

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
DeChiaro Ltd. Partnership
FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY
LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
SMITH AVENUE AND SANZO ROAD
3rd ELECTION DISTRICT
2nd COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

BEFORE
COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY
CASE NO. 88-259-A

OPINION

This case comes before this Board on appeal from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner granting the requested variance with restrictions. Prior to the taking of any testimony, the attorney for the Petitioner/Appellee, in his opening statement, indicated that, in a meeting with the Appellant, an agreement had been reached with the Appellant regarding an amendment to the requested variance. He submitted as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 a letter designating the construction of the signs and an artist's portrayal of what they would look like. People's Counsel entered a series of four photographs that showed the existing signs on People's Counsel Exhibit No. 1; a sign to be removed from two posts and installed on a stake as People's Counsel Exhibit No. 2; and two directional signs as Exhibits No. 3 and No. 4. Since all concerns and questions have been alleviated, the Board will order the variance granted as proposed.

ORDER

It is therefore this 28th day of March, 1989 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the requested variance be

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DeChiaro Ltd. Partnership

GRANTED as follows:

- 1) That the sign in question be installed in complete conformity with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1; and
- 2) That the directional sign as shown on People's Counsel Exhibit No. 2 be removed from its present mountings and installed on a single stake.

Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

William T. Hackett
William T. Hackett, Chairman

Lynn B. Moreland
Lynn B. Moreland

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE
341/Corner Smith Avenue and
Sanzo Road
3rd Election District
2nd Councilmanic District

BEFORE THE
DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Case No. 88-259-A

DeChiaro Ltd. Partnership
Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit two directional or informational signs totalling 122.72 sq.ft. (61.36 sq.ft. per side of double faced signs) in lieu of the permitted one sign totalling 25 sq.ft., as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, by Antonia M. Blucher, Property Manager, appeared, testified and was represented by Counsel. Robert Goldman and Eugene Laskin of the Smith-Greenspring Association appeared as interested parties.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, zoned D.R. 16, is located at the corner of Sanzo Road and Smith Avenue and is currently improved with an apartment building known as the Pickwick Apartments. A limited number of apartments are occupied as professional offices. The Petitioner contends that the two signs currently existing on the property are necessary to provide directional or informational assistance to visitors and/or patrons of the businesses.

Testimony indicated that the larger of the two signs, which is located at the corner of Sanzo Road and Smith Avenue, totals 49 sq.ft. on each side. Petitioner introduced as Petitioner's Exhibit 2 a copy of a permit for said sign which was approved in August of 1986. Ms. Blucher testified that the present sign was a replacement of the original sign which had been installed at the time the building was constructed. Ms. Blucher further testified that she was property manager for the Pickwick Apartments from March 1983 through August 1987. She remembered that prior to construction of the sign, the Petitioner had been

concerned that its location would serve its directional and informational purpose and not hinder traffic, and that the lettering be of a reasonable size to insure visibility. Furthermore, trees were removed and landscaping was done around the sign to prevent blind spots and to allow the free flow of traffic. Ms. Blucher indicated that a sizable amount of money was invested for the construction of the larger sign at the corner of Sanzo Road and Smith Avenue after being issued a permit which was approved by various departments in the County, including Zoning. As a result, the sign shown in photos on Petitioner's Exhibit 4 was constructed after approval of the permit. Ms. Blucher testified that the second sign is necessary to identify the entrance to the offices located at 2999 Smith Avenue as, in the past, many people have tried to enter offices from the Sanzo Road entrance causing unnecessary disturbance of other businesses and residents of apartments. Petitioner testified that this sign was constructed without a permit and introduced photos of the sign marked Petitioner's Exhibit 6. The first two sections of the sign display the names of two dental specialists, and the third section gives the address of their offices. Ms. Blucher testified that if both signs are not permitted to remain, practical difficulty would result as many of the patients and/or visitors to the offices would get lost.

Mr. Goldman and Mr. Laskin testified that while the Smith-Greenspring Association had sent a letter to J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner, indicating opposition to the requested variances, the Association did not realize the request referred to the two existing signs. The gentlemen indicated that they had no objection to the signs as they presently exist on the property but are opposed to the granting of any additional signs or future variances in the area.

The Petitioner seeks relief from Section 413.1(e)(3) pursuant to Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.).

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 413.1 (e) 3 to permit two directional or informational signs totalling 122.72 square feet (61.36 square feet per sides of double faced signs) in lieu of the permitted one sign totalling 25 square feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Hardship and Practical sign that indicates from the street where the doctor's offices are located in the building. Without this sign, patients could wander into driving, the patients could miss the building location altogether as the main building entrances are addressed and identified to Sanzo Road.

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

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

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Contract Purchaser:
(Type or Print Name)
Signature
Address
City and State
Attorney for Petitioner:
Leonard Rottman, Esquire
(Type or Print Name)
Address
City and State
Attorney's Telephone No.: 547-1500

Legal Owner(s):
DeChiaro Limited Partnership
FOOTLOCK, ELLER, DeCHIAIRO, ENTERPRISE, INC.
(Type or Print Name)
Signature
Address
City and State
Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted
Name
Address
Phone No.

