



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 12, 2009

DATE: December 3, 2009

SUBJECT: U-3202-08-2 USE PERMIT RENEWAL for New Cingular wireless telecommunications facility, antennas, and ground equipment and USE PERMIT AMENDMENT for T Mobile to locate antennas on an existing telecommunications facility located at 2305 S. Walter Reed Drive (RPC #29-002-029).

Applicant for Use Permit Renewal:

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
Jackson & Campbell, P.C.
1120 20th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036

Applicant for Use Permit Amendment:

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC
Alecia M. Vogel
7380 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 106
Hanover, Md 21076

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Defer the use permit renewal for the telecommunications facility and the use permit amendment for new antennas on an existing telecommunications facility at 2305 S. Walter Reed Drive to the April 2010 County Board meeting.

ISSUES: This is a use permit renewal for a telecommunications facility, as well as an amendment for T Mobile to locate antennas on the existing facility. Additional time is needed to ensure trees planted at the base of the tower remain in good condition, and for a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) to be obtained once the issues surrounding the landscaping are resolved.

DISCUSSION: This is a use permit renewal of a telecommunications facility constructed by New Cingular wireless at 2305 S. Walter Reed Drive, approved on October 18, 2008. In addition, T-Mobile is requesting a use permit amendment to place on antennas on the existing tower. During the one (1) year review of the telecommunication facility in October 2009, staff found that the telecommunication tower and ground equipment had been constructed, but the required landscaping was not installed and the applicant had not obtained a CO for the use. The use permit renewal was deferred two (2) months for the applicant to come into compliance. The

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required landscaping was installed at the end of October 2009, including evergreen trees at the base of the tower. However, two (2) weeks after the trees were planted, they were found to be in poor condition. The applicant removed the trees and conducted a soil test, which revealed petroleum in the soil, and attempted to remove the contaminated soil and re-plant the evergreens in the middle of November 2009. Additional time is needed to ensure the trees survive, and to allow for more extensive soil testing in and around that location. This has also delayed the issuance of a CO, as the facility needs to be in compliance with all conditions before a CO can be issued. A four (4) month deferral would allow for additional soil testing, ensure that the trees remain in good condition, and, allow for CO inspections once the other outstanding issues are resolved. Due to current outstanding issues with the existing use permit, and the recommendation to defer that item for four (4) months for those issues to be resolved, staff is recommending consideration of the use permit amendment be deferred four (4) months. The applicant for the use permit renewal, New Cingular, has agreed to the deferral, per the attached letter. To date, the applicant for the use permit amendment, T-Mobile, has not officially agreed to the deferral. However, staff finds a deferral is necessary to allow these issues to be resolved before renewing the existing use permit or recommending approval of a use permit amendment. Therefore, staff recommends the use permit renewal be deferred to the April 2010 County Board meeting.

Melanie Jesick

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2009 2:20 PM
To: Melanie Jesick
Subject: 2305 S. Walter Reed -AAAA Storage

Dear Mrs. Jesick:

We agree to a 4 month deferral in order to permit the County to verify the soil conditions at the facility of reference. As accorded, the use of the existing facility will not be interrupted due to this deferral.

Thank you,

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2305 S. Walter Reed Dr.
(RPC #29-002-029)**

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