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September 6, 2001

Ms. Shelia Cross Reid
Office Of The Board Of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
One Judiciary Square
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application For Special Exception by SBA, Inc.
Penn Branch Shopping Center
BZA Case No. 1675

Dear Ms. Reid:

This letter is submitted for your consideration to prohibit the construction of a 148 foot tower (mono pole) on the grounds of the Penn Branch Shopping Center located at Pennsylvania and Branch Avenues, SE,. this proposed tower would house several wireless antennas using the concept of co-location, which is the placement of multiple antennas on one tower, that will be constructed at the end of the back parking lot in the shopping center adjacent to the homes on "O" Street. This obtrusive monstrosity will affect most immediately the homeowners on "O" Street, Highwood Drive, Highwood Place and the 3300 block of Carpenter Street, "Q" Street, "P" Street and Branch Avenue. I invite you to take a look at the enclosed pictures and the proposed site map.

At a public meeting in April, The Dupont Park Civic association voted unanimously to oppose the construction of a mono-pole(cell- tower) to be constructed at the Penn Branch Shopping center. At the regularly scheduled meeting in May the Penn Branch Citizen/Civic Association voted against the construction of the cellular tower(mono-pole). At the May meeting the Naylor Dupont Advisory Neighborhood Commission voted three to one (3/1) against the construction of this tower.

The two civic associations mentioned above are within my single member district in which the tower is to be constructed. On August 18, 2001 the chair of the ANC place a motion on the floor again on the construction of this tower and the vote was 4 in favor and three against the construction.
This motion was null and void because the Commission violated its own rules making this action illegal. The Chairman did not follow the ANC rules as outlined by "Roberts Rules of Order"under which the Commission must abide. An **action** had been taken previously and only the affirmative position can place a motion on the floor to rescind an action taken by the body. In order to do so the community and board members must be notified of the intent to rescind the action taken at a previous meeting . The violation of the Commission's rules renders this last action illegal, thus placing the first action as the legal one. Of the four Commissions present, three voted against the construction of the tower. The community left this meeting thinking that the ANC had supported the community's wishes.

BZA
Case No. 16753
Exhibit No. 95

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16753
EXHIBIT NO.95

We, the Dupont Park, Penn Branch and ANC7B07communities, thank you in advance for your service. We are asking you to review all the literature, the facts, along with the drawings of the opposing group who shows with their own drawings the proximity to the homes on "O" Street-- all of this for profit. We think that we have shown without a doubt the numbers of mono-poles, antennas, and dishes that can be used by using the co-existing technique. We have further shown that we have no shortage of mono-poles nor antennas. Which says that SBA corporation's only reason for placing this pole in our **back door** is as indicated in their **SEC Filings** with the government, is to **make money**.

According to SBA, Corporation they are the leading independent owner and operator of wireless communications towers in the United States. They generate revenues from **two primary businesses, site leasing** and **site development**. In their **site leasing business** they **lease antenna space to wireless service providers on towers and other structures that they own**. In their site **development business**, they offer wireless service providers **assistance in developing their own networks, including designing a network with full signal coverage, identifying and acquiring locations to place their antennas, obtaining zoning approvals, building towers when necessary and installing their antennas.** Since their start up in 1989 they have participated in the development of more than **15, 000** antenna sites in 49 of 51 major wireless markets in the United States.

It was in 1997 after the passing of the 1996 Tele Communication that Act SBA, INC began aggressively expanding their site leasing business . As of June 30, 2000, they owned or controlled 3,254 towers and had agreements providing them with the rights to acquire 407 additional existing towers.

