

This letter was emailed to the Board of Directors on 1/8/2025:
Dear CB South Board of Directors, Derek, and Tee,

First I want to thank you for your, often thankless, commitment to our community.

Recently I was made aware of the proposition of two cell towers to be located in Red Mountain Park. After listening to the October 9 Zoom meeting and concurrent board meetings, I was surprised when the words “membership” and “transparency” were often brought up yet after three monthly newsletters the membership has yet to be directly informed of this proposition. Unless you are a regular meeting attendee or minute reviewer, you likely wouldn’t know that this was on the table. I don’t consider that membership transparency.

Considering that my home is within 300’ of the proposed towers I am especially surprised I was not personally informed sooner. I trust you, the elected Board of Directors, to keep the best interests of all community members in mind. For example, when someone wants to hold an event in the park with amplified sound, you request they notify homeowners within a certain setback of said event. Therefore, I feel a bit blindsided by the decision not to inform the membership sooner. This decision has only one positive outcome, better cell service for CB South. But the potential negative outcomes range from a few to unknown.

Red Mountain park is one of only a few public green spaces in CB south. A place where children and adults spend many hours a day, a place where children and adults are expected to congregate. I have yet to find conclusive evidence that living or playing under or next to a cell tower is a safe choice.

Red Mountain Park is a small space, a space dedicated to having amenities to serve our community. Amenities that fit within our design review committee’s guidelines. Do 50’ cell towers and a 6’ x 20’ base fit into our community guidelines for open public space? Is this an amenity that should be taking up space in our park? How will the addition of the cell towers and the space they take up affect the proposed reconstruction of the park? I understand the tower will need to be fenced off for safety, will it also require lighting? If so, how will that lighting affect neighbors, will we be looking at a 50’ tall nightlight?

I’m not often one to concern myself with property values as I haven’t considered moving for quite a long time. But I question, who is going to buy a house within 300’ of two 50’ tall cell towers at market value? I certainly believe I would think twice before purchasing my own house had those cell towers been there in 2007.

I would like the board to thoroughly consider the location of this tower and be sure to exhaust all other avenues before inserting it in our public park. What other property does CB South have? Perhaps the water tower or metro district has a roof or space available? I have also been told by a GCEA Employee that the Electric Association has had a work order to put a service booster on the highway for over a year but has yet to receive the equipment. Is this something that has been discussed with them?

Thank you for taking the thoughts of my family and our community into consideration. When it comes to community it’s important to weigh both the positive and negative effects of all our decisions.

Respectfully,
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