700 Fairmount Avenue 823-0637
Towson, Md. 21204
City and State
Baltimore, Md. 21201
City and State

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 15th day of November, 1987, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be held before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 108, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the 12th day of January, 1988, at 2 o'clock P.M.

(over)

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the "petitioner must meet" the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variance for the sign located at the corner of Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road, and as shown in photos on Petitioner's Exhibit 4, is not granted. The sign provides directional and informational data and was constructed by the Petitioner after a permit was issued, in reliance that said sign was valid. With respect to the sign as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 6, which was constructed by Petitioner without a permit, in the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the variance should be granted only with respect to that section containing approximately 2.64 sq.ft. which identifies the address of the building with the directional arrow below the wording. The additional information provided is not necessary, directional or informational. The first section is listed on the larger sign at the corner of Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road. In the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the address with pointing arrow provides sufficient directional and informational data to direct visitors to the offices at 2999 Smith Avenue.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons stated above, the requested variances should be granted in part with restrictions as more fully described below.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 4th day of March, 1988 that variances to permit a directional or informational sign totalling 98 sq.ft. (49 sq.ft., plus or minus each side of a double faced sign) at the corner of Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, and a directional or informational sign totalling 5.28 sq.ft. (2.64 sq.ft. plus or minus each side) with the lettering "2999 Smith Avenue," located on Smith Avenue by the existing concrete walkway, be and are hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- 1) Petitioner shall remove all other information on the sign currently consisting of 24.72 sq.ft. and apply for the applicable sign permit within 30 days of the date of this Order.

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
of Baltimore County

AMN:bjb

KIDDE CONSULTANTS, INC.
Subsidiary of Kidde Inc.
Description for Pickwick Apartments
KCI Job Order No. 01-87117
June 25, 1987
Page 2

seconds East 148.30 feet to the fillet line connecting the south side of Smith Avenue to the west side of Sanzo Road, thence binding on said fillet line (7) South 05 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East 14.00 feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 0.87 acres of land, more or less.

RLS/pek KCI Job Order No. 01-87117 June 25, 1987



KIDDE CONSULTANTS, INC.
Subsidiary of Kidde, Inc.

DESCRIPTION
PARCEL ON SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SMITH AVENUE
AND SANZO ROAD, PICKWICK APARTMENTS, THIRD
ELECTION DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Existing Zoning: DR-16 with Special Exception

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the west side of Sanzo Road, as laid out sixty feet wide, at the distance of 10.00 feet as measured southerly along said west side of Sanzo Road from its intersection with the south side of Smith Avenue, both streets being shown on the plat entitled "Addition to and Resubdivision Plat of Part of Plat 1, Section 3, Pickwick" and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book R.R.G. 30, Page 68, and running thence, binding on said west side of Sanzo Road, (1) South 01 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds East 180.06 feet, thence (2) South 88 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds West 177.68 feet, thence along the outlines of "Pickwick", as shown on said plat, (3) North 01 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 189.23 feet, to intersect the south side of Smith Avenue as widened, thence binding on the south side of Smith Avenue the three following courses and distances (4) North 81 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East 1.67 feet, (5) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 150.00 feet and an arc length of 18.26 feet with a chord bearing of North 85 degrees 24 minutes 52 seconds East with a length of 18.26 feet, thence (6) North 88 degrees 54 minutes 12

APPEAL

Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/corner Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeCHIARO LTD. PARTNERSHIP - Petitioner
Case No. 88-259-A

Petition for Zoning Variance

Description of Property

Certificate of Posting

Certificates of Publication

Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Director of Planning & Zoning Comments

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1) Plat of Property revised 6/19/87

2) Copy of Baltimore County Building Permit dated 8/29/86

3) Color Photographs of Property

4, 5 and 6) Color Photographs of Informational Signs

7) Layout of Pickwick Apartment Buildings

Letter of Protest from Jerome Paymer, Director of Greenspring Association, dated 1/7/88

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order dated March 4, 1988

Notice of Appeal received March 25, 1988 from People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Protestants

Leonard Rottman, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner
Tabor and Rottman
Suite 1115,
The Blaustein Building, Suite 1115,
One N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201

Mr. Jerome Paymer, Director
Greenspring Association
2705 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21209

Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esquire,
People's Counsel of Baltimore County
Rm. 223, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning
James Howell, Office of Planning & Zoning
J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner
Ann M. Nastarowicz, Deputy Zoning Commissioner
James E. Dyer, Zoning Supervisor
Docket Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., Dec. 24, 1987
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on Dec. 24, 1987.

