PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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1-1274

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

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 D.R.3.5

to the Zoning Law of Baumone Commy, room as.

8.R.[Businespa:Roadgaidshow; for the following reasons:

1. In classifying the property D.R.3.5, the County Council committed errors as set out on the attached exhibit, which is incorporated by reference herein, and

2. Since the property was last classified by the County Council, the neighborhood has changed substantially in character, as set out on the attached exhibit which is incorporated by reference herein.

See attached descripteon

and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property, for. Not applicable

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising sting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning ations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore

ames D. Nolan Petitioner's Attorney
Nolan, Plumhoff and Williams
ess 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Md. 21204 (823-7800)

Dear Mr. Nolan:

QRDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this.

...., 197 ..., ithat the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through-County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning of Baltimore Cour. • n Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore day of March

County on the M TOWN

DATE

Vernon L. Bush

Idelia D. Bush, Legal Owner S

Address 418 Oella Ayenue Baltimore County, Md. 21043

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE FROM AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF PALTIMORE COUNTY:

hereby petition for a Variance from Section 238.2 to permit side yards or distance between an existing house and a proposed roller rink of ten (10) feet in

lieu of the required sixty (60) feet

Contract purchaser

6 Molan, Plumhoff & Williams Address 204. W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Md. 21204 (923-7800)

October 1974, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zening Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be poted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 108, County Office Building in Townson, Baltimore

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 1974

RE: Reclassification and Special

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

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

The subject property is located on the northeast corner of Frederick and Oella Avenues, in the Pirst Election District of Baltimore County. It are the exception of a produce stand existing at the exception of a produce stand existing at the properties existing to the west opposite Oella Avenue and to the south along Frederick Road are presently unimproved.

The petitioner is requesting a Reclassification from the existing DB 3D zone to a Business Roadside zone and the received the received

The site plans as submitted do not clearly

Exception Petition
Item 1 - 8th Zoning Cycle
Vernon L and Idella D. Bush Petitioners

CUCNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 N. Chesapeake Avenue Towner, Maryland 21204 James D. Nolan, Esq. 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 James B. Byrnen, 111

ZONING ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERIN STATE BIGGWAY ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

PROJECT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

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OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS ENGINEES

James D. Nolan, Esq. Re: Item 1 - 8th Zoning Cycle October 25, 1974

scale and must be revised prior to the hearing date.

This petition for Reclassification is accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate. However, any revisions or corrections to petitions, descriptions, or plats, as may have been requested by this Committee, shall be submitted to this office prior to December 1, 1978, in order to allow time for final Committee review and advertising. Failure to comply may not consistent of the hearing date and time, which will be between March 1, 1975 and April 15, 1975, will be forwarded to you well in advance of the date and time.

Very truly yours,

Games & Benos JAMES B. BYRNES, III Chairman, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

cc: Hudkins Associates, Inc. 200 East Joppa Road Rm. 101, Shell Building Towson, Maryland 21204

In or we. VERNON L. BUSH and legal owner 50 the property situate in Baltimore unity and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning L.w of Baltimore County; for the following rvsoms: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

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1. That the welfare of the area involved.

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

1, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, porting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Bilimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

Vernon L. Bush Vernon L. Bush Lella D. Bush Idella D. Bush, L Legal Owner S

Address 418 Oella Avenue Balto., Md. 21043

James D. Nolan Petitioner's Attorney

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Balti

County, on the 3rd

Baltimore County Fire Department

BALTIMORE COUNTY

ZONING PLANS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PETITION AND SITE PLAN

EVALUATION COMMENTS

J. Austin Deitz



Towson, Maryland 21204

825-7310

Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Buildin Towson, Haryland 21204

Attention: Mr. Jack Dillon, Chairman Zoning Advisory Committee

Re: Property Owner: Vernon L. & Idella D. Bush

Location: NE/C of Fredrick Rd. & Cella Ave.

Zoning Agenda Gycle 88 - October 1, 1974

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with en "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 rest along an approved goad in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Norks.

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

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EXPENSION the assignment allowed by the Fire Department.
() is The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the
Fire Prevention of the property of the property of the property of the site of the property of the property of the site of the property of the site of the property o

() 6. Site plans are approved as drawn.

(X) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Reviewer: HT Toll Noted and Paul H Reinche Planning out

Deputy Chief Fire Prevention Bureau



filing this 25th

Petitioner Vernon L. and Idella D. Bush

Petitioner's Attorney James D. Holan Co: Hudkins Associates, Inc. 200 E. Jopps Rd. Rm. 101, Shell Building Towson, Md. 21204

Maryland Department of Transportation

Bernard M. Evan

Item - 8th Zoning Cycle

Reviewed by Come & Brown

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenu Towson, Maryland 21204

Your Petition has been received and accepted for

October 4, 1974

Mr. S. Eric Di Nenn Zoning Commissioner County Office Bldg.

Rei Sth Kening Cycle, October, 1974 Fromerty Germennen L. S. Idella D. Busherman L. S. Location: VEC. of Frederick Roar (Route 144) Existing Luning: DR 3.5 From the Lening: SR No. o. Acress 3.08 District: 1st

The subject plan indicates no access from Frederick Road, there ore, we have no comment regarding access.

There is an 80' right of way (40' from center) proposed for Frederick Road. The plan must be revised accordingly.

The 1973 average daily traffic count for this section of Frederick Road is ... 9,700 vehicles.

Very truly yours.

Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

by: John E. Meyers

P.O. Box 717 / 300 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of p	preperty, and public hearing on the above petition an
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the above Reclassification should be had; and it	t further appearing that by reason of
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	Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County
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IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commission	er of Baltimore County, thisday
	ove re-classification be and the same is hereby
	or area be and the same is hereby continued at and
	zone; and/or the Special Exception for
	be and the same is hereby DENIED

Item #1 (Cycle VIII - October 1974 - April 1975) Property Cumer: Vernon L. & Idella D. Bush Page 2 October 24, 1974

Public water exists in Frederick Road at Hillside Road, approximately 1300 feet to the east of the site.

Public samitary sewer is not available to serve this rite. The private disposal system is subject to the Health Department approval.

7ery truly yours,

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

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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H-SE Key Sheet 12 SM 30 Pos. Sheet SW 3 H Topo 100 Tax Map

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the above petition and it appearing that by reason of the following finding of facts the above Variance should be had; and it further appearing that by reason of---should be granted IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this _ day of _____, 197 ..., that the herein Petition for a Variance should be and the same is granted, from and after the date of this order. Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property and public hearing on the above petition and it appearing that by reason of.... the above Variance should NOT BE GRANTED. IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this, 197 ..., that the above Variance be and the same is hereby DENIED.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

TOWSON, MARYLAND - 21204

Date: October 9, 1974

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Z.A.C. Meeting of: October 1, 1974 (Cycle #8)

Re: Item !
Property Owner: Vernon L. & idella D. Bush
RE/C of Fraderick Road & Cella Avenue
Present Zoning:
Proposed Zoning: B.R.

