

Verizon Proposes 30-Foot Cell Towers near Cheesman Park

FANS for Cheesman Park was just informed this week that Verizon Wireless proposes 8 freestanding, 30-foot cellular antenna poles and fiber conduits, electric facilities, and associated equipment at the following addressable locations:

1. Cheesman SC 01 - 1043 E 14th Ave; 30' 3" pole
2. Cheesman SC 02 - 1381 E 14th Ave; 30' 3" pole
3. Cheesman SC 03 - 1182 E 13th Ave; 30' 3" pole
4. Cheesman SC 04 - 1270 N Lafayette St; 30' 3" pole
5. Cheesman SC 05 - 1232 N Humboldt St; 30' 3" pole
6. Cheesman SC 07 - 1299 E 12th Ave; 30' 3" pole
7. Cheesman SC 08 - 1362 E 9th Ave; 30' 3" pole
8. Cheesman SC 09 - 997 N Humboldt St; 30' 3" pole

FANS Statement in Opposition

On May 2, 2017, the board of FANS for Cheesman Park submitted the following statement to the City and County of Denver in opposition to this project:

1. Friends and Neighbors for Cheesman Park is a Registered Neighborhood Organization with the City and County of Denver. At no time was our RNO notified of this potential project.
2. The encroachment application for Group 10 was submitted to the City and County of Denver on March 8, 2017; the state law approving such uses of public rights-of-way was not enacted until April 17, 2017. Therefore, the application should be reviewed under Denver's permit procedures, not the state's.
3. None of the addresses in this application physically exists as a number on an adjacent building. This is highly misleading to the public. While degrees of latitude and longitude are given for each site, it is extremely difficult for citizens to locate the sites of the planned towers. At the very least the application needs to be resubmitted with correct physical addresses, and all adjacent property owners must be notified.
4. A 30-foot cellphone tower is equivalent to a three-story building. The eight proposed sites in this application are all within a residential neighborhood, and they will adversely affect property values, as well as the peace and well-being of nearby residents.
5. A highly reasonable and desirable option would be to co-locate these sites on existing utility poles. There is a utility pole within 100 or 200 feet of each "address" listed in the application.

6. While the towers are only 3 inches in diameter, a proliferation of such towers by Verizon and potentially other companies would create an unwelcome “urban” forest of towers along public rights-of-way, intruding on the rights of citizens to enjoy their surroundings.
7. Are there any health hazards associated with cellphone towers?
8. We urge the city to put a courtesy hold on this permit until options to co-locate with Xcel Energy have been fully explored.