

Anne Hersch

To: Jeff Bond
Subject: RE: Update on AT&T cell phone coverage for Albany ?

From: davidsanger@gmail.com [<mailto:davidsanger@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** David Sanger
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Jeff Bond
Cc: albanychamber@albanychamber.org
Subject: Update on AT&T cell phone coverage for Albany ?

Hello Jeff.

Could you please give me an update on any AT&T wireless applications that are underway in the Albany area, when or whether they might be approved and when they might be operational.

At the recent Solano Stroll, which is very important to Albany and North Berkley merchants, there was almost no coverage for AT&T customers because of lack of service.

Thanks

David Sanger

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Ms. Anne Hersch
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Re: ATT Transmitter

Dear Ms. Hersch:

This letter is in support of ATT's application for a transmitter in the City of Albany, which I understand is up for consideration at the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting. This is a city that has billed itself as business-friendly, but one of the most difficult aspects of trying to do business in Albany is the almost total lack of cell phone coverage. I have dropped more calls than I can possibly recount, and reception when I do have a connection is typically very poor. Most frustratingly, I cannot even retrieve my cell phone messages on a regular basis. There are actually times when I have had to get in my car and drive to the freeway, or to Berkeley in order to get my messages.

It is my hope that the city acts as quickly as possible to rectify this horrible situation.

Sincerely,

Howard McNenny, AIA

Anne Hersch

From: Jeff Bond
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 1:52 PM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: FW: 1035 San Pablo and other cell antenna issues

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nan Wishner - Undoing Yoga [<mailto:nan@undoingyoga.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 1:31 PM
To: Jeff Bond
Subject: 1035 San Pablo and other cell antenna issues

Hi Jeff
Happy new year!

I just heard from a resident of the neighborhood that there is a P&Z study session on Jan 10 re a new design for AT&T antennas at 1035 San Pablo. Is the design available electronically yet, and can you tell me the high points of how it differs from the last ones?

Have we ever gotten an independent analysis (vs the one RMC - not sure i have the initials right - did where they just followed the AT&T engineer around and did not question any of the engineer's assumptions) showing that AT&T really cannot provide the required coverage from CMX, given that 1035 SP is in the last-choice district for antennas in the city?

Id like to circle back with you about the idea of establishing one or more municipal or preferred antenna sites in the city where carriers are given some kind of incentive to go, before we go down the road of fighting over 1035 SPA again, as well as the other two applications that you said in the Patch article a few weeks ago are in the hopper. Has there been any further consideration given to the idea of establishing such a preferred site or sites and if not what can ARROW do to help move that discussion along?

Warm wishes,
Nan

Anne Hersch

From: Jeff Bond
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 3:40 PM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: FW: AT&T Tower

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Leavitt [<mailto:doublesquids@mac.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 2:48 PM
To: Jeff Bond
Subject: AT&T Tower

I heard from a fellow Albany resident that erection of a cellphone tower in Albany has been blocked by a bunch of Luddite NIMBYs. I hope it's not true.

Meanwhile my Albany AT&T voice service in the flats is terrible. I would expect better service in Timbuktu!

Can you explain what is going on?

Sent from my iPhone

Anne Hersch

From: Jeff Bond
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 11:33 AM
To: Anne Hersch
Subject: FW: Agenda Item For Jan 10 P&Z Meeting - Cellular Study

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard Knapp [mailto:bernardknapp@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 11:00 AM
To: Jeff Bond
Subject: Agenda Item For Jan 10 P&Z Meeting - Cellular Study

Hello Mr. Bond,

I'm writing to express my support for any measure that would improve ATT cellular service in Albany. It seems from the poll on the Patch and my personal experience that ATT service in our city is execrable. I'd support any reasonable development that would improve service, and I would like the P&Z commission to take this problem very seriously, and not allow its deliberations to be influenced by the volume level from a few of our residents who irrationally fear electromagnetic radiation from cell towers will give them cancer, and for that reason will oppose any improvement in cell service by any means they can find. In this as in other areas in City politics, it is time for our city officials to stop taking their directions from the few and dedicated who are idle enough or motivated enough to show up for interminable meetings to vociferously air their minority views, and begin to pay a little attention to what will benefit the majority of our residents. A quick review of the comments on this issue in the Albany Patch will confirm how many of us are hoping the Commission will take the need to improve cell service in Albany seriously.

Please convey these thoughts to the commissioners, if, as I expect, I am unable to personally attend the meeting on January 10.

Thanks,

Bernard Knapp