District: No. Acres

Dear Mr. DiNenna

No adverse effect on student population.

Very truly yours, 16. Tuil Peteruel W. Nick Petrovich., Field Representative.

WNP/m1 H. EMSLIE PARKS, PERMIT EUGENE C. HESS, VICE-PRESE MRS. ROBERT L. MERNEY

ALVIN LORECK

RICHARD W. TRACEY, V.M.D.



Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

Harry R. Hughes Bernard M. Evans

October 29, 1974

Mr. S. Eric Di Nenna Zoning Commissioner County Office Bldg. Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Paltimore County
Bth Zoning Cycle
Property Gwner: Vernon L. 5
Idella D. Bush
Frederick Road (Route 144) at
Oella Ave.
Ist District - Revised Plan

Att: Mr. James B. Byrnes III

The subject revised plan (no revision date) does not proposed right of way for Frederick Road, as indicated in our comments of October 4, 1974.

The plan should be revised prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits by: J. E. Meyers

CL:JEM:bk

P.O. Box 717 / 300 West Preston Street, Daltimore, Maryland 21203

Development of this property through stripping, grading and stabilization could recuti in a sodiest pollution problem, damaging private and public holdings downstream of the processy A grading premit is, therefore, occounty for all grading, including the stripping of ten soil.

Open stress drainage requires a drainage reservation or essement of sufficient width to cover the flood plain of a 100-year design storm. However, a minimum width of 50 feet is required.

Baltimore County, Maryland

Bepartment Of Public Works

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

October 24, 1974

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

The proceed Netropolitan Eculerard which will go through this ares and Prederick Road are State Roads; therefore, all improvements, intersections, entrances and drainage Road are State Roads; therefore, all improvements are stated as they affect these roads could be introduction of the Namyland Minhauy Administration. Any utility construction wint the State Road Fight-C-way will be might to these randards; specifications and approval of the State in addition to those of Smithore County.

Cells Avenue is an existing road which shall ultimately be improved as a 10-t at our band gutter street on a 50-foot right-of-way.

The Patitioner must provide measury drainings facilities (temporary or garmanest to prevent creating any mulsiness or damages to adjacent properties, especially by the concentration of or face waters. Dermettion of any problem which may result, that to improper grading or improper installation of drainings facilities, we lift to the full responsibility of the Patitioner.

Fe: Item \$1 (Cycle VIII - Cotolor 1971 - April 1975)
Property Okner: Vermon L & Idelin D. Bush
N/S correct of Prederic, and and Cella Ave.
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Proposed Coning: BS. 3.5
No. of Acres: 3.08 District; Int.

ELLEWORTH N. DIVER. . .

Mr. S. Sric Dimensa Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Bear Mr. DiMenna:

Storm Drains:

-BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-

October 17, 1974

DONALD J. ROOP, M.D., M.P.H.

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

Dear Mr. DiNenua:

Comments on Item \underline{f} , Zoning Reclassification, Cycle #8, are as follows:

Property Owner: Vernon L. & Idella D. Bush Location: NE/C of Frederick Rd. & Oella Ave. *Xisting Zoning: DR 3.5 Proposed Zoning: BR No. of Acres: 3.08 District: lst

Metropolitan water must be extended to site; complete soil evaluation needed.

this site may be subject to a permit to construct and a permit to operate any and all fuel burning and processing equipment. Additional information may be obtained from the Division of Air Pollution and Industrial Hygiene, Baltimore County Department of Realtr.

Food Protection Comments: If a food service facility is proposed, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Division of Food Protection, Baltimore County Department of Health, for review and approval.

Very truly yours.

Thomas A Lerl. 24.
Thomas H. Devlin, Director
BUREAU F ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CC--W.L. Phillips L.A. Schuppert

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND JEFFERSON BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204



WM. T. MELZER

EUGENE J. CLIFFORD. P.E.

October 28, 1974

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2126

Re: Item 1-Cycle Zoning 8- October 1974- April 1975 Property Owner: Vernon L. 5-Idella D. Bush NE corner of Frederick & Oella Avenues B.R. District I

The subject petition is requesting a change from D.R. 3.5 to B.R. This should increase the trip density from 100 to 1500 trips per day. Della Avenue presently exists at the narrow sub-standard street and is not conductive to commercial carefice.

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C. Richard Moore Assistant Traffic Engineer



October 21, 1974

Mr. S. Eric Di Nenna, Zoning Commissioner Zoning Advisory Committee Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building

Dear Mr. Di Nenna:

Comments on Item #1 , Zoning Cycle VIII, October 1974, are as follows

Property Owner: Vernon L. and Idella D. Bush Location: NE/c of Frederick Road and Oella Avenu Existing Zoning: D.R.3.5 Proposed Zoning: B.M. No. of Acres: 3.08

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This office has reviewed the subject petition and offers the following comments. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning in question, but are to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to development plans that may have a

The site plan must be revised to show light standards limited to 8 feet in height. The site plan indicates a road on the south side of Frederick Road, at the present time there is no road on the south side of Frederick Road and it is not known at this time whether or not this would be the location for access

Very truly yours,

John Levembly John L. Wimbley Planning Specialist II

BALTIMORE COUNTY C"FICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE AREA CODE 301 PLANNING 404-3211 ZONING 494-3351

> Mr. Howard Colshor, a civil engineer, testified that he felt that the use of the roller rink and the traffic emanating therefrom would not coincide with normal peak hour traffic. He further testified that, as the normal use of the roller rink is during off-peak hours, the proposed use would not overcongest

Mr. Hugh Gelston, a qualified real estate expert, described the area and indicated that he felt that the present classification of D. R. 3. 5 was in error As there are many business uses along Frederick Road, which are nonconform ing uses located in residential zones, he felt that the subject property should be commercial. He indicated that there would be no adverse affect upon any of the properties surrounding the subject property

Residents of the area, in protest to the subject Petition, indicated that they were fearful that the granting of the Reclassification would constitute spot zoning. They felt that there was no evidence presented by the Petitioner to indicate substantial change in the character of the neighborhood and/or that the present classification of the property is in error

Without reviewing the evidence further in detail, but based on all the evidence presented at the hearing. in the judgment of the Zoning Commissioner the requested Reclassification should not be granted.

