

Planning Commission Meeting  
September 19, 2013  
Verbatim Excerpt

2232-B13-8 – MILESTONE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND AT&T MOBILITY

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; recognize Ms. Hurley.

Commissioner Hurley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First off, to address that latter comment from Commissioner Hall – yes, we have more and more users in Braddock District. We're fortunate to have both George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College and in between the two, we're fortunate to have three very fine high schools – Braddock, Robinson, and Woodson. And with this, all three of them will have cell towers, which – as we've noted – are desperately needed by growing demand from the consumer. The Braddock Land Use Committee has endorsed this project, but they also have some concerns about the generator. I'd note again for the staff, we need to ensure the staff that generator placement is understood by the community and that the co-location is looked into in the future for all future sites. In this particular case, the generator placement – I talked with Tom Casey, who is the Fairfax County school system's wireless infrastructure specialist, and I've also talked with the athletic director with the school. They are confident that within the next couple of weeks, they can come up with a site that will satisfy everybody. They weren't able to do it sooner because they just got the synthetic turf put in and the wires underneath are new and all this sort of thing. However, rather than defer this case, I'm also very sensitive to the fact that the developer has a very short time frame between the end of the football season and the beginning of the spring season with which to work and I do not want to defer this. I am confident that the specific placement or co-location of the generator will be worked out very soon. And with that understanding, I concur with the staff's conclusion that the proposal involving Milestone Communications, Incorporated and AT&T Mobility to construct a 120-foot tall replacement light standard, located at 2120 – I'm sorry, 9120 Burke Lake Road, Burke, Virginia, as amended in the staff's presentation to lower the generator height and revise the generator screening, 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-B13-8 SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Migliaccio. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to approve 2232-B13-B – 8, excuse me, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Hansen.  
Thank you, Mr. Stearns.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 9-0. Commissioners de la Fe, Donahue, and Sargeant were absent from the meeting.)

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