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[MPC Comment] Verizon Cell Tower application-- Burlington proposed site (Asheville Hwy/MLK, #9-B--16-UR)

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Commissioners and Director Green,

My wife Donna and I live in east Knoxville, Holston Hills area, and would like you to deny Verizon's application for a 125 ft cell tower right on the edge of historic downtown Burlington. This will be unsightly and incongruous in that location. It needs to be placed inside a church bell tower (like they do in Europe), or in a more fitting "stealth" application (e.g., a constructed brick clock tower).

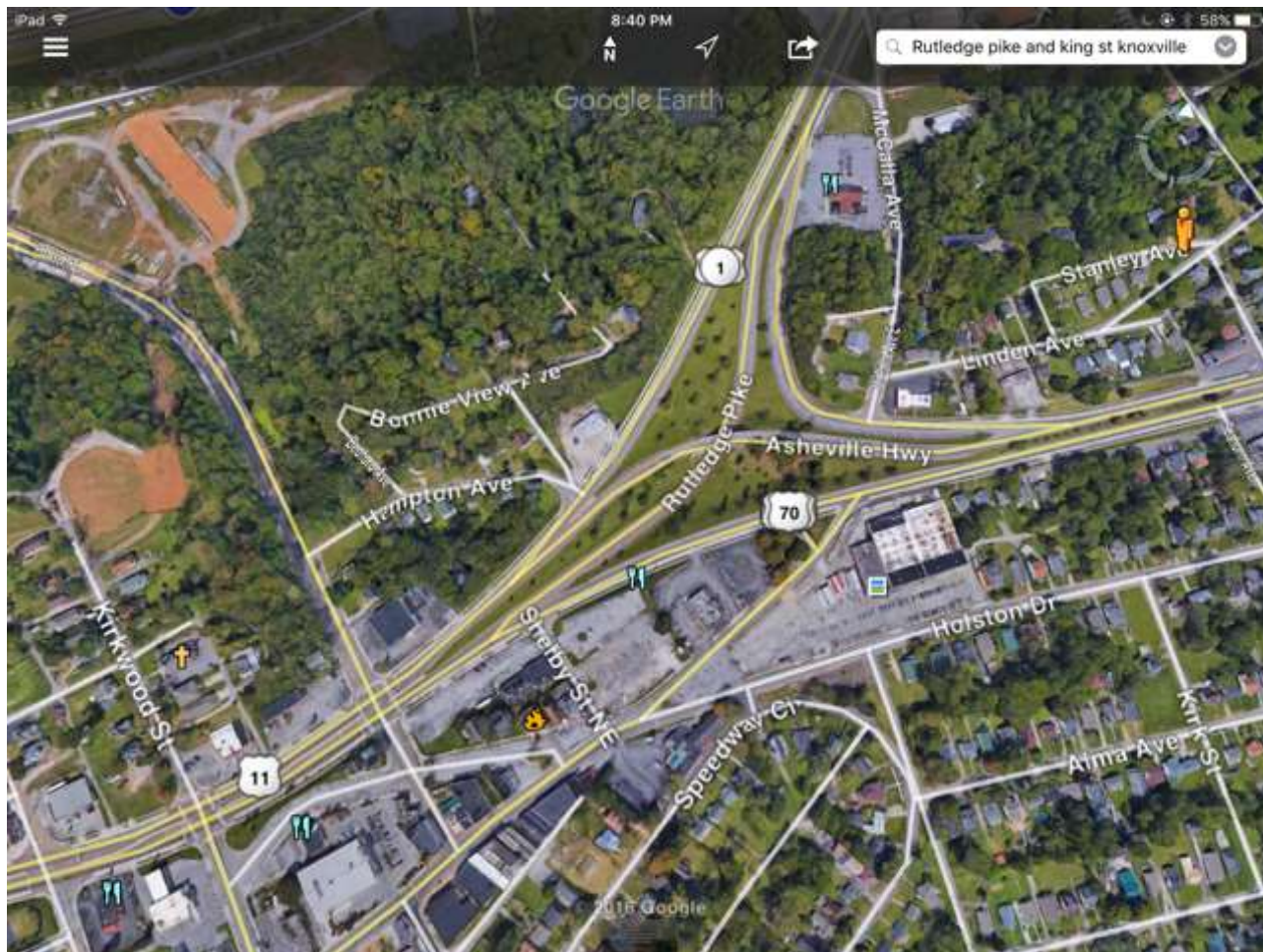
When Verizon's rep came to the public Town Hall East meeting in September, they refused to discuss any alternatives explored or considered--the rep professed ignorance of all that company-held information. Unacceptable. They have a duty to explore reasonable alternatives that would still provide a signal to the targeted service area.

