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Subject: RE: Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County: Comments for September 16th Meeting
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From: Karen Womble Bruschke [<mailto:knwomble@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 10:55 AM
To: Lindsay Ray
Subject: RE: Zoning Ordinance of Chatham County: Comments for September 16th Meeting

Ms Ray,

I received a letter from the Planning Department regarding the Zoning Ordinance Meeting to be held on September 16th. My husband and I are adjacent landowners to James and Jane Womble. We cannot make the meeting on site therefore I am sharing my comments in email.

I am a lifetime resident of Chatham County except for the past 12 years. I grew up in the very neighborhood where the cell tower will be placed. I am in full support of the cell tower and its placement on the property adjacent to ours. My work as a telecommuter is successful only if I have the ability to speak with my customers. As it stands now, I have extremely limited access to cell phone coverage and I have 2 carriers that I use. Neither carrier's phone has useage in this neighborhood. Furthermore, I have no cell coverage between Cole Park Plaza, down Mann's Chapel to Poythress and down Damascus. This is a safety issue. If I happen to break down, my only option is to walk or flag someone down for assistance. This is a high degree of concern for me when I am traveling to and from the airport at night. As you and I both know, public phones are a thing of the past and cell phones have become mandatory in our everyday lives.

I have been reading article after article regarding cell phone towers and folks that oppose them. Based on the placement of this tower I am not sure what the push back is from others.

- The area is heavily wooded and unless you are looking straight up will be hard to see.
- The American Cancer Society has written their comments and posted on their web site about no risk of cancer issues.
- As far as property values, I would say mine would increase with the ability to use my cell phone. I live on Hatteras Island currently and I have waste pick up from the county, county water and cell phone coverage with full bars. When I move to North Chatham, without the tower, I lose all three of these and I am only 8 miles from Chapel Hill. One of the most progressive cities in North Carolina.

I fully support the placement and building of the tower by American Tower Corporation. In the year of 2013, cell coverage is no longer a nice to have, it is a must have for safety reasons and for transacting business in a successful manner.

Thank you in advance.

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