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From: Kevin Chester <kevin.k.chester@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Andrew Leon
Cc: Mona Davis; Evan Maxim
Subject: Re: Cellular utility pole at 91st Ave and 46St

Thank you so much for replying. I am pleased to hear the City has the authority to require that electricity be brought underground, not in the air, and that the City would exercise that authority. Could you please point me to the rule that allows the City to force the undergrounding?

It seems to me that this whole thing is prohibitively expensive and I struggle to understand why CLEC has made this permit request when there are reasonable alternatives on existing poles.

Our neighborhood is in the process of organizing a response to this issue. Please expect that we will be registering our opposition to the installation of this pole. We don't want it.

Thank you-

Kevin Chester
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On Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 6:10 PM Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercergov.org> wrote:

Hello,

I spoke with other City staff regarding the new pole's power supply. The pole will be receiving power from Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE has not yet applied for a right-of-way permit for the installation of the pole, so we do not have specific details on how the power will be run to the pole. It is assumed that the power line will be run from SE 47th St. The City will require the power to be run through an underground boring to reduce impacts to the City street. The pole itself will be installed outside of the roadway pavement on a new concrete foundation.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon

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From: Andrew Leon

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 3:27 PM

To: Kevin Chester <kevin.k.chester@gmail.com>

Cc: Mona Davis <Mona.Davis@mercergov.org>; Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>

Subject: RE: Cellular utility pole at 91st Ave and 46St

Hello,

I need to follow up with other City staff to see if the applicant has provided information about how the pole will be receiving power. It is possible that we may not know this information until the applicants come in for electrical permits after receiving their land use approval. I will let you know what I learn from my conversations with the other staff.

Thanks,

Andrew Leon

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From: Evan Maxim

Sent: Friday, June 7, 2019 2:32 PM

To: Kevin Chester <kevin.k.chester@gmail.com>

Cc: Andrew Leon <andrew.leon@mercergov.org>; Mona Davis <Mona.Davis@mercergov.org>

Subject: RE: Cellular utility pole at 91st Ave and 46St

Hi Kevin,

Please see the interlineated responses in **red text**, below...

Andrew – please provide a response to the third question.

Regards,

Evan Maxim

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Subject: Re: Cellular utility pole at 91st Ave and 46St

Hi Evan-

Thanks so much for the information.

Please expect that our neighborhood will register questions/ concerns/ interest in finding an alternative location or existing pole.

Could you clarify a couple of things for me?:

1. Confirm the deadline by which citizens should or have to register feedback for the feedback to be considered and potentially influence the outcome. **There is not a deadline for providing comments – though the City is obligated to continue processing the application and issue most decisions within 90 days of the date of application (application was on May 16 – so August 17). Consequently, feedback “sooner rather than later” is recommended.**

2. If we should wish to address City Council on this topic, what is the recommended procedure? Do we notify in advance of a City Council meeting? Is any City Council meeting prior to the date you provide in #1 above ok or is this going to be a specific topic at any particular City Council meeting? Etc. **Written comments may be sent to the City Council directly at council@mercergov.org – please copy myself, Andrew Leon, and Mona Davis (copied above). The City Council will be holding a public hearing on a related aspect of this subject**

(renewal of the interim regulations) on June 18. There may only be one other City Council meeting before the 90 days has elapsed. Please note that the City Council adopts the regulations, but does not have a role in processing the permit applications. Consequently, I recommend that comments to the City Council focus on their “legislative role” and how the rules might be modified to better suit Mercer Island.

3. For the pole in question, can you say where the power would come from? Would it come from underground below the pole? Would the street have to be dug up? Would there be a power vault added to the pole at ground level? Or alternatively, would lines have to be strung in the air from this pole to an existing pole (say the intersection of 47st and 91 Ave)? **I will defer to Andrew to answer this question...**

Thank you very much-

Kevin

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On Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 4:18 PM Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org> wrote:

Dear Kevin Chester,

Thank you for the email. This is one of the small cell antenna applications that the City received from Crown Castle on behalf of Verizon wireless. I have copied Mona Davis (Planning Manager) and Andrew Leon (Planner) who are managing the actual review of the specific application (node MIV 19).

The City has information related to small cell antennas on our “LetsTalk” page – here: <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/small-cells>.

In short, the FCC has adopted “new rules” that require the City to approve the small cell antenna applications within 60 to 90 days, provided the small cell antenna complies with the City’s established design standards – available here: <https://mercerisland.municipal.codes/MICC/19.06.070>. Please note that the City has little discretion in requiring that Crown Castle address community concerns not otherwise captured in the design standards. However we do work with the community to request that the applicant address community concerns.

From a procedural standpoint, the City is providing notification (starting this past Monday and continuing through today). I anticipate that the City may request corrections to the design of Crown Castle's antennas, likely in several weeks. Public comments may be submitted through the above "LetsTalk" page, by email, or by mail (9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA) – staff will review and consider all comments during the review of the small cell antenna application.

I hope that this begins to answer some of your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions or comments.

Regards,

Evan Maxim

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To: Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>
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Hi Evan-

Angie just gave me your email address and said you were the person to contact.

Several of us (neighbors) have seen the "Public Notice of Land Use Action" sign that recently went up regarding installing a new 35' utility pole for a cellular transceiver at the above intersection. Our presumption is that this has to do with the City agreement with CLEC LLC to install these transceivers around the island to provide 5G service. We also understand that these transceivers can be installed on existing utility poles.

We would like to learn everything we can about the decision making process, the status, potential alternatives, and opportunities to provide our views to the City regarding this installation.

Can you provide guidance?

Thank you very much-

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