

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE
TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

<p>AGENDA TITLE: SP202200011 and SE202200030 Verizon - Scruby Property Tier III PWSF</p> <p>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: The applicant proposes to construct a 142-foot-tall monopole tower to be used as a Personal Wireless Facility. The facility would include a lease area with ground equipment. The applicant has also requested a special exception to allow the antenna to be mounted 18 inches from the face of the tower instead of 12 inches.</p> <p>SCHOOL DISTRICT: Brownsville Elementary School, Henley Middle School, Western Albemarle High School</p>	<p>AGENDA DATE: October 5, 2022</p> <p>STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Rosenberg, Rapp, Herrick, Fritz</p> <p>PRESENTER (S): Bill Fritz</p>
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BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on August 23, 2022, the Planning Commission voted 5:1 (Carrazana dissenting) to recommend approval of SP202200011 Verizon – Scruby Property Tier III PWSF.

DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the special use permit. Those supporting the application noted the need for coverage in the area and the existence of screening trees to minimize impacts. The commission also discussed changes to the design or alternative locations that would minimize impacts. The applicant requested a tower height of 142 feet. The commission recommended that the application be approved with a height limit of 122 feet, which would allow the construction of a 142-foot tower due to the FCC rule allowing tower heights to be increased.

The Planning Commission did not provide any comments on the special exception.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit. Staff recommends denial of the special use permit. If the special use permit is approved, staff recommends approval of the special exception.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Planning Commission staff report
- B – Comments from the public received after preparation of the staff report
- C – Planning Commission action letter
- D – Planning Commission minutes
- E – Resolution to approve Special Use Permit
- F – Resolution to approve Special Exception