

Firethorne's Cell Tower Exploratory Committee met at 28800 S. Firethorne Road at 7:00 PM to 8:50 PM, Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Committee members in attendance were:

Bob Havlin
Stephanie LaFleur
Baldemar Ramirez
Ben Westlake
Mark Eastwood
Cory McFarland

Scott Vradenburgh
Rick Young
Don Gibson
Chuck Cowher

1. **Call to Order** Bob Havlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Approve Minutes** The September meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Review Committee Charter and Scope** Bob reiterated the committee's responsibility to evaluate cell reception in Firethorne and what, if any, actions we can recommend to the Board.
4. **Committee Input** Ben Westlake proposes we revisit the discussion on how the committee comes to a consensus and recommendation, suggesting asking the board for a 2/3 majority vote. The committee will table this topic under it is clear how many members continue to serve on the committee.
5. **Discussion**
 - Defining Baseline Problem – Signal / Data Collection Methods and Desired Outputs
 - Community Survey- Bob calls to form and Baldemar volunteers to spearhead a subcommittee to develop questions for new comprehensive survey to include resident carrier info, location within the neighborhood, usage, equipment, etc. Don and Stephanie volunteer to help. Due to the sensitive nature of the information sought, language for a disclaimer is discussed to make residents comfortable with sharing as it is critical to our capturing the nature of the problem of service in the entirety of the subdivision.
 - Summary of Prior Efforts by our HOA- previous efforts abandoned due to disinterest of carriers concern of proximity to existing towers or concerns of residents protesting the replatting.
 - Existing Proposals- Community members in attendance site risk to property values and health at the T-Mobile proposed location at the drill site off West Firethorne Rd. and express they'd rather see the land utilized in a more enriching way.
 - Known Future Towers / Shared Map- Revisit future locations, particularly to the west of Firethorne that are projected to be live Nov. 2023 and January 2024 and compare data for improvements from these installations.
 - Investigate Whether Additional Equipment on Existing Towers Could Improve Service Sufficiently
 - Investigate if any T-mobile-Using Residents Noticed Improvements After T-Mobile Added Hardware/Service to the Kingsland Tower around July 2023 – to be collected from sub-committee survey.
 - Compile Types of Solutions—Towers, Small Cell, Cell-Tower on Wheels, Wi-fi Calling, Other Ideas- CTOW is discussed as being unpalatable to the community as it requires

two semi-trucks to operate and the community's intolerance for vehicles parked against CC&Rs.

- Investigate Locations Within and Outside the Community for Possible Towers- Stephanie reached out to the brokers of Texas Heritage Marketplace to explore their interest in sitting a tower on a proposed 3-story office building at I-10 frontage road and Pederson Rd.
- Plan Contact with Each Carrier, including Demonstrating our Needs, Requesting Real Coverage Maps, Plans for Future Towers, and Solutions to our Problem
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.