The School District 11 is wanting to put up several cell towers on the Russell Middle School grounds for revenue.

<u>Problem</u>: Your children will be exposed to massive amounts of powerful wireless microwave radiation.

<u>Health Issue</u>: The potential health problem includes: Brain Tumors, Cancer, Headaches, Memory Loss, Cardiovascular, Birth Defects, Depression, Nausea, Fatigue, etc.

<u>Solution</u>: Help defeat this by attending the meeting, Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Located at the Russell Middle School- 3825 Montebello Drive (cafeteria).

1) IF the cell Tower has to be put in we should put it in The South west area. William Collier Elenewing School WANT STUDIES TO PROVE No harm to chidnen. I WANT The studies BEFORE This group -Tara Heath heath-ceprodigy.net

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There are significant relationships between exposure to radiation and health effects on our children. We need to educate ourselves and be proactive in seeking resolution.

- "...children absorb more radiation in the brain than adults which may indicate a greater risk of brain tumors." (Dr. Magna Havas PhD, Associate Professor of Environmental & Resource Studies, Trent University)
- "...significant research shows increased cancer, sleep problems and neurological effects in residents who live near cell towers. Such high power devices have no place near our homes, schools, or parks." (Parents for Safe Technology)

"Being exposed to a mobile tower located within 50 meters is like being in a microwave oven for 24 hours and carries the same cancer risk as living surrounded by lead, DDT, chloroform and petrol exhaust." (G. Sheshi Kumar, Gandhi Institute of Technology, 2017)

"Electromagnetic pollution may be the most significant form of pollution human activity has produced in this century, all the more dangerous because it is an invisible and insensible toxin." (Dr. Andrew Weil, M.D.)

We are exposed to 100 million times more electromagnetic radiation than our grandparents were, and part of the reason is radiation from cell phone towers and microwave antennas. Cell phone towers produce high frequency microwaves, which can actually travel up to 45 miles over level terrain and can penetrate brick and metal.

Current technologies were designed without taking into account the biological impact on our society, and most certainly on our children. The data is disturbing and we need to stand up and voice our concerns for a better future.

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towers can interfere with your body's own EMFs, causing a variety of

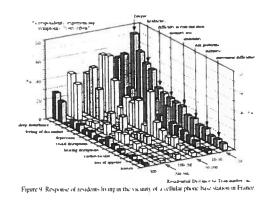
potential health problems, including:

- Headaches
- Memory loss
- Cardiovascular stress
- Low sperm count
- Birth defects
- Cancer

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A Closer Look at Cell Tower Exposure

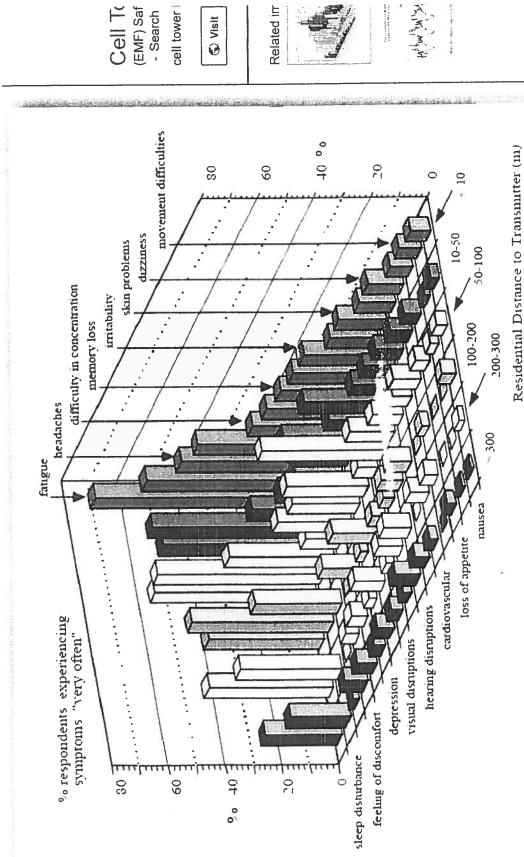
Cell towers (or cell sites) that hold antennas and other communications equipment flood the area for miles around with powerful high frequency radio waves (known as microwaves) to support the use of cellphones as well as Wi-Fi, WiMax, Wireless LANs, 802.11 networks, Bluetooth supported devices and more.

