

**CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

Facilitator: Dr. Navita James, University of South Florida
Facilitator: Dr. David Payne, University of South Florida

Recap of Meeting on May 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
County Center

Members

The following Cellular Communications Advisory Committee members were present:

Laura Belflower	Will Bissett	Michael Brooks
Richard Davis	Carrie Grimail	Bill Cook
Manuel Perotin	Michael Rothenberg	Lee Vaughn
Denise Verrill	Lee Vaughn	Denise Verrill
Dr. Tom Weller	Lisa Williams	

The CCAC meeting was brought to order at 5:11 pm by David Payne, USF Facilitator who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. Payne reminded everyone to speak into the microphone and to identify themselves and to keep track of any requests for information or action to make certain staff has a list of items to bring forward to the next meeting.

Due to the length of the discussion for IV – Identification of Specific Issues Pertaining to Hillsborough Code, the approval of the minutes for the April 12, 2011 meeting was postponed to the May 25, 2011 meeting.

The committee took no action on the approval of the May 4, 2011 agenda.

The committee took no action on the revised statement on “Goals, Areas of Concern, Possible Outcomes”.

Dr. Payne introduced the “parking lot” to the committee, explaining that it will contain items not necessarily related to the discussion topics, but items that will not go away until the committee agrees to discuss that issue.

Dr. Navita James introduced the issues that the committee intends to review in the four areas identified in the Wade-Trim report.

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CCAC members identified the following issues for discussion in the first area of Setbacks:

Setback 1:3 ratio

700% increase to setback of tower height

Identify what committee is trying to achieve

Ground structures WCSS & Fall Zones & Setbacks

Minimum Fall Zone should be setback & camouflage

Define Fall Zone

Ground structure/perceptions

Standardization of location of towers across county

Clarification on standardization

Buffers & Screening

Standard Setback vs SU & CU

Transmitter/Antennas – Setback

Definition of variety of uses/describe technology

Put equipment by transmitters/antennas

Pictures for definitions

County review such code

Compatible camouflage

4 Parts – Setbacks for Towers, Ground Equipment, Equipment Structures, Antennas

Tower Height & Zoning issues above/below certain height

The following issues were identified for discussion regarding Allowable Heights:

Different types of towers pertaining to height

How defined by zone

Lack of Industrial Long-Range Planning vs County Long-Range Planning

Zoning parameters in adjacent areas

How applications are approved – Additional 25' added at administrator's discretion

Distance from residential property line & structures.

Tower type vs allowable height (i.e. Camouflage)

Understand options better between taller towers vs more shorter towers

Specific requirements around airports, etc.

In the area of Aesthetics, the committee identified four areas for discussion:
Landscaping/Buffering; Camouflage/Stealth; Collocation and Color.

The following issues were identified for discussion on the Landscaping/Buffering category:

Maintenance/upkeep more stringent requirements

Increase amount & types of plants (quality & height)

Property values

Types of Fences or Screens

Transparent vs opaque

Percent of completeness of coverage

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Achievement statements
Define buffer/screen
Apply to schools/any property 6.11.29D.7

The following issues were identified for discussion in the Camouflage/Stealth category:

Acknowledgement from local homeowners
Define camouflage
Redefine camouflage
Get rid of term “camouflage” & replace with “mitigated”
Qualify use of county “tech” manual that has pictures
Consequence of adding new antenna/transmitter
Effects of collocation on camouflage of tower
Post erection tower regulations
Where do towers need to be camouflaged or do all towers need to be camouflaged
RSC-1 (recreational) can have a flag pole cell tower (camouflage)

The following issues were identified in the Collocation category:

Definition of Camouflage & who determines need
Percent of use
Mandatory use of tower
Legal restrictions
Documentation needed (contact multiple providers)
Put “teeth” in enforcement
Require all “experts” meet (state law) requirements (exception radio frequency engineers)
Experts can only speak in his/her area of expertise
Take out either/or code
Be cautious about limiting or prohibiting a presenter who is skilled in a discipline

The committee decided to discuss the issue of Color as part of the Camouflage/Stealth discussion.

The committee discussed looking at communities outside Florida for better ways to deal with wireless communication regulations.

Lee Vaughn requested that the committee request the Board of County Commissioners to place all cell tower activity (applications/approval) on hold until the committee completes its mandate from the Board. County Attorney Adam Gormly advised the committee that an amendment to the Land Development Code would be required in order to place a hold on activities related to cell towers. The Board would also have to have a justification for a moratorium. Adam Gormly will be prepared to address this legal issue at the next meeting of the committee. The committee also requested information on locations where a moratorium has been successful in placing cell tower activity on hold and the impacts encountered by the municipalities. This item will be placed on the agenda for May 25, 2011.

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The committee requested that staff provide information on the number of cell tower application submitted from January through December of 2010 and January through April of 2011.

The committee inquired about the status of the legislative history of cell tower issues

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 25, 2011 on the 26th Floor in Conference Room B of the County Center located at 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602.