MEMORANDUM

TO: Marin County Deputy Zoning Administrator

DATE: August 3, 2022

FROM: Megan Alton, Planner

SUBJECT: San Domenico School Use Permit and Design Review
1500 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo
Assessor's Parcel 176-300-30
Project ID P3436

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional correspondences to the Deputy Zoning Administrator. Attached, please find the letters from member of the public.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Public Comments
Megan:

What happened to public participation and due process for those affected by the outcome of this meeting? I have received no prior notice from the county at all despite being a subscriber to county processes. I will be working at the time of this meeting and am therefore, unable to attend in person.

However, as a person with Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EHS), the effects of cell tower installation: radiofrequency radiation, and expanded electromagnetic fields of wireless communication, make me ill. Therefore, I oppose any such installations near my home.

I will resist vigorously any enforced hazard-inducing activity that interferes with the safe, peaceful enjoyment of my property. I believe the county and Verizon are well aware of the consequences of such opposition.

The alternative is Fiber-optic-to-the-premises which provides faster, more reliable service, and is a less damaging alternative providing safety and convenience to the community. I would support it.

Garril Page
Fawn Drive
San Anselmo 94960
Hi there, I am a sleepy Hollow resident and also run non profit Good Fairy Marin - which was set up to enable neighbors to help each other during the pandemic. My home is not affected by lack of cell coverage It was v troubling and not a little confusing to discover just a vast pocket of homes cut off from cell phone usage when I started trying to work in the community to help those in need of support. The real danger during outages is clear but the more constant daily fear esp for seniors and those with disabilities is also v real and harder to see. And the missed opportunities for bringing people comfort and contact are also very real. And it also makes far more difficult to communicate with the helpers in the community so again they get left out.

If fixable please do fix it. And if it puts the property prices up I hope those who don't need that will make a donation to a no. Profit like mine 😄.

Www.goodfaireymarin.org

Penny Macphail
We need this. It’s been a long time coming!
We are unable to attend the meeting tomorrow where the subject of cell service in Sleepy Hollow will be discussed. We want to lend our support to this effort.

As we learned a short time ago, this is a matter of life and death. People died because of the lack of cell service. Please allow this crucial service to be installed in this community.

Arlin and Esther Timberlake,
40 Martling Road,
Sleepy Hollow.
I can’t attend the meeting so I am writing you to show my support for the project.

Be Well, Andy Alpine
404 Oakcrest Rd, San Anselmo, Ca 94960

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ANDY ALPINE
415-459-4333
Cell: 415-298-1644

"Love accomplishes its work when it spreads its wings and veils man's self from his own eyes."
- Inayat Khan

You don’t often get email from aalpine@gmail.com. Learn why this is important
Hello Megan

I just wanted to reach out to say how important we think cell phone service is for the Sleepy Hollow community. We feel like it’s a real safety concern.

Please work on our behalf to bring this much needed service to our community.

Jessica Stielau
990 Butterfield Rd, San Anselmo, CA 94960
Dear Ms. Alton,

I have been a resident of Sleepy Hollow for almost twenty years.

I am disabled and cannot attend the meeting tomorrow at the Civic Center but do want to voice my profound concern that here in Sleepy Hollow, if the power goes out, my husband and I lose cell coverage, as do many of our neighbors. Because of technology changes over time, it is virtually impossible to get a land line these days that does not depend on electricity or wifi connection.

My husband once had a serious accident at the house and I thank God I could call 911 and an ambulance could come to help us. Les is 76 and I am 58. Between my disability, and his age, we feel very concerned and vulnerable about being unable to reach 911 in case of emergency during a loss of power. We also live up a long driveway and do not have neighbors close by. It would be virtually impossible for me to run to a neighbor in case of emergency.

Thank you for doing what you can to rectify the issue of improved cell coverage in our area. I can’t think of anything more important for the safety or our community.

Sara Nesson
I just became aware that there is a hearing on August 4, 2022 regarding cell service in Sleepy Hollow. I would very much like to attend, but I am providing childcare for my young grandchildren tomorrow.

I fully support the project to improve cell service by adding the cell towers at San Domenico. It is absolutely essential to a safe community.

Thank you,

Sue Herman
185 Van Winkle Drive
San Anselmo, Ca 94960
415-602-4595

Sent from my iPhone
Greetings,

Unfortunately I will be working tomorrow during the hearing but it is absolutely important to know that my family of four is in total support of the cell tower in Sleepy Hollow. I need you to know that this issue isn’t one of just convenience as much as it is of safety. We have seen as a community firsthand the dangers of not having cell service and the delayed response times it can cause, which have life and death implications.

Over 95% of our community supports this initiative. We have surveyed everyone in Sleepy Hollow. This is not an issue we are undecided about. Please move this project through with top priority and as expediently as possible.

If the hearing were outside of working hours I would absolutely be present to represent my community and our interests in building this tower in the affirmative.

Please let me know if there is anything else I may do to help move this project along to success and completion.

Many thanks,
Aaron Shedrick
155 DeBurgh drive
San Anselmo CA 94960
415-828-6486

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Megan,

Unfortunately my wife and I cannot attend the meeting on cell service for Sleepy Hollow. This email is to let you know that we fully support the expansion of cell service to include Verizon and other carriers in this area.

