

GREATER LOWNDES PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Telecommunications Tower TWR-2021-01 (New Construction – Pine Grove/Bemiss)

DATE OF MEETING: October 25, 2021

BUDGET IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

☐ Annual ☐ SPLOST ☐ Capital ☒ N/A

Regular Meeting (x)
Work Session (x)
Recommendation (x)
Policy/Discussion ()
Report ()

ACTION REQUESTED ON:

TWR-2021-01, Bemiss Road, (0144 137)
C-H, New ~265' Telecommunications Tower

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES:

This case represents an attempt by the applicant to construct a new ~265' telecommunications tower on a ~1.5acre parcel on Bemiss Road. The subject property is currently zoned Highway Commercial (C-H) within the Bemiss Corridor Overlay district and is allowed to be used for the construction of a new telecommunications tower with GLPC review and LCBOC approval. The proposed tower is determined to be of "No Hazard to Air Navigation" by the Federal Aviation Administration, and officials at Valdosta Regional Airport (VLD) and Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) have been notified of the request and provided no additional comments or objections.

The applicant is concurrently seeking a variance to the setback requirements in Section 5.05.05(I) of the ULDC, based on the Engineering Fall Zone letter, which will be heard at the November 2nd ZBOA meeting.

The primary motivation for a new tower at the subject property is a gap in the existing coverage area. The subject property is in the Urban Service Area and depicted as Neighborhood Activity on the Future Development Map.

Staff has found this request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the TRC had no objectionable comments regarding this request.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve 2. Approve with Conditions 3. Table 4. Deny

DIVISION: Planning & Zoning

Staff: JD Dillard
Molly Stevenson
Trinni Amiot
Sharon Griffith

Action and Motion by the Board: _____