The burden of proving that there has been substantial changes in the char acter of the neighborhood and/or that the Comprehensive Zoning Map. as adopted on March 24, 1971, is in error in classifying this property D. R. 3.5 his borne by the Petitioners. In the instant case, this burden has not been met

The subject request is not to reclassify the subject property "Roller Rink" but to reclassify it B.R. Many uses are permitted as a matter of right in the B. R. Zone, which would have an absolute detrimental effect upon the area The Petitioners' request is an admirable one, but cannot be legally justified.

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION from D.R. 3.5 to B.R., and VARIANCE from Section 238.2 of the Baltimore County
Zoning Regulations
NE corner of Frederick Road
and Cella Avenue
1st District

BEFORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BALTIMORE COLINTY

No. 75-186-RA

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Petition of Vernon L. Bush, et ux, for reclassification from D.R. 3.5 to B.R., and variance from Section 238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations on property located on the northeast corner of Frederick Road and Oella Avenue, in the First Election District of Baltimore County

WHEREAS, the Board of Appeals notified all parties of record in the above entitled matter that this Board considers said case to be moot (copy of said letter is attached

THEREFORE, this Board, on its own Motion, will dismiss the within named

IT Is HEREBY ORDERED, this 21st day of January, 1977, that said petition be and the same is declared most and the petition DISMISSED

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 3/2 day of October, 1975, that the Reclassification be and the same is hereby DENIED and that the subject property be and the same is hereby continued as and to remain a D.R.3.5 Zone, and, by necessity, the Variances are hereby DENIED.

494-3180

County Board of Appeals Room 219, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

December 20, 1976

James D. Nolan, Esquire 24 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Case No. 75-186-RA Vernon L. Bush, et ux

Dear Mr. Nolan

As the Petitioner, or representative thereof, in the chove referenced case, you are hereby advised that said case now pending before the Board of Appeals is considered most. In its decition is bared on en opinion of the Baltimore County Solicitor's office co-cluding that any reclassification case pending before this Board on the date of the adoption of new comprehensive zoning maps (i.e., 10/15/76) is moot.

Therefore, unless you present written objection and/or an amended appeal, where applicable, to the Board within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, an Order of Dismissal shall be executed by this Board.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Bush Thomas A. Henning, Esquire Mr. P. T. Lemmon Mr. Eugene L. Shaver Mr. Joseph L. Carhan Mr. Campbell V. Helfrich Mr. Ralph L. LaFon, Sr.

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFI. CATION AND VARIANCES NE/corner of Frederick and Oella Avenues - 1st Election District Vernon L. Bush, et ux Petitioners NO. 75-186-RA (Item No. 1)

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a result of a Petition filed by Varnon L. and Idella D. Bush, for a Reclassification from a D. R. 3. 5 Zone to a B. R. Zone and Variances to permit side yard setbacks or a distance between an existing house and a proposed roller rink of 10 feet in lieu of the required 60 feet. The subject property is located on the northeast corner of Frederick and Oella Avenues, in the First Election District of Baltimore County, and contains 3.08 acres of land, more or less

Testimony by Mr. Bush indicated that he has been the operator of the roller rink at Oella and Westchester Avenues for the past 26 years. As the present location is not sufficient for the proposed use. Mr. Bush is now in need of a newer and larger facility. He indicated that there was a need for a roller rink in the area and that the subject location would be ideal. Mr. Bush further stated that it is his desire to sponsor competitive type skating events

Lt. James Dinklemen. Baltimore County Police Department, testified that he has been stationed in this area for approximately 15 years and is not are of any departmental problems having occured at the present facility,

Mr. Henry A. Bonnett, area superintendant, Department of Recreation Parks of Baltimore County, testified that Mr. Busb operates a fine estab ent and is also of the opinion that a larger and more modern roller rink

ERRONEOUS ASPECTS OF D.R. 3.5 ZONING OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

The Petitioners state that the County Council committed at least the following errors, and very probably additional errors in classifying the subject property D.R.3.5:

- 1. That the subject property is not suited to D.R.3.5 usage due to its topography, its relation to Oella Avenue and Frederick Road, and its relationship to the commercial areas a short distance to the Bast
- 2. That the subject property's longstanding history of com mercial usage is indicated by the two large outdoor advertising signs which have stood for many years on this corner property.
- 3. That the subject property is very well suited to serve the commercial needs of the Western part of the County and the Oella area, and this suitability to serve commercial needs should have been recognized by the County Council.
- 4. That the subject property lies below the properties to the West, and is well shielded by natural terrain and cover features from properties to the North and East and, hence, is very suitable for commercial development with little or no impingement
- 5. For such other and further errors as shall be disclosed by a minute study of the property, which shall be brought out at the time of the hearing hereon.

CHANGES IN THE AREA

The Petitioners state that the following changes have occurred in the area since the property was last zoned by the County Council:

1. That Metropolitan Boulevard, Maryland 46, has been dropped by the Maryland State Highway Administration from the five-year Capital Improvement Program, thereby re-emphasizing the key area importance of Frederick Road and Oella Avenue, at which intersection the subject property is located.

2. That commercial needs in the area have increased since March 24, 1971, thereby rendering even more correct and more necessary additional commercial zoning in this area.

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- 3. That there have been monumental changes in the building. construction, real estate and financial circles since March 1971. including but not only, vastly increased construction costs of residential housing, virtual unavailability of mortgage funds and construction monies, prohibitive interest rates both for short term and long term financing, and other economic and social factors which have completely modified the development and real estate
- 4. And such other area changes as shall be disclosed by a minute study of this area, which changes shall be brought out at the time of the hearing hereon.

Respectfully submitted, James D. Moley James D. Nolan

Nolan, Plumhoff and Williams Attorneys for Petitioners

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COLUMBIA OFFICE WALTER PARK Registered Survey PHONE 730.9050

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HUDKINS ASSOCIATES INC

Engineers, Surveyors and Landscape Architects 200 EAST JOPPA ROAD FOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

BEL AIR L GERALD WOLFF Landscape Archite PHONE 838-0586

Sentember 30, 1974

DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY ZONING RECLASSIFICATION N. E. CORNER OELLA AVENUE AND PREDERICK ROAD:

Beginning for the same at a point the two following courses and distances from the centerline intersection of Frederick Road (60 feet wide) and Cella Avenue (40 feet wide) (1) North 09 25'41" West 26 feet more or less (2) North 80 34'19" East 20 feet thence along the east side of Oella Avenue the two following courses and distances viz: (1) North 09 25'41" West 377.05 feet (2) North 11 00' East 60.1 feet thence leaving the said east side of said Avenue the six following courses and distances viz: (1) South 79 49' East 417.56 feet (2) South 09 54. West 122.00 feet (3) South 83 45 13" East 10.40 feet (4) South 52 47 47" West 140.0 feet (5) South 38 23 24" West 140.00 feet (6) South 29 2017" East 135.00 feet to the north olde of Frederick Bond thence along the said north side of said Road North 85 45'13" West 240.00 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 3.08 Acres of land more or less