Cell tower microwaves might travel for as few as two miles in hilly areas, and up to 45 miles where there are fewer obstructions; and of course, 🎄 safespace

cell towers, often seen on rooftops and billboards, typically installed 800-1300 feet apart.

Mobile towers - Sometimes installed on the tops of buildings. Mobile towers are especially dangerous because they emit microwaves at a frequency of 1900 MHz. Recent studies have shown that the intense radioactivity from mobile phone towers adversely impacts every biological organism within one square kilometer.

Cellphone tower microwaves have a significantly higher frequency than even radio waves. The higher the frequency, the more powerful the wave—and the more powerful effect on biological organisms (recall that a mobile tower emit microwaves at 1900 MHz).



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Figure 9. Response of residents living in the vicinity of a cellular phone base station in France

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From:

Ann Heiring <Info@annheiring.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 9:10 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

RE: CPC CM1 17-00136 - Neighborhood Comments - D-11 - Russell Middle School T-

Mobile Cell Tower Application

Dear Ms. Teixeira,

RE: CPC CM1 17-00136 - Neighborhood Comments - District 11 Russell MS T-Mobile Cell Tower Development Application

I, along with a number of our neighbors, attended the Project Planning meeting for T-Mobile's Development Application for a projected 60-foot cell tower installation on Russell Middle School grounds on Tuesday, November 14, and like the other community/neighborhood attendees am highly distressed and distraught regarding this project and sincerely hope it to be voted down and NOT approved by the Colorado Springs City Planning/Land Use Review Division/Commission.

The serious risk to the long-term health of our neighborhood school children – entirely minimized on the charts presented by the requesting party, T-Mobile – starting with our kids' first five years at Keller Elementary – located directly across the street from Russell MS and the projected tower – followed by three years at Russell MS itself – is beyond what should be acceptable to any parent not to mention any school district with respect for itself and for the children and families such district would serve. The reason for District 11's potential acceptance of these plans are without a doubt solely and entirely financial in nature. Last night's meeting and presentation was considered by us as extremely concerned neighbors a complete and total waste of time – with a multitude of important questions and requests for data and answers related to both health concerns and D-11 financial benefit questions left completely unanswered – given the complete lack of in-depth analysis presented by the T-Mobile sales person. Again, obviously and without a doubt the single one reason for the School District to be agreeable to these plans is financial in nature.

The Vista Grande neighborhood bordering/surrounding Russell MS, of which I am a 20-year homeowner resident, is an older, established, charming and beautiful, medium-priced area of town – with long-term owner-residents – very little turnover – and with the most incredible, unbelievably amazing, unobstructed mountain views imaginable.... Our neighborhood residents live and breathe these views – we talk about them when meet walking our dogs – we revel in them while hiking our local trails and parks - we simply adore them seven days a week – morning – noon and night – 365 days a year – we so appreciate these magnificent views and vistas to no end...!! Incoming, new residents and families buy into our neighborhood to have and enjoy these million-dollar views at an affordable price point. We can simply not allow these views and the ambiance they bestow upon our area to be forever maimed and marred by having a Washington-Monument-like cell tower built front and center of Pikes Peak itself – for no other reason than District 11 selling out and sacrificing the health and future wellbeing of our Elementary and Middle School aged children - to the highest bidder. Our property values will definitely and absolutely decline – for both reasons – forever marred, maimed, obstructed views – along with children of incoming, new families having to spend eight of their formative years underneath and immediately next to a mobile cell tower - exposed to radiation with unknown, long-term health-related consequences.

We as neighbors - lucky enough to be living our daily lives in this beautiful and treasured neighborhood in the center of our wonderful city - simply CANNOT allow this project to move forward and cohesively and vehemently reject the Conditional Use Application per the following Conditional Use Planning Review Criteria and Requirements:

A. Surrounding Neighborhood: The value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the Conditional Use are ABSOLUTELY and SUBSTANTIONALLY injured!

