Petition Zoning Re-Classification Page 13.

I or we C. ALBERT & THELMA D. PRICE, legal owner. . of the property situation

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Address 3613 Croydon Road, Baltimore 7, Md.

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property and public hearing on the above petition man dereverset, due to the grade of liberty Road at the site of the proposed center and being opposite an existing shopping center, a center as proposed would increase the traffic hazard on this very heavily travelled highway; also the the report opinion of the Court of Appeals that since this area is being studied by the Baltimore County Planning Board and an area as great as this should be studied by the Planning Board with recommendations made for the new Land Use

the above re-classification should NOT be had: It Is Ordered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 1574 day of September 19.55., that the above petition be 2nd the same is hereby denied and that the above described property or area be and the same is hereby continued as and to remain a.n. "R-6". residence

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County Commissioners of Baltimore County

ALAN M. COMEN, JR., SARAH ELIZABETH FREEMAN, AM ANNA L. ARENDT,

CHARLES H. DOING, DANIEL W. HUBERS, and CARL F. VOHDEN, being constituting the Board of Z.

THELMA D. PRICE

MR. CLERK

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Thelms D. Price, Intervenor, to the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Please note an appeal in the above entitled case, on behalf of

Kenneth C. Proctor

James D. C. Downes

Attorneys for Thelma D. Price, Interveror

CIRCUIT COURT FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 1622 Misc. Docket #6

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October 20, 1955

MECHINED of Kenneth C. Proctor, Attorney for C. Albert Frice, petitioner, the sun of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, being cost of appeal to the loard of Zoning Appeals from the decision of the loning Commissioner rendered in the matter of reclassification of property on north sid of Liberty Road, 335 feet west of Campfield Road, 2nd District.

Zoning Counts similar



August 24, 1955

RECEIVED of Kenneth C. Proctor, Attorney for C. Albert Price and Thelma D. Price, petitioners, the sur of (83.00) Fifty Dellars, being cost of retition for Recl. sification, advertising and posting property, beginning normerly side of Liberty Road and westerly edge of Osymns Falls, 2nd District of Baltimore County.

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

HEART NO. Wednesday, Sectionber 14, 1955 at 1:00 p.m. Reckord Building Towson, Maryland



July 27, 1956

RECEIVED of Smith & Servison, Attorneys, the sum of Seven (\$7.00) Dollars, being cost of certified copy of papers filed in the matter of reclassification of property of C. Albert Price, and wife, morth side of Liberty Road, 2nd District

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September 1, 1955

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SUBJECT: Zoning Petition 3616

If this reclassification be granted it is recommended that the flood plain be exluded and remain as presently zoned. Also only the useable portion, which consists of about 600 feet of frontage, should be considered for reclassification.

Any approval granted in this case should be subject to approval of the Planning Board and the Department of Engineering of Bultimore County.

JOINT ZONTHO COMPLETES

REPORT ON PETITION # 3616

Location and District: North side of Liberty Road, westerly edge of Owynes Fails, 2nd District.

Present Zoning: R.6

Proposed Zoning: B.L.

Date of Report: September 1, 1955 Present Status of Property: Vacant

Area: Approximately 26 acres.

Vicinity: The existing residential development of Villa Nova is to the morth, and the existing residential development of Lecharm is to the east of this property. The property to the south is vacant. On the west in the Novacone Shopping Center, a bank building under construction, and a gaoline service station under construction.

Topography or Grade Problems: Extremely rough terrain here. Petitioner should submit plans with topography indicating the flood plain.

Access and Boad Midening: Flot plan as submitted does not indicate location and character of proposed uses, off-street parking schome, location of entrances and exite, and all other pertinent data. Nost important that the information be furnished as the terrain is milly and rougs.

Traffic Implications:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF C ALBERT PRICE and THELMA D. PRICE, his wife, for reclassification of property situate on the North s de of Liberty Road, 335 feet more or less West of the Northwest corner more or less west of the Northwest corner of Liberty load and Campfield Road (at West side of Gwynns Falls), Second Elec-tion District of Baltimore County, from a Residential Zone to a B. L. Zone

BEFORE WILSIE H. ADAMS ZONING COMMISSIONER OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTICE OF APPEAL

MR. CLERK

Please enter an appeal from the decision of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in the above entitled matter to the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed by me this 15th day of September, 1955, to W. Lee Harrison, Esq., 212 Washington Avenue, Towson 4, Maryland, Attorney for the Pro-



Public Works Items

Storm Drainage - See notation on preceeding page as to necessity for plans.

