

Andrew Leon

From: Evan Maxim
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Mona Davis; Andrew Leon
Subject: FW: Ellis Pond cell tower

FYI

Regards,

Evan Maxim

Director

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Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 7:47 AM
To: Summer Ohno <summerohno@gmail.com>
Cc: Evan Maxim <evan.maxim@mercergov.org>; Jessi Bon <jessi.bon@mercergov.org>
Subject: Re: Ellis Pond cell tower

Dear Ms. Ohno;

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed specific installation as well as the plan of the cellular companies to proliferate small cells and infrastructure.

I share your concerns and will continue to work to conditionalize the deployments to the extent currently (legally) possible and look for ways to manage in the coming months and years. As you likely know, the FCC has given tremendous rights to these companies and limited greatly the rights of local municipalities.

The Planning Commission will take up the code this fall and hold public hearings. The Council will then review the proposed code, likely later this fall and early 2020. Meanwhile we will be tracking other cities' efforts to contain the privileges of the companies and look for opportunities to partner legally and potentially legislatively.

I am copying Evan Maxim, Director on this email. He will be driving the efforts regarding small cell and 5G installation. We as a City will work to keep you apprised and reach out for assistance as we go forward.

Again, thank you for reaching out and expressing your concerns.

Debbie Bertlin

Mayor, Mercer Island City Council

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From: Summer Ohno <summerohno@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:35 PM

To: Council

Subject: Ellis Pond cell tower

Hello,

I am deeply concerned to learn about the proposed instillation of a cell tower at Ellis Pond (46th & 91st). My concerns are three-fold:

1. This is a green area and a space to escape the busy roads and experience nature. Our family frequently walks this park to be in nature and enjoy the beauty. A tall tower with loud fans and electrical poles/wires completely disrupts this space.
2. This is home to a year-round duck population and a breeding ground. There are currently 9 ducklings included in the duck family living here. This area is lovingly referred to as "The Duck Pond" and is known across the island. I am gravely concerned by the potential impact of the emission frequencies on the duck population- a true treasure to our neighborhood
3. The radiation effects are not yet fully understood, but with studies coming out linking cell phone radiation to tumors (<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/new-studies-link-cell-phone-radiation-with-cancer/?redirect=>), this is terrifying. This area is heavily populated by families with young children. We as a family may no longer come to this area given health concerns. It is also directly adjacent to multiple families with young children, who share in this concern for their well-being.

I urge you to please block this tower for our neighborhood and our health.

Thank you,

Summer Ohno