The cell service is urgently needed as we are unable to use our cell phones in this area which would be deadly in an emergency. Most of our visitors and most of the service and delivery vehicles are also affected. Like most of our neighbors, we rely on WIFI service to make phone calls which means that any power outage or other issue with WIFI removes our ability to communicate with anyone including emergency responders. This is both unsafe and outrageous that this situation exists and that it has not been corrected already.

We urge you to speedily permit the installation of cell service in our area.

Frank Rosenberg and Beatrice Salaverry
20 Van Tassel Court
San Anselmo, Ca. 94060
415 407 9400
frank@salaverry.com
Hello,

I am out of the country right now and thus cannot attend tomorrow’s meeting. I am strongly in favor of bringing cell phone service to Sleepy Hollow! As I age, the inability to communicate during power outages becomes increasingly frightening and dangerous! I’m 75 and have lived in my home for 36+ years.
Please help our community correct this situation!
Thank you,
Helen Konowitz

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS
From: Susan Krausz <spkrausz9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:31 AM
To: Alton, Megan
Subject: Cell service Sleepy Hollow

Ms. Alton,

I just want to raise my hand - high - in favor of cell service in Sleepy Hollow. I, honestly, do not know what the opponents to this could be using to support their view. Perhaps I'll understand more after attending tomorrow's meeting. Until then, I simply want to say that the risk to life is clear when power is out and emergency services cannot be contacted. I have maintained a landline solely for use in this circumstance, but do not believe it should be upon each individual to do so. Additionally, the safety found in the accessibility that a cell phone provides in an emergency clearly far exceeds that of a landline.

I look forward to this issue being settled and our community's safety being restored to a level competitive with other neighborhoods.

Your help to support us in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Krausz
126 Van Tassel Ct.
Alton, Megan

From: Michael Yandle <michael@mbyandle.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Alton, Megan
Subject: Cell Tower in Sleepy Hollow

Megan
I'm writing to express my support for the cell Tower at San Domenico.
we truely need the cell coverage out there.

Michael & Jodi Yandle
8 greensburgh Lane ( 25 years)
San Anselmo , Ca.
Hi Megan,

Since I am unable to attend the community meeting tomorrow to discuss this initiative, I am sending this message to voice my support for the project to install cellular towers at the San Domenico School.

As Sleepy Hollow residents with 3 small children, safety is our primary concern. Without reliable cellular service, we are all at risk - especially in the event of an emergency, power outage or wildfire. Even walking to school I often worry about how we would call for help if someone got hurt, as there is absolutely no reception along the Butterfield corridor until you reach Brookside - over a mile away.

I understand there are several outspoken opponents to this plan, but these people do not live in our community. Sleepy Hollow is overwhelmingly in support of this public safety initiative.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter,

Sincerely,

Jeff, Megan, James (8), Charles (4), and Thomas (2) McFarland
225 Stuyvesant Drive
San Anselmo, CA 94960
Dear Ms. Alton,

As a native Marin resident, now a Sleepy Hollow homeowner, and a longtime Search and Rescue volunteer, I beseech you to support bringing reliable cell service into Sleepy Hollow. We have seen the very real and very serious ramifications of not having cell service - there have been emergencies that have been reported later than they should have been due to people's inability to place a reliable 911 call around our neighborhood. Additionally, for all the folks that hike, bike and enjoy the surrounding hills around Sleepy Hollow, I urge you to support the installation of cell service.

Thank you for your support of safety in our community!

Best regards,
Michael Skaff
400 Oakcrest Rd, San Anselmo, CA 94960
(925)330-0709

------------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Sleepy Hollow Homes Association <SHHA31@wildapricot.org>
Date: Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 7:37 AM
Subject: URGENT- Cell Service in Sleepy Hollow Hearing TOMORROW
To: Michael Skaff <mskaff@gmail.com>
Cc: Michael Skaff <dorotheaskaff@gmail.com>

Sleepy Hollow community members,

The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association has for years been working to bring wireless telecommunications to the neighborhood. It was my first priority when I joined the board five years ago and I am glad to have had tremendous community support- 98.7% of residents in favor, according to our survey which all residents received in the mail- and the partnership of the San Domenico School along the way. As all Sleepy Hollow residents know, the lack of reliable cell communication is not merely an inconvenience but at times- when the power is out and the fire risk is high- potentially a matter of life or death, especially for our most vulnerable neighbors.
Now, we have reached the final hurdle— a public hearing **TOMORROW, AUGUST 4, AT 10 A.M.** in rooms 328/330 of the Civic Center Administration Building located at 3501 Civic Center Drive (click the link above for more information). This is the culmination of years of effort— site visits, survey designs and tabulations, conference calls, zoom meetings, contract negotiations— by our Board and others and now we are asking for your support. It is **very important** that our community attends this meeting to let the Zoning Administrator and the Board of Supervisors know that this is a top priority for our neighborhood.