Public Works Agreement to Include

Effect on Paster Plan Proposals:

Land Use Proposals: No Land Use survey completed for this area at this time.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT ALAN M. COMEN, JR. SARAH ELIZABETH FREEMAN rine. DALLTWIDE COUNTY

OMARLES H. DOING, MANIEL W. HUBERS and CARL F. YOMDEN, being and constituting the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County

A writ of certiorari was filed in this Court in the above entitled cause from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Saltimore County dated June 7, 1956, which decision reversed a orior Order of the Zoning Considerioner of Baltimore County dated September 15, 1955, denving the Petition

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for reclassification, and granted the property owners' Petition for reclassification of certain property described in these proceedings from "2-6 Residence"

The in is well established that in order for a reclassification of

months to be valid, it must appear that either there was a mistake in the original woning or that the character of the neighborhood has substantially changed so as to justify such re-soning. The petitioner does not maintain there was a sistake in the original soning.

is to whather the character of the naichbarhood had changed to such an extent that conversial reclassification could be made, the Board based its findings principally on the transmious residential growth of the area in recent

In addition the record shows that a number of changes in Zoning and land

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY ON MORTH SIDE OF LIBERTY BOAD, 335 FEBT W. CAMPFIELD BOAD, SECOND DISTRICT - C. ALBERT PLICE, ET AL, PETITIONESS

OPINION

REFORE THE

This Petition for a reclassification from "R-6" Residential to Local" was denied by the Zoning Commissioner on the ground that a proposed shopping center at the location would increase the traffic hazard on Lib-

The Petition requests the reclassification of a tract of 26 Acres of the northerly side of Liberty Road heginning 335 feet west of Campfield Road and fronting 1750 feet on the Liberty Road

Although there was a substantial protest from the residents of suranding residential development, an inspection of the property shows that it is in fact a comiderable distance from any concentrated residence area.

The stream known as Geynns Falls acts as a natural barrier to the east. there is a large tract of vacant land to the south on the opposite side of Liberty Road, and there is existing commercial development to the west on both sides of Liberty Road.

The fact is that although there is considerable residential developent in this area, the property in question happens to be so situated as to make it possible for commercial activity to be conducted thereon without any appreciable direct effect on any residential section

The need for additional shopping facilities is questioned. This is always difficult to determine but there can be no doubt that the liberty Boad see tion has grown and is continuing to grow at a terrific rate. We do not think that existing commercial facilities are adequate for the present and foreseeable future in view of this continuing growth. In our opinion the phenomenal increase in population in this area constitutes a substantial change in conditions which justifies additional commercial zoning.

The traffic situation does present a problem by reason of the fact that the entrance to the property from Liberty Road will be at the brow of a bill

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There is no problem, however, which cannot be solved by proper engineering and the possible erection of a traffic light. These are matters for consideration the State Roads Commission and the Police Department.

We are of the opinion that it would be arbitrary and unreasonable for to refuse to perait the owner of this property to develop it for commercial purposes and we will sign an Order reclassifying the property as "Business Local."

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 7th day of June, 1956, by the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County

ORDERED that the property mentioned and described in the Petition filed herein be and is hereby reclassified from "R-6" Residence to "Business Lo-

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use have occured in the immediate area under consideration, subsequent to January 2, 19h5, the effective dated of soning in Baltimore County. These changes include several filling stations, several miscellaneous stores, the Woodmoor Shopping Center, which is across the Liberty Road from the area subject to these proceedings, the Eastern boundary of Woodneer being directly opposite from the Western boundary of this area, and the Branch Bank which is located directly across Liberty Road from the tract in question.

There is no doubt in the opinion of the Court that bhere has been sufficient change in the character of the immediate neighborhood subsequent to January 2, 1955, which certainly causes the discretion of the Board, in granting the reclassification, to be a fairly detatable question.

However, the Protestants maintain that the adoption, by the County Commissioners of Baltijore County, of new soming regulations for Baltimury County on March 30, 1955, constituted the adoption of a comprehensive soning plan and constituted "interim soning" and that it is encumbent upon the Petitioner to show a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood after the date of the adoption of the new soning regulations in order for a reclassification of toning to be granted. As to this contention, as is argued in the Memorandum of Counsel for the Petitioner, the resolution of the County Commissioners, after reciting their authority to assend, supplement and repeal coming regulations for Baltimore County, merely repealed the existing regulations and edopted in their place the new regulations; Section 100-2 of such

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new regulations provides as followes:

"The official coming map of Baltimore County, hereby adopted as part of these regulations, is the existing map in the Office of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County on which are designated the zones and some boundaries adopted on January 2, 1955, together with all amendments thereto of the changes in more designations set forth in Section 100.3 herein." It seems, therefore, obvious to the Court that perding the adoption of the new land une map for the district in which this property lies, th

official coming map for Baltimore County is the existing map in the Office of the Zoning Commissioner of Saltimore County on which are the designated zones, adopted on January 2, 19h5, and that the change in the designations of the various types of soming as set forth in the new soming regulations for Baltimore County of March 30, 1955, does not actually cause a change in soning itself but morely changes the terminology of same.