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

Susan Seidel Shreffel
Publisher

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:
Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/CORNER SMITH AVENUE AND SANZO ROAD
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeChiario Limited Partnership - Petitioner
Case No. 88-259-A
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 12, 1988 at 2:00 P.M.
Petition for Zoning Variance to permit two (2) second or informational signs totaling 122.72 square feet (1.56 square feet per side of double faced signs) in lieu of the permitted one (1) sign totaling 25 square feet.
In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during the period of good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing as above set forth at the hearing.
J. ROBERT HAINES
Zoning Commissioner
of Baltimore County
12229 Dec. 24

March 4, 1988

Leonard Rottman, Esquire
Tabor and Rottman
Suite 1115, The Blaustein Building
One North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/corner Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District; 2nd Councilmanic District
DeChiario Ltd. Partnership - Petitioner
Case No. 88-259-A

Dear Mr. Rottman:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above-referenced case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been Granted in part, and subject to the restriction noted in the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
of Baltimore County

AWH:bjs
Enclosures

cc: Messrs. Goldman, Laskin & Paymer
c/o Greenspring Association
2705 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21209

People's Counsel

File

April 7, 1988

Baltimore County Board of Appeals
Old Courthouse, Room #205
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/corner Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeChiario Ltd. Partnership - Petitioner
Case No. 88-259-A

Dear Board:

An appeal of the above-referenced matter was filed in this office on March 25, 1988 by the People's Counsel for Baltimore County. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

J. Robert Haines
J. ROBERT HAINES
Zoning Commissioner

JRH:bjs
cc: Leonard Rottman, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioners
Tabor and Rottman, The Blaustein Building, Suite 1115,
One North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201

Mr. Jerome Paymer, Director of Greenspring Association
2705 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21209

Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esquire,
People's Counsel of Baltimore County
Rm. 223, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204

File

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE : BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER
SW Corner Smith Ave. : OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
and Sanzo Rd., 3rd :
Election District; :
2nd Councilmanic District :
DeCHIARO LTD. PARTNERSHIP, : Case No. 88-259-A
Petitioner :
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: : : :
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Please note an appeal from the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in the above-captioned matter, under date of March 4, 1988, to the County Board of Appeals and forward all papers in connection therewith to the Board for hearing.

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman
Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 223, Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
494-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of March, 1988, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed to Leonard Rottman, Esquire, Tabor and Rottman, Suite 1115, The Blaustein Bldg., One N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201; and Messrs. Goldman, Laskin & Paymer, c/o Greenspring Association, 2705 Smith Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209.

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman

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ZONING OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Towson, Maryland

District: 3rd Date of Posting: December 24, 1987
Posted for: Variance
Petitioner: DeChiario Limited Partnership
Location of property: SW/cor. Smith Ave. and Sanzo Road
Location of Signs: SW/cor. Smith Ave. and Sanzo Road, SW/cor. Smith Ave.
Remarks: S.J. Garte
Posted by: S.J. Garte Date of return: December 31, 1987
Number of Signs: 1

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Pikesville, Md., December 23, 1987
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE NORTHWEST STAR, a weekly newspaper published in Pikesville, Baltimore County, Maryland before the 24th day of December, 1987.

the first publication appearing on the 23rd day of December, 1987
the second publication appearing on the day of , 19
the third publication appearing on the day of , 19

THE NORTHWEST STAR

Jon Berle
Manager

Cost of Advertisement \$14.20

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE : BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER
SW/Corner Smith Ave. & Sanzo Rd. : OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
3rd Election District :
DeCHIARIO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, : Case No. 88-259-A
Petitioner :
: : : :
ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman
Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 223, Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
494-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of November, 1987, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Leonard Rottman, Esquire, Suite 1808 Charles Center South, 36 S. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, Attorney for Petitioner.

Peter Max Zimmerman
Peter Max Zimmerman

Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning
Towson, Maryland 21204
484-3353

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

November 19, 1987

Mr. Anthony P. Rubino
DeChiaro Limited Partnership
700 Fairmont Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/C Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeChiaro Limited Partnership - Petitioner
Case number: 88-259-A

Dear Mr. Rubino:

Please be advised that \$48.16 is due for advertising and posting of the above-referenced property. All advertising and posting fees must be paid prior to the hearing. Do not remove the sign from the property from the time it is posted by this office until the day of the hearing itself.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN AND POST RETURNED
ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and forward to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204.

