

McLean Citizens Association Resolution
NewPath Networks Distributed Antenna System
2232-D07-13
March 5, 2008

Whereas, NewPath Networks is seeking 2232 Review approval for a distributed antenna system (DAS) with AT&T Mobility as the first wireless carrier; and,

Whereas, the DAS will be installed on a total of 11 utility poles located on Georgetown Pike, Old Dominion Drive, Spring Hill Road, Potomac River Road and Nethercliffe Hall Road; and,

Whereas, these 11 utility poles will replace 11 existing utility poles and the replacement poles will be larger and taller in order to support the broadband antenna mounted at the top and one or more equipment boxes mounted 10 feet above the ground; and,

Whereas, the height of the replacement utility poles, as measured from the top of the proposed antenna structure, will be 14 to 19 feet taller than the existing utility poles; and,

Whereas, the DAS is carrier-neutral and the proposed 11-pole configuration is designed to accommodate multiple wireless providers by sharing the same antenna and adding an additional equipment box as needed; and,

Whereas, the current wireless coverage in much of the northwest McLean area is poor, rendering cell phone usage unreliable; and

Whereas, the existing Sprint/Nextel DAS cannot accommodate the operational requirements of AT&T Mobility, precluding co-location;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the McLean Citizens Association recommends that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors approve the 2232 Review.

cc: John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor
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