The remaining and most important question before the Court is Whether the reclassififcation of the subject property from "R-5 Residence" to "Business Local" will create a traffic hazard in the inveditte area of the subject property. In the case of Hardesty et al bersus Board of Zoning Appeals of Saltimore County, filed November 7, 1956, in which case the Court of Appeals reversed the lower Court and the Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County the Court helds 75 11

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1983, Title 25, Section 365(a); Code of Settlemen Co. 955, Finte 30, Section 532(a); Code of Finite Constant Laws of Margiand, 1951; Art. 663, Seption 21(c), provide in part that soming regulations shall be made in accord-ance with a comprehensive (and and duringed to learn), compacting in the provider. It and during the drift by in N. W. Marchanta Term. ve. O'Rowne, 191 Md. 171, 192, 504. 2d 713: | Zoning regulations wast be identiqued to lessen congestion in the streets. Art. 669, eec. 3. In making or chenging each re-ulatious braffic problems may be esterial considerations, 'The seculiar basard to school children' of a proposed filling station within 100 feet of the school grounds and 150 feet of the building may be one of the circumstances supporting the reasonableness of denial on a period. Mayor and City Souncil of Baltimore v. Bierran, 187 Nt. 54, 50 A. 24 804, 806, 808, 809."

The subject property in this case is located on the north side of Liberty Road, 335 feet west of Campfield Road, in the Second Election District, con taining 26 screen more or less. The treat is roughly triangular in shape. fronting approximately 1750 feey on the south of Liberty Road. Approximately the center of the frontage elong Liberty Road is at the crest of a hill, the land falling away from that point in a westerly and easterly direction. exit from the proposed shopping center in located at the brow of the hill. There are two entrances to the proposed shopping center, one located east of the exit and the other located west of the exit and each being approximately 550 feet from the brow of the hill. The development plan of the proposed

makes provesion for 200 spaces for off-streat parking, wh indicates the size of the development. On the south side of Liberty Road, opposite the westerly boundary of the subject property is located the Woods Center, which is sufficiently large to accomposate 300 to 500 auto Lobiles. Directly opposite the Eastern entrance to the subject property is conted St. Lukets Lane, which intersects Liberby Road at this point. In addicion, also directly across Liberty Road from the subject property is located a Branch Bank which also maintains a parking area.

Accordingly, it may be readily assumed that prior to the construction of the proposed shopping center in this case, which would accommodate 800 sufracbiles, there is now prosent at this immediate location various factors which contribute to a concentration of traffic.

As to whather the granting of the reclassification on this case will cause or tend to cause traffic correction and a traffic hazard, the meand in the case discloses the following bestimony: Frank 7. Drehrer, Location Engineer of the State Roads Commission, produced on behalf of the Petitioner, testified at page 16 of the record as follows:

- "Q. The point you are making is that the road is presently maximum traffic capacity today, is it not?
- A. I would say it is, on the present width of the road."

Joseph D. Thompson, an engineer, tertifying on behalf of the Petitioner. at Page 81, testifie' as follows:

> "Q. And one of the westermost entrances to the subject property as shown on that plat, is directly opposit to the Bank property?

- L. Ten by the description you have given as that would be reasonably close, approximately directly.
- Contest of the sking you about this contist where there are two parking exits opposite each oth at the creek of an eight or nine percent hill 500 feet away. In that a facardous condition or isn't it? A. It is a reasonable hazardous condition, sir."

a plat introduced in evidence shows St. Luko's Lane to be opposite the most entrance to the subject property. Concerning this point, Mr. Thompson at Page 83 testified as follower

- "Q. Do you feel that that would be no traffic hazard, with the crest of the hill 500 feet many, Mr. T. compsons A. There is certainly going to be seen hazard; you can't get away from it. And if St. Luke's Lane comes out directly opposite, which I serdously question I question the location of St. Luke's Dame on that chit." and on the same point, Mr. Thompson contends at Page th: "Q. And if it is in that position, it is definitely a hazardous and dangerous condition, is it not?
- A. If it is in that position as putlined on thispphat, it certainly is not going to improve traffic conditions at the entrance of this parking lot.
- Q. Will it be hazardous if it is in that position?
- A. It possibly will be a hazard, sir."
- W. Carden Jamison, a protestant, testified as follows, at Page 176:

"it is difficult to get b' liberty Road now, because at some hours of the day, because of the traffic going

- s traffic light, but they say un can't have one. but if dereand the 1644 of this shopping quater, that Vill on a word, very large one, and I believe that will to the meet of to the east and north of our consumity for a good many miles. And with the narrow streets as we have there, and automobiles paried on total sides of the streets, which they do. There are not too many people that have garages. You have got one lane of traffic through to re hat amount of traffic coming through there, with the number of children that are in these communities out there, and they are all converging at one center, I think it is going
- Incidentally, Mr. Thempson testified that Liberty Road has a 22 foot pavement, with five foot stabilized shoulders on wach side, making a total of 32 feet.

to be a very bad traffic heserd."