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In conclusion we ask that you please be certain to advise us as concerned neighbors of the date, time and place scheduled for the actual City Planning Review meeting so that we may be sure to attend.

We thank you greatly and very much for your consideration!



From:

BOB MORROW bhorrow.bm@gmail.com

Sent:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:31 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Re: Internal Review and Neighborhood meeting Public Notice Meeting 11/14/17

Ms. Teixeira,

I object to the application to build a cell phone tower at it's present proposed location (CPC CM1 17-00136) On Russell Middle school property based on the following:

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- 3. The design of the tower is aesthetically un appealing. Again, it is unsightly, as proposed and would, I believe, affect property values for the neighborhood.
- 4. The proposed design surrounds the area with a 6 foot high wooden fence. This is not safe and will not isolate children from the area. A wooden fence is not architecturally consistent with the buildings at Russell Middle School.

If, for whatever reason, it is deemed that this application will go through I propose the following changes.

- 1. Move the location south of the tennis courts, nearer to the school building.
- 2. Change the design of the tower to a "Mono-pine" design which would more aesthetically appealing. Keep the hight at 60' or less.
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While this may be outside of the scope of this application from the City of Colorado Springs for application CPC CM1 17-00136, I propose that the funds received by District 11 for this project be used to restore the basket ball and tennis courts to original condition. I will convey this to D11 board as well.

Thank you for receiving this input.

Respectfully,

Robert Morrow 5012 Hackamore Dr N Colorado Springs, CO 719.684.4060 On Nov 15, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Teixeira, Rachel < RTeixeira@springsgov.com > wrote:

Mr. Morrow,

Try opening this document. If it does not open, please contact me again.

Thank you, Rachel Teixeira, Planner II Land Use Review (LUR) p (719)385-5368 e rteixeira@springsgov.com

----Original Message----

From: BOB MORROW [mailto:blmorrow.bm@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Teixeira, Rachel

Subject: Re: Internal Review and Neighborhood meeting Public Notice Meeting 11/14/17

Ms. Teixeira,

For whatever reason, I'm unable open your attachment. Could you please resend?

Thanks,

Robert Morrow

On Nov 15, 2017, at 9:36 AM, Teixeira, Rachel < RTeixeira@springsgov.com> wrote:

Mr. Morrow,

I have attached the three criteria for the project.

Thank you, Rachel Teixeira, Planner II Land Use Review (LUR) p (719)385-5368 e rteixeira@springsgov.com

----Original Message----

From: BOB MORROW [mailto:blmorrow.bm@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:41 PM

To: Teixeira, Rachel

Subject: Internal Review and Neighborhood meeting Public Notice Meeting 11/14/17

Ms. Teixeira,

I was in attendance at the Internal Review and Neighborhood Meeting held at Russell Middle school on 11/14/2017.

I am writing to ask you to provide the three criteria that the City Planning Committee uses for decision purposes on projects discus as application CPC CM1 17-00136.

Thank you,

Robert Morrow 5012 Hackamore Dr N Colorado Springs, CO 719.684.4060 <CMRS_CM1-2016.pdf>

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From:

BOB MORROW blmorrow.bm@gmail.com

Sent:

Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:24 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Cell Tower Application @ Russell Middle School

Ms. Teixeira,

This is the second sending of this email. I am concerned that the first was not easy to read as it may have been lost in the middle of the original email strings. Thanks again for your consideration with this issue.

Robert Morrow 5012 Hackamore Dr. N. Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719.684.4060

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Robert Morrow 5012 Hackamore Dr. N.

Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719.684.4060 bmorrow.bm@gmail.com

From:

Breanne Joy

bjrezek@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, November 17, 2017 8:25 AM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Community input regarding cell tower

Dear Ms. Teixeira,

I recently attended a community meeting regarding the placement of a cell tower on the grounds of Russell Middle school. I strongly object to that and hope the planning committee will as well. My front door is approximately 50 feet from the designated area of the proposed tower. Not only will I no longer be able to watch my children play, the whole small peaceful vibe this neighborhood has will be ruined. A 60ft tower would be a massive monstrosity and eyesore. I was told that the safety of my children wasn't really an issue, so I won't discuss how I feel about that. But please don't allow our community to turn into an industrial waste land. One tower, two towers... next it'll be office buildings and paved parking lots. Please don't ruin our beautiful neighborhood •

Sincerely,
Breanne Rezek
5050 Montebello pl
Colorado Springs, Co 80918

From:

Chris Bertram < Chris.Bertram@martinmarietta.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:25 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Cell phone tower at Russell Middle School

Please do not erect a cell phone tower 135 feet from my house it will depreciate the value of my house and we are worried about the health effects it may have on my family. Not to mention the family traditions of watching Friday night fireworks during baseball season, we go out front to watch the fireworks at Sky Sox Stadium from our front yard and the cell tower will be in our direct view blocking the Sky Sox fireworks. Also my wife and I watch the children when they go play at the basketball and Tennis courts With the structure you are going to build around the tower we would not be able to see our children play. If this tower has to be built I would wish that you would rethink that area you're putting it in and possibly putting out behind the baseball diamond.

Sincerely,

Chris Bertram 5060 Montebello pl. Call with any questions 719-659-1270

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:

E <eamesaera@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:25 AM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Feedback, File Number CPC CM1 17-00136, Russell Middle School 60-ft tower

Dear Rachel Teixeira & Colorado Springs Planning and Community Development:

Re: File Number CPC CM1 17-00136, Russell Middle School 60-ft tower

I attended the 11/14/2017 neighborhood public meeting at Russell Middle School regarding the above-referenced proposed 60-foot tower on school property, in an area currently zoned residential. I am also a long-time T-Mobile customer who has never experienced cell or data transmission issues.

Two major concerns are:

1) Possible affects on health.

It is my understanding that results are *inconclusive* regarding the affects on health. Every decision being made by *any school administration officials* must at all times have the best interests and health and welfare of our children in mind. In this case, approximately 1120 young children, preschool thru 8th grade are involved; 670 middle school students and, immediately across the street at Keller Elementary, 450 preschool and elementary school students; not to mention the neighbors in close proximity of this proposed site. Unfortunately, there was no comprehensive notification of this proposal sent to all families of all children attending both schools, as you confirmed, Ms. Teixeira. According to the T-Mobile representative, Gene Carroll (sp?), School District 11 Administration selected this particular site at Russell Middle School on residential-zoned school area for this proposed 60-ft tower.

2) Property values, views and aesthetics

I am concerned about the affect of this proposed tower on our views and our property values. Mr. Gene Carroll, representing T-Mobile, quoted some research that towers do not affect property values and are barely even noticeable once installed. That may be true next to a 6-story inner city building. In this case, however, the proposed 60-foot tower would rage above the very low-profile attractive 2-story school architecture, completely out of scale, like an enormous smoke stack and most certainly would affect the 180-degree prime views of residential properties.

I am one of the long-time residents (since 1996) whose views and, consequently, property values would be affected by this proposed 60-foot tower. My house is one of a row of houses along Keller Elementary, facing the mountains. To paint a picture, since our homes are slightly elevated from Russell Middle School and due to some strategic landscaping and trees, Russell Middle School and the houses around Russell are hardly visible from our view. Above the trees around Russell, we see Palmer Park and above that, the mountain range and sky. This proposed 60-foot tower, which looks like a giant smoke stack next to the low-profile school buildings and houses in the images provided, is completely architecturally out of scale and its whiteness against the greenery would stick out above all the trees, from our view. I want to add that painting it green, would make it equally offensive in the winter, when the landscape is covered with a blanket of snow.

For the record, I would like to note that according Gene Carroll on behalf of T-Mobile:

- T-Mobile wants this to happen at Russell and School District 11 supports this because of the increased revenue.
- School District 11 Administration suggested this specific location in a residential-zoned area. It is also noteworthy that T-Mobile anticipated health concerns at this meeting, since a T-Mobile poster addressing health concerns was on display, yet only the neighbors in the immediate area surrounding the school were notified of the proposed 60-foot tower. There was no communication to all the families of children attending Russell Middle School and Keller Elementary School; approximately 1120 families.