Malcolm E. Hudkins Registered Surveyor #5095

JUN 24 75 AM 7 PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : BEFORE
AND VARIANCE N/E CONNER OF
FREDERICK ROAD AND OELLA : ZONING RE: : ZONING COMMISSIONER 5 AVENUE; 1st District. ZONING DE BALTIMORE 75-186-RA

. MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS' CASE

The Petitioners, Vernon L. Bush and Idella D. Bush, his wife, by James D. Nolan, Newton A. Williams, and Nolan, Plumhoff and Williams, their attorneys, offer this Memorandum for the consideration of the Zoning Commissioner in the above entitled matter.

As counsel for the protestants points out, and as the Zoning Commissioner is well aware, a petitioner requesting a change in zoning bears a heavy burden under Maryland zoning law to prove either (a) that there was error in the original zoning, and/or (b) that there has been a fundamental change in the character of the neighborhood since the original comprehensive zoning was imposed. There is no question whatsoever that those principles are applicable in this case, and it would serve little useful purpose to cite any of the many cases which have so held. The Petitioners submit to the Zoning Commissioner that they have successfully borne their burden, and that the placement of the subject property in a D.R.3.5 zone by the 1971 zoning maps was and i clearly erroneous, and that this corner, the northeast corner of Frederick Road and Oella Avenue, is not now suited for residential use, and has for many years been utilized for commercial purposes

It is the thrust of the Petitioners' case that the entire north side of Frederick Road from the Rollingwood development on the east to at least Oella Avenue on the west, is of a commercial nature and should be zoned entirely commercial. A glance at the

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : PEFORE THE AND VARIANCES
NE/corner of Prederick and : ZONING COMMISSIONER Oella Avenues - 1st Election District. Vernon L. Bush, et ux -. BALTIMORE COUNTY Petitioners NO. 75-186-RA Item No. 1)

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ORDER FOR APPEAL

MR. COMMISSIONER:

Please enter an appeal in this matter on behalf of the Petitioners, Vernon L. Bush and Idella Bush to the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County from your Opinion and Order of October 31, 1975, and each and every part thereof, in the above entitled proceedings, wherein and whereby the requested B.L. reclassification was denied.

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Tames D. Nolan Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams Attorneys for the Petitioners 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Maryland 21204 Towson,

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of November, 1975, a copy of the foregoing ORDER FOR APPEAL was mailed, postage prepaid, to the following:

Thomas A. Henning, Esquire Mr. Ralph L. LaFon, Sr. Suite 605, Alex Brown Building 19 Oella Avenue Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Towson, Maryland 2120

Mr. P. T. Lemmon 1029 St. Paul Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Mr. Eugene L. Shaver 116 South Hilltop Road sville, Maryland 21228

Campbell V. Helfrich ville, Maryland 21228

John W. Hessian III, Esquire

People's Counsel County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120:

1000 scale zoning map, 2-A, reveals that the north side of Freder ick Road opposite Thistle Road and immediately to the west of one of the sections of Rollingwood is now, and has been for many years zoned B.L.-C.N.S., and this property is owned by Mr. P. T. Lemmon Immediately to the west of the Lemmon property on the north side of Frederick Road are properties zoned D.R.16, but actually used for commercial and industrial purposes. Immediately to the west of that zone, again on the north side of Frederick Road, is a property zoned B.L. which at various times has been a restaurant, a seafood outlet, and is now being utilized for the sale of lino-

leum products. Immediately to the east of the subject property

on the north side of Frederick Road is a property zoned residen-

tial but being used for a lawnmower repair shop and sales facility

On the south side of Prederick Road immediately to the west of Thistle Road, is a restaurant and tavern known as "Dimitri's", the old Eight-Mile House, and immediately to the west of this tayern is a body shop which was formerly a filling station and fuel oil sales company. On the south side of Prederick Road opposite the subject property is a large tract owned by Mrs. Whiting, one of the protestants in this case.

The various commercial uses just mentioned are very gra phically shown in the photographs offered by the Petitioners, with photographs G through I being the site of the West Caton Shopping Plaza, the Lemmon property as yet undeveloped. Petition ers' Exhibit J is a photograph of the repair shop on the north side of Frederick Road opposite Thistle Road, as is Petitioners' Exhibit K. Petitioners' Exhibits L through N are photographs of the tavern and restaurant facility on the south side of Frederick Road west of Thistle Road, and Petitioners' Exhibit O is a picture of the body shop next to the tavern. Petitioners' Exhibits P and Q are pictures of the tile shop on the north side of Frederick Road west of Hillside Avenue, and Petitioners' Exhibit R and Exhibit S are pictures of the lawnmower shop adjacent to the

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October 31, 1975

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> RE: Petition for Reclassification and Variances NE/corner of Frederick and Oella Avenues - 1st Election Vernon I. Bush. et ux -NO. 75-186-RA (Item No. 1)

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I have this date passed my Order in the above referenced matte Conv of said Order is at ached

Very truly yours

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subject property. The subject property is shown in Petitioners' Exhibit T. Petitioners' Exhibits U through W are pictures of the Elks Lodge on the north side of Frederick Road approximately one half mile west of the subject property, while Petitioners' Exhibits X through Z are pictures of various homes, in the vicinity o the Elks Lodge, and the ceramic store on the south side of Freder ick Road a half mile or more to the west of the subject property

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The basic point and thrust of Petitioners' case is that the north side of Frederick Road from Oella Avenue to the Lemmon property on the east possesses a commercial nature and was not i 1971 and is not now suitable for development at a density of D.R.3.5 for individual homes, apartments, or any other like resi dential use

As the Commissioner will recall, Petitioners presented a very thorough and complete case consisting of Mr. Bush's own testimony, the testimony of Mr. Mal Hudkins, well known Baltimore County engineer, the testimony of Mr. Hugh E. Gelston, a well known Baltimore County real estate expert and appraiser, and finally, the testimony of Mr. Howard Kolscher of Mr. Hudkins' office, an acknowledged expert in the field of traffic engineering. Also appearing in addition to these expert witnesses were numerous community residents, community leaders, and interested persons, who wished to see the fine work which the present Vernon's Rolle: Rink performs at Oella Avenue, continued at this new location, which is a more adequate size to accommodate the proposed operation.

