



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of January 23, 2010

DATE: January 14, 2010

SUBJECT: U-3240-09-3 USE PERMIT to replace an existing antenna on a church steeple located at 2666 Military Road (RPC #05-001-031).

Applicant:
AT&T

By:
Site Link Wireless, LLC
7130 Minstrel Way
Suite 215
Columbia, MD 21045

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the use permit request to replace an existing antenna on a church steeple, subject to the conditions of the staff report and no further scheduled County Board review.

ISSUES: This is a use permit request to replace an existing antenna on a church steeple and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: This is a new request of AT&T to replace an existing antenna on the steeple of the Church of the Covenant at 2666 Military Road in Donaldson Run. There are currently two (2) AT&T antennas on the church steeple, and the applicant is proposing to replace one (1) of the antennas. There is no groundwork or additional rooftop equipment proposed. The replacement antenna would be at the same height as the existing antenna, and there would be no additional visual impact. The proposal is consistent with the *Interim Guidelines for Placement of Telecommunications Facilities on County-Owned Property (Telecommunications Guidelines)*, which encourage location of antennas on existing structures. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the use permit to replace an existing antenna, subject to the conditions of the staff report, and no further scheduled County Board review.

County Manager: BMD/GA

Staff: Melanie Jesick, DCPHD, Planning Division

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BACKGROUND: The following provides more information about the site:

Site: The site is comprised of a church and parking lot.

To the north:	Single-family detached homes.
To the south:	Single-family detached homes.
To the east:	Single-family detached homes.
To the west:	Taylor Elementary School.

Zoning: The site is zoned “R-10” One-Family Dwelling Districts.

Land Use: The subject site is designated “Low” residential (1-10 units per acre).

Neighborhood: The site is located within the Donaldson Run Civic Association. The Donaldson Run Civic Association has been contacted and, to date, has not provided a position on the proposal.

DISCUSSION: AT&T is requesting use permit approval to replace one (1) of two (2) existing antennas on the steeple of the Church of the Covenant in Donaldson Run. The antennas were approved administratively in August 2005. A use permit is needed to permit the replacement antenna.

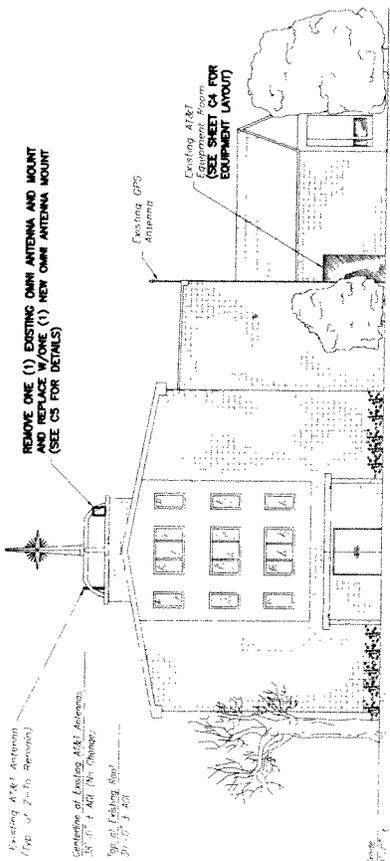
The Interim Guidelines for Placement of Telecommunications Facilities on County-Owned Property (Telecommunications Guidelines) were used to evaluate the application. The *Telecommunication Guidelines* offer direction in the way of design, visual impact, and compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, among other things. The *Telecommunication Guidelines* can be applied to telecommunication facilities on privately owned as well as County-owned property. The *Telecommunications Guidelines* encourage the location of new antennas on existing structures, as opposed to constructing a new pole. The proposed replacement antenna meets these criteria. In addition, the new antenna will not exceed the height of the existing antenna. The facility is unmanned and only requires infrequent visits by maintenance personnel. Attached are plans depicting the location and appearance the existing antennas, including the replacement antenna.

CONCLUSION: Staff concludes that the proposed changes to the existing telecommunication facility will minimally impact the community, and the facility is in compliance with the County’s *Telecommunication Guidelines*. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the use permit to replace an existing antenna, subject to the conditions of the staff report, and no further scheduled County Board review.

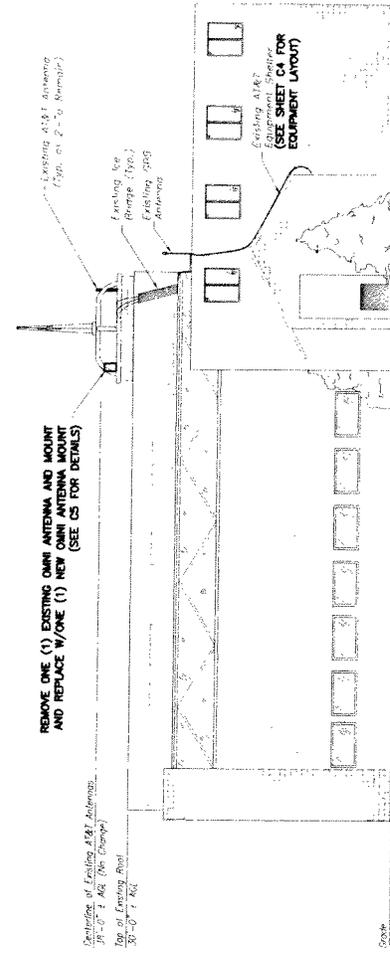
Proposed conditions:

1. The applicant agrees that the telecommunications facility on the existing church at 2666 Military Road will be limited to a total of two (2) AT&T antennas, including the replacement antenna, as shown on plans dated October 13, 2009.

2. The applicant shall identify a community liaison who shall be available to address any concerns regarding the facility operation. The name and telephone number of the liaison shall be provided to the Covenant Church, the Donaldson Run Civic Association and the Zoning Administrator.
3. The applicant agrees that the antennas shall be removed within ninety (90) days after any cessation of use.



NORTH ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



NOTE: VERIFY LOCATION OF NEW ANTENNA WITH LANDSCAPE AND AT&T MOBILITY PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

<p>BECHTEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS 5270 WESTVIEW DRIVE FREDERICK, MD 21704</p>	<p>Dewberry Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. 10000 WOODBURN DRIVE, SUITE 200 FREDERICK, MD 21704 TEL: 410-301-1000 WWW.DGIC.COM</p>	<p>SITE NUMBER: 2854 SITE NAME: COVENANT CHURCH 2666 MILITARY ROAD ARLINGTON, VA 22207</p>	<p>1150 STANDARD DRIVE HANDOVER, MD 21076</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NO.</td> <td>DATE</td> <td>BY</td> <td>REVISIONS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>12/10/08</td> <td>EDW/SZ</td> <td>ISSUE FOR REVIEW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>01/07/09</td> <td>EDW</td> <td>FOR CONSTRUCTION</td> </tr> </table> <p>SCALE: AS SHOWN DESIGNED BY: TEPV DRAWN BY: JTV</p>	NO.	DATE	BY	REVISIONS	1	12/10/08	EDW/SZ	ISSUE FOR REVIEW	2	01/07/09	EDW	FOR CONSTRUCTION	<p>Professional Certification: I hereby certify that these drawings were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer of the State of Maryland, License No. 15157, Expiration Date: July 7, 2011.</p>	<p>AT&T UMTS PROJECT</p>	<p>AT&T MOBILITY CORP. NORTH AND SOUTH BUILDING ELEVATIONS JOB NUMBER: 2854 DATE: 12/10/08</p>
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 Location(s)

Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development

Planning Division