-protagonist game anymore. We've had some discussion of it and today the applicant requested withdrawal of that application, with which staff concurs. I certainly expect that we will be working on what we do in those neighborhoods. But that application, as originally proposed, is withdrawn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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