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Yours in community,

Pete Mayer

SHHA President

Your neighbor at 110 Legend Road
Good morning. I just received the email below about the Sleepy Hollow self-service meeting on August 4th. I live next door to the fatal fire that destroyed the property and took one life during a four-day power outage on October 26th 2020. I’m the mother of two young children and not having reliable services not only incredibly unsafe It is a huge financial hardship for me professionally and extremely isolating socially.

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Your neighbor at 110 Legend Road
Hi Megan,

I am writing in support of the proposed cell tower at San Dominico School. This community is way overdue for more reliable cell service communication. This is a public safety issue as the frequent power outages in our area often leaves us with no means of communication. We have a backup landline phone for emergency service. But we discovered two years ago when we had three days with no power, that even these land lines now require electricity. They have a limited back up battery, so our only way to have a working phone was to go a half mile down Butterfield Road to the Brookside school area. This schools parking lot has become a communication hub where Sleepy Hollow residents gather to get a cell signal during outages.

This cell tower is a critical infrastructure project for our neighborhood. I urge passage of this so we waste no more time in getting improved communication service.

Thank You,

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Onju Updegrave, Architect
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San Anselmo, CA 94960
Houzz Web Site
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Re: Safe living

My husband is 86 years old, dealing with cancer. He is at high risk when our cell service drops.

There have had terrifying days when we have had no power and we dread not being able to reach out for help.

We have purchased back up batteries for cell phones, but we would have to hike to the top of a hill to get service if power is down.

Without power our cell phones cannot work. We do not have a landline and are told that land lines are no longer installed in homes.

I’m addition, I serve fragile adults via Telehealth, which requires computer functionality. When power fails my patients are emotionally stranded without knowledge of my absence.
(I keep close track of planned power outage notices.)

Without house power I must leave my husband to drive two miles to Brookside School where there is wi/fi access. In inclement weather this poses additional risks.

It is emotionally and physically essential for us and my patients to have a cell tower which allows emergency communication and response.

Thank you for your support in keeping vulnerable people safe.

Mary Jane Smith, RN, MA, PHN,LMFT

5 Luzanne Circle
San Anselmo, CA 94960

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Michael London would like information about:

Dear Ms. Alton: I live at 157 Van Tassel Ct, Sleepy Hollow immediately adjacent to San Domenico. I want to register my objection to San Domenico’s proposed fake water tower. This is totally out of character with the hillside environment, and would be a significant eyesore. There are other ways to mitigate the visual effect of the cell tower such as fake trees. There does not seem to be any proposed alternatives for consideration which is troubling. There has not been any public outreach by San Domenico which is also arrogant and troubling. I ask that this plan be tabled until other alternatives are explored.

Mike London
Alton, Megan

From: Sara Nesson <sfnesson@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Alton, Megan
Subject: Re: Cell service in Sleepy Hollow

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Thank you, Ms. Alton.

Sara Nesson

> On Aug 3, 2022, at 9:50 AM, Alton, Megan <MALton@marincounty.org> wrote:
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> > Hello,
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> > Thank you for your email. I will include it in the record.
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> > Megan Alton
> > > PLANNER
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> > County of Marin
> > > Community Development Agency
> > > 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308
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> > > malton@marincounty.org
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> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: Sara Nesson <sfnesson@comcast.net>
> > > Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:19 AM
> > > To: Alton, Megan <MALton@marincounty.org>
> > > Subject: Cell service in Sleepy Hollow
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Sara Nesson

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Thanks Megan.

I will call in a minute.

I was taken aback that that plans and documents submitted did identify the Dutch Valley and Van Winkle corridor (the plans call it Van Wrinkle), but not Van Tassel Court or Irving which are affected by this location. My daughter rode for years at the barn, I am familiar with all the trails, and behind the barn up that hill is a better location, or a ridgetop adjacent to an existing watertank. There is also a flat area behind San Domenico School where cut logs have been stored, to the west side, on a knoll.

Another thing that bothered me was the failure to state upfront that this site is preferred due to access for construction and cost, as next to the fire road.

A third bother and important is the use of this phrase in the feasibility study as if a factual explanation, its repeated a bunch, and drilled down, just says, we prefer this site to the others, without real pro’s and con’s.

“The TFPP disfavors a new wireless facility at this ridgetop site because the Proposed Facility is a technically feasible non-ridge option to serve the coverage gap.”

That just says TFPP prefers a non ridgetop site. It does not state why this location among non ridgetop sites is preferred, or is their a site where not so very prominent in view. A windmill or faux watertank is cute enough, but it can be placed in many other locations where its visual impact is near zero except to a hiker from above. Its as if the faux watertank concept is a substitute for visual impact analysis at all. My Van Tassel and Irving neighborhoods are not mentioned in the analysis.

To be clear, I am in favor of improved cell reception and hence an added cell tower. Just not in this intrusive location. Please pass this along as well.
From: Alton, Megan <MAlton@marincounty.org>
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 1:45 PM
To: markjrice@msrlaw.com
Subject: RE: San Domenico Faux Water Tank - Project P3436

Hello Mark,

I will include your letter in the record and also send it to the Hearing Officer. Please note the alternative analysis is available on the project website.


