

Remarks made by:

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City Council Nov. 17, 2010

Two enclosures:

sample flyer

~~sample petition~~

Distinguished members of the City Council and Mayor Adams:

I'm neither a scientist nor an attorney. I've just lived in Portland all my life with a certain set of expectations about my city government. I believe that there exists a covenant between civilized people that certain activities appropriate in ONE area are not necessarily appropriate in another. Clearwire, a company not even registered as a utility in Oregon, a company that has just told the SEC they are going broke, apparently has the right to strap panel and microwave antennas onto utility poles in residential zones without the permission of people living nearby. I guarantee most Portlanders do not know that...yet.

When Clearwire announced plans in early September to target a pole at 3924 SE Ogden they didn't seem to care that the installation was only 20 feet from a classic old Portland home, and near a Montessori pre-school. At a second public meeting Clearwire was forced to hold, when proper notification was not given the first time, the residents of Woodstock and Eastmoreland were asked to pick a better site. We refused. Clearwire chose for us. This time, the winning site is not ^{QUITE} as close to private homes, but still close to the Montessori pre-school and Holy Family Grade School. Clearwire is torturing the residents of Woodstock and Eastmoreland by moving the pole back and forth across 39th. The company will submit an application Dec. 2nd. IT IS WITH THE GREATEST DEGREE OF URGENCY that we request our city officials to declare a 6-month MORATORIUM on all Priority 4 utility pole installations until this madness can be brought under control.

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We are also asking you to charge a lot more than the one-time \$2,000 fee for Priority 4 sitings....and dedicate that money to funding an INDEPENDENT RF ENGINEER to verify tower signal-strength claims, and to interpret the contour maps Clearwire uses to point out "coverage gaps." Woodstock and Eastmoreland residents have been given Bogus maps that were quite different from Clearwire's website.

Does an 8-block area without indoor 4G coverage qualify as a ^{Coverage} GAP? Woodstock and Eastmoreland residents say "WE DON'T THINK SO!"

In addition, our research into legal websites suggests city officials DO HAVE THE RIGHT to ask Clearwire to disclose ALL of their project sites and interconnections so we don't have to keep fighting these people one pole at a time.

Clearwire says putting wireless antennas in the Public Right of Way is in response to PUBLIC DEMAND. Based on what I've been hearing at neighborhood meetings on both sides of the river, the PUBLIC IS DEMANDING THE CITY DO SOMETHING ABOUT CLEARWIRE.

We need a moratorium. Thank you.

Protect our health.

Protect our property
values.

Protect our neighborhoods.

No Cell Towers Near Schools and Homes!

Eastmoreland and Woodstock residents are fighting a proposed Clearwire cell tower installation on a utility pole on the public right-of-way, currently at SE Knapp/39th at Vu's Car Care, across the street from both Holy Family School and a new Montessori preschool at Holy Trinity church.

A utility pole in front of your home can be proposed for a cell tower, and Clearwire (aka Clear) wants towers every 8 to 12 blocks!

A loophole in the city code allows Clear to install cellular antennas on any utility pole they choose in a public right-of-way, regardless of the objections of homeowners and schools. We are gathering signatures of residents who protest the bullying tactics of Clearwire by refusing to be Clear customers. Please voice your concerns on this issue and SIGN THE PETITION at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/noclearwiretower/> or visit www.NoClearwireTower.com

Clear already has coverage in this area. The issue is NOT service, but is the 4G (WiMAX) feature, which provides seamless mobility so that, for example, television can be viewed in a moving car without interference. **FOR THIS CLEAR INTENDS TO BUILD CELL TOWERS NEXT TO HOMES AND SCHOOLS.**

Cell towers do not belong near schools and homes because they:

- constantly emit radio-frequency (RF) radiation that is linked to cancer, DNA damage, insomnia, memory loss, ADHD, and more, with young children being particularly susceptible to the effects
- are ugly and noisy
- significantly lower property values for nearby residences

For more information please visit www.NoClearwireTower.com

Neighborhood contact: Elise Christman – 503-777-2124, theotherken@comcast.net

City contact: City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, amanda@portlandoregon.gov

Clearwire consultant: Steven W. Topp – 503-708-7337, sw.topp@comcast.net

Parsons, Susan

From: Kimberly Koehler [kimberlyoregon@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 3:44 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Re: Speaking at City Council - alternate date 11/17

Yes, I will confirm as well for November 17th. Thank you for letting us know about the earlier time. Kimberly

On Nov 8, 2010, at 2:42 PM, Parsons, Susan wrote:

Kimberly,
Please send your confirmation as well.
Thanks!

Sue Parsons
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From: Alison Gavine [<mailto:alison@experiencedynamics.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 2:40 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Cc: 'Kim Koehler'
Subject: RE: Speaking at City Council - alternate date 11/17

Lovely....we'll take it! Thanks so much Sue!

Alison

From: Parsons, Susan [<mailto:Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 2:21 PM
To: 'alison@experiencedynamics.com'; 'Kimberly Koehler'
Subject: Speaking at City Council - alternate date 11/17

Alison and Kimberly,
November 17th has just opened up. Would you like to reschedule?
Otherwise, I have you both confirmed for Dec 1st.

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Request of Kimberly Koehler to address Council regarding the urgency of cell tower regulation in Portland (Communication)

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