

Andrew Leon

From: Evan Maxim
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Kevin Chester
Cc: Andrew Leon; Mona Davis
Subject: RE: Pole Pollution

Dear Mr. Chester,

Thank you for taking the time to comment – we will consider your comments as we continue our review and we will ensure that the applicant (Crown Castle) also receives a copy of your comments.

To your two questions:

- The City cannot require undergrounding of power (i.e. by rule of law) – though we have been successful in the past in encouraging or insisting that power be undergrounded. I have flagged this particular item as a requirement for the city to require as we look at establishing permanent small cell standards.
- Once the City has issued a decision on the small cell land use application, an appeal may be filed.
 - Consistent with our standard practice, we will notify you once a decision has been issued.
 - An appeal must be filed within 14 days of the date of the decision.
 - To file the appeal, you will need to complete the appeal form (here: <http://www.mercergov.org/files/AppealForm.pdf>) and pay the appeal fee of \$990.86.
 - Once the appeal has been filed, the City will file the appeal with the Hearing Examiner and seek to schedule the public hearing on the appeal.

Regards,

Evan Maxim

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From: Kevin Chester <kevin.k.chester@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 6:00 PM
To: Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Pole Pollution

Hello-

I'm attaching below an image that expresses the scale of what Verizon is proposing on the Ellis Pond site. I'm sure you will agree that "small cell" doesn't quite describe it properly, that really it's a "Big Cell Tower". Unfortunately the image does not show the impact of 700' feet of new wire in the air with accompanying news poles. Our neighborhood has organized a signature campaign and I expect you will receive strong feedback next week.

Could you respond please to my two earlier questions regarding:

- confirmation of the City's authority and will to require undergrounding of the power supply from 47th St to the proposed site, and
- pointing me towards the appeals process

Thank you-

Kevin

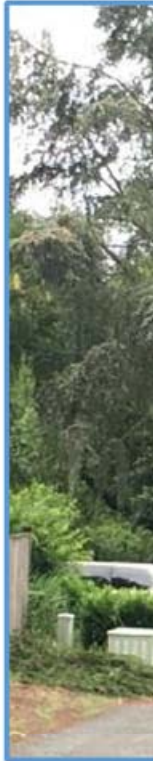
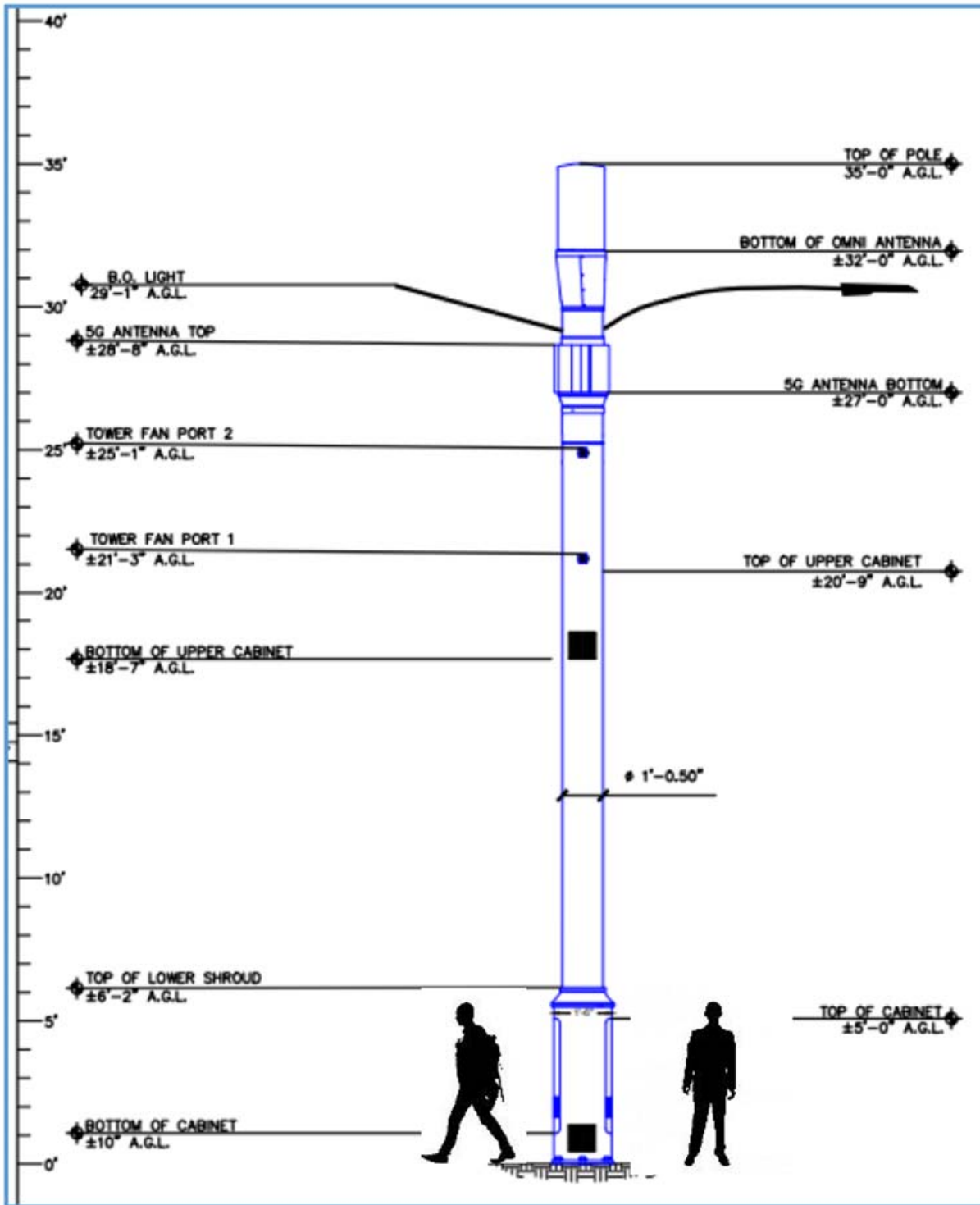
Greetings-

Further to my previous email, I am providing an image that gives a better sense of the scale of what Verizon has proposed. I find "small cell" to be an inaccurate description - "Big Cell Tower" is a better fit. Unfortunately the image does not convey the additional impact of 700' of new wire in the air with accompanying utility poles where today there are none. I do hope that you were able to read the attached and would welcome you visiting this neighborhood and gauging the impact here, as well as the precedent it would set for the Island overall, for yourself.

Thank you-

Kevin

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 From: **Kevin Chester** <kevin.k.chester@gmail.com>
 Date: Wed, Jun 19, 2019 at 12:08 PM
 Subject: Pole Pollution
 To: Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>

Hi Mr. Maxim-

Once again, thank you so much for the time you spent with me on Monday night. I can only imagine the range of resident issues that you deal with and the challenge of budgeting time.

As promised, attached is the document that we (partially) presented and distributed to the City Council. I have followed up this morning by email with each of the Council members to make sure they have a copy.

In the meantime:

- You mentioned that you were looking further into the authority and commitment the City would have to require power wires be buried in the case that the permit were approved. I look forward to learning more about that.
- You said that we would be informed when the status of the permit is determined (denied or approved) and that given workload and timing issues it is likely that this would be close to the deadline in August. I do appreciate your keeping us informed.
- You mentioned that there is an appeals process for permit decisions. Could you please refer me to the rule or explanation of how that works? I searched but could not find it.

Thank you-

Kevin
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NOTE: I am transitioning my email address to Kevin.K.Chester@gmail.com. Please update your address book.