Thank you,

Megan Alton
PLANNER
County of Marin
Community Development Agency
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308
San Rafael, CA 94903
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415 473 7880 F

From: markjrice@msrlaw.com <markjrice@msrlaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Alton, Megan <MAlton@marincounty.org>
Subject: San Domenico Faux Water Tank - Project P3436

Mr. MARK RICE would like information about:
Ms. Alton - I wrote the following to the applicant - will call:
Dear Mr. Shubin,

I live at 151 Van Tassel Court, which is located adjacent to San Domenico, on the East side entrance where the tall Eucalyptus Trees are located. I walk the fire road where the planned faux water tower/cell tower is planned near the big oak. My daughter rode horses growing up at the SD stable, and I hike that trial, and the location to me would cloud what is now open and without man-made items. Having walked the hills, the better visual value is up behind the horse stable where the cell tower will achieve its purpose but not be visible.

I would like to have you meet at my home if possible before hearing. I am not one to raise issues. its SD property I appreciate its generous open space access to reach the County Open Space above. I just was not consulted or I suppose,
considered. I am hoping an alternative site will be considered deeper into SD property, recognizing there are better sites at SD.
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Megan,

One of the method flaws of the Verizon study is that it relies on drone or satellite photos above possible sites to assess view impacts. The view impact standard in Marin and elsewhere is to grab vantage points photographs from potentially affected views from homesites and key gathering spots. It was not done. So the Irving-Van Tassel impact is not measured, considered or addressed. As if a watertank as camouflage makes it quaint and ok even if a major impact.

Other spots are far better. But process wise photos from backyards and windows upward to each location in comparison is needed.

Mark J. Rice, Esq.
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On Aug 1, 2022, at 6:23 PM, Mark Rice <markjrice@msrwlaw.com> wrote:
Michael London would like information about:

One more point I would like to make. I never received formal notice of a hearing, and only learned of this through a neighbor. Seems like a violation of due process unless they can prove delivery of public hearing notice.
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Megan:

The round cell tower architecture cover structure is a BAD recommendation.

Who made this decision? Not a Structural Engineer.

I am a Structural Engineer with 30 years of MMWD, EBMUD, and SFPUC water storage tank seismic retrofit experience.

Round water tanks make sense for hydrostatic pressure and ring tension rings for internal water pressure. Not for buildings.

It makes NO STRUCTURE SENSE for a fake building enclosure.

It will be very difficult and expensive to include a seismic force resisting system? It will require a building inside the round fake facade.

I strongly recommend you reconsider this subjective,, non-engineering, Planners recommendation.

The applicant's tower concept is MUCH BETTER.

Reinhard Ludke, S.E 2545
Ms. Alton,

I'm writing in support of the proposed new cell tower at San Domenico. As a Sleepy Hollow resident, lack of reliable cell service is an issue. There is no reason we should not have reliable cell service in the area. While at times it is just an inconvenience, it is a life safety issue with California's "new" fire season. Reliable and immediate communication is a necessity.

Thank you,

Matt Weisberg
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My address is 1435 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo. CA 94960

Unfortunately, I’m traveling and can’t attend the meeting in person about the Verizon cell tower for Sleepy Hollow. Please know that I support this import issue and can not stress enough how critical it is for our community to have better wireless coverage in our area. Our elderly parents visit often and we need to have access not only for their health in case we need to call 911 but for the extreme fire risk we have in the area.

I hope that the issue is approved so that the wireless improves. I see no issue with the look, height or location of the proposed tower and I support it 100%.

Thank you,
Melissa Li
I’m writing to show my strong support for cell phone service in Sleepy Hollow. I am an 80 year old man, living on my own, and feel that cell phone service is vital for public safety in Sleepy Hollow.

Thank you
Michael Lydon
39 Legend Road
Hello

We cannot attend the meeting in person but we are in full support of a cell tower being installed in Sleepy Hollow.

Thank you

Samantha and Gareth Jelley
33 Raven Rd
Alton, Megan

From: dbriggsjr@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Alton, Megan; 'Sleepy Hollow Homes Association'
Cc: Jonathan P. Briggs; Holley Briggs; 'SHHA Board'; Kathy Briggs ; Rice, Katie; Katie Rice
Subject: Sleepy Hollow Cell Service

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To County of Marin-

This note is in support of adding communication towers at San Domenico to provide improved cell service for our community. It is vital for the safety of our residents. I live with my wife at 140 Sleepy Hollow Drive and my son and his family live at 101 Legend Road. We would be attending the meeting if we were not at a family vacation in the Sierra gold country.

Don Briggs
202 South Street #13
Sausalito, CA 94965-2558
(415) 944-8754 (telephone)
(415) 730-5400 (cell phone)
dbriggsjr@yahoo.com
Hello,

My name is Alex Farnum. I’m a resident and a business owner in Sleepy Hollow, Marin. I am writing to express my strong support for cell service in Sleepy Hollow. The fact that it’s not possible to make a call especially in an emergency is scary to us as a family. When the power goes out (which it often does) we have no way at all to communicate with the outside world. No internet and no cell.

I know there is a hearing tomorrow on the matter and I’m unfortunately am out of town for work, so I am writing you now to pledge my support and approve a cell tower in Sleepy Hollow.

Thank you.

