PETITION IN ZONING RE-CLAS FICATION AND OP SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

Development Co.
I, or we, Universal Housing 200/...legal owners of the property situate in Baltimor County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from an pot applicable.

not applicable rope; for the following reasons

and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltim County, to use the herein described property, for. office use and an office building in a D.R. 16 zone

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulatons.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising, posting, e'c., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning

UNIVERSAL HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT Vice President, P. Legal Comer Address. 805. Langutton Road Baltimore, Md. 21220 O. Weles

204 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 823-7800

... 197 3, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as

equired by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through ore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning timore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore 197 3, at 1:00 o'clock

Protestant's Attorne

RE: PETITION FOR A SPECIAL EX-CEPTION SE/Corner of Compass Road and

Sopwith Drive - 15th District Universal Housing and Development Company - Petitioner Company - Petitioner NO. 73-179-X (Item No. 108)

REFORE THE OF

: BALTIMORE COUNTY

This Petition represents a request for a Special Exception for an office and an office building in a D. R. 16 Zone. The proposed office building is to be located within an apartment complex at the southeast corner of Compass Road and Sopwith Drive, in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County

The following witnesses testified in behalf of the Petitioner. Mr. Melvin Colvin, Corporate Vice-President of the Universal Housing and Develop Company; Mr. James O. Armacost, a member of the civil engineering firm of G.W. Stephens and Associates; and Mr. Hugh Gelston, a real estate broken and appraiser with many years experience in Baltimore County.

Testimony indicated that the proposed office building w'll be situated within the interior of the 1200 unit apartment complex and will not be visible from any boarding properties.

The building is to be one story high, 116 feet long and 36 feet in width, and will be constructed with a gable roof and materials similar to the surrounding apartments and townhouses

Office space will be utilitzed exclusively by employees of Universal Development Company, and will serve as the facility for central

Twelve employees are to work in the building including a maintenance supervisor for the Maple Crest apartments. In addition to the office space, the supervisor will have storage space for building maintenance purposes.

ount of traffic that would be generated by the office building is expected to be less than that which would be generated by an apartment or

All witnesses felt that the proposed office building and use would in no way be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community and that the use satisfied all requirements for granting a Special Exception as set forth under Section 502.1.

Other than the Department of Traffic Engineering who requested minor revisions, the Zoning Advisory Committee had no adverse comment with regard to the Petitioner's development plans. However, Planning Staff recomwith regard to the Petitioner's request were of a negative nature. The staff felt that the use amounted to general offices and, as such, did not meet staff criteria for office locations

There were no area residents in attendance at the hearing.

OPINION

After reviewing the Petitioner's plans and testimony received in this case, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner is of the opinion that , with certain restriction, the proposed use will meet all requirements of Section 502 1 and that a Special Exception should be granted. A general office type building could very well be considered as spot zoning in this location. However, when one considers the specific building and use, the rocation must be considered as logical and appropriate.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 20 TH day of March, 1973, that the herein described parcel or area be Granted a Special Exception for an Office Building and Use, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- The office use is restricted to managemen. or record keeping for Maple Crest and other apartments owned by the Universal Housing Company. The maintenace and storage use of said building shall be limited to the Maple Crest Apartments.
- 2. The number of employees working in the building shall not exceed 12

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3. The architectural design and the building materials used must correspond or blend with that of surrounding buildings.

A minimum of 14 parking spaces must be clearly striped, numbered and assigned to the office building.

- The Petitioner's site plan must be revised to on:t and separate the area required to support the office building including, schack areas and parting from the overall apartment development. Density calculations affecting the omitted area must also be indicated on said revised site plan.
- Final approval of said site plan by the Department of Traffic Engineering. Department of Public Works, and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORG ILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIA , INC. ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 6828, TOMSON, ND. 21204

December 4, 1972

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Deginning for the same at the end of the two following lines wis, from line intersection of Compass Road and Maple Crest Drive South 87° 38'

North 02° 21' 52" East 36.00 feet to the place of beginning

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO .. Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Date ... January 30, -1973 -FROM Norman E. Gerber, Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT .Petition_073-179-X. Scutheast corner of Compass Road and Sopwith Drive. Petition for Special Exception for Office and Office Building. Petitioner - Universal Housing and Development Co.