So what are possible alternatives or solutions? Relocation of this proposed 60-foot out-of-scale tower is the solution. Perhaps with the recent D-11 ballot initiative results, D-11 will no longer feel a need to generate funds in this manner. It seems that insufficient thought, concern has gone into this proposal with consideration to health and welfare, beautification of the city of Colorado Springs and our schools, and preservation of cherished views in mind, and certainly no consideration involving architectural aesthetics. Was a location along Saddlewood Drive considered; the side of the school with the parking lot and open area and fields? Was a concealed school-type architectural solution, further away from classrooms and neighbors --something in line with the white low-profile school architecture of Russell -- considered? The buffer zone near Saddlewood Drive, between school and homes seems to be greater since the storm culvert runs parallel to Saddlewood Drive and, parallel to that, Meadowland Drive. It would appear to be further from Russell classrooms and quite a bit further from Keller Elementary for sure and would appear to add more distance between the proposed tower and neighbors. There were too many unanswered questions, but the facts remain: there are possible health affects and proposed 60-foot tower next to the low-profile architecture and landscaping is completely out of scale and would be detrimental to our views, aesthetics and property values.

In summary, we cohesively and vehemently reject this Conditional Use Application per the following Conditional Use Planning Review Criteria and Requirements:

- A. Surrounding Neighborhood: The value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the Conditional Use are ABSOLUTELY and SUBSTANTIALLY injured!
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Please advise us as concerned neighbors of the date, time and place scheduled for the actual City Planning Review meeting so that we may be sure to attend.

Regards,

Evelyn Fenlon 3821 Nuevo Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80918



From:

Harold Hopkins Jr <harold.hopkinsjr@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 7:25 AM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel; Rae Lynn Troglin; Bud Miller; Jody & Mari Dobson; Mari Dobson

Subject:

Fw: cell phone tower

Attachments:

concerns for cell phone tower.rtf

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: Harold Hopkins Jr < harold.hopkinsjr@yahoo.com > To: Harold Hopkins Jr < harold.hopkinsjr@yahoo.com > Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 7:21:09 AM MST

Subject: cell phone tower

Here are my concerns for the projected tower

11/15/17

File No. CPC CM1 17-00141

Go to cell phone tower dangers, cell phone tower hazards and see the problems others have had with towers.

Here are my concerns about the cell tower

- 1. Health concerns-cancer, pacemakers, headaches, nausea,
- 2. Remote interference-TV's, garage openers, car alarms, wireless phones, radio signals, Satelite TV saignals
- 3. Kids in school just 5-6 blocks away
- 4. Why do we have to look out the window at a cell phone tower after living here for 54 years?
- 5. Property values now at an all time high

From: Jennifer Bertram <jennifer.bertram@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:39 PM **To:** Teixeira, Rachel; bertramcw69@aol.com

Subject: disregard first response. This is the correct response for russell middle school cell tower.

Dear Rachel Teixeira,

November 16,2017

I am writing to you in regards to the cell tower that is proposed to go up on the grounds of Russell Middle School. This location site is going to be 135 ft from our front door, not including the surrounding 6ft high fence that will go around the tower. This monstrosity of such a structure impacts the lives of not just our family but of the others in the neighborhood.

The structure proposed at hand is not just any structure. It is for industrial commercial use. This kind of structure does not belong in a neighborhood full of residents that includes children. It is unsafe for them to play around. A large amount of middle school children walk right in this path to be picked up by parents or hang out at while waiting to be picked up. They can climb the fence, graffiti the fence, try to knock it down, etc. It will be a constant issue. Also, we play in that exact location weekly if not daily during spring and summer. There is a basketball court right behind the proposed location that our children play at and ride their bikes around frequently (we taught our children how to ride their bikes there). On the weekends this area is used to play tennis and basketball by many and all. Just imagine someone getting their ball stuck on the inside of the fence and then climbing in to retrieve it. That is one of the reasons why this home of ours is such an amazing home. My kids can safely play across the street and in view of present parents. This tower and structure will greatly impact one of the best things we have. To be able to play freely in open space in the neighborhood and have the ability to enjoy this from home. We are able to see some of our beautiful mountain range, which includes being able to enjoy the new years fireworks from the top of our great mountain , the fireworks that we are able to see from SkySox stadium, the open space from the backyard of the Middle School and the peace that we have right here mid-city. That is not something everyone gets to enjoy, but a few of us do and we have this right to do so. We work hard for this right. We chose this location for all the above reasons and more.

