

Reformed Church in America
Classis of the Southwest Leadership Team

Minutes of Leadership Team Meetings by e-mail on January 21, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT BY e-mail: Rev. Dr. Jim Poit, Rev. Dr. Randy Wieland, Rev. Gary Jarvis, Rev. Dr. Ted Vandeberg, Rev. Dr. Susan Hetrick, Pastor Richard Caballero, and Lynn Fischer.

Request for approval to proceed:

Background information:

Verizon has indicated an interest in erecting a cell-phone tower on the church property. Discussion revealed that a cell tower will almost certainly be erected either on the church property, or immediately adjacent to the property on a City of Scottsdale-easement area. In addition to the tower, a building to house electronic equipment will be required; the location of the building must be near—but not necessarily adjacent to—the tower structure.

Three possible locations for the tower are:

- A. On the Hayden-Sweetwater corner (easement area). Artificial palm tree construction.
- B. At the southeast corner of the church's property (easement area). Artificial palm tree construction.
- C. Within the church's existing tower (steeple). This tower would need to be built upward by about 30 feet from its present height.

The Board recognized that locations A and B both entail a rent-splitting arrangement with the City of Scottsdale, and that locations A and B would also detract visually from the worship character of the property. Thus, location C is preferred.

The supporting building will be located somewhere on the property, perhaps immediately west of the storage building. However, it may be possible to locate this electronic equipment within the existing church tower (steeple).

The Board reached a consensus that it would sign a contract with Verizon for erection of the cell tower within the church's tower (steeple) and a supporting structure, that it would inform Freedom Church of this decision, and that it would invite Freedom Church to join in a discussion of the location of the location of the (separate, if necessary) supporting structure. Lynn Fischer will deal with Verizon on this matter.

Recommendation: The placement of the Cell antenna in the cross tower be approved.

The recommendation was approved by e-mail vote 2014/06

Respectfully submitted

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