

From: Amy Easterly <amy.easterly@gmail.com>
To: <contact@knoxmpc.org>
Date: 8/11/2010 8:53:07 PM
Subject: Revision request for Staff Recommendation to MPC File 7-G-10-UR

Dear Metropolitan Planning Commission:

We understand that the Staff Recommendation for MPC File 7-G-10-UR is currently being revised. We would like to request that inaccurate wording in the Recommendation also be revised.

Under the heading *EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE** *it states, *"The tower site is located in a heavily wooded area made up of larger lots which should help to reduce the impact of the tower on residences in the area."* However, please note the following:

- *MPC Consultant, Larry Perry, classifies the site as "Partially Wooded" as opposed to "Heavily Wooded" in his report.*
- *It** should be noted and taken into consideration that the "partially wooded" site in this case contains a high percentage of an invasive species of tree, **Albizia julibrissin Durazz (mimosa tree). This tree is classified by the Tennessee Exotic Plant Pest Council as a "Severe Threat" in that it "possesses invasive characteristics; spreads easily in native plant communities and displaces native vegetation."** Therefore, this site should not be viewed as wooded at all, for much of the vegetation needs to and will come down*.

We would appreciate a correction in the report.

Kindly,
Amy Easterly
on behalf of the Easterly Family
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From: Sarah Powell
To: Betty Jo Mahan
Date: 8/12/2010 8:45:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: Use on review - OPPOSED

>>> "Susan J. Larson (CBIZ MMP)" <slarson@cbizmmp.com> 8/11/2010 9:56 PM >>>

To whom it may concern, I am writing in concern for a proposed cell phone tower, Agenda item # 52, MPC file # 7-G-10-UR. It is my understanding that the utility road entrance leading to the tower will be located immediately adjacent to my property. I am located at the furthest end of Vintage Rd. which intersects with Balraj Rd. Having construction vehicles and subsequent maintenance vehicles access this dead end part of the subdivision will be a great disruption to the quiet neighborhood we now enjoy. Further, as many of my neighbors as well as myself work out of our homes, this will be an even greater disruption when trying to conduct professional business over the telephone or internet. Many times I will be on the telephone with physicians, attorneys, or regional directors and do not want to hear heavy construction vehicles in the woods approximately 70' from my house. Please consider other nearby locations rather than this quiet residential neighborhood. Thank you for your time and consideration.
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From: Sarah Powell
To: Betty Jo Mahan
Date: 8/12/2010 8:46:15 AM
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Tolson Lane Cell Tower

>>> Kim Venable <k.hvenable@yahoo.com> 8/11/2010 10:29 PM >>>

Dear MPC,

Our names are Clay and Kim Venable. We live with our two small children in a modest house on 4417 Balraj Lane, in Knox County. Our home is on a ridge in the back of the Vineyard Crest subdivision. From our front porch is a lovely view of Mt. Leconte and the Smokies in the distance.

We write to you today because T-Mobile and Excell Communications are seeking approval to construct a new cell tower in the woods behind our home (Item #52, file no. 7-G-10-UR). If such a tower is allowed to be built, it will harm our community's beauty, decrease property value, and deter potential homebuyers from investing in our neighborhood.

There are 46 cell towers within 4 miles of the proposed tower site. Our area is already well developed, and stands in danger of being overdeveloped. Our neighborhood already co-exists with a large TVA transmission line, and a KUB water tower on the top of our ridge. We feel we are pulling our weight for civic responsibility. We love where we live and do not want the quality of life for ourselves or our children to be diminished by unnecessary development.

We urge you to deny T-Mobile and Excell Communication's application and encourage them to seek an alternative location to meet their needs.

Sincerely,

Clay and Kim Venable