If this tower is allowed to be constructed, the citizens of this community are concerned that our property values will erode, the beauty and quality of life in our community will decline, and that the health of our citizens will be at risk. We want nothing less than for the quality of life in **our neighborhood to be enhanced, the serenity and beauty to remain in harmony with our surrounding city scape and** for the **citizens to maintain maximum health**. We don't feel that another tower in our neighborhood would serve this purpose. Therefore, we are very, very upset about this proposed tower in our community and the citizens are outraged that the Penn Branch Shopping Center owners are promoting this tower. This community **will not** accept this tower and more specifically being constructed to within **37 feet of our neighbors' homes. This is unheard of and totally unacceptable.**

The average citizen in these Neighborhoods have been here for over forty (40) years; some as long as sixty-five (65) years and more. ***All*** of the citizens in these communities want to protect the **investment in their homes and neighborhood and will fight this proposed tower to the very end!** Our homes for most of our citizens represent the **greatest single investment** for which they had hoped to use to assist them at a time when **they could no longer remain in their homes having to move to an assisted living environment. The impact of this tower if allowed to be constructed would cause significant drop on the value of the property.**

It is inaccurate to suggest that towers will keep cellular phones from running into dead spots or zones. Rather, I suggest that it is impossible to **avoid some dead spots** at any given time. If numbers made the difference then no dead zones or spots should exist in our area because we have **an abundance of towers, dishes and antennas in our community**. Unfortunately, the average citizen thinks that if a tower goes up that this **will help the reception of their particular phones, not so. The fact of the matter is that your particular carrier has to rent space on a given tower in order to be of any service to the cell phone user.**

Allow me to share with you some of the existing towers and antennas within a two (2) mile radius of the proposed tower: Note, these are the ones that I know about and I certainly do not claim to know them all. The government has not yet found an up to date timely procedure in which to make this information available in a timely manner. We were in the office the other day and people were going in the back plowing through some file cabinets rather than retrieving the information from the computer.

1. Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church at 30th and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
2. East Washington Heights Baptist Church at Branch and Alabama Avenue, SE
3. Exxon Station at Pennsylvania Avenue and Branch Avenue, SE
4. Penn Branch Shopping Center at Pennsylvania Avenue and Branch Avenue, SE
5. Exxon Gas Station at Pennsylvania Avenue and Alabama Avenue, SE
6. Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road, SE – a huge mono pole
7. New construction at Kenilworth Avenue, SE (VMS site)
8. Huge pole at 13th & G streets and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
9. Another huge pole at the intersection of Bowen Road and Southern Avenue, SE just across the District line . Otherwise known as Coral Hills on Marlboro Pike.(1.9)
10. 823 Pennsylvania Ave. (Amoco Station -dish (1)
11. 1310 southern Ave. (Panel 9)
12. 1328 Southern Avenue (Voice Stream(Panel 6)
13. 1310 Southern Avenue Panel 6)
14. Silver Hill Road in Prince Georges' County By the Smithsonian air & Space Center
15. 2315 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Mobil Gas Station
16. 2801 Alabama Avenue, SE Amoco (dish-1)@4.5ft
17. 1630 30th Street, SE Panels (6)
18. 4101 Alabama Avenue, SE , DISH (1)
19. 3621 Benning Road, NE Panels (9)
20. 4650 Benning Road, SE (6)
21. 3701 Benning Road, NE Cellular One Panel (1)
22. 2220 Branch Avenue, SE Cellular One whip (20
23. 1229 G Street, SE, Voicestream Panel (6)
24. 1229 G Street, SE Am Per Com Panel 6
25. 2500 Pennsylvania avenue, SE dish (1)
26. 3300 Benning Rd., N E dish (1)
27. 3924 Minnesota Avenue, NE (1.9) From the scheduled tower in Penn-Branch
28. Behind the PEPCO Facility and the DC Department of Public Works Trash Transfer Station,
29. 3400 Benning Road, NE, (1.9) Miles

30. In the rear of The River Terrace Shopping Center, 3921 Benning Road, NE (1.5)

The tower is slated to be constructed **within 37 feet of some of the homes on "O" Street. The most detrimental impact will be that property values of the homes that are this** close or within 200 feet or less on "O" Street in the 3200 block would stand to lose minimally 30% of their real property value upon completion of the proposed project. Afterwards, there would be a continued degradation of the values and the lowering of property values would eventually spread throughout the immediate community known as Penn Branch.

