

## Communications Tower Q & A after our last PPCC Meeting on Jan. 17th at Lafayette

Here are the questions that I recall after the meeting:

Why wasn't other site considered (Port Authority site mentioned) esp if funding was available?- this also came up during Joe's presentation. Joe said too expensive to move was major factor. Needed to be able to lay tower down so size and clear space of area is a factor

When we started this project we spent a lot of time discussing options and short of hiring an engineering firm to do a full blown study which would have been very expensive we came to the conclusion that it would be best to leave it where it was. There are a lot of things to consider. Laydown area if it should fall over, line of sight to the many other towers in our system. The fact that if we move any closer to the hillside we would have problems with shadowing in the hillside, If we move farther out we ran into issues with the airport. We even talked about putting it in the harbor on pillars but that would be way too expensive and a maintenance nightmare. This project is a \$200,000 dollar project and to move it could easily triple that amount.

Since firehall gone, is tower there necessary on that site?

The fire hall was originally the radio building so the power and data lines run through the building. Ever since it has been converted to a fire hall there has been no relationship between the two other than the power and the data running through the building. So the fire hall being gone has no bearing on if the tower is needed at this site or not.

Is it moving because firehall sold ? It is only moving a couple feet so we can build the new one while the old one is still in service. We are replacing it because of its age and that it is at max capacity.

Residents worried about light on tower for birds. I told them I recall no lights or guy wires. Right?

Does the tower make noise or hum?

Does it emit harmful waves ?

There is no light. It does not hum or emit harmful waves.No guy wires.

We will just be moving the antennas from the old tower to the new one. Nothing changes.

A resident living in front of the tower was wondering why all residents within the project weren't notified. No one in the area had received a notice. **Was the process for this project somehow different?**

When we met with planning we were informed that we would be exempt from the special use permit being it was a public tower not private like ATT or Sprint. Now it is nothing more than a simple construction project. That is why it is not listed as a special use permit on planning's website.

Tari and the engineering firm we are working with came to one of you community club meetings to inform everyone as to what was going on. Not the same as what would be required in a special use permit but we are trying to be as transparent as possible. Tari also spent time on the phone with residents answering additional questions.