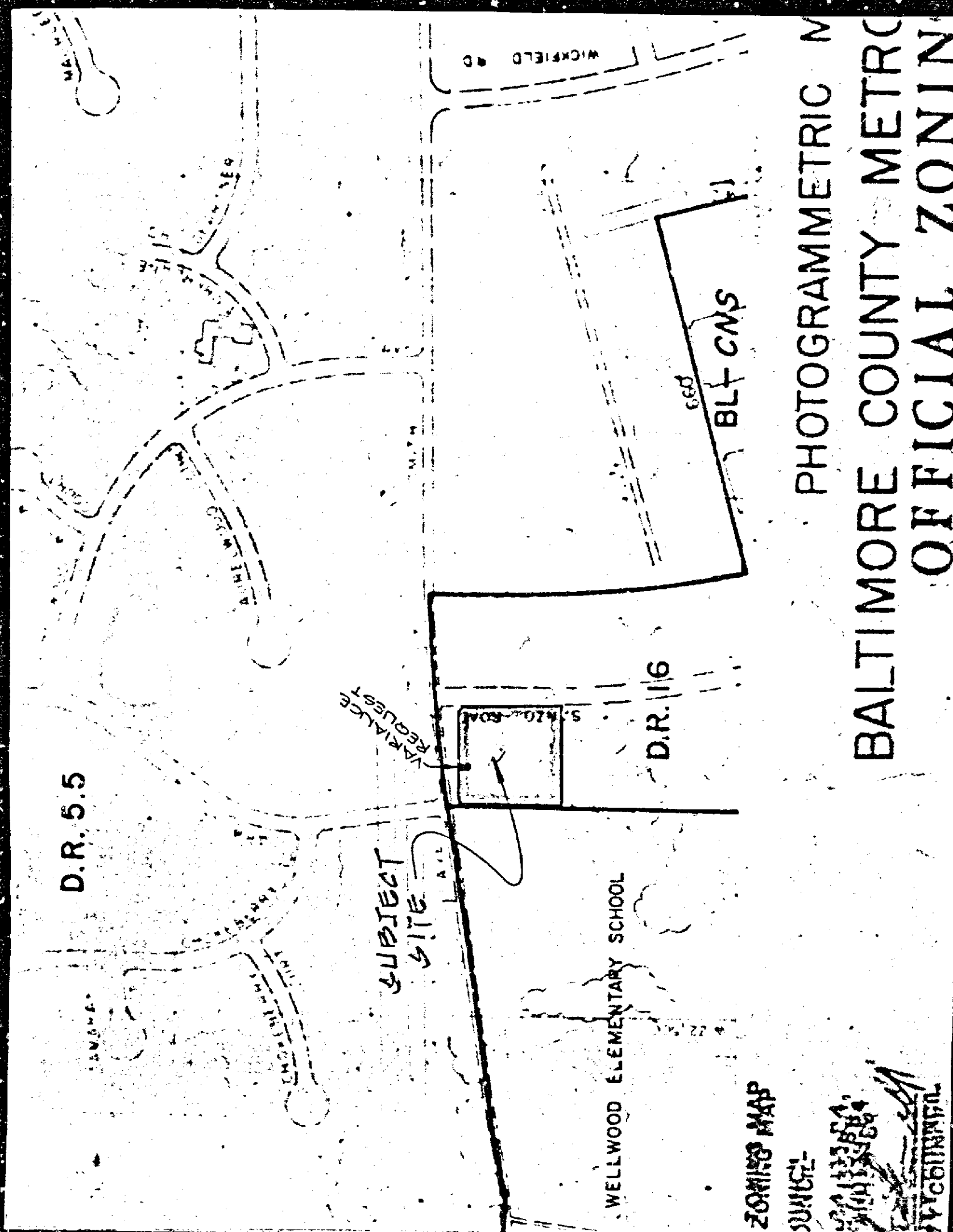
Very truly yours,

J. Robert Haines

J. ROBERT HAINES
Zoning Commissioner of
Baltimore County

JRH:

cc: Leonard Rottman, Esq.



NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified below in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

Petition for Zoning Variance
SW/C Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeChiaro Limited Partnership - Petitioner
Case number: 88-259-A

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 12, 1988 at 2:00

Petition for Zoning Variance to permit two directional or informational signs totalling 122.72 square feet (61.36 square feet per side of double faced signs) in lieu of the permitted one sign totalling 25 square feet.

In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hearing.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF FINANCE, REVENUE DIVISION
MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT
No. 41585

ROBERT HAINES
Zoning Commissioner of
Baltimore County

DATE 1/12/88 ACCOUNT 21 617

AMOUNT \$ 120.00

RECEIVED FROM S. Leonard Rottman

PER: Finance Division 1/12/88

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DeChiaro Ltd Partnership Petitioner

VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

January 7, 1988
2705 Smith Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland
21209

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner
Baltimore County

Dear Mr. Haines:
Re: Case Number 88-259-A
Petition for Zoning Variance
Tuesday, January 12, 1988

As a director of the Smith-Greenspring Assn., this letter is written to protest the erection of two signs on the SW/C of Smith Ave. and Sanzo Roads. Should these signs be erected, it would serve only to endanger the chances of small children being hurt or killed. You see, these proposed signs are immediately adjacent to the Wellwood School.

The height and position of these signs would impede the vision of the motorists at the corner of Smith and Sanzo.

