

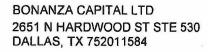
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION UNIVERSITY PARK, TEXAS

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES April 10, 2018

P&Z 18-006

Responses within the 200 foot buffer

Number of notices mailed	16
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Will Balthrope 3530 Villanova Street Dallas, TX 75225 214.435.5160 will.balthrope@sbcglobal.net

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

April 2, 2018

Robbie Corder City Manager University Park City Hall 3800 University Blvd University Park, TX 75205 Jessica Rees Planner University Park City Hall 3800 University Park Blvd University Park, TX 75205

Re:

PZ 18-006

Impact of proposed cell tower on property values

Dear Mr. Corder and Ms. Rees,

Please see the attached letter from Michelle Chesney of Preston Bend Properties, my property tax consultant, regarding the impact of the proposed cell tower on my home appraised value.

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Please distribute this letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission members prior to the hearing on April 10th.

As you can see, it is estimated that my property will lose at least \$179,474 in value if the cell tower is approved. I am only one of many property owners affected by this loss of value.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Will Balthrope

Enclosure

Preston Bend Properties, LLC 522 Bishop Ave Richardson, TX 75080 214.613.6083

March 21, 2018

Mr. William Balthrope 3524 Villanova University Park, TX 75225

RE: Impact of proposed cell tower on property value

Dear Mr. Balthrope,

It has been brought to my attention that the city of University Park, TX has proposed erecting a cellular tower on top of the water tower that is directly adjacent to your property on the north side. Given the negative data suggesting that EMFs from cellular towers may be harmful to one's health and that the closer a person is to the EMF field, the more likely they are to be affected by the EMFs, we can only presume that a potential buyer would find your property less valuable than comparable properties due to the proximity of your property to the new cell tower. While it is difficult to ascertain exactly what impact this negative influence would have on the valuation of the land, in my professional opinion, I feel comfortable suggesting that it would surely account for a 20% decrease in the market value of the land, perhaps more.

Please keep me abreast of what transpires concerning the proposed tower.

Best,

Michelle E. Chesney Broker/Principal

3530 Villanova St.

2017 Assessed land value = \$897,370

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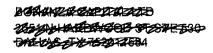
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Jessica Rees

From: Robbie Corder

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:05 PM

To: Jessica Rees; Pat Baugh **Subject:** FW: PZ 18-006 - Water Tower

Attachments: Cell-tower-studies.pdf; FCC and RF Radiation.docx; US GOVERNMENT

DOCUMENTS.docx; AntennaSites.pdf; Sites1.pdf; Sites2.pdf; Health Study.pdf; Health

Study2.pdf; Third Party Coverage Map.pdf; ATTCoverageMap.pdf

FYI

From: Caroline Goldman [mailto:carolinerad@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 11:57 AM **To:** Robbie Corder <rcorder@uptexas.org>

Cc: ELISSA HUFF <elissa.huff@oracle.com>; Mark <msgoldman77@gmail.com>

Subject: PZ 18-006 - Water Tower

Hi Robbie,

Please share the following documentation with the City Council and planning and zoning members illustrating our opposition to the zoning change permitting an unnecessary cell antennae configuration on the water tower.

I understand this is a large amount of information; however, this is an important zoning change that will impact your residents for many years to come. We hope that City Council will see that there is not a legally defined coverage gap in our city. We urge the city to take a deeper look at the coverage issues and health effects. There are alternatives for increased coverage in our neighborhood, including the use of the small cell systems that have already been planned.

Coverage Issue

There are already multiple cell antennae configurations a few hundred feet away from this proposed location. Residents along Villanova, Colgate, Wentwood, Marquette etc are not experiencing cell trouble. If AT&T and the city council members are deeply concerned with truly fixing any perceived coverage issues, they need to investigate putting cell antennae (or small cell systems) deep in the neighborhood near Caruth Park. The city has already passed an ordinance allowing carriers to use small cell systems to address any "gaps."

AT&T's claim of a coverage gap is contradictory to what they are selling customers. We have not been allowed to see any of their "proprietary" coverage maps, but on their own website, AT&T is selling customers available 4G coverage with street detail. AT&T appears to have told the city of UP that there is a gap in coverage. They are not disclosing to potential customers that there is a gap in coverage. I find this stark discrepancy misleading and according to US cases, unlawful.

The city is not required to provide AT&T seamless coverage in our neighborhood. The Telecommunications Act (TCA) does not assure every wireless carrier a right to seamless coverage in every area it serves and that the inability to cover a few blocks in a large city is, as a matter of law, not a "significant gap."

The burden of proof that a significant gap exists is on the carrier, and that burden of proof has not, and cannot be met in University Park:

- AT&T is presenting an official coverage map to the public showing 4G availability, while we are told they presented a totally contradictory coverage map to the City Council;
- AT&T has not provided an explanation why there is such a disparity in coverage gap claims between their presented data vs their own official coverage map;
- Other carriers have full coverage in University Park;
- Has AT&T provided any new evidence that they have indeed approached other carriers for co-location of coverage?
- Has AT&T provided data that small cell systems can be used to cover a small coverage gap deep within the neighborhood, if it indeed exists? The city has already passed an ordinance for this.