Alex

ALEX FARNUM
Photographer // Director
Cell: 415 806 9989

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IG: @afarnum
Dear Ms. Alton,

I write today as a resident of Sleepy Hollow expressing my support for the cell tower here to enable communication when power is out and wifi is unavailable. I am not able to attend the meeting tomorrow, August 4, in person so wanted to be sure that my opinion on this matter was known to the community, the Zoning Administration and the Board of Supervisors. We need this basic piece of infrastructure for the safety of all of our Sleepy Hollow residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Victoria Peet
731 Butterfield Road
San Anselmo, CA
415-990-7514
Dear Ms. Alton:

I write in support of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association in advance of the hearing tomorrow regarding Cell Service.

I am a resident of Sleepy Hollow, where I live with my husband and two young sons. For several months of the year, my elderly mother lives with us as well. She cannot drive, and when she is alone at our home, I worry about her ability to access important and, at times, critical resources due to the lack of reliable cell service. Moreover, there have been many times when I have to drive to the Brookside School parking lot in order to make an important phone call. I know I am not alone in this, as I see many of my neighbors in the same parking lot. The lack of cell service typically means visitors, including people making critical deliveries of food and medications, get lost and roam the neighborhood, often times distracted and creating a safety hazard. Finally, and most importantly, I like most of my neighbors, am concerned about the impact this situation will have when/if a fire threatens Sleepy Hollow.

Cell service in Sleepy Hollow is not a luxury, it's a necessity. I urge the County to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure our neighborhood receives everything it needs in order to ensure cell service for all. Thank you.

Sarah Leger
340 Stuyvesant Dr.
Dear Megan Alton,

Due to my continued employment I am unable to attend this critical meeting in support of installing improved cellular service to Sleepy Hollow. My wife and I support the plan and are grateful to San Domenico School, our neighbors, for their integral support and potential location of a cell tower facility.

Oct.26, 2020 there was a fatal house fire on Dutch Valley Lane. Ross Fire Dept. and neighbors could not reach emergency services due to total lack of cell services by any carrier and a power outage, a frequent occurrence in Sleepy Hollow. At the time of the fire and power outage, Marin County was undergoing rising COVID 19 cases. Simultaneously, AT&T analog phone service stopped due to poor emergency planning by the utility due to transitioning to non-centralized power distribution to analog services. We had no phone service, a fatal fire, power outage and COVID19.

My wife, Christine and I thank San Domenico School and Marin County efforts to bring cellular service to Sleepy Hollow.

Cheers,
Steve Paine
95 Garden Rock Rd.
San Anselmo, CA 94960
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stevepain@gmail.com
415-819-2149 Cell
Good morning, Megan,

My wife and I would like to voice our strong support for adding a cell tower at San Domenico to serve Sleepy Hollow.

This is a life safety issue! With most landline phone service requiring power now, in the frequent power outages we are left with now phone service. The cell tower would greatly help with this and is vitally necessary for the safety of the Sleepy Hollow community.

Thank you for listening and approving this addition, Chris and Maria Kimball
415-203-4904
941 Butterfield Road
San Anselmo
Hello -
This email is to express my desire to move forward with installing a cell tower in the sleepy hollow neighborhood. For both convenience and safety, it is a top priority for my family.

Thank you,
Betsy Gozzi
971 Butterfield Rd, San Anselmo
Hi

We are writing to support the cell tower proposed in Sleepy Hollow. This is of critical importance, both for safety and basic convenience. As you probably know, a woman died last year in a fire because she couldn't call 911.

Cheers,

Victor & Marie-Helene Yalom
84 Irving Drive
San Anselmo, CA 94960
(415) 956-2226
Dear Ms. Alton,

I have been informed that tomorrow, August 4, there will be a meeting to discuss the installation of a cell phone tower to bring desperately needed reliable cell phone service to Sleepy Hollow.

Health issues prevent my attendance at this VERY IMPORTANT meeting, but I STRONGLY PLEAD that is is approved. I have emailed you before in support and mentioned that I am 80 years old, and when cell phone service stops due to frequent power outages in Sleepy Hollow, particularly during fire season, I am panicked that my husband and I are stranded without access to help in medical emergencies.

So my absence at this meeting is not apathy; I HOPE THAT THIS VITAL NEED IS MET.

Thank you,
Marlene Knox
14 Martling Road
415-459-1427
San Anselmo (Sleepy Hollow)
Hello -

I am a ten year resident of Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, and I am aware that there is a Zoning Board meeting tomorrow August 4th to discuss the addition of a cell tower on the San Domenico School property. I cannot attend the meeting in person, but I would like to add my FULL support for this project. Cell service is extremely spotty in Sleepy Hollow, and like many others, I completely rely on my own wifi to make and receive cell calls. When the power (and internet) is out, we have no service and need to drive to get updates about the cause of the power loss. Given the drought and increasing fire risk in the neighborhood, having a cell tower with battery backup is needed to protect the health and safety of the residents of Sleepy Hollow. Please vote to allow the cell tower to be constructed and operated without further delay.