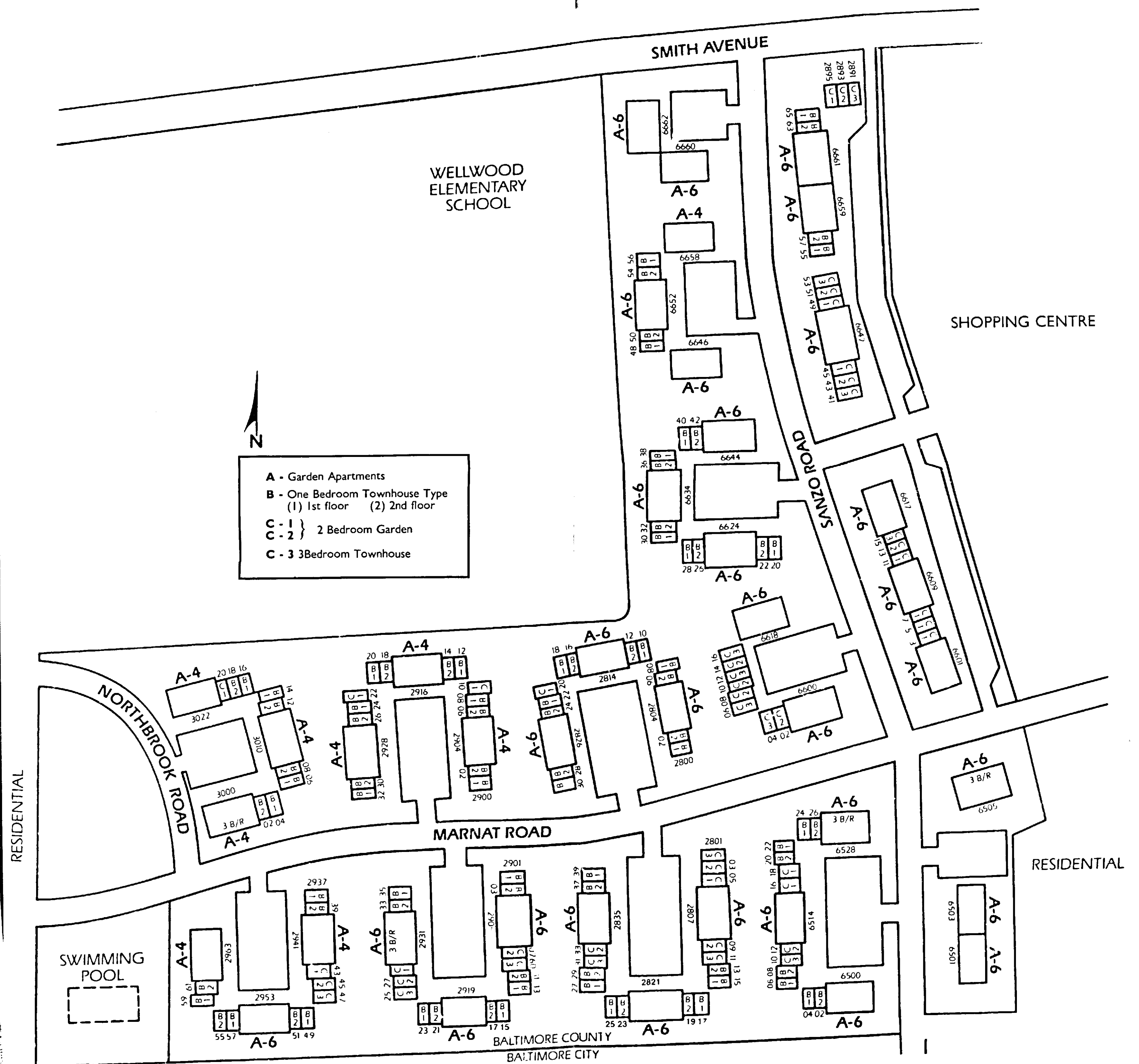
These proposed signs are not in conformity with other signs in the area. There is really no real need for these signs. I hope you will show the proper judgement and refuse to allow any change in these zoning laws.

Yours truly,
Thorne Fayer
Director, Greenspring Assn.

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ZONING OFFICE

Pickwick

APARTMENTS
OWNED
BY
DECHIARO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
RENTAL OFFICE
(301) 486-8900



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Towson, Maryland

88-259-A

District: 3rd
Posted for: Appeal
Petitioner: DeChiaro Ltd Partnership
Location of property: SW/C Smith Ave and Sanzo Road
Location of Sign: SW Corner of Smith Ave and Sanzo Road
Remarks: None
Posted by: J. Robert Haines
Number of Signs: 1
Date of Posting: 11-19-87
Date of return: 1-12-88

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this
1st day of November, 1987.

J. Robert Haines
J. ROBERT HAINES
ZONING COMMISSIONER

Petitioner: DeChiario Limited Partnership received by: James E. Dyer
Chairman, Zoning Plans
Advisory Committee
Attorney: Leonard Rottman, Esquire

"DUPLICATE"
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD. Dec. 24, 1987

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was
published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed
and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on
Dec. 24, 1987.

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

Susan Shuler O'Connell
Publisher

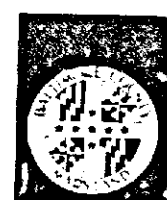
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Baltimore County
Fire Department
Towson, Maryland 21204-2586
494-4500

Paul H. Reincke
Chief

September 2, 1987

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204



Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive

Re: Property Owner: DeChiario Ltd. Partnership

Location: SW/c Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road

Item No.: 101

Zoning Agenda: 9/22/87

Gentlemen:

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 accor-
dance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department
of Public Works.

- () 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.