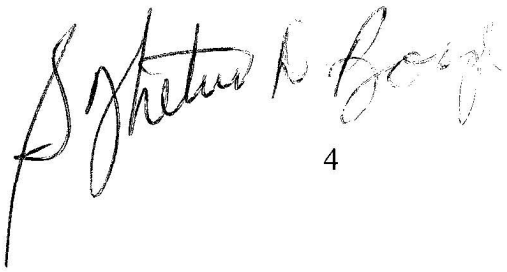
The other problem that is evident due to the existing history of this land which should prohibit the construction of this tower of this magnitude is the **inability of the soil to maintain this structure because of the soil type as the studies conducted by (Brown & Associates) between 1998 and 2000 on the "O" Street Wall). This study found that the soil contents were predominately red clay. This clay soil does not absorb water giving it the characteristics of expanding and shifting as it continues to get wet. A tower of the height and weight as proposed by the applicant could not be properly supported over time (even with a cement base) because of the red clay base of the land.**

It is important to note that given the **known** texture of the land or **make up** of the soil it would appear to us in 7B07 that given the information of the soil, that if this tower is allowed to be constructed and **when it collapse due to the above mentioned unsuitability of the poor soil conditions the liability would shift to our government to replace lost homes and perhaps compensate families for the lost of the lives of their loved ones.**

The citizens in 7B07 strongly urge this company to look for alternative types and or alternative sites or have the new vendors for whom the owner is negotiating seek co-existence licenses on the five antennas that are currently located within two miles of this proposed site. We are recommending that SBA Corp.,Inc. **Review the history of this area relative to the problems that exist with the soil. That they look at previous engineering reports relative to the "O" Street wall which (2) is under construction as we speak. We are on wall number two. The first wall was built by the Army Core of Engineers.**

Given the number of towers and antennas that I have been able to find on my own, by no means am I suggesting that these are all that exist within our area . The government for some unknown reason does not have an organized system of filing the permits which may take as long as a year for the system to catch up . The few that I was able to obtain from the government agency came from an antiquated hand file card system. This puts our communities and lives at risk because no one knows or has a system to determine the density of these towers. Many that I found was not on the government's list.

Sincerely yours,











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Memorandum • Government of the District of Columbia

TO: Single Member District/ANC 7B07

Department, BZA
Agency, Office: Office of Zoning

FROM: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director

Date: JUN 14 2001

SUBJECT: Notice of Filing Date: JUNE 11, 2001 Case No. 16753

This is to inform you that the above-numbered case has been filed before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for zoning relief. The property that is the subject of this case is within your Single Member District Boundary. Therefore, I am attaching a copy of the case, as your Single Member District may be affected. For additional information, please contact the Office of Zoning at (202) 727-6311.

APPROXIMATE HEARING DATE: ~~Sept.~~ Rec. on June 15, 2001

smancltr/LJP

(See reversed side)

7/14/01

Please Sign in!

ANC 7B07

	Name	address	Phone
26	Joseph A. Glover	1215 33rd Pl., SE	581-1214
1.	Julia M. Harris	3630 Texas Ave. SE	202 582-1463
2.	Dallie Shorter	3267 O St, SE	2/582-5105
3.	Lenwood D. Keys	3108 P St. S.E.	2/584-6768
4.	Doris T. Cooper	1225-34th St SE	581-0234
5.	Clarisia Lovelace	3219 O ST SE	582-0418
6.	Gertrude G. Banks	3228 "O" St. S.E.	583-0190
7.	James H. Banks	3228 O St, SE.	583-0190
8	John W. House	3443 N St S.E.	581-6225
9.	LEWIS A. SHORTER	3830 NASH ST. S.E.	582-4149
10.	Peggy J House	3443 N St SE	581-6225
11.	DANIEL P. MOSLEY	3610 NASH PLACE S.E.	581-7526
12.	EDITH R. FITZHUGH	3010 Q St. SE.	584-1342
13.	LEROY HICKS	3249 Potomac St. S.E.	584-5717
14.	Richard J Green	3304 Carpenter St SE	582-3481
15.	George H Smith	3140 P St, SE	582-2352
16	Leontine C Smith	3140 P St, SE	582-2352
17.	Dorothy Burruss	3112 "O" St SE	583-5576
18.	Lincoln M. Burruss	3112 "O" St SE	583-5576
19	Alberta L Paul	3721 Carpenter St SE	575-2920
20.	Carrie E. James	3240 O St	581 7123
21.	Joseph Hamilton	3235 Highwood Dr.	582-5927
22	Henry Broadway	1306 Branch Ave	582-3553
23.	Matthew F. Shannon	3332 M St SE	583-3332
24	Gwendolyn Rose	3201 O St, S.E.	582-5
25.	Fred F Rose	" " " "	"