15th District

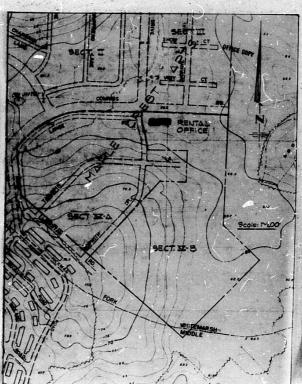
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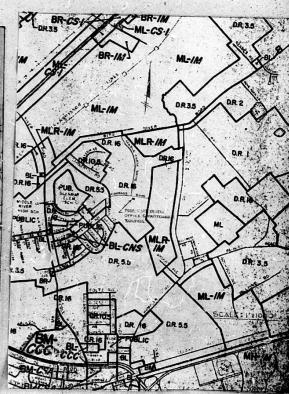
The staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the subject petition and has the following comments to offer.

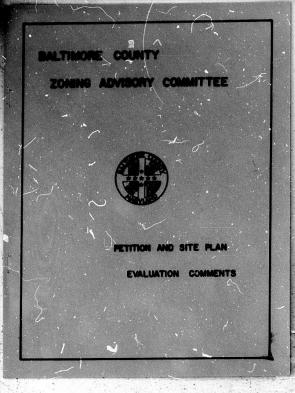
If this proposal is to establish an office to be used in the management of the Maple Creek Apartments, than there does not seem to be the need for a special exception. However, if the proposal is to locate offices from which to manage other apartment developments than these offices would be smillat to, if not the same, as any other general offices.

This location does not meet the criteria for office location, used by the staff in preparing the comprehensive soning maps which were adopte by the County Council of Ratisone County in 1971. This location is not in, or adjacent to a neighborhood, community or town center; not it at the edges of strip commercial or on a major chrowopliaro. Gener offices in a location such as this is a "spot" location and not in acc with generally accepted planning practices.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 17, 1973

JOHN J. DILLON, JR.

TARROF EDUCATION

James D. Nolar, Esq., 204 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Special Exception Petition Item 108
Universal Housing and Development Co. Petitioner

Dear Mr. Notans

The Zoning Advisory Committee has reviewed the nians submitted with the above referenced petition and has made an on site field inspection of the property. The following comments are a result of this review and inspection.

These comments are not intended to indicate the engropriateness These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriations of the zoning action requested, but to assure that ell parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The Offrector of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner. with recommendations on the appropriateness of the requested

The subject property is located on the south side of Compass Road, opposite Manle Crest Drive, in the 15th District of Baltimore County. This residential (0,2,16) zoned site is presently being graded for the construction of partments and rental office building. The property surrounding this site on the north side of Compass Road is developed with mostments to the west are still under construction. This site is part of Section IV-B of the existing Haple Crest

The Special Exception that is being requested and is he special execution that is being requested and is described is for the existing building on the subject site. The parking one is not included in the zoning describtion. Since this development is moviding more than a 100 cors over the required parking, we do not feel that lists a serious problem. Movement, we recommend that the commissioner restrict the II parking spaces to located as indicated on the submitted site plan and be reserve for the office building use. James D. Nolan, Esq. Page 2 Item '08 January 17, 1973

This petition is accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing cartificate. Notice of the hearing date and time, which will be held not loss than 30, nor more than 90 days after the date on the filing ce tificate, will be forwarded to you in the near future.

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(Enclosure)

Baltimore County, Maryland Bepartment Of Jubite Morks COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Bureau of Engineering

January 8, 1973

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120h

Re: Item #108 (1972-1973) Ten #UD0 (1972-1973)
Property Orders I Mousing and Development Co.
Intersection for Compass Road and Maple Jest Drive
Present For D.R. 16
Proposed Airg: Special Exception for office bu diss
District : 5th No. Acres: 0.096 acre

Done Mr. DiNenna:

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject item.

Baltimore County Nightery and willify requirements are secured by Public Works Agreements \$4550\$ and \$457100, excusted in conjunction with the dewulppent of Sections II and IV-4, Maple Creet Agastments. No additional Public Works Agreement is required to be executed in commention with the purposed development of Section IV-8, Maple Creet Agastments, of which this site is a part. However, construction plans are required for proposed sonitary severage to serve offsite properties.

This office has no further comment in regard to the plan submitted for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject item.