A landmark case U.S. Ninth District Court of Appeals addressed what a significant gap in coverage is and isn't in Sprint PCS v. the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

"We disagree," responded the Ninth Circuit Court, which found Sprint's projected coverage estimates "far from clear." In any event, that there was a "gap," is certainly not sufficient to show there was a "significant gap" in coverage"... "[T]he relevant service gap must be 'truly' significant...The TCA does not guarantee wireless service providers coverage free of small 'dead spots'

In addition, the Court noted how Sprint already had existing cell towers throughout the city. It also acknowledged that public remarks and residents' drive test results contained in the staff report "further illustrate that Sprint's existing network was, at the very least, functional." To read this landmark decision, see Sprint v Palos Verdes Estates, October 13, 2009, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, pages 14551-14554,

http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2009/10/13/05-56106.pdf

We conducted drive tests in UP (admissible by the US Court of Appeals) and found seamless coverage throughout this neighborhood. According to third party maps (attached), **UP has significantly better coverage than other surrounding neighborhoods.**

If residents are complaining, they can consider using services from other carriers or services like Google Fi, VoIP and cell boosters for their home. A new cell tower will not guarantee that there will be other interference such as home age, building materials, etc.

We have a petition with 200+ citizens who are opposed to these cell antennae going onto the water tower. We stopped promoting the petition because we felt like the point was made in getting that many signatures in just a few days while most of the people who signed it were on Spring Break and not in town. Having said that, I am sure that if we put it out on neighborhood social media, we would get many more signatures. In contrast, we would like to know how many people have asked for these antennae to be installed on the water tower? What is that number and where do they live in UP? Do they live on Villanova? Wentwood? Northwest Parkway? Or do they live further in where this addition will likely not help them anyway? Would the small cell systems help them? Have they tried anything to boost their own signal?

Health Effects

No one can prove that the cell antennae are truly safe. <u>I urge you to look at the attachments in this email regarding health</u> effects. It would be reckless to make such an important decision without knowing all of the facts.

FCC standards do not take in to account: non-thermal effects and long-term, low level continuous exposure, or an accurate model of the effects of non-thermal RF on all residents. Their model for thermal testing is an average size male. What about women, children and the elderly who absorb radiation differently?

The FCC itself states that further studies need to be done regarding health effects. The EPA and the US Dept of Interior have also formally questioned the safety. The FCC also does not monitor or even test the antennae. Emissions are based on a simple computer model. There is no inventory list of installations, no actual on-site measurements.

The EPA itself stated "there are reports that suggest that potentially adverse health effects, such as cancer, may occur" and that "the number of studies reporting effects associated with both acute and chronic low level exposure to radiation has increased."

The University of Washington biometrics lab found that low intensity RF causes damage to the blood brain barrier and causes reproductive problems.

You will notice in the studies attached that the distances testes are 300-500 meters. Our homes are LESS than 100 meters from the water tower.

Your citizens also want to know why the children at Armstrong Elem. are spared from having a cell tower on their school, but the Hyer children are not spared the risk? It is a flawed argument to state that the proposed antennae at Armstrong was a HPISD issue. These are ALL children in this community.

Let's agree that cell antennae pose some health risk but agree that we are unsure exactly how high that risk is. The city has used the cell antennae on top of UP City Hall and on top of the SMU Law School parking garage as a means for comparing what has been done already and what will be done on the water tower. This is NOT an accurate comparison. There is one glaring reason why the proposed antennae on the water tower poses significantly more risk - the number of antennae that will be installed there in the future. The water tower offers a drastically larger space for antennae to be installed. The current ask is just by AT&T for 6 antennae now and 6 later, but if AT&T is given the ability to put their antennae on the water tower, is the city going to deny Verizon, Sprint and T-Moblie when they ask? How many antennae can fit up there in all? How does that compare to the number on top of City Hall or the parking garage? How many multiples of the number on top of City Hall are we talking

about? 2x, 5x, 10x, more? So whatever the health effects are (with safety standards questioned by the FCC and EPA), you are asking our children and the children on nearby blocks to be subject to 2x, 5x, 10x, what ever multiplier MORE TIMES THE HEALTH EFFECTS THAT ANY OTHER PLACE IN UP. How is that acceptable? The money the city will make from this can never justify the potential health effects. How does a resident complaining about cell coverage mean more to the city than our children?

Attachments

Cell Tower Studies- shows abstracts with many links to peer reviewed studies ATT Coverage Map - showing available 4G coverage in UP Health Study 1, 2, 3
Sites 1, 2 and Antenna Sites
Third Party Coverage Map - showing NO coverage gap in UP US Government Documents
FCC and RF Radiation

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are also very curious if the city has found the additional signed public notices that went missing in the last meeting.

Thank you, Caroline Goldman 214-755-0014

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From: Jessica Rees

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 1:50 PM

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From: Carl Anderson [mailto:carl.anderson@larkspurcapital.com]

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Hi Jessica,

I live at 3808 Southwestern Blvd. and my AT&T cell service is poor. I am very much in favor of this proposed zoning change so that UP and surrounding areas can benefit from increased cell service quality. Please pass this along to the commissioners.

Thanks so much.

Carl Anderson

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