7B03 (ROSC[redacted]E GRANT JR.)
NOTE: zip code is 20020 unless otherwise indicated

33rd Pl. 1700-1799 (both)
33rd St. 2300-2898 (even)
34th St. 2000-2699 (both)
36th Pl. 2101-2199 (odd)
36th Pl. 2500-2599 (both)

36th Pl. 3600-3699 (both)
36th St. 2000-2699 (both)
37th St. 2001-2099 (odd)
38th St. 1500-1599 (both)
38th St. 1600-1899 (both)
Alabama Ave. 4100-4198 (even) zip 20019
Alabama Ave. 4101-4119 (odd) zip 20019
Alabama Ave. 3301-3319 (odd)
Alabama Ave. 3321-3699 (both)
Alabama Ave. 3700-4098 (even)
Alabama Ave. 3700-4198 (even)
Austin St. 3600-3699 (both)
Bangor St. 3300-3499 (both)
Bangor St. 3600-3799 (both)
Branch Ave. 2000-2699 (even)
Branch Ave. 2301-2899 (odd)
Camden St. 3300-3499 (both)
Camden St. 3600-3799 (both)
Carpenter St. 3301-3399 (odd)
Carpenter St. 3601-3699 (odd)
Carpenter St. 3701-3899 (both)
Denver St. 3300-3399 (both)
Erie St. 3300-3399 (both)
Frankford St. 3300-3399 (both)
Gainesville St. 3300-3398 (even)
Highview St. 3300-3499 (both)
Highwood St. 3401-3599 (odd)
Highwood St. 1700-1799 (both)
Massachusetts Ave. 3901-4099 (odd) zip 2(
Nash St. 3701-3899 (odd)
Pennsylvania Ave. 3300-3399 (both)
Pennsylvania Ave. 3400-3498 (even)
Pope St. 3800-3899 (both)
S St. 3700-3799 (both)
Southern Ave. 3300-3499 (both)
Southern Ave. 3600-3798 (even)
Suitland Rd. 3600-3699 (both)
Suitland Rd. 3701-3899 (odd)
Texas Ave. 3400-3599 (both)
Texas Ave. 3601-3699 (odd)
U ST. 3300-3499 (both)
U St. 3601-3699 (odd)

7B07 (S. THETUS D. BOYD)
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30th St. 1200-1298 (even) zip 20019
30th St. 1201-1299 (odd) zip 20019
30th St. 1300-1398 (even)
31st Pl. 1300-1399 (both)
33rd Pl. 1200-1299 (both) zip 20019
34th Pl. 1200-1299 (both) zip 20019
34th St. 1100-1399 (both) zip 20019
34th St. 1400-1499 (both)
35th St. 1400-1599 (both)
37th Pl. 1300-1399 (both) zip 20019

