

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
June 3, 2013

The Albemarle County Architectural Review Board met on Tuesday, June 3, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building, Charlottesville, Virginia. Those members present were Charles T. Lebo, Vice Chair; John Quale, Bruce Wardell, Marcia Joseph, and Fred Missel, Chair. Mr. Wardell arrived at 1:02 p.m. Staff members present were Margaret Maliszewski and Sharon Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Missel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and established a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Missel invited public comment. There being none, the meeting proceeded.

REGULAR REVIEW ITEMS

ARB-2013-46: Verizon Shadwell/Easton Tier II - Preliminary Review of a Site Development Plan (Tax Map/Parcel 0779A1000C03500)

Proposal: To establish a personal wireless services facility consisting of an 87-foot tall monopole and associated equipment in the same location as was originally proposed in 2008.

Staff Presentation:

Margaret Maliszewski reviewed photographs and summarized the staff report, noting:

- The balloon test was conducted on May 17, 2013. The balloon was not visible from Route 250. It was visible for a brief moment from the I-64 Entrance Corridor. However, it was very brief and was actually across the median. So a typical average driver is not expected to notice it.
- The ground equipment was not visible from either Entrance Corridor.
- Two actions are required of the ARB.
- Staff recommends the following:

Regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for the ground equipment and base station:

Because the proposed facility is consistent with all applicable guidelines, staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed.

Regarding visibility of the monopole:

Staff recommends that the ARB forward the following recommendation to the Agent:

The ARB finds that the proposed location of the facility will sufficiently minimize the visibility of the monopole from the Entrance Corridors.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Quale noted the location map and vicinity map were inaccurate.

Ms. Joseph asked for clarification regarding the amount of trees to be removed for the road.

Ms. Maliszewski confirmed that the road would be located mostly in lawn without trees.

Applicant Presentation:

Lori Schweller, with LeClair Ryan, represented Verizon Wireless. Also present was Nate Holland, zoning consultant with GDN Consultants, representing Verizon Wireless. Ms. Schweller noted as Ms. Maliszewski explained they would like to erect a Tier II monopole in this location that would be ten feet taller than the reference tree. Most of the trees that would be removed are relatively small on the access road and the site itself. It is a small compound. They also want to put a board fence so that when the leaves are off the trees they are absolutely sure there is no visibility of the equipment from I64.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Joseph noted the applicant offered to put a fence around it. She asked if that was important enough to add to the conditions.

Ms. Maliszewski replied that there was a fence detail on the plan. She suggested that they confirm that with the applicant.

Ms. Schweller replied that the fence was called out in construction note #6.

Mr. Lebo noted it was already called for in the proposed plan and did not need to be in the motion.

Regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for the ground equipment and base station:

Motion: Mr. Lebo recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for ARB-2013-46 Verizon Shadwell/Easton Tier II as proposed because the proposed facility is consistent with all applicable guidelines.

Mr. Quale seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 5:0.

Regarding visibility of the monopole:

Motion: Mr. Lebo recommended that the ARB forward the following recommendation to the Agent for ARB-2013-46 Verizon Shadwell/Easton Tier II.

The ARB finds that the proposed location of the facility will sufficiently minimize the visibility of the monopole from the Entrance Corridor.

Mr. Quale seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a vote of 5:0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next ARB Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2013

Mr. Quale will not attend the June 17, 2003 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m. to the next ARB meeting on Monday, June 17, 2013 in Room 241, Second Floor, County Office Building at 1:00 p.m.

Fred Missel, Chairman

(Recorded and transcribed by Sharon C. Taylor, Clerk to Planning Commission & Planning Boards)