Mr. Bush's Testimony

The first witness to testify during the Petitioners case was Mr. Vernon L. Bush, one of the Petitioners in this case and the owner and operator of Vernon's Roller Rink presently lo cated in Oella at the intersection of Oella Avenue and Westchester Avenue, approximately 3500 feet north of the subject property

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Mr. Bush outlined that his present property in Gella contains only about 1.5 acres versus the 3.08 acres offered by the subject property, and that despite repeated expansions and renovations the present site is just too small for an adequate roller rink operation. The witness also testified that the present building is outdated and that he cannot promote it for competition and lesson pur-

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Furthermore, in 1958, the Professional Roller Rink Asso ciation changed the floor size requirement, and Mr. Bush lost his ccreditation with this group. Due to all of the drawbacks of the present location, Mr. Bush has agreed to sell the present location to Mr. Tydings of the Thermalink Organization, a neighboring user at the present location.

As to the present and proposed operation, the bulk of the week would be taken up with private parties, while there would be three public skating sessions per week offered at the new location versus two public skating sessions per week offered at the present location. The three public sessions would be Friday night from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday night from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with other days and nights of the week being reserved for private skating parties. Mr. Bush also testified that large number of the private parties come in one or more busses, and that the private parties generally involve mostly bus transportation with few private auto-

Mr. Bush then went on to describe how the subject property has been used for a number of years for a fruit stand during mer months of the year, and that the subject property has been for many, many years the site of two large billboards owned and operated by the Donnelly organization. Mr. Bush stated that the billboards had been on the property for at least fifty years since he can remember them since he was a bov.

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The new building proposed for the subject site would be 110 feet in width by 240 feet in length and would accommodate a regulation size skating rink, locker room areas, and lounge areas This skating rink would be a definite improvement over the present rink, and would accommodate the average private group renting the rink which runs between 100 and 200 skaters. In addition to private groups which come from all over the metropolitan area, Mr. Bush stated and it was borne out by numerous parties who appeared that roller skating is the most popular recreation for children and young adults in the Oella area, and that there is little or no other forms of recreation available to the community. Furthermor Mr. Bush stated that his rink fills a very definite community need in the western part of Baltimore County since the nearest rink to the south is in Glen Burnie in Anne Arundel County, and the neares rink to the north is at Painter's Mill in the Reisterstown-Owings Mills area

Mr. Bush stated that he will personally supervise the new operation as he has always supervised the old one, and that in addition to him and his wife there would be approximately ten other employees involved in the operation. The existing house, located in the northeast area of the tract, would be retained, and would insure that someone would be on the premises twenty-four hours a day to maintain proper security and make sure that the property is kept in proper and safe condition.

Mr. Bush stated that he has never had any offer to purchase the subject property for residential purposes in the ten to fifteen years that he has owned it, but that he had numerous inquiries for commercial purposes, including inquiries from oil companies. He further stated that he had an excellent offer to buy it for a commercial purpose in its present residentially zoned status. The sale of his present rink is not contingent upon obtaining rezoning, and unless a site is found after the present eason Mr. Bush will be forced to close his doors, a very definite

ne characterized as a "very fine operation, filling a definite recreational need in the community". Mr. Bonnet went on to testify that he believes that community recreational needs can and should be met by public and private recreational facilities and that there was a considerable amount of interest in Baltimore County in skating, evidenced by participation in Baltimore County programs with 49 skating centers and 6200 registered skaters. Among other points covered on cross examination was the fact that while the use of school recreational rooms for skating is allowed, that a school recreational room just cannot fill the need for the type of skating offered by a full size, professional rink.

The Proposed Rink and Its Effect on Area Traffic

The next witness to testify on behalf of the Petitioners was Mr. Howard Kolscher, an expert traffic engineer associated with the Hudkins engineering firm. Prior to joining Mr. Hudkins, Mr. Kolscher indicated that he had served as a regional planner with the Highway Administration and was very familiar with their standards and requirements.

As in any zoning case, one of the primary areas of concern is the effect of the proposed use on area traffic. Mr. Kolscher first noted that the figure of 1500 trips per day quoted in the Planning Board Comments was based upon a general figure of 500 trips per day per acre of B.R. use, and was not a particularized figure based upon a study of skating rink operations in parti cular. Mr. Kolscher stated that in order to prepare himself for this case he had studied a public skating rink and thus could offer more definitive testimony as to the traffic to be expected.

Mr. Kolscher studied both Mr. Bush's present roller rink operation, as well as a larger, public skating rink called Skateland, located at 8101 Pulaski Haghway in Baltimore County. Based upon a study of Vernon's Roller Rink as presently located, Mr. Kolscher concluded that on the day in which two public skating sessions loss to the Oella community. During the course of cross examination Mr. Bush indicated that he had accommodated numerous groups from the local community, including the Heritage Community Association, the Rollingwood Swim Club, and the Catonsville Twirlettes. He also indicated that he had searched for a site of sufficient area and properly zoned for a long time, but was unable to locate any property of acceptable size and zoning during his extensive search. He also stated that although he had expanded the present rink at least four times during his twenty-six years of ownership that it was becoming more and more in dequate with each passing

As for changes along Frederick Road, he pointed to the special exception given to the Knights of Columbus on the south side of Frederick Road just to the east of Balfred Avenue, as well as the Elks Lodge granted a special exception on the north side of Frederick Road approximately one-half mile west of the subject property. Mr. Bush also stated that a former house on the south side of Frederick Road in the section of the road very clos to the Patapsco River was now being used as a ceramics store and that the property immediately east of the subject property has been a lawnmower shop and sales operation for some five or six vears.

Vernon's Roller Rink and the Baltimore County Police Bureau

The second witness to testify on behalf of Mr. Bush was Lieutenant James Dinkleman of the Wilkens Police Station, the station responsible for supervision of the subject site and the present rink site. Lt. Dinkleman stated that he had spent fifteen of his twenty-one years on the force at Wilkens Station and was very familiar with the Oella Area and Vernon's Roller Rink in particular, having known Mr. Bush for some twenty years.

In all of these years Lt. Dinkleman could not recall one call for any type of disturbance or improper activity inside the

were held, one in e afternoon and one in the evening, that approximately 300 trips would be generated. Even at the larger Skateland operation on a Saturday in February, when patronage would be expected to be very high, this larger rink generated only 858 trips per day or about 900 versus 1500 trips forecast by the traffic engineer.

As for area roads, Frederick Road was described as a State road naving twenty-four feet of paving with eight to ten foot shoulders, while Oella Avenue is a County Road with eighteen feet of paving and narrow shoulders. There is a traffic control device, namely a stop sign, for traffic on Oella Avenue where it terminates at Frederick Road. According to the State Highway Administration, Frederick Road is to be improved as a four-lane urban section at some time in the future, but the definite date for improvement has not been set.