Anacostia Rd. 1000-1299 (both) zip 20019
Anacostia Rd. 1300-1399 (both) zip 20019
Branch Ave. 1100-1299 (both) zip 20019
Branch Ave. 1300-1698 (even)
Branch Ave. 1301-1399 (odd)
Carpenter St. 3300-3698 (even)
Carpenter St. 3401-3599 (odd)
Highwood Dr. 3200-3399 (both)
Highwood Dr. 3400-3598 (even)
Highwood Dr. 3600-3699 (both)
Highwood Pl. 1701-1799 (odd)
Loud Pl. 3200-3399 (both) zip 20019
Lyndale Pl. 3100-3199 (both) zip 20019
M Pl. 3100-3199 (both) zip 20019
M St. 3000-3099 (both) zip 20019
M St. 3101-3199 (odd) zip 20019
M St. 3200-3399 (both) zip 20019
Massachusetts Ave. 3201-3699 (odd) zip 20019
Minnesota Ave. 2601-2999 (odd) zip 20019
Minnesota Ave. 3001-3199 (odd) zip 20019
N St. 2600-2998 (even) zip 20019
N St. 3000-3199 (both) zip 20019
N St. 3300-3799 (both) zip 20019
Nash Pl. 3400-3699 (both) zip 20019
Nash Pl. 3000-3199 (both)
Nash Pl. 3200-3399 (both)
Nash St. 3700-3898 (even)
Nelson Pl. 2951-2999 (both) zip 20019
Nelson Pl. 3000-3099 (both) zip 20019
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0 St. 3000-3198 (even)
0 St. 3200-3299 (both)
Pennsylvania Ave. 3200-3298 (even)
Pope St. 3200-3399 (both)
Pope St. 3500-3599 (both)
Randle Cir. 20-29 (both) zip 20019
Texas Ave. 3600-3698 (even)
Texas Ave. 3701-3799 (odd)

MINUTES
ANC 7B Townhall Meeting
May 19, 2001

Prepared by Alyce Foster
Office Manager, ANC 7B

Commissioners Present –4
7B01 - Linda Green
7B03 - Roscoe Grant, Jr.
7B06 - Debra Davis
7B07 - S. Thetus Boyd

Commissioners Absent –3
7B02 - B. Three Feathers Kazemi
7B04 - Moses Smith
7B05 - Kathy Chamberlain

Neighborhood Watch -present
Dennis Logan, Chairman

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Senger gave the invocation.

Commissioners' Reports
Comm. Grant

- Letter sent to the Mayor Williams about the cameras located at Minnesota and Pennsylvania and Branch and Alabama Avenue.
- Letter sent to Chief Ramsey concerning the homemade tags-Commissioner Grant stated that the Chief is to alert the substations to have the officers enforce the law.
- Commissioner Grant stated that Commissioner Chamberlain is out of the country and was unable to attend the meeting, before leaving she wrote a letter opposing the 6 pay phones that are to be installed at the gas station on Alabama Avenue. Commissioner Moses Smith who is the commissioner of that district has not been attending the meetings-he is missing in action-and Commissioner Chamberlain took the task on.
- On May 23rd Councilmember Catania is holding a hearing. Commissioner Grant will be out of town and has submitted his testimony in writing.
- Board of Zoning approved Application 16657 -Power to Become Nursery with 9 conditions that the residents of that area will have to monitor to make sure that they are in compliance.
- Commissioner Grant received a letter from DMV that was sent to Councilmember Kevin Chavous pertain the trailer on Penn Branch parking lot. The options were to move the trailer to the back -against the wall, in the middle of the lot, that would take up from 18 to 25 parking spaces or leave it were it is. Commissioner Grant's recommendation was to leave it as its present location.
- Commissioner Grant brought to the attention of the residents that the DMW project is in jeopardy. The city contracted with the owner for a specific amount of square footage-the city is removing some of the footage. If the owner can't get the city to pay for the space that the are not using he is likely to pull out of the agreement. Ms. Alberta Paul brought it to the Commissioners' attention that there is not enough square footage in the shopping center to begin with. The owner needs qualified engineers and architectures to look over the property-it looks the same as it did 35-45 years ago.
- Commissioner Grant stated that the owner is waiting for a letter from the ANC to release $450,000 that he has in an escrow account-the ANC has not received any papers from the owner. Why not?
- The Hope Foundation - Career Development Center signed a lease on May 18th. The CVS on Pennsylvania Avenue will be renovated and leased to the organization for 3 years. The students will be transported to the site-one reason is that parking will not be available.
- Residents noted that the owner has not kept up with his promise in upgrading the shops on the back of the shopping center; he has not upgraded the plumbing for the beauty salon and the printing company.
- It was noted that the agencies are not talking to each other-the police had no idea that the trailer was going on the parking lot. It was suggested that the community and the government need to communicate better and how can we make sure that this will happen.
- It was also brought to the Commissioners attention that the ANC is here to make recommendations not decisions.

