

Planning Commission Meeting
November 19, 2014
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-P14-6 – VERIZON WIRELESS AND MILESTONE COMMUNICATIONS

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; Mr. Lawrence.

Doug Hansen, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning: Commissioner? Commissioner, just one thing, just to correct something for the record. It was stated that Verizon's antennas was going to be at 95 feet. That was not correct. According to their application, the antennas will be at 100 feet and the pole is 108 feet tall.

Commissioner Lawrence: That's what I saw in the staff report. Applicant, is that correct?

Chairman Murphy: Yes, it's correct. That's why they're laughing.

Commissioner Lawrence: I take the laughter to be assent.

Ed Donohue, Esquire, Applicant's Agent, Donohue & Stearns, PLC: For once, I had it right and the engineer had it wrong so, yes, 100 feet for Verizon Wireless.

Commissioner Lawrence: Oh, those engineers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I CONCUR WITH STAFF'S CONCLUSION that - - I've got to put my glasses on or I can't read this thing - - THAT THE PROPOSAL BY VERIZON WIRELESS AND MILESTONE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO CONSTRUCT A 108-FOOT TALL TREE POLE, LOCATED AT 8100 WOLFTRAP ROAD, VIENNA, VIRGINIA, SATISFIES THE CRITERIA OF 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 SUBJECT APPLICATION 2232-P14-6 SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion?

Commissioner Flanagan: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Yes.

Commissioner Flanagan: I just - - I seconded it because we have a similar tree pole in Mount Vernon that was recently approved - - well not recently, but it's approved - - in Mount Vernon District, and Mount Vernon District is pretty picky about these locations.

Chairman Murphy: No, I can't believe that.

Commissioner Hall: You've had it in Mount Vernon and you have had it for 20 years.

Commissioner Flanagan: So I – I think this is a very good - - I think this is a very good application.

Chairman Murphy: They only have one pole in Mount Vernon, that's why.

Commissioner Hall: No, but it is –

Chairman Murphy: All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-P14-6, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 11-0. Commissioner Migliaccio was absent from the meeting.)

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