

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: SP201800020 – WVIR-TV Replacement of Existing Television Broadcasting Tower	AGENDA DATE: May 1, 2019
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Special use permit request to replace an existing 314.25 foot tall guy-wired television broadcasting tower with a new 314.25 foot tall self-supporting television broadcasting tower in the same location. Included is a special exception request for setbacks under County Code § 18-4.10.3.1(b).	STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Kampner, Graham, Benish, Perez
SCHOOL DISTRICT: Elementary: Cale; Middle: Walton; High: Monticello	PRESENTER (S): Christopher Perez

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on March 5, 2019, the Planning Commission voted 6:0 to recommend approval of SP201800020 and the associated special exception request to modify setback requirements. The Planning Commission's Staff Report, Action letter, and Minutes from the March 5 meeting are attached.

DISCUSSION: Technical, non-substantive modifications to the conditions were made after the staff report was written, but prior to the Planning Commission meeting. The revised conditions were presented at the meeting, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of those conditions.

Additionally, the Applicant modified its special exception request at the meeting to reduce the setback from 35 feet to 30 feet from the property line to allow flexibility for the developer to rotate the placement of the tower to ensure it is placed in the same location as the existing tower. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the modification of the special exception with a request that written confirmation be obtained from the Zoning Administrator that the special exception does not impact the setbacks on the adjoining property. The written confirmation has been provided to the Applicant and included in the file.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolutions to approve SP201800020 and the Special Exception (Attachments D and E).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Planning Commission staff report
 - A1-Vicinity Map
 - A2-Conceptual Plan
 - A3-Applicant Request and Justification for Special Use Permit
 - A4-Applicant Request and Justification for Special Exception
 - A5-Pictures of the existing and proposed replacement tower
- B – Planning Commission action letter
- C – Planning Commission minutes
- D – Resolution to approve SP201800020
- E – Resolution to approve Special Exception