

Planning Commission Meeting
December 9, 2010
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-B10-15 – T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, LLC (Ravensworth Industrial Park)

After the Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; Ms. Harsel, please.

Commissioner Harsel: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like I said, this particular site is an addition to one site that has been in existence, I think, since 1986. There is one particular place, if you look on your map, at Ellet Road and Queensberry, right on those corner lots you could see the balloon; however, really the impact of that one balloon is lost in the ugly site, which we saw earlier. Notifications were sent to homeowners in the Ravensworth area, which is this residential area, and the North Springfield area, which is across the road. I consulted with Commissioner Hall since she is also visible and we have not heard from anyone, nor has anyone expressed concerns. This is in an industrial area. This is at the very edge right by the Beltway, so people driving up and down the Beltway should be able to get all of the reception that they want and they can even watch movies in the back on their new Bayberrys (sic) or whatever it is. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, IN ACCORDANCE WITH *VIRGINIA CODE* SECTION 15.2-2232, AS AMENDED, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FIND THAT THE PROPOSAL BY T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, LLC, TO DEVELOP A COMMUNICATIONS (sic) FACILITY, WHICH IS ONE FACILITY, A 120-FOOT MONOPOLE AND ONE EQUIPMENT CABINET, LOCATED AT RAVENSWORTH, 5405 PORT ROYAL ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHARACTER, EXTENT, AND LOCATION.

Commissioner Alcorn: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Alcorn. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-B10-15, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Harsel: And I'd like to thank Ms. Capps, who has - - we've had a couple of cancelled balloon flights, for the work and thoroughness on this application. It is minor to one she's working on in January.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

Commissioner Harsel: Oh no. It's been - - it's moving.

Chairman Murphy: And I hope I get a new "Bayberry" for Christmas. I - - my own - -

Commissioner Harsel: I know.

Chairman Murphy: My own "Bayberry" is wearing out. I don't - - the third - -

Commissioner Harsel: I still don't want one.

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(The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners de la Fe, Hall, and Sargeant absent from the meeting.)

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