From a traffic engineering standpoint, the witness went on to point out that none of the public sessions mentioned by Mr. Bush would impact either Frederick Road or Oella Avenue at th time these roads are presently carrying their peak traffic. Whereas, on the other hand, ten houses would generate approximately 100 trips per day, which would impact these roads during morning and evening peak hours. Based upon his observation of Mr. Bush's present operation and the Skateland operation, the witness confirmed that the bulk of the group business comes on busses, while during the public sessions four to six patrons come in each car on a typical basis. Based upon his studies, Mr. Kolscher concluded that area roads were more than capable of handling the traffic to be generated by this facility, and that it would be a great deal less than that forecast by the Baltimore County Traffi Engineer.

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During the course of cross examination, the witness note that the Skateland operation on Pulaski Highway provided only 99 parking spaces, versus the 164 parking spaces to be provided

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roller skating rink. He also felt that there is a definite need for recreational opportunities in the area and that Vernon's Roller Rink was and is filling a definite community need in this regard.

In the course of cross examination, Lt. Dinkleman state that he did not anticipate any problems with the supervision of the parking lot, and that it would not be like a fast food operation tion or something of that nature, which would attract a crowd that would remain in the automobiles. Furthermore, he stated that Mr. Bush would not tolerate any trouble makers or any loiter ing on his present premises and would expect him to follow the same policy at the new premises. When questioned about Oella Avenue, the Lieutenant stated that there is little traffic on Oella Avenue and it is used primarily by residents of the area. In this regard, it should be pointed out that in order to reach the present facility either Cella Avenue or Westchester Avenue must be used, and the Frederick Road site is a much better location in this regard. Lt. Dinkleman stated that they had no parti cular accident problems on Frederick Road in this area

The Engineering Situation

The next witness to testify on hebalf of the Detitioners was Mr. Mal Hudkins of Hudkins Associates a well known Baltimore County Engineering firm. Wr. Hudkins stated that the property of joys 240 feet of frontage along Frederick Road and that in the course of the development of this tract. Frederick Road right-ofway will be widened from sixty to eighty feet. Similarly, on Oella Avenue, the right-of-way will be widened to forty feet alongside the subject site. The improvements to Oella Avenue and Frederick Road will include curb, gutter and paving and will be definite improvement to area roads.

As for utilities, water must be extended to the site from Hillside Avenue, while it is proposed to handle the waste water by

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by this facility. He indicated that one space for each six patrons is required, and thus 107 would be required and 164 provided. 4r. Kolscher also stated that this section of Frederick Road according to State Highway Administration Traffic Volume Maps was carrying something between 8.000 and 9.700 vehicles per day in a satisfactory manner. Petitioners submit that Mr. Kolschur's studies offer ample evidence for the proposition that the subject facility will not impinge unfavorably on area roads, and it should be borne in mind that the present facility is served by much inferior roads and is satisfactorily operating and has been for many vears.

Effect of the Proposed Rink on the Area Involved

Unlike the usual case, the Petitioners believe that in this case it can definitely be stated that if this facility is no allowed to continue in the Oella Area, it will have a definitely unfavorable impact on the community. This unfavorable impact was borne out by Mr. Bush's testimony, by Mr. Bonnet's testimony, by Lt. Dinkleman's testimony, as well as by the testimony of other interested area residents, including those area residents who fee: strongly enough about Vernon's to make a video tape presentation which was viewed by the Commissioner and by the audience during the first day of hearing.

The lack of a harmful effect upon the community was also brought out in the course of Mr. Gelston's testimony. Mr. Gelston mong other things, reviewed the numerous commercial uses which have already been cited, up and down the north and south sides of Frederick Road in the area from Oella Avenue on the west to Rolling ood on the east. It is s _ ificant to note that most of the proestants in this case will be separated from the rink by all of he existing commercial activity, including the linoleum shop, the awnmower shop, tavern, the body shop, the repair shop and the and owned by Mr. Lemmon and reserved for the West Cat .. Shopping

a sentic system. As for storm drainage, Mr. Hudkins pointed out that the new storm water management policy instituted by Baltimore County effective December 1, 1974, would require that the subject property retain flows from a typ-year storm in the same manner after development as it does prior to development. Also, a 100year flood plain would be required to be reserved for the small stream which traverses the property on the east side.

Mr. Hudkins also testified that all Zoning Advisory Committee Comments had been complied with and that the 164 parking spaces provided considerably exceeds the 107 required by the Regulations. As proposed to be developed, large parts of the tract would be landscaped in grass and four-foot high compact plant screening would be planted along the north, east, and south sides of the property.

As for access to the site, no entrance is proposed on Producick Road, and two entrances are proposed on Gella Avenue. one being 30 feet in width, and the other being 24 feet in width During the course of cross examination, Mr. Hudkins indicated that he felt the property is suitable for a septic system since the present house is utilizing one, and that any system built mus meet State and County Health Department requirements. Furthermore a sortic system would have no detrimental effect on the stream sings it would be kent 100 feet from the stream and/or the stream would be piped. Also, Mr. Hudkins indicated that a satisfactory system could be designed to function in those parts of the property which had been filled over the years.

The Proposed Rink and Community Recreational Needs

The next witness to testify during the Petitioners' case was Mr. Henry Bonnet, the Southwest Area Superintendent for the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Bonnet stated that he also lives in the Heritage Community to the north of the tract and was familiar with Mr. Bush's present rink which

Plaza. While it is true that the proposed rink will be opposite the Whiting property, it should be noted that the Whiting property is already adjoined and has been adjoined for many years, by the tavern and the body shop on the south side of Frederick Road to the west of Thistle Road. Any objective resident of the area will acknowledge the commercial character of Frederick Road from Oella Avenue on the west to Rollingwood on the east, as well as acknow ledging the increasingly commercial character of Frederick Road in the vicinity of the Patapsco River to the west.

As was pointed out by Mr. Bush in his testimony, and as was again brought out by Mr. Gelston in his testimony, along Fredarick Road from the Raltimore City Line on the east westwards to the Ellico t City Bridge there is almost no B.R. zoned land. The only B P goned land is in a very parrow strip along Frederick Road in the vicinity of the Patapsco River, and it is not of sufficient depth to permit the construction of a rink as proposed. Petitioners submit that it was and is error for the Baltimore County Council not to provide B.R. zoned land of any significant depth along Frederick Road in the Catonsville area.

