



January 29, 2016

RE: Verizon cell phone tower proposed for University and Ash

At the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of The Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association, held Monday evening, January 25, attendees voted unanimously to submit a detailed letter outlining our position regarding the proposed location for a new Verizon cell tower at University and Ash.

It is to be noted that none of the attendees (or other vocal neighbors) expressed support for the tower's proposed location and an extended discussion surfaced strong objections with willingness to vigorously object unless the following concessions are granted by Verizon to mitigate damages to our neighborhood.

1. First and most importantly the antenna array must be fully concealed and the entire pole and antenna array must not appear as a cell phone tower to the common observer. It should not resemble a cell tower. Options for concealment were discussed, and those found to be acceptable are as follows, in order of desirability:
  - a. Solicit and support a design by a local artist (we propose Troy Neiman - <https://troyneiman.wordpress.com/>) to fully conceal the antenna array and ideally integrate the art into the pole as well. The artist must be given flexibility in their design, but the artist will work with Verizon to ensure the design is feasible.
  - b. Design a smaller streamlined version of an historic water tower similar in design to Tucson's own El Conquistador Water Tower (<http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM8PFV>). A historic design would be appropriate in our historical neighborhood.
  - c. Select or design another type of water tower structure, to be agreed upon by the neighborhood.
  - d. Other acceptable and creative concealment ideas were to hide the antenna array inside a train car/caboose, laying on its side; an interesting historic automobile (it is an auto parts store after all) – either a real one or artistic rendering.
2. Outside the base of the walled structure must include a buffer for planting vegetation that is, at a minimum, the size of a standard car parking spot on the

north and half that width on the west. To accommodate this, the gate will need to be moved to the east side of the footprint and made into a sliding gate so as to not block Ash Alley (or move the gate to the south side).

- a. Remove the asphalt from the dedicated landscaping spaces; soil to be exposed and removed to a depth of 1-2 feet.
- b. Verizon will provide the neighborhood \$5000 to fully implement the digging, purchasing of plants, planting, and ongoing maintenance of the landscaping.

Sincerely,

The Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association

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Sky Jacobs  
President, Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association