Comm. Davis
Hearing scheduled for pay phones at 2500 Minnesota Avenue-the pay phones were opposed and the residents of the 7B01 have requested that the phones be removed from that location. There are no guidelines for installation and removal of pay phones-Captain Brito is to contact Commissioner Davis.

Comm. Green Commissioner Green met with Joe MAMO, CEO Shell Auto Service located at 4107 Alabama Avenue. The property is unoccupied and has become an eyesore, tall grass, abandoned autos, drug activity etc. Ms. Mamo had the grass cut, cars towed and expressed a desire to participate in the ANC meetings and is willing to donate money to the ANC.
The Department of Interior donated surplus furniture and computers to the public schools in Ward 7.

Comm. Boyd
Made a motion opposing installation of monopoles at the Penn Branch Shopping Center. Commissioner Grant stated that Commissioners Chamberlain and Kazemi were not present and they should be given the opportunity to voice their opinion. Commissioner Boyd stated that when she was not present concerns were voted on and that a quorum was present. Commissioner Grant stated that the motion was out of order because SBA, the guest speaker, had not yet had the opportunity to make their presentation. Grant stated that she had the right to make the motion after the presentation was complete. Residents of Commissioner Boyd's district were present and had charts to show how the monopole would look and told the body that East Washington Heights Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church and a monopole is located in Coral Hills. The police stated that SBA's monopole would house other companies and not the one they are using for cell phones.

(Bob Bush, SMD, ANC 7B5 stated that there are no health violations and that a monopole is needed-he can't use his cell phone in the Hillcrest area-W Street.)

There is a group home for unwed mothers located at 3828 Nelson Place. The neighbors are upset that the community was not notified and the police have been stationed at the home (a person was reported missing). Commissioner Boyd has driven by the location at different times of day and night and has found out that the home is attracting young men and describe the location as "a dog in heat."

Commissioner Boyd is also concern that Ft. Myers Construction and other companies doing business with the city in our community are not hiring minorities and has taken pictures to proof her statement. She also suggested that Lockheed/Martin (camera for red lights) be reviewed.

Dennis Logan, Chairman, Neighborhood Watch

- The PSA 610 meetings are successful and have a cross section of ANC7B in attendance.
- At the next PSA 610 meeting on June 20 it will be a National Night Out planning session. August 7 is National Night Out. The ANC will reproduce 2000 flyers and booklets for National Night Out.
- At the June 2 meeting of HCCA Ms. Sutter, representative from Lockheed/Martin will be one of the speakers.

Police Report
Commander Dandridge, 6th District MPD, reported that PG County failed to apply for a grant of $33,000 to have the border patrol. The border patrol will start on Jul 16th -our contact for DC is Sgt Johnny Norris and Major Joy is the contact for PG. Commander Dandridge suggested that we invite Major Joy to a meeting.

Lt Will Goodwin, PSA 610, presented Officer Alvin Ray with an award - The Officer of the Year for PSA 610-Officer Ray's mother, wife and children were present. A letter was read from a resident that was written to Mayor Williams and Chief Ramsey letting them know how Officer Ray has helped her when she was sick and how he cleared the snow from her sidewalk and steps when she was sick.
Problem solving is working at the PSA 610 meeting. Letters from residents to Mayor and Chief are always needed to back up police problems in our area.
6th District and the Korean businessmen are sponsoring a free picnic today on Benning Road.

Officer Jeannie Sullivan, PSA 608 warned residents to secure their cars and lawn equipment. Special attention has been given to 3200 Pennsylvania Avenue; a robbery had taken place. Call police when strangers are in your neighborhood. Be careful when hiring contractors to come into your homes. The police were not informed of the DPW trailer, of the installation of phones, the antennas until after they are installed.

