



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB Date: June 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2021

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mike Riley, Director of Parks *Mike Riley*

FROM: Jim Poore, Chief, Facilities Management Division
Michelle Grace, Assistant Division Chief, Facilities Management Division

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve new Sligo Creek Golf Course radio tower lease for Renovacion Media Group Corp.

BACKGROUND:

AC Acquisitions, LLC (“AC”), owner of WACA-AM radio station (the “**Station**”) and current leaseholder of a radio tower lease at Sligo Creek Golf Course, located at 9701 Sligo Creek Parkway, Silver Spring, Maryland, has sold its assets (including the Station) to Renovacion Media Group Corp (“**RMG**”). AC’s Federal Communications Commission (“**FCC**”) License has also been approved by the FCC for transfer to RMG. As a result of these transactions, RMG is seeking to continue the operations of the Station under a new lease agreement with the Commission upon AC’s termination of their lease with the Commission for the same operation. As AC acquired this lease on January 5, 2001 (via an assignment of lease), AC’s lease has now been in effect for 20+ years, and therefore, the lease now requires the approvals of the Planning Board and Montgomery County Council to continue pursuant to Maryland Code, Ann., Land Use Article, §17-204(a)(2)(i), which requires that any lease of park land in excess of 20 years be approved by Montgomery County Council.

As per RMG, the corporation was incorporated in December 2018 by its principal, Father Roberto Cortes-Campos, for the purpose of operating the Station under an agreement with AC. RMG has operated the Station since January 2019. The format of the station is a Spanish language talk-news-magazine style format, which strives to promote values such as justice,

solidarity, participation, education and generosity within the Latino community. The Commission has reviewed RMG's financials and qualifications of its principals as it relates to their ability to successfully operate the Station and desires to move forward in granting a radio tower lease to RMG.

The Department of Parks is seeking Planning Board approval to enter into a new 5-year radio tower lease (including three 5-year renewal terms) with RMG pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the attached lease and recommends the Planning Board's approval of this lease subject to County Council's approval of the same via legislative enactment.

Attachments:

Radio Tower Lease Agreement - Renovacion Media Group Corp.


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