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Attachments: RE: Site Visit U_2019-0017

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Hi Mark,

I had an opportunity to read through all 81 pages. I think you did a great job!

There are however, a couple things that I do need to bring to your attention, but I don't think that any of them are difficult to resolve. The page references below are "PDF pages", not the page number on the document.

1. Pages 34 – 37: These pages show the wrong elevations depicting AT&T on the top. On 08/26/19 I sent you the attached email bringing this to your attention and providing revised drawings showing the correct placemen of the carriers and I know we talked about it, but I can easily see how this happened. Although perhaps not significant to the overall permit process, it will be hugely significant to Verizon, so we definitely need to correct this.
2. There are conflicting references to how the faux tree is to be branched:
 - a. Page 8: Project Description describes "top 50' of pole to be branched"
 - b. Page 51: Approved Project Description describes "top 50' of pole to be branched"
 - c. Page 52: Conditions of Approval #8 describes branching down to level of natural tree canopy and that the faux trunk shall never be visible from the public.
 - d. Page 52: Condition of Approval #10.b seems to say that branching to start at 25' above grade level.

I would have proposed that the condition be worded to state that "Branching shall at all times be the greater of, 50 vertical feet, or whatever vertical feet are required to conceal any installed antennas, and, that any faux trunk visible to the public shall be painted similarly to trunks of surrounding trees." Let's please discuss how to resolve.

3. Page 52: Condition of Approval #7 limits branch and antenna diameter to 13'. In fact, because of the scale of this tree, 13' would make it look like a Q-tip, unnaturally narrower than the surrounding trees. Currently, the photo-sims and the engineering show the widest branches at 23' diameter. It would really look horrible if it was only 13'. This isn't me asking for more latitude, we just don't want to build a tree that everyone will hate.

I have sent the biology conditions to my biologist for comment. I don't see anything unreasonable, but I would like to get his comments back to make sure that I'm able to comply with everything.

Again Mark, I think you did an outstanding job given the complexity of the project.

Thanks,

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