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Milestone Communications  
C/O Lori H. Schweller  
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**RE: SP201700026 Western Albemarle High School - Tier III Personal Wireless Service Facility**

Dear Ms. Schweller,

On June 26, 2018 the Albemarle County Planning Commission took the following actions and making the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

**RECOMMEND**, by a vote of (4:1), **DENIAL** of the Special Exceptions to sections 5.1.40(b)(2)(b) (size) and section 5.1.40(b)(2)(c) (projection) and section 4.2.5 (disturbance of critical slopes) for the reasons outlined in the staff report as unfavorable factors.

**RECOMMEND**, by a vote of (4:1), **DENIAL** of SP-2017-00026 for the reasons in the staff report identified as the unfavorable factors to the request as follows:

1. The proposal fails to meet section 5.1.40(b)(6) of the ordinance because the location and height of the monopole does not provide adequate opportunities for screening and the facility is not sufficiently sited to minimize its visibility from adjacent parcels.
2. The proposal fails to meet section 5.1.40(b)(2)(b) of the ordinance because the size of the Shentel antenna is larger than 1,400 square inches. This increases the bulk atop the tower, which increases visibility of a highly visible tower.
3. ARB does not support or recommend approval of the facility.
4. Under FCC regulations if approved the monopole would be permitted to increase in height by 20 feet and install antenna extending up to 20 feet from the monopole which would further increase the visibility of the facility.
5. The facility is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Please be advised that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors will review this petition and receive public comment at their meeting on **September 12, 2018**. It is the Board of Supervisor's preference that a public hearing not be advertised until all of the final materials for a zoning application have been received by the County and are available for public review. Therefore any new or additional information regarding your application, including final proffers if applicable, must be submitted to our office at least twenty-three (23) days prior to your scheduled hearing date, which is **August 10, 2018**.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding the above noted action, please do not hesitate to contact me at (434) 296-5832.

Sincerely,

Chris Perez  
Senior Planner

