

Commissioner Graham asked if there has been any opposition from the community. Mr. Dillard stated the only opposition has been those already mentioned.

There being no further questions for staff, Chairman Miller opened the Public Hearing portion of the case.

Speaking in favor of the request:

- Dan Ausley, Representing Applicant – 1003 Washington St., Tallahassee, FL
- Jay Watkins, Property Owner – 4391 Rocky Ford Rd.
- Trey Cothron – 6435 Ousley Rd.

Mr. Ausley stated the intent of the request is to fill in gaps in coverage in the area.

Commissioner Graham asked if a search for a property away from residences had been conducted. Mr. Ausley stated the proposed location was determined the best. Commissioner Bythwood asked who the tower owner is. Mr. Ausley explained it is a private cellular tower company building for T-Mobile.

Mr. Watkins explained the benefit would be increased coverage, enhancement to the community and better safety to include 911 coverage.

Mr. Cothron stated with better coverage, property values may be enhanced.

Speaking in opposition to the request:

- WD Watkins – 5389 Watkins Rd.
- Lynn Eager – 5450 Watkins Rd.

Mr. Watkins stated concerns about the proximity to residences. Commissioner Graham asked if he currently has coverage at his home. Mr. Watkins answered affirmatively.

Ms. Eager's concerns included not having enough information about potential risks, including radiation emission, noise and lighting. Commissioner Rountree explained that the GLPC is not qualified to address those concerns and suggested that Mr. Ausley arrange a meeting to have the client answer those questions. Commissioner James Miller explained that the design professional will be required to make sure compliance is met.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Miller called for a motion. Motion by Commissioner Rountree to recommend approval of the request as presented by staff. Commissioner Bythwood second. All voted in favor, no one opposed (6-0). Motion carried.