

Comments on Proposed Verizon 31-foot Celltower at 997 Humboldt St.

On Friday, May 12, 2017, Verizon published the following public notice in *The Denver Post*:

"Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon) are proposing to build a New 31-foot Monopole Communications Tower near 997 Humboldt Street, Denver, Denver County, CO 80218. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Jackson Mueller, Wireless Projects, Environmental Resources Management, 3200 Windy Hill Road SE, Suite 1500W, Atlanta, GA 30339, email: vzwnepa@erm.com, tele #: 1-678-486-2700."

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017, the board of directors for FANS for Cheesman Park sent the following comments to Mr. Mueller. We encourage you to submit your own comments to Mr. Mueller and Verizon regarding this project:

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Mr. Mueller,

I am vice president of Friends and Neighbors for Cheesman Park, a Registered Neighborhood Organization with the City and County of Denver. I am responding to the public notice published in The Denver Post on Friday, May 12, 2017, regarding your proposal to build a new 31-foot monopole communications tower near 997 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80218. Public comments are requested regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties, with comments due within 30 days of the publication date. I have the following comments:

1. The address 997 Humboldt is not the physical address on any nearby building, making it impossible to know the exact location of this monopole. I assume that 997 Humboldt would be at the northeast corner of 10th Avenue and Humboldt Street.

2. The City and County of Denver designated the two-block section of Humboldt Street from 10th to 12th Avenues as a historic landmark district on November 21, 1975, commemorating its significance in Denver's history and the architectural importance of residences that line this street and were, and continue to be, inhabited by many of Denver's notable families. The apparent proposed location of the monopole abuts the southern edge of

this historic district, thus becoming a new and unacceptable visual intrusion on the historic district and the neighborhood at large. Also, this location would be catercorner from the Stoiber-Reed-Humphreys Mansion at 1022 Humboldt, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

3. The Denver Department of Public Works requested public comments on the proposal by Verizon to erect eight such monopoles throughout the historic Cheesman Park neighborhood, with comments due by May 2, 2017. Friends and Neighbors for Cheesman Park responded to that request and denied approval. Verizon is required to address those review comments. The comments I submitted have not yet been addressed by Verizon. Furthermore, the city has not granted permission to Verizon or any of its subsidiaries to erect 31-foot monopoles anywhere in the Cheesman Park area. So why did Verizon publish on May 12, 2017, a public notice about erecting such a pole at 997 Humboldt without a construction permit from the city?

4. I strenuously object to the use of public rights-of-way for nonpublic uses, especially when that use is to the sole benefit of a private, commercial communications company. If other wireless communication companies were to make similar requests, then this historic neighborhood could suddenly be inundated with a forest of unattractive 31-foot poles, adding to the visual clutter of streetscapes dotted already with utility poles.

5. If Verizon is able to make a compelling case for enhancing its wireless signals within a densely urban area, then there are adjacent utility poles that could be used in lieu of erecting new communications towers, and Xcel Energy has approved such uses.

6. I strongly urge you to contact Xcel Energy to co-locate any additional equipment or antennae on existing utility poles.

Sincerely,

Greg Sorensen
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Friends and Neighbors for Cheesman Park