Guest Speakers: Representatives from SBA Properties (Monopole for Cell Phones)

- Gave the ANC community an overview of the monopoles that are proposed for installation in our community. The company wanted to approach us before they signed a lease with the owner of the Penn Branch Shopping Center and to let the community express their concerns.
- The Hillcrest area has unreliable cellular telephone service. We have nearly seven times the number of dropped calls as the rest of DC. Ambulance companies providing emergency medical service have indicated that wireless communication with Greater Southeast Hospital and DC General Hospital is not dependable in the Hillcrest area. Senior citizens and homeowners deserve the dependable cellular telephone services.
- The cell site would be located on the Penn Branch parking lot and the monopole would be no taller than 150 feet. Phone carriers have expressed an interest in using the monopole.
- SBA will provide landscaping around the monopole. Penn Branch monopole would have a gate and fence. The dumpster will be moved into the SBA compound. SBA will improve the lighting in the Penn Branch Shopping Center parking lot.
- The monopole will not emit noise or vibrations. The Sprint representative was not present to answer technical questions.
- Health concerns-RS emission are less than 1% of the Federal Communications Commission's guidelines. We get more emissions from televisions, ovens, and remote control.
- The representatives were unable to provide a map of the area to be covered by the monopole-they will see that ANC 7B will get maps.
- Property owners near the proposed site for the monopole oppose the installation of the monopole and they had done their research and found out that a monopole is located across from Full Gospel Church on Alabama Avenue.
- Has SBA tried to install a monopole in Ward 3? NBC television has done an episode on monopole and has not endorsed them. Penn Branch Civic Association opposed the installation.

Willie Lynch, representing Ward 7 Councilmember Kevin Chavous

The monopoles under this legislation are not allowed. The Public Works Committee in the future will hold hearings on the heights of the poles. Currently there is a moratorium. Ward 7 needs to work with Ward 3 to oppose the installation of the monopoles.

Redistricting

Mr. Lynch made available Subcommittee Report on Bill 14-137, the "Ward Redistricting Amendment Act of 2001." Ward 7 according to the 2000 Census has a population of 64,704, Ward 7 the Subcommittees plan is for Ward 7 to have 70,527 and redistricting the Wards will do that. Council member Kevin Chavous is having a Town Hall Meeting on May 24th at 719 Division Avenue to discuss the redistricting for the Wards East of the River.

We need to send forth a message to the Council on what we want for Ward 7-we don't want Ward 8 and Ward 6 is overpopulated. We can express what we want to be included in Ward 7 - we support H Plan and we want DC Jail and all of Fairlawn. A motion was put on the floor by Commissioner Grant to support H Plan and to incorporate the DC Jail and Fairlawn; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and passed unanimously.

Council member Chavous was a passenger in an ambulance on May 6th and 17th and went to Langston Terrace where a resident was having shortness of breath, she was 3-5 minutes away from DC General but was taken to Providence Hospital about 15-20 minutes away. DC General is not accepting patients who are transported-if you walk in you will receive service. Where are the doctors going that have left DC General. Who is monitoring the health department? The citizens are receiving conflicting information about the status of the hospitals. Linda Cropp and Dr. Walks are to be invited to the June ANC meeting.

Community Concerns & Announcements

Commissioner Boyd put a motion on the floor to oppose the monopole in the Penn Branch Shopping Center. Commissioner Green second the motion, the floor was opened for discussion

Health is not an issue. Cell phone service in Ward 7B is a problem. The monopoles are ugly. Does your phone work in the area? This is not just ANC 7B matter-it is the good for the Ward 7 area. The representative of the monopole needs to do more research and report back to the ANC.

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Commissioner Chamberlain had emailed her opinion about the monopole to Commissioner Grant. It stated that although Commissioner Boyd made a report 2 years ago that cell phone towers and antennas pose a health problem, according to the National Institutes of Health, there is nothing to substantiate this claim. Chamberlain further stated that cell phone reception in the Hillcrest neighborhood remains a safety problem.

A vote was taken and the results were that ANC7B opposed the installation of the monopole: Commissioner Boyd put the motion on the floor and Commissioner Green seconded the motion. Commissioners Davis, Green, Boyd voted in opposition to the installation of the monopole. Commissioner Grant was against the motion of the floor because two commissioners are not present and a vote today was not necessary because this is not a life and death matter. It can wait. He abstained from voting on the matter.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. 44 people attended.





