

process, and been determined to meet the minimum floodplain management criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and, if approved and constructed, will be reviewed again by FEMA to determine revising the effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report.

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The TRC analyzed the request, the standards set forth in Section 5.05.00 (attached), and Section 10.02.00 of the ULDC, and noted that the proposed location satisfies the Standards for New Tower Development in 5.05.05, and therefore recommends Approval of the request.

There being no questions for staff, Chairman Miller opened the public hearing.

Speaking in favor of the request:

- Kaitlynn Isley – 577 Mulberry St., Suite 1405, Macon, Georgia

Ms. Isley represents Vertical Bridge and was present to answer any questions.

No further questions for Ms. Isley.

Speaking in Opposition to the request:

- John S. Quaterman – P.O. Box 461, Hahira, Georgia

Mr. Quaterman stated that the case presented did not align with ULDC requirements, His points included 5.05.05.B. Inventory of Existing Sites, 5.05.05.E. Availability of Suitable Existing Structures for Collocation (demonstration that no existing tower or existing alternative tower structure can accommodate the proposed antenna), 5.05.05. G.5. explanation of how a tower on this site would not negatively affect a historic district and a scenic view corridor in VLPRA's largest park, which is mostly wooded and has a river running by it, and 5.05.05. I.1. explanation for why the tower would not be too close to a property line of the lot or parcel containing the tower and too close to the public right-of-way of a hiking trail. He also informed the staff that for the public to make informed comments at a Public Hearing on this item, the public needs to see the information required by the ULDC, especially given that staff wrote that "The decision to be made by the Board of Commissioners is not a zoning decision. It is a quasi-judicial decision whether the standards for a telecommunications tower in Section 5.05.05 of the ULDC are met."

Mr. Dillard disputed the points and presented what was discussed.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Miller closed the public hearing.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Miller called for a motion. Motion by Commissioner Rountree to recommend approval of the request as presented. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion. Seven voted in favor, Commissioner Foreman and Commissioner Graham opposed (7-2). Motion carried.