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Countryside Homeowners Assoc.
5110 Waxwing Lane
Rapid City, SD 57702

November 14, 2006

City of Rapid City
Growth Management Dept.
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

RE: Notice of Meeting for Consideration of an 11-6-19 SDCL review (7800 Albertta Drive, Rapid City)

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing in regards to the notice received by the Countryside Homeowners Assoc. located at 5110 Waxwing Lane, Rapid City. We have some concerns regarding the 150 foot flagpole project that is proposed to be built at 7800 Albertta Drive. We have discussed the issue at length, as a board, and hope that our concerns will be considered when making your decision regarding this project.

Our first concern is the light pollution caused by trying to light a 150 foot flag pole. We live where we do because we like the night sky and do not want the light hindering our view. We would really appreciate it if lighting the pole could be avoided. Either by lowering the flag at dusk or by not having a flag on the pole at all, thus making it not necessary to light the pole.

We believe that safety could be a concern because of the height of the pole and the close proximity to homes. We realize that the pole was designed by a qualified engineer, but if we were to have a severe ice storm or some other natural occurrence that caused it to fall, could it damage any nearby homes?

Is there any guarantee that no additional antennas will be added to the project in the future? Will space on the antenna be rented out to other companies, such as dish network or other communication companies? Is there any chance that we may end up with a mini Sky Line drive in our back yard?

Is there any requirement by the FAA that the top of the pole be equipped with flashing lights because of the height of the pole? This is also a concern of ours.

Please know, we are all for the expansion of cell phone coverage. I guess what we are saying is to make it as painless as possible. Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Countryside Homeowners Association

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Date: 11/20/2006

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Re: Proposed construction of cell phone tower along Sheridan Lake Road.

Greetings,

I would like to take a couple of moments to express some of the concerns I have regarding the proposed cell phone tower along Sheridan Lake Road. We live right across the road from the proposed site and this tower is going to be almost in our back yard.

a) Safety: From time to time you read reports of potential danger from exposure to high levels of radio waves or electromagnetic radiation. Are we sure that it is safe to put a transmitting facility in close proximity to people and their homes?

b) Noise: I have been around towers and power lines that made a high pitch whine or buzzing sound. Will there be any sort of noise coming from this facility? We have our windows open every night in the summer time (no air conditioning) or are sitting outside and we really cherish the quiet mornings and evenings.

c) Noise from the flag: I am a patriotic American and respect the flag of this great country as much as anyone, but I can't help being concerned about a very large flag flapping in the breezes all night long. I am afraid this could be a major distraction and may even cause me to lose some respect for the flag. Again we have our windows open at night and like to spend time on the deck, which would be directly across from this tower.

d) Lights: The back side of our house will directly face this installation. It is very difficult to look out your windows in the evening or at night when there is a bright light shining into those windows. We have had this situation with other development in the area and they graciously agreed to dim and shut off the offending lights. A lot of modern developments have no lighting or subdued lighting that is generally focused down and have policies that restrict permanent bright lights. Also, in this day and age of increasing energy conservation awareness and other energy related controversy, bright lights shining into the heavens just does not seem like a good idea.

Would the planners and the developers of this facility consider a simple tower? I think after awhile we would grow accustom to the change in the landscape during the day and without the flapping flag and the lights it would disappear after dark.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mark Warren [mailto:markwwarren@juno.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2007 1:47 PM
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Subject: SLR Cell Towers

Hi,

As a long time resident of the area I support erecting the Verizon cell tower at the Athletic Club and the Alltel tower at the WPVFD.

Cell phone service is non-existent just a few miles west of the Athletic Club. Cell phones are not just a convenience anymore, in addition to personal and business use they are extremely valuable in emergency situations. People have died in the Victoria Lake area that may well have lived if better communications were available. Accidents and wild fires are difficult to report.

Modern cell towers are unobtrusive, please don't let a few whiners disrupt progress. I personally liked the area before all the development. It seems ironic that these people are okay with building homes on undeveloped land but get excited about a tower that no one will even notice in a month or two.

Thanks, Mark