Aside from the hideous unsightly issue, this structure will greatly impact the value of our property that we have worked very hard on to achieve. Not to mention the other towers that are proposed to be built a few blocks around the corner. This neighborhood was not meant for all this. I do not believe this is a fair or just decision for a handful of people to make without the consideration of those citizens that will be affected.

If this is truly the only location that this tower can be located, and I highly doubt that is the case, we the neighbors would like for an alternate area on the school grounds to be considered. There has to be another way. There can be a mono-pine structure built instead of a very large unsightly white pole with awful lights, or a whole different location that does not include a residential area. In other meetings I have attended, the schools seem to be very worried about the appeal of the grounds as it harms their enrollment numbers. This structure will also impact this greatly. It will be of concern for parents looking for nice schools and neighborhoods to move into. In addition we would like to know how much money the school will be making from this added structure and where that money will be allotted. All of us neighbors will be very involved in this and future issues that may arise.

We will be following up on this matter. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Bertram 5060 Montebello Pl Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719-930-2968

Sara Dost 5070 Montebello Pl Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719964-5772

Chris Bertram 5060 Montebello Pl Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719-659-1270

From: Sent: Judy Weaver <oldcolofriend@yahoo.com> Wednesday, November 15, 2017 7:58 AM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Fw: CPC CM1 17-00136

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017 7:03 AM, Judy Weaver <oldcolofriend@yahoo.com> wrote:

Another cell phone tower less than a mile away from your other intrusive tower at Flintridge!!!! I can't get out of Hackamore Dr without going by either of these!!! Now on the most congested street in the neighborhood. It is a nightmare with parents picking up and dropping off kids. Parents can not read signs saying no parking and new buyers of homes along Montebello Place can't seem to be able to read much less obey the law. Doors open and kids pile out in the street not looking for traffic - it is up to everyone else to look after their kids as they are too busy on their cell phones or otherwise uninterested in watching and teaching their children. Just what we need is commercial vehicles navigating through the disastrous mess. For 40 years the signs have been in place and the schools are in the same place - all that changes are the residents along that crazy street and new parents who need to go learn how to read and obey the law. And now the poor school district needs more money as if the past election didn't cover their needs.

Why are you picking on people living in the Vista Grande neighborhood? That has to be a better spot in a less congested residential neighborhood? It appears to be a monstrous mess to top it all off.

Is it a health hazard or not? Unable to get to meeting due to handicap. Are you really trying to kill people with microwaves

From:

Mitch KP <kpfam4@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:27 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Cc:

Beth Knight-Pinneo

Subject:

Comments on Proposed Cell Tower at Russell Middle School

Attachments:

Comments to City on Proposed Cell Tower Russell Middle School 11-17-2017.docx

Thank you Rachel for facilitating the process of public comment through your helpful hosting of the neighborhood meeting the other night.

Attached are our comments. (see attached Word Document)

Included with our comment are two linked articles. If possible, please print those also as we feel they would be helpful for the planning commission to review as part of the public record regarding this project.

Here are the two links (which are also included in the attached letter) http://www.safeschoolspg.org/examples-of-cell-tower-moratoriums--setbacks-and-local-government-action.html

http://nebula.wsimg.com/1913ec76b5ea44ffd0dfabbcfc32f6da?AccessKeyId=FF4B01FD5B2965093C55&disposition=0&a lloworigin=1

Thank you for all the time you have devoted to this project!

Mitch & Beth Knight-Pinneo 4816 Hackamore Dr. N. Colorado Springs, CO 80918 To the City of Colorado Springs Planning Commission:

We would like to comment on the proposed cell tower site on Russell Middle School.

