

Firethorne's Cell Tower Exploratory Committee met at 28100 N. Firethorne Road at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

Committee members in attendance were:

Bob Havlin
Stephanie LaFleur
Ben Westlake
Baldemar Ramirez
Don Gibson
Chuck Cowher
Dan Homan

1. **Call to Order** Bob Havlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Approve Minutes** The November meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Community Input** The committee reviewed an email from resident, Steve Westlake, explaining his reception problems and concerns during emergency situations.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Committee Member Policy / Voting** The Chairman will draft an email after the holidays to all committee volunteers who have not attended 3 consecutive meetings, been absent with no notice, or never attended meetings in order to confirm their interest in serving or not on the committee.
 - b. **Community Survey**
 - i. Data points from questionnaire responses were plotted on the map to provide an accurate snapshot of coverage within the community. These data points were further broken down by carrier and triangulated with existing cell towers.
 - ii. Some anomalies were noted (for example, people reporting decent service in an area where most respondents reported poor or no service, or vice-versa).
 - c. **Existing towers and Future Towers Map** Bob will request from the board contact information of the T-Mobile representative who compiled a neighborhood coverage report to ascertain when the two prospective towers indicated in the report will be live, as they were scheduled for November 2023 and January 2024.
 - d. **Carrier Outreach** We continue to seek ways to reach the individual carriers and Vertical Limit to propose additional equipment on nearby towers, especially the Kingsland Blvd. tower.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Identify Available Locations Within and Outside the Community** Data from the questionnaire and drive test reiterated the committee's notion that cell sites, whether towers, small cell, or femtocell along Texas Heritage Parkway will increase reception for Firethorne residents with the poorest reception, specifically in the western sections of the neighborhood, where there is either no HOA structure to support small cell devices or HOA property to sit towers.
 - b. **Drive Test Results** Josh Glover drove the neighborhood at peak rush hour to record data on his Verizon Iphone. The committee found his data reflected the data points from the questionnaire. The committee would like to replicate this test with androids and T-Mobile and AT&T carriers.
 - c. **Chairperson Term as per Committee Policies, section 2** Per the bylaws, Bob Havlin's term will expire December 31, 2023. The Chairman will ask all original volunteers to affirm their commitment to the committee by the January meeting so it can proceed into the new year with a determinate number of committee members to know henceforth what constitutes a quorum and how a chairperson will be decided.
6. The Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the North Clubhouse.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.