- () 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at _____

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

- () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the
Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

- () 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall
comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Pro-
tection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition
prior to occupancy.

- () 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

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

REVIEWER: *Carl Jones Kelly 9-22-87* Noted and
Planning Group Approved: *John E. O'Neill*
Special Inspection Division Fire Prevention Bureau

/s/

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 6, 1988

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG.
111 W. Chesapeake Ave.
Towson, Maryland 21204

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Leonard Rottman, Esquire
36 South Charles Street
Charles Center South, Suite 1808
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Item No. 101 - Case No. 88-259-A
Petitioner: DeChiario Limited Partnership
Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Rottman:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submit-
ted with the above-referenced petition. The following 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 bearing on this case. The Director of Planning may file a
written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations
as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the
Committee at this time that offer or request information on your
petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are
received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that
is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This
petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed
filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

James E. Dyer
JAMES E. DYER
Chairman
Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

JED:kbb

Enclosures

cc: Kidde Consultants, Inc.
1020 Cromwell Bridge Road
Towson, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Traffic Engineering
Courts Building, Suite 405
Towson, Maryland 21204
494-3554

October 5, 1987



Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive

Zoning Commissioner
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Meeting of September 22, 1987

Dear Zoning Commissioner:

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items num-
ber 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105.

Very truly yours,

Michael S. Flanigan
Michael S. Flanigan
Traffic Engineer Associate II

MSF:sb

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: James Dyer
Zoning Supervisor
FROM: James Thompson
Zoning Enforcement Coordinator
SUBJECT: Item No. 101 (if known)
Petitioner: *DeChiario* (if known)

Date: 9/10/87

VIOLATION CASE # C-87-1341

LOCATION OF VIOLATION *Sango and Smith Avenue*

DEFENDANT *Lawrence Rottman* ADDRESS *700 Fremont Avenue*

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an
active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing,
please notify the following persons:

NAME ADDRESS

Thane Miller
7 Stonebank Ct #8
Owing Mills, MD 21117

CPS-008

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Robert Haines
TO: Zoning Commissioner
FROM: Norman E. Gerber, AICP
Director of Planning and Zoning
SUBJECT: Zoning Petition No. 88-259-A

Date: November 24, 1987

This office is opposed to the granting of the subject request, believing
that the standards set forth in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations
are quite adequate. Further, a sign sized in conformance with these
regulations can identify the building(s) and a directory can be placed
inside the building(s).

NEG:JGH:dms

cc: Ms. Shirley M. Hess, Legal Assistant, People's Counsel
File

CPS-008

January 7, 1988

2705 S 10th Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland
21209

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner
Baltimore County

Dear Mr. Haines:

Re: Case Number 88-259-A
Petition for Zoning Variance
Tuesday, January 12, 1988

As a Director of the Smith- Thompson Assn.,
this letter is written to protest the erection of two signs on
the SW/c of Smith and Sango Roads.

Should these signs be erected, it will serve
only to detract from the character of a well kept home and
neighborhood. As such, they are in direct violation of the
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The height and position of these signs would
impair the vision of the motorists at the corner of Smith and
Sango.

These proposed signs are not in conformance with
other signs in the area.

There is really no real need for these signs.
I hope you will show the proper judgment and
refuse to allow any change in these zoning laws.

Sincerely,
Thane Miller
Thane Miller, Smith-Thompson Assn.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUILDING ENGINEER
20 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

PERMIT
BUILDING ADDRESS: *Sanzo Road*
OWNER: *DeChiario Limited Partnership*
DESIGNER: *James E. Dyer*
DATE: *9/10/87*

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT: *Sanzo Road*
ESTIMATED COST: *\$3,000.00*

TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL: *Sanzo Road*
TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY: *Sanzo Road*

INSPECTOR: *Green-Permit, Canary-Assess*



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315
111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
(301) 887-3180

March 28, 1989

Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
Room 304, County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case No. 88-259-A
DeChiario Ltd. Partnership

Dear Ms. Friedman:

Enclosed is a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject case.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer
Kathleen C. Weidenhammer
Administrative Secretary

Encl.

cc: Leonard Rottman, Esquire
Mr. Anthony Rubino
DeChiario Ltd. Partnership
Jeffrey I. Platt, DDS
Michael K. Exler, DDS
Mr. Jerome Paymer, Director
Greenspring Association
P. David Fields
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Docket Clerk - Zoning
Arnold Jablon, County Attorney

JEFFREY I. PLATT, D.D.S.
MICHAEL K. EXLER, D.D.S.
5662-A LANTANA ROAD
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21208
TELEPHONE 48-1157

May 9, 1988

County Board of Appeals
Room 200
Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204

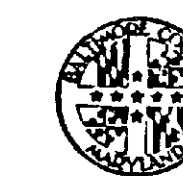
Gentlemen:

We would like our name to be added to the files for Case No. 88-259-A, and to be notified of the Hearing date. Please send us a copy of the Board's order.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
Sheila J. Cook
Sheila J. Cook
Office Manager