Sincerely,

Jodene Isaacs

508 Fawn Drive, S.A. 94960
Ms/Mrs Alton,

I wanted to attend tomorrow’s public hearing regarding the Cell Tower in Sleepy Hollow, however, I have prior family commitments that keep me from doing so. I wanted to extend another message to you in favor of my support of the project. I am a resident at 66 Fawn Dr and despite only being at this address for just under 2 years, I can attest to the need for this cell tower. Any infrastructure that can reduce emergency response and increase the ability to call out is a definite need. Whether it be a home emergency, trail emergency or god forbid a fire, any time savings to start emergency response could be the matter between life and death. I have yet to meet a neighbor who opposes this project.

I always try to look at things like this from both sides. I can understand and respect the positions of the opponents of the project but in this case, I feel that any increase to public safety and emergency response far outweighs and takes priority over any issue from the opposition.

Regardless of any stance, this project will benefit everyone if an emergency arises.

Thank you for your time on this matter and I am confident that you and the county will approve this project for safety of the Residents of Sleepy Hollow. Again, I apologize for not being present tomorrow to have my voice heard.

Respectfully
Scott Ghilotti
66 Fawn Drive,
San Anselmo, CA

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Scott Ghilotti
VP / Owner

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Hello Megan,

I am out of town otherwise would be attending the cell tower review mtg.
As a long term resident, it is essential for the community to have this tower. Clearly the emergency needs speak for themselves, especially with fire dangers everywhere. In addition, communication within family’s, and visitors is also essential these days.
Towers are everywhere else (worldwide) and no harm has been proven. The dangers of not having cell service far exceeds that of any potential unproven risk.

I urge you to support this effort on behalf of the community.

Thank you,
Jonathan Sonett
271 Fawn Dr.
Dear Ms. Alton,

I cannot attend tomorrow’s public hearing, but I wanted to share my opinion that Sleepy Hollow needs to have reliable wireless telecommunications.

Thank you,
Mat and Ana Johnson
49 Oak Knoll Dr.
San Anselmo
Hi Megan,

I am unable to attend tomorrow’s hearing on bringing cell service to Sleepy Hollow on such short notice but wanted to let you know we are 100% behind this initiative and happy to sign anything that brings this much needed service to Sleepy Hollow. There are already story poles at San Domenico and I had assumed this was a sign that things were moving forward in building a cell tower. I hope tomorrow is the last hurdle to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Matt Haligman
10 Ichabod Court
San Anselmo, CA 94960
(415) 350-4898

Sent from my iPhone
Hi Megan - unless there are any environmental or health hazards associated with putting in telecommunications in Sleepy Hollow - then I’m all for it as a resident - 145 De Burgh Dr.

Thank you, Jennifer Langfield/Evan Thrush
Dear Ms. Alton,

We have been Sleepy Hollow residents for almost 20 years and support the installation of a reliable wireless cell service. It is not only a necessary addition to the Hollow but in times of wildfire and emergencies, a life saving service. We implore you, the Zoning Administrator, and Board of Supervisors to make this vital change.

Thank you,
Lisa and Michael Imperiale
94 Legend Road
San Anselmo, Ca 94960
(415) 454-3365
Dear Ms. Alton,

I won’t be able to attend tomorrow’s public hearing, so I am emailing you instead to voice my support for the Verizon project in Sleepy Hollow to enhance cell service in the area.

Obviously there is the significant convenience factor for residents and visitors. But much more important is safety.

A good friend of mine was the first bystander to come across the fire on Dutch Valley Lane a few years ago. He was unable to get cell service and had to ask a stranger to drive to a higher elevation to call 911 as he tried to see if he could enter the house to help. Sadly he was unsuccessful. This was a stark reminder that in an emergency every minute counts.

Without adequate cell service anyone in Sleepy Hollow needing to report a fire or a medical emergency can lose critical, potentially life saving, time just trying to make a simple phone call.

Please approve this essential project.

Thank you,

Andy Popell

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andrew popell
andy@org.org
Alton, Megan

From: Erin Hill <eeschenroeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Alton, Megan
Subject: Support for cell service in Sleepy Hollow

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Hello Megan,
I am writing to express my support for cell service in Sleepy Hollow. I, along with my husband Eric Hill cannot attend tomorrow’s meeting in person as we are out of town.

We are in complete support of this project. We live on one of the many ridges that are high risk for fire. Last summer we saw from our street a fire burning in Lucas Valley. Fires have become all too common. The thought of not having the ability to warn our neighbors and dearest friends who live deeper in the valley is terrifying.

For me, this is the most important reason to establish wireless telecommunications in our neighborhood. People deserve to be warned and alerted when they are in danger. We should not be at the mercy of PG&E’s power shut offs.

Thank you for reading and considering our plea.

Best,
Erin & Eric Hill

Sent from my iPhone
I cannot make the in-person meeting but wanted to reach out in support of the cell tower for Sleepy Hollow. I view it as a critical safety issue to our community and we need this now more than ever as we approach another fire season.

Thank you,
Sandy Pfaff
265 Van Winkle Drive
Hello Megan,

I'm a resident of the Sleepy Hollow community in San Anselmo. Since I cannot make the public hearing tomorrow to discuss the proposed plan for bringing wireless telecommunication to our neighborhood, I wanted to do the next best thing and reach out to you directly to express my family's support for this project.