Very truly yours,

Ja Diver ELLSWORTH N. DIVER, P.E. Chief, Bureau of Engineering

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cc: Matti Kassir George Reier

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

JEFFERSON BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING EUGENE J. CLIFFORD. P.E. With T. MELZER

January 17, 1973

Mr. S. Eric DiKenna

Item 108 - ZAC - December 19, 1972 Property Owner: Universal Housing & Development Co. Compass Road and Maple Crest Drive Special exception for office building District 15

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

The subject inition is requesting a special exception for an office building. This plan should be revised to show all buildings that are to be served by Langs Road and the anticipated average daily traffic on Langs Road.

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Michael S. Flanigan
Traffic Engineer Associate

Baltimore County Fire Department



Towson, Maryland 21204

925-7210

Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, aryland 21204

Re: Property Owner: Universal Housing and Development Co.

-Location: Intersection of Compass Road and Maple Crest Drive

Item No. 108

Zoning Agenda Tuesday, December 19, 1972

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "x" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

() 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of feet along an approved road in accortance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Morks.

A second means of vehicle access is required for the site. () 2. A second means of vehicle access is required () 3. The vehicle dead-end condition shown at _____

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning

(X) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the buildings and structures existing or proposed on the structure of the structure of the Mational Pire Protection Association Standard No. 101
"The Life Safety Code", 1970 Edition prior to occupancy.
() 6. Site plans are approved as drawn.

7. The Pire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Planning Grand Special Inspection Division

Deputy Chief Pire Prevention Bureau

mls 4/25/72

-BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-

JEFFERSON BUILDING ON, MARYLAND 21204

December 29, 1972

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

Comments on Item 108, Zoning Advisory Committee Heating December 26, 1972, are as follows:

Property Owner: Universal Housing and Development Co. Location: Intersection of Compass Road and Maple Present Zoning: D.R. 16 rrewent Zoning: J.K. 16 Proposed Zoning: Special Exception for office building District: 15 No. Acres: 0.096

Since metropolitan water and sewer are available to the

Very truly yours,

Ekons Axlander Thomas H. Devlin, Director BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WMG:mn &

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Acting Director

January 18, 1973

S. ERIC DINENNA

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissione Zoning Advisory Committee Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120-4

Dear Mr. DiNenno

Comments on Item *108, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting. December 19, 1972

Property Owner: Universal Housing and Development Co-Location: Intersection of Compass Road and Maple Crest Drive Present Zoning: D.R.16 Proposed Zoning: Special Exception for office building No. Acres: 0.096 acres

This plan has been reviewed and there are no site-planning factors requiring coment

Very truly yours, John L. Wimbley Planner I Project Planning Division

Office of Flanning and Zoning

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

TOWSON HAT LAND SIZO4

Date: December 29, 1972

Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120

Re: Item #108 ZAC meeting of December 19, 1972
Property Conner: Universal Housing and Development Co.
Location: Intersection of Compar's Rd. and Maple Creat Drive
Present Zoning: D.R. 16
Proposed Zoning 15pecial Exception for office building

0.096 acres

Dear Mr. DiMenna:

No effect on student population.

Very truly yours, to link total W. Nick Petrovich

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PETITIONER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Petitioner, Universal Housing and Development Company, by its attorneys, James D. Nolan and Nolan, Plumhoff and Williams, submits the following memorandum in support of its request for special exception for office building use in the above-entitled

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On December 6, 1972, the Petitioner duly filed its request for a special exception accompanied by all required site plans and descriptions. Following the Zoning Advisory Committee Comments and Planning Comments, the case was properly advertised and posted in the usual manner and set for heaving before Deputy Commissioner Dver on Wednesday, February 14, 1973, at 1:00 P.M. Due to the inclement weather, Deputy Commissioner Dyer postponed the beginning of the hearing until approximately 1:20 P.M. in order to be certain that no protestants would be appearing in protest; and, in fact, no one did appear in protest, and the only parties in e hearing room were the attorneys and the witnesses on behalf of the Petitioner.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

The Petitioner called three witnesses in support of its Petition, namely, the corporate vice president, Mr. Melvin Colvin Mr. James O. Armacost, a member of the firm of Stephen & Associates, as well as Mr. Hugh Gelston, a realtor and appraiser who has many times appeared in zoning matters as well as before the Circuit

Mr. Colvin testified that he is the executive vice president and has authority to speak for Universal Housing and Development Company and that he has been with affiliated companies for some twenty-two years. The witness first described the Maple Crest Apartment development, stating that upon full development the Maole Crest Apartments will contain some 1200 units, with the greater majority of these units presently completed or under construction. Mr. Colvin indicated that the proposed office building, which is not actually in existence at the present time. is to be located at the northeast corner of Compass Road and Maple Crest Drive, also known as Sopwith Drive. The building itself is to be serviced by Langs Road, a private drive with driveway access to Sopwith Drive. When fully complete the Maple Crest Apartments and Townhouses will completely surround the proposed office building.