See the Google map excerpt below. It shows a hillside just one block north of their proposed site (west of Rutledge Pike and just north of Asheville Hwy/Magnolia Ave). It is near the interstate (an approved or favorable location under MPC guidelines), and that hill is at least 75 to 100 feet in height, meaning a much shorter tower would accomplish the very same signal broadcast objective. This suggested area would have a lesser communal impact and should be reviewed.

Meantime, Verizon's application should be denied and Verizon sent back to consider alternative sites or the use of a "stealth tower" construction. Please send them back to the drawing board until such mitigation steps are accomplished.

Thank You

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**[MPC Comment] Verizon cell tower Burlington, at MLK and Asheville Hwy-- Supplemental Submission**

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This supplete our earlier email submission.

I found a better map, a topo on KGIS, of a previously suggested alternate site, i.e., the hill near I-40 (at Rutledge and Asheville Hwy) which is just north of the proposed Verizon site located in Burlington.

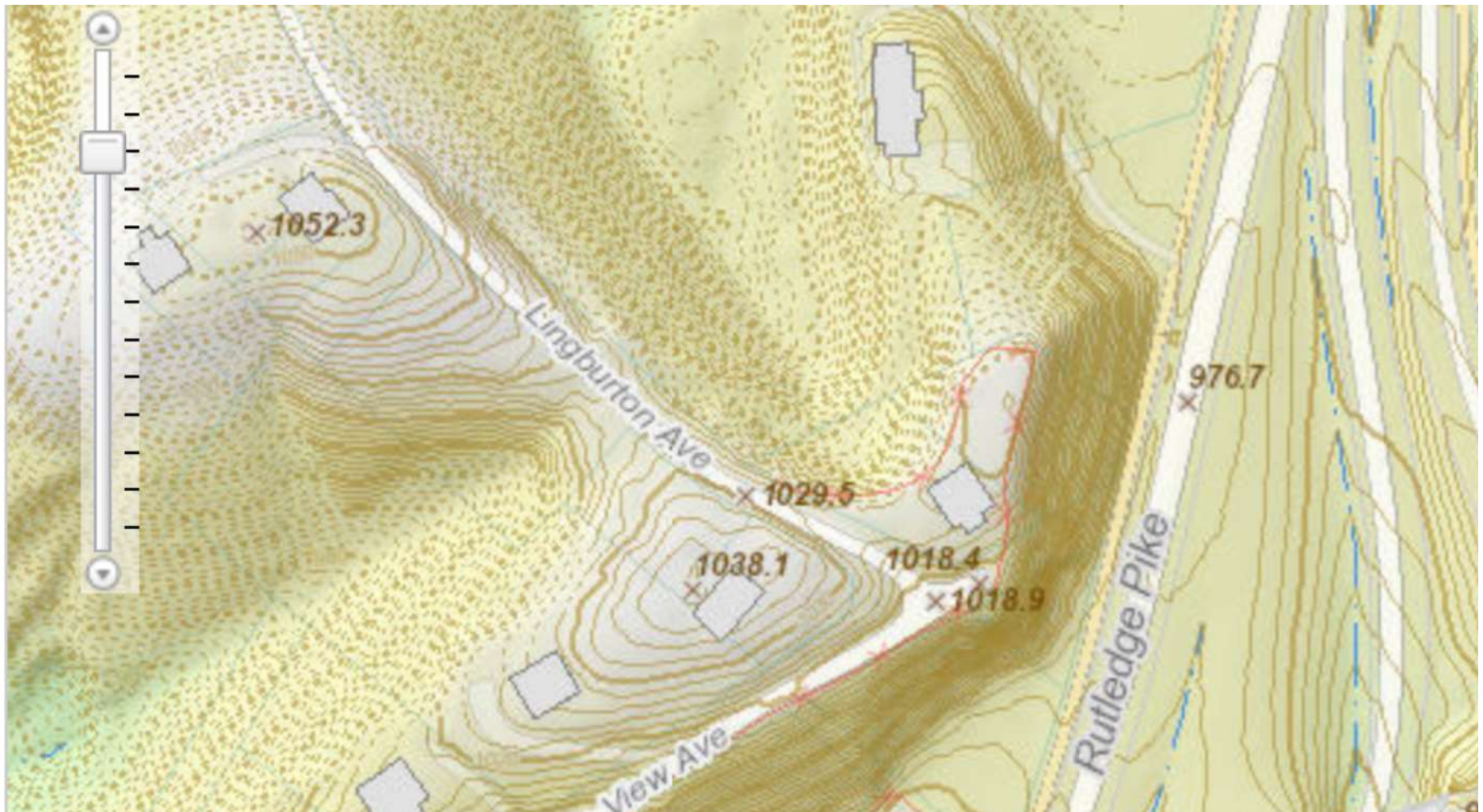
Note the elevation on the subject hill is shown as EI 1052 (KGIS topo). The elevation at Verizon's proposed site in the parking area behind Hardee's (i.e., just north of Speedway circle) is shown as EI 972. Thus, the suggested hill is 80 feet taller, and is targeted area.