Although not having reliable cell phone service in Sleepy Hollow is an inconvenience, it is more a matter of public safety, especially for our most vulnerable neighbors. With fire season coming up, PGE often shuts off power in our neighborhood, sometimes for days at a time. Without cell phone service, this means no communication/internet access for our residents during these times, and I know this specifically played a part in loss of life in the neighborhood when a resident couldn't call 911 in an emergency during a power outage.

We are a strong, safe, and high tax paying community, and we are overdue to enter the 21st century of wireless telecommunications.

Thank you for your service to Marin.

Regards,
Mike Krilich
110 Van Winkle Dr.
San Anselmo, CA
Dear Megan Alton,

I’m reaching out to you to express my support for the Verizon cell phone tower in Sleepy Hollow. My wife and I are senior citizens and have lived in Sleepy Hollow for 32 years. The lack of communication services when the power goes out is a serious public health and safety issue and serious personal risk for us as residents. This problem has been ignored by Marin County and phone companies for far too long!

Furthermore, proposed project is a simple technological solution that will be well camouflaged in the community. The proposed location is clearly the best choice among the alternatives.

I strongly support approval of the proposed project.

Fred Lurmann
6 Crane Dr
San Anselmo, CA
415-203-6900 (cell)
To Megan Alton:
I am a homeowner, resident, and member of the Sleepy Hollow Home Association in San Anselmo. I will not be able to physically attend the public hearing TOMORROW, AUGUST 4, AT 10 A.M, in rooms 328/330 of the Civic Center Administration Building located at 3501 Civic Center Drive. However, I want to express my support for stronger cell service for these reasons:

- **Dangerous** - I am a parent of a 17-month-old daughter and primary caregiver to elderly relatives in Fairfax. It is deeply concerning when our cell phones are inoperable due to poor service and I cannot reach the necessary services or family members in case of an emergency. In one instance, I was unable to contact our pediatrician via phone when my daughter needed medical assistance causing a lot of anxiety and confusion. I had to physically drive to Butterfield to get cell reception to make the call.

- **Livelihood** - Both my husband and I work from home 100% of the time. The lack of reliable cell phone service is not only dangerous but may impact our livelihood if it was unavailable. On another occasion, a tree fell on the cell phone towers last spring and our neighborhood lost cell service for over a week. It validated how crucial reliable cell service was to our careers and ability to work.

Our cell phones are our primary telecommunication because we do not have a landline. We have tried to look for alternative cell options to ensure access continuity. PG&E informed us that our access issue would not be improved with a landline because the lines now run on the same cellular network.

Thank you.
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Jaclyn Ziccardi
340 Fawn Drive
San Anselmo, CA 949460
Hello - unfortunately I can’t attend the hearing tomorrow but this is a matter of life and death - especially for those of us who are extremely wildfire exposed (we live on 4 acres at the very end of butterfield adjacent to open space). Not having cell signal means we can’t call for emergency assistance during power outages which are a persistent challenge in CA. This existential danger far outweighs opposing views on the subject.

Thanks for your consideration.

Stephanie Schrandt Boone
226 Van Tassel Ct
San Anselmo, CA 94960
From: Charles Leone <charlesaleone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 10:38 AM
To: Alton, Megan
Subject: We support the installation of cell service

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Chuck and Liz Leone
35 Tarry Rd

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Megan,

I just want to send a short note to say that I support cell phone coverage for Sleepy Hollow. This is critical infrastructure that is needed and is supported by the majority of residents. I reside in Fairfax, but we use the Sleepy Hollow pool for swim lessons and my kids go to school at Brookside on Butterfield Rd.

Thank you for the consideration of my comments.

Best,
Ashley

Sent from the iPhone of Ashley Eagle-Gibbs
This letter is to support the proposed Verizon cell phone tower at San Dominico that will provide cell phone service in the Hollow. At this time, cell service is spotty at best in the Hollow, and is worse to nonexistent in times of electrical outages, giving us no coverage in times of potential emergencies. Electrical outages can also affect our land line services. The proposed Cell tower would resolve this problem. As a result, we strongly support the proposal for a cell phone tower that will provide coverage to the Sleepy Hollow area.

Sincerely,

Peter and Marie Behr
320 Hidden Valley Lane
San Anselmo, Ca 94960
415-453-4321
Totally in support of the tower in the sleepy Hollow area.
Alex & Lucinda Thomas

Sent from my iPhone
Hello Megan,

I wanted express my opinion that my family is opposed to bringing 5G cell service to Sleepy Hollow.

We live at 115 Tarry Road in Sleepy Hollow. I just received an e-mail from the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association which gives the impression almost every resident supports getting 5G. While I assume that the statistic of survey respondents is accurately cited, I wanted to make sure you knew that there are definitely families who do not support this.

My wife and I absolutely love the fact that cell service is weak in our area. We are not happy about the potential and untested health effects of 5G in particular, and have no desire to bring it closer to where we live and sleep.

Sadly, I cannot be at the meeting tomorrow as we are visiting family in Prague.