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HEARING ROOM #218

May 24, 1988

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(b). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CASE NO. 88-259-A

DeCHIARIO LTD. PARTNERSHIP

SW/cor. Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District
2nd Councilmanic District
VAR - signs

3/04/88 - D.Z.C. granted w/restrictions

ASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1988 at 10:00 a.m.

cc: Leonard Rottman, Esquire Counsel for Petitioner/Appellee

Anthony P. Rubino Petitioner/Appellee
DeChiario Ltd. Partnership

Mr. Jerome Paymer

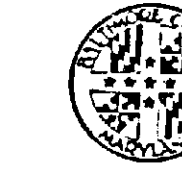
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HEARING ROOM #218

July 13, 1988

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

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CASE NO. 88-259-A

DeCHIARIO LTD. PARTNERSHIP

SW/cor. Smith Ave. and Sanzo Rd.
3rd Election District
3rd Councilmanic District

VAR. - Signs

3/4/88 - DZC granted w/restrictions

The above case which was set for hearing on Thursday, July 21, 1988, at 10:00 a.m., has been POSTPONED by the Board. This is a mutually agreed upon postponement by all counsel.

cc: Leonard Rottman, Esq.

Anthony P. Rubino

Jerome Paymer

Phyllis C. Friedman

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*12/30/88
Set in the file 3/3/89
per the file 4/1/88.*



Baltimore County, Maryland

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111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE
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887 3180

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Deputy People's Counsel

November 17, 1988

The Honorable
William T. Hackett, Chairman
County Board of Appeals
Room 318, County Office Bldg.
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DeChiario Limited Partnership,
Petitioner - Zoning Case No.
88-259-A

Dear Chairman Hackett:

On behalf of all counsel, we respectfully request that a hearing be set in the above-referenced case. After consultation with the County Planning Office, a revised sign proposal has been prepared and will be submitted to the Board at the time of the hearing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

cc: Alan Betten, Esquire

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Room 304, County Office Bldg.
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-2188

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July 13, 1988

The Honorable
William T. Hackett, Chairman
Baltimore County Board of Appeals
Room 315, County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DeChiario Limited Partnership,
Petitioner - Zoning Case No.
88-259-A

Dear Chairman Hackett:

On behalf of all counsel, we respectfully request a postponement of the above-referenced case so that we can meet to determine what, if anything, can be done to resolve this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

cc: Alan Betten, Esquire
Leonard Rottman, Esquire
Tabor and Rottman
Suite 1808 Charles Center South
36 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

Room 200 Court House
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June 30, 1988

RELOCATION

PLEASE NOTE:

Effective July 11, 1988, all cases scheduled to be heard before the County Board of Appeals in Hearing Room 218 of the Old Courthouse will be heard in ROOM 301, THIRD FLOOR, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING (111 W. Chesapeake Avenue--across the street from the Old Courthouse). Scheduled date and time remain the same.

In addition, the administrative offices of the Board will relocate on Friday, July 1, 1988 to Room 315, County Office Building.

If you have any questions, please call 494-3180 (the telephone number will remain the same).

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer
Administrative Secretary



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
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HEARING ROOM -
Room 301, County Office Building

December 20, 1988

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CASE NO. 88-259-A

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SW/cor. Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District
2nd Councilmanic District

VAR - signs

3/04/88 - D.Z.C. GRANTED w/restrictions

ASSIGNED FOR:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

cc: Leonard Rottman, Esquire

Counsel for Petitioner/Appellee

Anthony P. Rubino

Petitioner/Appellee

DeChiario Ltd. Ptnshp.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Norman E. Gerber, AICP
FROM: Director of Planning and Zoning
SUBJECT: Zoning Petition No. 88-259-A

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Norman E. Gerber, AICP
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Director

NEC:JGH:dme

cc: Ms. Shirley M. Hess, Legal Assistant, People's Counsel
File

APPEAL

Petition for Zoning Variance
SW corner Smith Avenue and Sanzo Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
DeCHIARO LTD. PARTNERSHIP - Petitioner
Case No. 88-259-A

Petition for Zoning Variance

Description of Property

Certificate of Posting

Certificates of Publication

Entry of Appearance of People's Counsel

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Director of Planning & Zoning Comments

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1) Plat of Property revised 6/19/87

2) Copy of Baltimore County Building Permit dated 8/29/86

3) Color Photographs of Property

4, 5 and 6) Color Photographs of Informational

7) Layout of Pickwick Apartment Buildings

Letter of Protest from Jerome Paymer, Director of Greenspring Association dated 1/7/88

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order dated March 4, 1988

Notice of Appeal received March 25, 1988 from People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Protestants

✓ Leonard Rottman, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner
Rottman and Rottman
The Blaustein Building, Suite 1115,
One N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201

✓ Mr. Jerome Paymer, Director
Greenspring Association
2705 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21209