After viewing the photo simulation for the tower design, our view is that its construction will be aesthetically incompatible with our neighborhood. A shorter clock tower design might be somewhat more acceptable if not wider than 36 inches. Also, the design is too close to the Russell property's edge and would substantially injure the view not only for surrounding houses but for all traffic passing through the area. This is not a good fit for the nature-conscious, outdoor-loving culture of our neighborhood.

T-Mobile users in this neighborhood have stated that their cell phone service is acceptable and therefore the tower is not needed. T-Mobile has not sufficiently demonstrated a significant gap in coverage.

Our recommendation to the city is that the tower for Russell Middle School not be approved.

In view of the city's desire that its zoning codes promote public health, safety, and general welfare, we wish to enter the following information into the public record:

The following link contains a list of schools, cities, and unions across the nation, including LA Firefighters, who have determined that cell towers should be limited in their placement near schools and other places, due to their desire to promote public health, safety and general welfare in the particular areas for which they had zoning responsibility. These examples provide good precedent for Colorado Springs to consider as we seek to preserve our local and nationwide reputation as a highly desirable destination both for tourists and residents.

http://www.safeschoolspg.org/examples-of-cell-tower-moratoriums--setbacks-and-local-government-action.html

The following link is a letter from the LA Firefighters who determined that cell tower placement required additional study in order to better fit in with their community's zoning requirement to promote public health, community safety, and in particular the welfare of its firefighters.

http://nebula.wsimg.com/1913ec76b5ea44ffd0dfabbcfc32f6da?AccessKeyId=FF4B01FD5B2965093C55 &disposition=0&alloworigin=1

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments and those of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Mitch & Beth Knight-Pinneo 4816 Hackamore Dr. N. Colorado Springs, CO 80918 Nov 17, 2017

From:

Richard Matlock <rmatlockjr@comcast.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 10:11 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

CPC CM1 17-00136 comments

Attachments:

CPC CM1 17-00136 comments.docx; ATT00001.htm

Rachel,

We were present at the Internal Review and Neighborhood meeting last evening at Russell Middle School. The attachment contains our comments to forward to the Planning Commission. Incidentally, we are not at all conversant with the city's terminology with respect to this whole process, so I'm not sure Planning Commission is even the right term. We noticed that one of our neighbors referred to the Colorado Springs City Planning/Land Use Review Division/Commission. In any event, we assume you will get these comments to the right group for consideration.

Thank you,

Dick & Jo Matlock 3825 Nuevo Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80918 719-598-6276 rmatlockjr@comcast.net The following comments pertain to CPC CM1 17-00136, free-standing Stealth 60 foot canister pole tower telecommunications facility proposed for installation at 3825 Montebello Place, Colorado Springs. The comments correspond to the Review Criteria contained in the Colorado Springs CMRS Conditional Use (CM 1) Application Requirements.

A. Surrounding Neighborhood

Installation of a 60 foot pole tower, even one that is labeled "Stealth" and contains the antennae inside of the tower, will <u>absolutely</u> impact the value of the surrounding property. To think anything else is absurd. We would ask you, as members of the Planning Commission, to seriously think about it – would you want to live in a house that is barely 100 feet from a 60 foot tower and its support facilities, and is something you see every time you walk out your front door? No? Would you buy one? We think not; we certainly would not!

We are also concerned about the "Stealth" aspect of any 60 foot tower. Although we are not familiar with the appearance of different types of communications towers, to label this design "stealthy" is a joke. It might be relatively thin for a communications tower, and have the antennae contained inside the pole, but something that tall, and WHITE? Almost any other color would make https://www.nue.color.org/ with the surrounding terrain and vegetation. What a concept, eh?

