

Planning Commission Meeting
September 15, 2011
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-D10-18 – NEWPATH NETWORKS, LLC, NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, & SPRINT-NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS (Nodes 3, 4, & 11)

After the Close of the Public Hearing

Vice Chairman Alcorn: Close the public hearing; recognize Mr. Donahue.

Commissioner Donahue: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, without further ado, I concur with staff's conclusion that the proposal by NewPath Networks, LLC, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and Sprint-Nextel Communications, as amended, to modify three existing Sprint-Nextel distributed antenna system nodes located on three existing previously replaced Dominion Power utility poles with the replacement of the existing Sprint-Nextel omni-whip antennas with three panel antennas per node and associated equipment at each pole, connected to hub at 9916 Georgetown Pike, located within the Virginia Department of Transportation rights-of-way near 11198 Beach Mill Road at Node 3, GFE 3, Utility Pole BH73, Latitude 39 degrees, 01 minute, 50.558 seconds, Longitude negative 77 degrees, 19 minutes, 47.837 seconds; near 10903 Beach Mill Road at Node 4, GFE 4, Utility Pole GG68, Latitude 39 degrees, 1 minute, 48.635 seconds, Longitude negative 77 degrees, 19 minutes, 16.270 seconds; and near 9600 Beach Mill Road at Node Number 11, GFE 11, Utility Pole HB81, Latitude 39 degrees, 1 minute, 21.307 seconds, Longitude negative 77 degrees, 16 minutes, 37.932 seconds, in Great Falls, satisfies the criteria of specific location, character, and extent, as specified in *Virginia Code* Section 15.2-2232, as amended. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THE SUBJECT APPLICATION 2232-D10-18, AS AMENDED, SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioners Lawrence and Migliaccio: Second.

Vice Chairman Alcorn: Seconded by Commissioners Lawrence and Migliaccio. Any discussion on that motion? All those in favor – oh yes, Mr. Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan: What is the height of the antenna – the substitute antennas for the whip antennas? I didn't see the height of it. Was it two feet high? Or four feet high? Or six feet high?

Commissioner Donahue: It is in the staff report.

Commissioner Flanagan: It is?

Commissioner Donahue: Yes. Maybe I can find it right offhand.

Anita Capps, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning: Ed's going to take it.

Edward Donohue, Esquire, Donohue and Stearns: Six feet, Mr. Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan: Six feet?

Mr. Donohue: Yes.

Commissioner Flanagan: Thank you.

Ms. Capps: And, Mr. Flanagan, it only, in - - across the board, it only exposes about two and a half feet increase in height and, you know, a very minimal, like, a six inch additional diameter – nine inch in diameter. It just was really minor. But it's capped and toned correctly. And there was vegetation and background or ensconced around each one of these poles, which made it work.

Commissioner Flanagan: Thank you.

Vice Chairman Alcorn: Okay, anything else? All right, the motion's been made and seconded. All those in favor of the motion on 2232-D10-18, as articulated by Commissioner Donahue, please say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Vice Chairman Alcorn: All opposed? That motion carries.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Sargeant recusing himself from the vote; Commissioners Hall and Murphy absent from the meeting.)

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