

## CELL TOWER COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
**LOCATION:** N. Firethorne Clubhouse  
28100 N Firethorne Road  
**TIME:** 7:00PM to 8:45PM

Committee Members in attendance were:

Stephanie LaFleur  
Ben Westlake  
Van Atwood  
Scott Vradenburgh  
Chuck Cowher

Don Gibson  
Robert Havlin  
Cory McFarland  
Dan Homan

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes
3. Committee Input-
  - a. Stephanie asked how to have the minutes we've submitted updated to the website since the most recently posted minutes and agenda (as of 4/23/24) are from December. It was suggested that the community is expressing frustration to the board because they are not able to read about our progress in the recorded minutes on the website.
  - b. Multiple members of the committee expressed frustration that the deadline imposed by board member, Gary Boostrum, was arbitrary and not reflective of the sentiment the committee shared regarding our progress. Bob recognized that his response to a question from a previous board meeting regarding the narrowing down of potential site locations was misconstrued to mean the committee was prepared to provide final recommendations shortly.
  - c. In light of an email response from Katie Carner about further questions the committee had for the HOA attorney, wherein she expressed that the board would handle legal matters regarding a tower site, several members of the committee expressed concern that we were being asked simply to "stick a pin" in the map to say where a tower should go so that the board could justify actions against disgruntled residents by saying the committee, composed of any person that volunteered to be on it from all across the neighborhood, made the decision and the board had nothing to do with it.
4. Old Business
  - a. Existing Towers & Future Towers - see (e.) below.
  - b. Carrier Outreach- Ben met with AT&T to discuss small cell installation within the neighborhood. They informed them their small cell towers are capable of hosting multiple carriers, unlike the outdated towers in Cinco Ranch. However, AT&T was

primarily interested in macro towers at the McDonough Way or Jordan Ranch sites.

- c. Identify Available Locations within and Outside the Community - see (e.) below.
  - d. Jordan Ranch site - Map and Proposal - The committee was shown drawings and plotting of a proposed 151 ft. tower for the Jordan Ranch site.
  - e. Local Gov Contacts - According to City of Fulshear, towers are proposed at existing water plants off THP and CCR is exploring 8 different sites to sit a tower.
  - f. Tips and Tricks - Improving Service at Home How-To - Van completed a revised document to address concerns with the board had previously shared.
5. New Business
- a. Community Input - See (4b.) above.
  - b. Working through two proposals trying to decide which one will be optimal for the community - The committee held a vote about which was the preferred path of the members that would adequately address the problem of cell reception within the neighborhood without posing a risk to safety and property values of any single lot. Of the committee members present, the vote was 7-1 in favor of small cells. Absent members subsequently cast their vote via email for a final count of 11-1 in favor of small cells.
6. Next Meeting- Tentatively, Tuesday, May 21, 2023.
7. The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.