Warm regards,
Wallace Mann
Hello

As a resident of Sleepy Hollow we support our neighbors and Marin County to install a modern day cell service. This service is available throughout Marin County but not in Sleepy Hollow. We are both over 70 years in age and we understand the benefit of quality cell service. Specifically when it's an urgent need like fire - sickness & life threatening issues. We look forward to a favorable solution sooner than later and we thank you for supporting this life saving support.

Best Regards

Dennis & Elaine Crow

215 Van Winkle Dr

Sleepy Hollow - San Anselmo, Ca 94960

415-925-1191
Alton, Megan

From: Stephen P. McGee <spm@lospm.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 11:56 AM  
To: Alton, Megan  
Subject: San Domenico Wireless Facility

Dear Ms. Malton:

Literally being a lifetime resident of Sleepy Hollow (living here for all but about 7 of my 69 years) I can attest to the communication channels, particularly those associated with emergency services, that have existed in Sleepy Hollow during those years. Over the course of those years, we experienced many fires, either immediately adjacent to our residence or in the Sleepy Hollow Valley. We also had numerous other emergency situations which, during the early times, were not immediately responded to with the level of EMT and ambulance service currently available. I cannot recall a single instance when we could not pick up the phone and immediately make contact with the fire department or emergency services. All that changed with the technology upgrades in communication systems and, as is well known, communications with the fire department were, for all practical purposes, impossible at the time of the fatal October 2020 fire. Unfortunately, as technology has advanced, emergency communications have gone back to levels worse than ever experienced from 1955 through 2019.

The approval of the application for the San Domenico cell tower is a life safety matter. Cell phone communications in Sleepy Hollow are spotty at best in certain locations and when there are power outages coverage is nonexistent until someone travels within about a quarter-mile of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. In this day and age, this level of technological abandonment and isolation is unacceptable.

A cell tower on the sand medical property will benefit many individuals in the Sleepy Hollow valley. The extent of that benefit – the people actually able to access the tower due to geographical constraints – has yet to be established but any improvement over what currently does not exist is a positive step forward.

Please approve the cell tower application. Please expedite the entire process as it is very frightening to be entering yet another fire season where one needs to be concerned with not only a potential fire disaster, but the inability to communicate immediately before, during or after such an event.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt action.

STEPHEN P. McGEE

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Dear Sir/Madam: This email is to lend my support to the approval of the cell tower for the community of Sleepy Hollow. Due to health concerns I am unable to attend the meeting personally.

I have been a resident of Sleepy Hollow since 1973. For years we had reliable telephone service with our hard wired land lines. In the past few years however that reliability has been diminished by the telephone company switching hard wired lines to voice over internet protocol lines that do not operate during a power outage. There has been great progress made in the last couple of years by the telephone company to ensure that those formerly hard wired lines do function properly during a power outage. Unfortunately nothing was done about this until an elderly resident lost her life in a house fire during a power outage due to the telephone company not having sufficient back up for their phone lines and the fact that there are no cell towers that Sleepy Hollow residents can utilize. To say that contacting emergency services to save that woman's life was challenging would be an exaggeration. There simply was no telephone service, period.

The homeowners on the West side of Butterfield Road experience a significant number of power outages as compared to the residents East of Butterfield Road because our power evidently comes from the Woodacre Substation or perhaps some other source. In the last 4 to 5 weeks we have experienced 4 or 5 power outages. While they usually only last a few hours, it only takes a wildfire a couple of minutes to engulf and destroy a neighborhood and everything in it. My understanding is that PG&E is well aware of our unreliable power situation and are working to correct the problem.

The ability to leave Sleepy Hollow during an emergency such as fire is challenging. We have only one road to rely on for entry and exit. The sooner an alarm can be sounded, the sooner Sleepy Hollow residents can act to protect themselves.

It is imperative that the residents of Sleepy Hollow have access to reliable telephone service and I respectfully ask that the county approve its application for a cell tower.

Thank you,

Ardith M. Osborn
62 Estates Drive
San Anselmo, CA  94960
415-456-6613
Megan
As a resident of upper Sleepy Hollow I fully endorse the need for cell service in our neighborhood. If there is an emergency in our, fire, flooding, we will lose service if we lose power to our Verizon cell phone wifi calling. We need to be connected to the emergency notification system. Please vote in favor of this important infrastructure improvement.
Thanks
Kim Marks
1341 Butterfield Road
San Anselmo, Ca.
94960
Hello -

I wanted to let you know that I support the cell tower in Sleepy Hollow.

Thank you,

Eric Riemer
991 Butterfield Rd

Sent from my iPhone
I will be out of town Aug. 4 and can not attend the hearing to consider the desperately needed tower to provide cell coverage for Sleepy Hollow. Please add my name to the long list of senior citizens in Sleepy Hollow who are currently exposed to complete inability to communicate with health and safety officials in the event of a power outage. We need cell phone service and this is the culmination of a long effort to develop a project that will provide it.

Steve Knox
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Megan Alton

In regard to the critical piece of safety infrastructure. The people of Sleepy Hollow are in great need of the cell tower. Since most of us no longer have a land line when we lose power, it is imperative that we have a way to communicate with the world at large. Many of us are elderly and it seems everyone is suppose to use cell phones, wether we like it or not. My husband and I support the cell tower 100%.

Sincerely,
Ed & Mary Ellen Majoulet