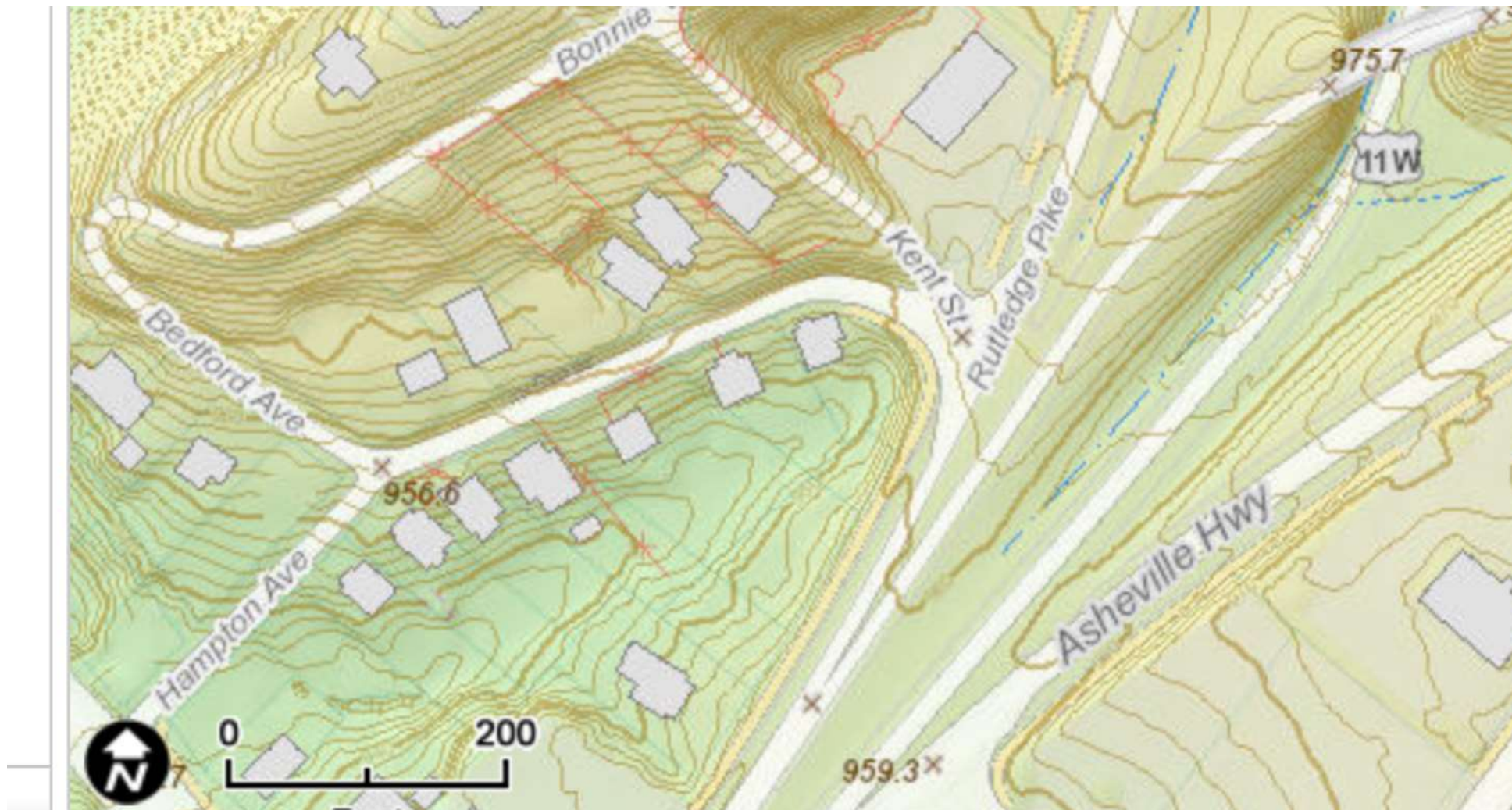
Please Consider Alternatives: Why not there? Verizon did not discuss this site at the THE MEETING.

Please make them look at this and/or other alternatives, and/or use of stealth facilities that will preserve this historic area. The proposed 125 ft. tall tower is simply too obtrusive.

Thank you

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