Mr. Gelston went on to testify that in his opinion as an appraiser the proposed ro ler skating rink would have no adverse effect on area property values, and would be in keeping with the basic character of this area of Frederick Road. This three-acre property on this corner, as noted by Mr. Gelston, relates to Frederick Road, which road has a commercial character in this area. and this tract does not relate to the residential areas to the north. The tract is largely clear of vegetation, and its commercial character and value has been recognized for fifty years by the placement of large billboards on this property, as well as by the continuing commercial interest in this strate ic corner.

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The Fundamental Error Of

The Petitioners acknowledge that theirs is the burden of proving that the imposition of a D.R.3.5 classification in 1971 was and is erroneous, and/or that the fundamental character of th neighborhood has changed since 1971. In like manner the Petitioners acknowledge the basic presumption of the correctness of comprehensive zoning and rezoning enunciated over and over again in the decisions. See for example Ouinn v. County Comm'rs of Kent County, 20 Md. App. 413 (1974); Stratakis v. Beauchamp, 268 Md. 643 (1973). However, no presumption of the correctness of original zoning will change the basic commercial nature and orien tation of the subject property, and of the north and south sides of Frederick Road in this area. The commercial character of this corner has been recognized for fifty years or more by the billboards, which as Donnelly continually points out as outdoor adver tising structures are commercial in nature. The vegetable and fruit stand is evidence of this tract's commercial character. Th major arterial status of Frederick Road, which has existed for the entire recorded history of Baltimore County as a county, militates against residential use of this corner. Certainly no knowledgeable developer would build ten individual homes, townhouses or apartments here. Of course, townhouses and apartments are no even an available alternative on those portions of the tract within 300 feet of any individual home or 250 feet of a vacant, D.R. zoned lot of record, two acres or less in area under Section 1801 1 B.1.9.1. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (1975 Ed.). The protestants say and we acknowledge that this area

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has not changed substantially in years - the Petitioners agree

it has retained its commercial orientation and uses but there is

definite trend to increased commercial development to keep pace

with increased development in the area. Moreover, the change of

BEFORE THE IN RE. PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION AND VARIANCE N/E CORNER OF ZONTNO COMMISSIONER FREDERICK ROAD AND OELLA AVENUE 1ST DISTRICT VERNON L. AND IDELLA D. BUSH, BALTIMORE COUNTY PETITIONERS

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. PROTESTANT'S CLOSING ARGUMENT

An applicant for rezoning must successfully bear a heavy burden of proof before his application can be granted. This is true regardless of whether he is basing his application on a mistake in the original zoning or in the comprehensive zoning or on a substantial change in conditions in the subject neighborhood. Harley v. Aluisi, 259 Md. 275 (1970); Clayman v Prince George's County, 266 Md. 409 (1971). A zoning reclassification cannot be granted because of a mere change of mind or heart by the zoning authorities, but can be granted only upon a showing of a change in the neighborhood, or of an error in the original zoning.

In Krache v. Weinberg, 197 Md. 339 (1951) the Court of Appeals of Maryland stated what is today the law of Maryland with regard to the acceptance or rejection of an application for

> "Where property is rezoned, it must appear that either there was some mistake in the original zoning, or that the character of the neighborhood has changed to such an extent that such action ought to be taken." Id., 347

Columbus at Frederick Road and Balfred Avenue to the east, and the Elks to the west, are not indicative of a trend to residential usage, but rather of a trend away from residential uses along Frederick Road. The Petitioners submit that the testimony shows not one new individual home has been built on Frederick Road from North Rolling Road west to the Patapsco River since Rollingwood's completion in the early 60's. Further, Rollingwood is east of the present commercial activity and zoning along the north and couth sides of Frederick Road centering on Thistle Road. None of the would-be protestants from the Rollingwood community can even see the subject property due to intervening commercial uses and the rolling topography of the area and of Frederick Road.

The protestants contend that to reclassify this corne commercially as requested would be "spot zoning". The Petitioners submit that to place it in any residential category in view of its history, present use, topography and the adjacent and nearby commercial uses is precisely that - namely, erroneous spot zoning, and the classification should be changed as requested to commercial to reflect the factual character of the area. Spot zoning has been defined as the placing of "a small area in a zone different from that of the surrounding area", in Huff v. Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County, 214 Md. 48, 57 (1957). The Petitioners submit that it is just as much spot zoning to place commercially used and oriented property in a residential zone as to do the reverse.

It has also been held that it is proper to serve certain eeds of a residential area by commercial zoning for such uses as ocery stores, drug stores, barber shops and even gas stations. See, for instance, Temmink v. Board of Zoning Appeals for Baltimore County, 205 Md. 489 (1954). In Alvey v. Hedin, 243 Md. 334 (1966) at page 342 the Court has said with regard to permissible spot oning to serve area needs:

"However, the need which must exist to justify spot zoning must be a need for a service

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The Petitioners, Mr. & Mrs. Bush, were unable to show either a mistake in the original zoning, or a change in the character of the neighborhood.

If the Petitioners based their request for a zoning reclassification on substantial change rather than a mistake in the original zoning, it would have been necessary for them to establish before the County Commissioners (a) what area reasonably constitutes the neighborhood of the subject property, (b) the changes which have occurred in that neighborhood since the comprehensive rezoning and (c) that these changes resulted in a change in the character of the neighborhood; these being the basic facts and conclusions which the County Commissioners must find and express in writing when it grants or denies a zoning reclassification based on the argument of substantial change. Montgomery v. Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County, 256 Md. 597 (1970).

However, the Petitioners were unable to show any changes in character of the neighborhood, and in fact, Petitioners witness. Hugh H. Gelston, admitted on direct testimony as well on cross examination that there have been no changes in the character of the subject area for many years.

Also supportive of this admission was testimony to the same effect by Campbell V. Helfrich, as well as a finding by Deputy Zoning Commissioner Dyer in the case of George H. Reiblich - Petitioner. #75-41-RX (Ttem No. 35), (dealing with a reclassification request for land on the S/S of Frederick Road - 310' W. of Hilltop Place - 1st District; same being

or facility by the residents of the area in which the commercialization is to be allowed and not the more general need of the public.

The Petitioners submit that there is ample evidence in the record of the unique recreational need which Vernon's Roller Rink has been and is now serving in the Oella community, including Mr. Bush' testimony, Lt. Dinkelman's testimony, Mr. Bonnet's testimony, the testimony and the video tape presentation by the Gella young people's group, the testimony of Mr. Richard McCauley, etc. Both the immediate Oella community and the entire western portion of Baltimore County will be benefited by this unique recreational facility. No adequate B.R.-zoned parcel exists in the Oella Avenue Prederick Road vicinity, and this is a major mistake and omission in the area zoning map. Vernon's Roller Rink must modernize and improve with the times, and the map's lack in this regard, as well as the placing of residential zoning on this commercially-oriented and used tract was and is error.