The witness went on to indicate that the building would be one story in height and 116 ft. long by 36 ft. in width. It will have a gable and will be of the same architecture and blend into the surrounding apartments and townhouses. It is the corporation' plan to use the facility for central record keeping for the 1200 units in Maple Crest, as well as 500 additional units in Baltimore County. No space will be leased or used other than by the corpora tion and rental payments will be received only from Manla Crest tenants at this location. In total, the building will shelter twelve employees, and it will include a maintenance supervisor for the Maple Crest area who will have an office in the building. There will also be some minor storage facilities for apartment maintenance purposes. In summary, the building will appear as a community building similar to those often placed in apartment recreational areas. The office facilities will be open only five days a week from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. In response to a detailed question involving Section 502.1 of the Regulations, Mr. Colvin indicated that it would not violate any of the provisions.

The next witness to testify was Mr. James O. Armacost, the engineer affiliated with Stephens and Associates. Mr. Armacost contirmed that the building would be of the same type construction and would blend into the area, and that 14 parking spaces would be provided and reserved exclusively by the use of the office. He went on to state that all sewer, water and other utilities are present and entirely adequate and that, in fact, this office building would place less of a load on utilities the a comparable apartment or townhouse building. The witness also confirmed the fact that this office would be used exclusively for corporation purposes in that its design makes no provision for leasing or rental of outside office space to others and to his knowledge there would be none. Mr. Armacost went on to differ with the Planning Comment, and he indicated that the proposed building would not in any way violate Section 502.1.

The final witness called by the Petitioner was Mr. Hugh E. Gelston, the Towson realter and appraiser whose qualifications are well known to the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. Mr. Geleton first described the general neighborhood and area, stating that when the Maple Crest development is complete it will completely surroun this office building, and it will not be visible from any other neighboring properties. In fact, Mr. Gelston indicated that Maple Crest virtually fills the area between Middle River Road and Bird River Road in the 15th Election District of Baltimore County

Mr. Gelston reiterated that by the use of the same architecture, style of roof, etc., the building would be completely compatible to its surroundings and blend well with them. In response to a question about effect upon the area and area property values, Mr. Gelston stated that the entire development is a greater improvement over much of what is presently built in the area and that this office building so necessary to service a project so large would not in any way detract from the overall

development or from the area. Mr. Gelston also offered two photographs of the area which were admitted as Petitioner's Exhibit 3A and 3B, the zoning plat prepared by Stephens and Associates having been offered as Petitioner's Exhibit 2, while the preliminary plan of Maple Crest Apartments, also prepared by Stephens and Associates, was received in evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

In response to a series of questions based upon Section 502.1 of the Regulations, Mr. Gelston indicated that it would be in no way harmful to the area and, in fact, there would be less traffic from this building than if it were developed for apartments or townhouses, and in like manner it would place less of a load on utilities and schools than if used for housing purposes. The hearing was concluded at approximately 2:00 P.M., again without the appearance of any protestants whatsoever.

CONCLUSION

The Pe !tioner believes that he has fully and adequately proved a case and respectfully requests that the Deputy Zoning Commissioner grant the special exception requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Petitioner



CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON MD January 25 1973

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was oblished in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., esses in casch one time second weeks before the ... Lith. day of February , 1973 , the first publication appearing on the 25th day of January 19 73

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BESSEX TIMES

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of S. Eric Dinenna Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

was inserted in THE ESSEX TIMES, a weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Marylan I, once a week for one xxxxxxxxxx

weeks before the 29 day of January 1973; that is to say, the same was inserted in the issue of January 25, 1973.

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County Office Building III W. Chasapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Zoning Commissioner

Petitioner Universal Housing and Development Co.

Petitioner's Attorney James D. Holen

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