✓ Phyllis Cole Friedman, Esquire,
People's Counsel of Baltimore County
Rm. 223, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning
Jerome Hoswell, Office of Planning & Zoning
J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner
Ann M. Nastarowicz, Deputy Zoning Commissioner
James E. Dyer, Zoning Supervisor
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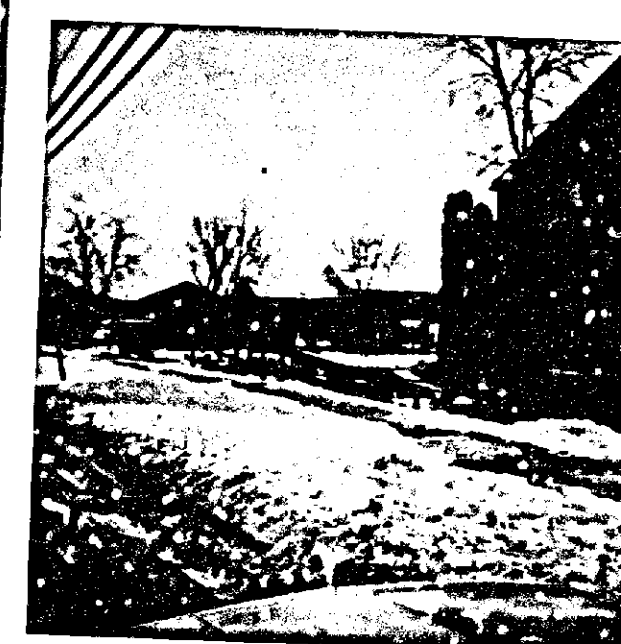
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Jeffrey I. Platt, DDS
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6662-A Sanzo Road
Baltimore, MD 21209

✓ Anthony Rubino, Partner
DeChiaro Ltd. Partnership
700 Fairmount Avenue
Towson, MD 21204 PETITIONER

PETITIONER(S) EXHIBIT (3)

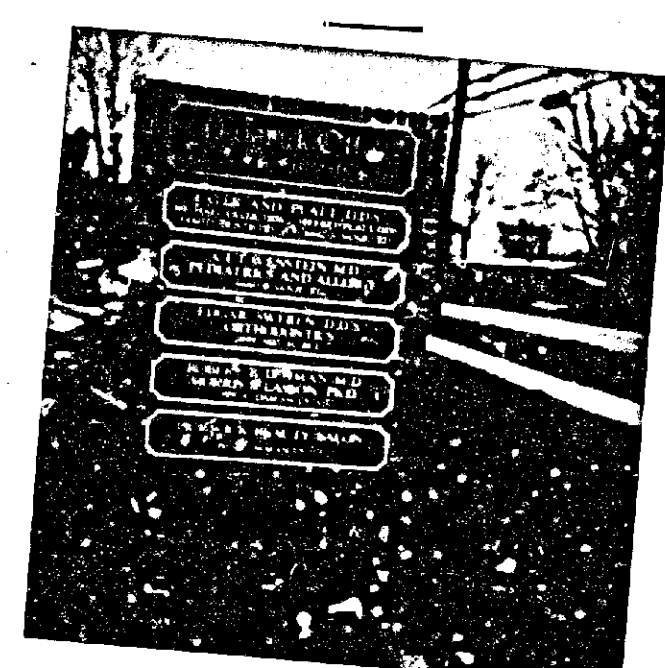


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PETITIONER(S) EXHIBIT (4)



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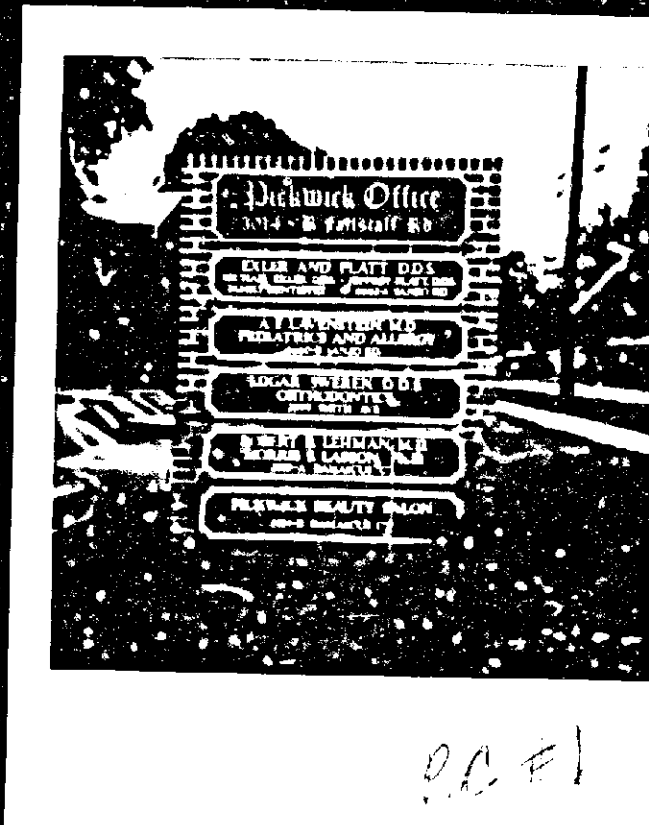
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