- Fig. Worthington Ewell, a traffic expert, produced by the protestants. testified at Page 1h2:
 - "In my opinion, with this improvement on the road, on the nights of pperation with the Woodnoor Shopping Center working incombination with the Woodmoor Shopping Center and including the traffic which ordinarily travels the road on those night that the shopping centers aren't in operation, it would exceed the capacity of the road."
 - "Q. Now this proposal, of course, as you can see, and as you have heard the testimony, proposes two entrances, one at the west endof the tract and one at the wast endof the tract; one is opposite St. Luke's Lane and the

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conternment and is opposite the parking lot of the bank. What affect, if any, would this layout have upon the existing traffic carditions on Liberty Road, in your opinion? A. In my opinion, it would create an additional traffic bazard, I think. I must admit that the entrance and exit is planned the best that could be worked out there. But I do not believe that a shoppong center of any other thing providing three entrances is bes. located at the creat of a

In spite of the fact it is suggested or proposed that a light be located at the crest of the hill, in my opinion again, when the light is green for Liberty Road a man feels more or less free to proceed across the crest of the hill at the posted speed of 10 miles per hour, and with an exit within, I would say, hoo to his feet away from the drest of the hill, there is a traffic bazard, particular inasmuch as left them movements into these entrances also might often cause a bottleneck and cause cars to be blooked up behind one another. I agree with Mr. Thompson that it is possible to pass but no means does one pass on there shoulders with great facility."

This testinony leaves no room for doubt that the utilization of the subject property as a shopping center will generate additional fraffic upon Eiberty Road. It is clear to the Court, therefore, that the granting of the requested reclassification will cause congestion in the streets and will create a traffic hazard.

In the case of Fardesty versus Board of Zoning Appeals of Saltimore County, supra, the Court held!

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"The Board in its Opinion apparently ignored all the

testimony as to traffic hexards, which would result from the erection of the shopping center on Patitioner's land. To so reclassify the property would be a plain violation of the statutory requirements against congestion in the streets. From the testimony it appears that there is no way to remedy such a braffic hazard other than the widening of the public highway in the vicinity. There is no testimony that such widening is contemplated."

The property owner argues that there was testimony in the record showing that plans exist for the widening of Liberty Road and the evidence established that the propoded use would not cast an undus burden upon the road so improved, This contention is nore specious than true. The evidence shows that the proposed widening of Liberty Road by the State Roads Commission has progressed no further than the planning stage, and is a part of the State Roads Commissioner twelve-year program. Mr. " where, of the State Roads Commission, tentified at Page 9 of the record as f .owe:

> Wat. Watt, in the State Roads Commission's twelve-year program, Liberty Road, from the city line to Randallatown, is planned as a dual highway. That is set up in their twelve-year construction and re-construction program. 1 is sat up as a dual hishway, and with the service plans and acquistion of right-of-way, in the first four year period which terminates December, 1957, and the construction is the cond year period, which is free January, 1958 to December, 1961."

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This Court does not feel that the word "contemplated" as used by the Court of Appeals in the Hardesty case should be construed to authorize the creation of a condition of traffic congestion or a traffic hazard that may possibly well continue for a pariod of five years before correction. Zoning authorities should not be parmitted to create such a situation upon the public highway to the detriment of the safty and welfare of the public and justify their action upon the tope that at some uncertain future time ways may be found to control it. The words "There is no testimony that such widening is contemplated" must be construed to require that a proposed soming reclassification and eliminstion of traffic hazard must coincide within a reasonable time and with reaschablecertainty. The proposed reclassification of this property by the

Had the record in this onse indicated that the widering of Liberty Road would take place within a reasonable time after the recipesification of the said property, this Court would probably have reached a different conclusion as to its decision. In addition, it may will be, although the matter is not before this Court a t this time, that if and whom Liberty Road is properly widered in the future, that this may be construed as a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood so as to them justify such resoning.

For the reasons above given, the Order of the Board in this case,

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changing the reclassification of the subject property from "R-6 Residence" to "Business Local" is reversed.

Pecember 27, 1956

Lester L. Berrett, Judge

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