B. Intent of Zoning Code

- 1. Health. We are primarily concerned that operating the proposed telecommunications facility at the proposed may endanger the health of hundreds of students attending both Russell Middle School and Keller Elementary School over several years. It appears that concrete evidence of continuous and prolonged exposure to RF radiation on young people is still very inconclusive, and simply does not warrant this type of exposure simply because it might not be harmful. Obviously, this same concern applies to the unfortunate families who would end up living in a house close to such a facility.
- 2. Safety. While additional reliability of communications for emergency uses is always worthwhile, it should be noted that according to the Coverage Prediction Plots submitted in the General Application Form, no additional coverage for Fire Department No. 10 (intersection of North Academy Blvd and Meadowland Blvd) is provided. Incidentally, this is only .53 miles (line-of-sight) from the proposed site.
- 3. General Welfare. According to the engineering plan submitted, the new telecommunications facility would provide "sufficient" coverage for surrounding residents. However, residents in the area, including T-Mobile customers who were present at the public meeting held on Nov 14, currently experience <u>no</u> problems with cell phone or data transmission issues (e.g., dropped calls or data transmission

speeds), regardless of their carrier. Further, while the area that would be affected with the new facility may be dense, it also very well established, with little growth potential. Therefore, additional capability, especially something being provided with carriers' use in mind (think \$\$\$), seems very unnecessary.

C Comprehensive Plan

While we are admittedly clueless as to the Comprehensive Plan of the City, it is readily apparent that local quality of life aspects of this proposed telecommunications facility are <u>not</u> an issue, regardless of what T-Mobile would lead us to believe; fast and reliable services to cell phone users in the area are already the norm in this area. Additional and even more redundant coverage provided by the proposed facility will do little more than create an unnecessary eyesore and generate potentially harmful radiation to young students in the area.

Unfortunately, what may to be happening here appears to be the result of a joint venture between District 11 and T-Mobile. Obviously, leasing property to T-Mobile results in some amount of revenue for District 11, while at the same time allowing T-Mobile's to expand and market their telecommunication resources. Great for both of them, but not so good for the collocated property owners and students. Perhaps with the recent District 11 ballot initiative results, District 11 will no longer feel a need to generate funds in this manner.

In summary, if you on the Planning Commission haven't picked up on it by now, we strongly feel that this project should be scrapped.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nov 15, 2017

From:

Robert Paige <j7paige@aol.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 12, 2017 12:04 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

Installation of Canister Pole Tower

Ms Teixeira

I live at 4440 Saddlewood Drive which is a short distance from Russell Jr. High School. I have a disability and will be unable to attend the scheduled meeting at Russell on the 14th of November but have some concern as to its location and purpose. If it is to be located on D-11 school grounds will it be a safety issue to the students and the athletes using the field, and will the district be receiving any financial restitution. Have alternate locations been explore, i.e. Keller Park? Why does this tower need to be in a R-1 zoned location and what is the size of the fenced compound. Have housing values been reviewed before and after proposed completion of tower. Who will be using the services of this mobile radio service?

Thank you for the opportunity to ask questions and hopefully receive answers.

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From:

services@asbestostester.com

Sent:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:02 PM

To: Cc: Teixeira, Rachel

CC:

Sunderlin, Katie

Subject:

CPC CM1 17-00141

Importance:

High

Hello,

I own a home on Diana Lane. My elderly parents live in the home and I am concerned and oppose the cell tower directly across the street from their home. My father has a pace maker and this really concerns me due to the EMF's and RF's. Please let me know what and who I need to contact to oppose the tower. Thank you for the response.

http://electromagnetichealth.org/electromagnetic-health-blog/emf-help-blog%E2%84%A2-5/https://www.fda.gov/Radiation-

EmittingProducts/RadiationEmittingProductsandProcedures/HomeBusinessandEntertainment/Cell Phones/ucm116311.htm

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From:

Walt Schuman < waltschuman@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:11 PM

To:

Teixeira, Rachel

Subject:

RE: CPC CM1 17-00136

We have been surprised to see this application for a cell phone tower in our neighborhood. The size and nature of the tower seems much like those seen along highways and on hilltops. It is not appropriate for a residential neighborhood. If something like that was in place before we purchased our home 12 years ago, we would have questioned the zoning. I hope this project will be relocated to a n area better suited for it. Walt & Jan Schuman 5017 Hackamore Ct Colorado Springs,ÇO 80918