Conclusion

The Petitioners submit that the Petitioners have amply proved their case, and that the property should be placed in a

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within the immediate vicinity of the subject property) that " . . . the area is, and has been, stable for many years with no substantial changes having taken place in the past eighteen years." Id., 2

If the Petitioners based their application for a zoning reclassification on the argument of a mistake in the original zoning, a strong presumption of validity granted to the original zoning must be overcome; (MacDonald v. Board of County Commissioners 238 Md. 549 (1964) and the burden of over coming this presumption of validity is a heavy one which the Petitioners have failed to meet

The sentiment of the public residing in the immediate area of the proposed reclassification is clearly in opposition to same as evidenced by the testimony at the hearing of the immediate neighbors of the subject property, as well as the petitions of protest signed by hundreds of area residents.

While it is true that no property owner has a truly vested interest in the continuance of a zoning classification, June Hammond writing for the majority in Wakefield v. Kraft, 202 Md. 136 (1953) at Page 144 said that:

> "He (the property owner) is entitled to rely on the rule that a classification made by ordinance will not be changed unless the change is required for the public good and is not made merely to accomodate private interests which are detrimental to the welfare of the other property owners of the same neighborhood."

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 34 day of he copy of the foregoing MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS' CASE was mailed, postage prepaid, to THOMAS A. HENNING, ESQUIRE, Suite 605, Alex. Brown Building, 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, 21204 (296-5568) and to JACK W. HESSIAN III, ESQUIRE, People's Counsel, Office of Law, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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In addition to the failure of the Petitioners to establish the essential elements for a reclassification, and the community's opposition to such a reclassification, the Planning Board's recommendation was to retain the existing zoning and deny the reclassification since, in their words, to grant same " . . . would constitute 'spot' zoning in that such zoning would establish land use potentials which are not in harmony with those of surrounding properties."

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Therefore, in conclusion, it is clear that the Petitioners have failed to meet the heavy burden which must be met by those requesting a zoning reclassification and thus the requested zoning reclassification must be denied.

RESPECTEULLY SURMITTED:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this & day of Many 1975, I caused a copy of the foregoing PROTESTANT'S CLOSING ARGUMENT to be sent by mail, postage prepaid, to James D. Nolan Esquire, 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioners.

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HE: PETITION FOR REGILASSIFICATION: BEFORE THE AND VARIANCE FROM D.R. 3.5 to 8.8. 200 HIG COMMISSIONER M/W corner of Frederick and cells Avenues, let District FOR RALTIMORE COUNTY VERHOR L. BUSH: Case Mo. 75-186-RA

ORDER TO ENTER APPEARANCE

Mr. Commissioner:

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 521.1 of the Saltimore County Charter, I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding. You are requested to notify me of any hearing date or dates which may be now or hereafter designated therefore, and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order in connection therewith.

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DEPUTY PROPIE'S COURSEL
The County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 2120h

John W. HESSIAN, III

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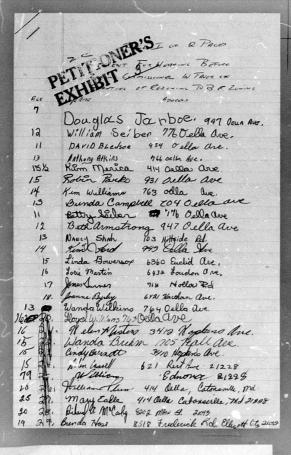
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APPLICATION FOR ZONING CHANGE AND VARIANCE

PROPERTY OWNER: Vernon L. and Ide

LOCATION: N/E corner Freder

ELECTION DISTRICT: 1

We the undersigned, landomers and/or residents in the area of the northeast corner of Frederick Road and Oella Avenue, wish to go on record as being opposed to the zoning change and variance requested for said property by Mr. and Mrs. Verono L. Bush

The land in question is currently zoned residential (DR-3.5) and should remain so, as the area immediately surrounding the subject property has been, and still is, residential; and the roads which border said property (Della Avenue and Prederick Road) are already dangerous to both pedestria. and automotive traffic and would become more dangerous as more people use them to go to and from any commercial establishment located on this property.

Moreover, there are numerous alternative sites for Mr. Bush's proposed roller rink which are already zoned for commercial use and are within a short distance of the proposed site.

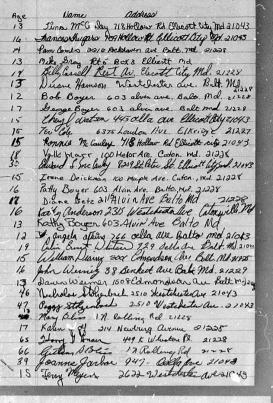
In conclusion it is obvious that if this zoning change and variance were granted it would result in an unfavorable "spot zoning" and would burden a normally quiet residential area with a loud and boisterous commercial establishment.

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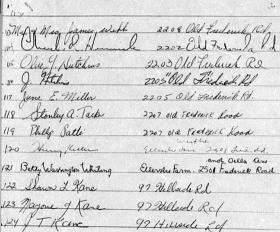
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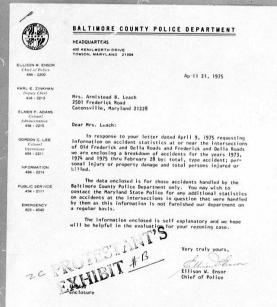
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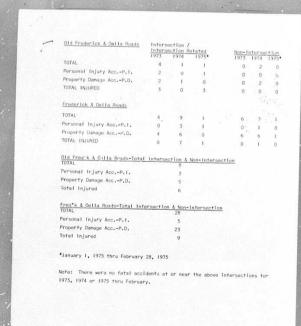
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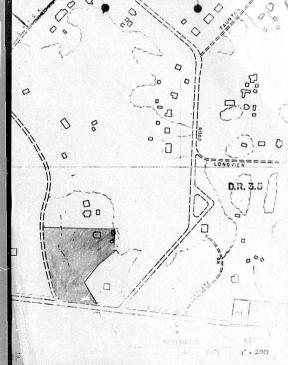
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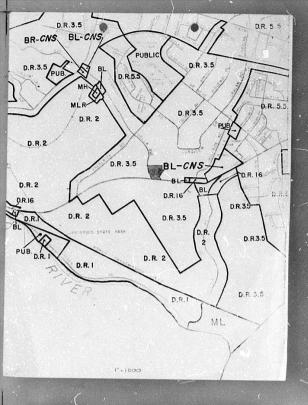






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