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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE - NE/S Seneca Park Road, 400' E of the c/l of Nanette Lane (950 Seneca Park Road) 15th Election District 5th Councilmanic District Arthur Smith, et ux Petitioners	* BEFORE THE * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case Nos. 94-217-SPHA and V93-422-SPH *
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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as combined Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance in Case No. 94-217-SPHA and Petition for Special Hearing in Case V93-422-SPH for the subject property, known as 950 Seneca Park Road. The Petition in Case No. V93-422-SPH was filed by the Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM) office concerning a violation of the Order issued in prior Case No. 92-365-A as to compliance with side yard setback requirements for two sheds on the property, and the encroachment of the required gutters and downspouts thereon into the adjoining property. Thereafter, the owners of the subject property, Arthur and Arlene Smith, were advised to file the Petitions in Case No. 94-217-SPHA in order to resolve the issues raised in Case No. V93-422-SPH. In Case No. 94-217-SPHA, the Petitioners request a special hearing to approve the removal of Restriction No. 3 from the Order issued in Case No. 92-365-A, dated June 8, 1992, to permit the removal of the gutters and downspouts from the two sheds in question and a variance from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 0 feet in lieu of the 1 foot granted in Case No. 92-365-A for the two sheds in question, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 3.

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case, I required that the Petitioners install rain gutters and downspouts on the two sheds to channel any water runoff away from the neighboring property. Mr. Smith proceeded to install the required gutters and downspouts. However, due to the sheds being located closer to the property line than originally determined, the gutters and downspouts now overhang onto the Protestants' property.

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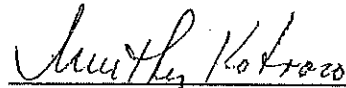
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TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO
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TMK:bjs

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Timothy M. Kotroco
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Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

TWK:bja

Petition for Special Hearing
Case #: V-93-422-SPH
to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County
for the property located at 950 SENECA PARK ROAD
which is presently zoned R.C.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management, Baltimore County, hereby petitioners for a Special Hearing under Sections 26-3 and 26-12(5) of the County Code and Section 500.6 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, for the Zoning Commission to conduct a hearing, making a decision on alleged violation or non-compliance with any zoning regulations or order issued by the Zoning Commission, Board of Appeals or Court, or for the proper administrative remedy, more specifically:

- Section number(s): 26-119 Baltimore County Code
102.1; 1A04.2A; and 1A04.3B.3 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations
- Nature of violation(s):
1. Side yard setbacks for utility sheds not in compliance with order issued in Case No. 92-365A.
 2. Metal guttering on existing shed encroaches onto 950 Seneca Park Road.

I solemnly affirm that the contents stated above are correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief

Date: June 11, 1993
Arthur L. and Arlene Smith
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Owners of Property

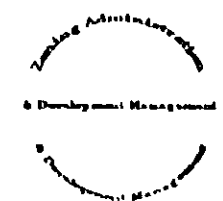
SUMMONS

ISSUED TO: ARTHUR L. AND ARLENE SMITH
ADDRESS: 950 Seneca Park Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

To appear and testify in the matter of an alleged zoning violation or for the purpose of a proper interpretation of the zoning regulations or order of the Zoning Commission, Board of Appeals or Court

Hearing Date: Friday, 7/2/93 Time: 9:00 am/pm Location: Rm. 106, County Office Bldg.

Please be advised that your failure to appear at the date, time and location stated above could result in your attachment.



OFFICE USE ONLY
ESTIMATE FEE FOR HEARING

NOTICE
to the Director of Zoning Administration & Development Management

Special Hearing # V-93-422-SPH

Date 6/11/93

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the attached Petition for Special Hearing

Date 6/11/93 Signature *Arthur L. and Arlene Smith*

Address _____

Phone # 887-5765

RETURN TO:
Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite D9
Towson, Maryland 21284



111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

JULY 15, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

CASE NUMBER: V-93-422-SPH (C/93/672)
950 Seneca Park Road
15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic
Property Owner(s): Arthur Smith

Special Hearing to determine if side yard setbacks for utility sheds are in compliance with order issued in Case No. 92-365-A and whether metal guttering on existing shed encroaches onto 946 Seneca Park Road.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Arnold Jablon

ARNOLD JABLON
DIRECTOR

cc: Arthur L. Smith
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.
Earl Mitchell



111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

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JULY 29, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

Rescheduled from 7/2/93 and 8/4/93
CASE NUMBER: V-93-422-SPH (C/93/672)
950 Seneca Park Road
15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic
Property Owner(s): Arthur Smith

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HEARING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Office Building, Rm. 106, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland.

Arnold Jablon

ARNOLD JABLON
DIRECTOR

cc: Arthur L. Smith
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.
Earl Mitchell
Eugene Schmidt



111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

AUGUST 16, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

Rescheduled from 8/19/93
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950 Seneca Park Road
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HEARING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

NO FURTHER POSTPONEMENT

Arnold Jablon

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DIRECTOR

cc: Arthur and Arlene Smith
Earl Mitchell
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.
Eugene Schmidt



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OCTOBER 21, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

RESCHEDULED FROM 1/2/93; 8/4/93; 8/19/93; and 9/23/93
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DIRECTOR

cc: Arthur and Arlene Smith
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Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.
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Towson, MD 21204

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NOVEMBER 24, 1993

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commission 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 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 94-217-SPH (Item 207)
950 Seneca Park Road
NE/2 Seneca Park Road, 400' E of c/1 Rosette Lane
15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic
Petitioner(s): Arthur Smith and Arlene Smith

Special hearing to approve the removal of restriction 81 from the order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in zoning case #92-365-A dated June 8, 1992 so that gutters and downspouts on the existing sheds that overhang the existing property line can be removed. Variance to revise a side yard setback of 1 ft. (granted in case #92-365-A) for two utility sheds to a zero ft. side yard setback.

AND

CASE NUMBER: V-93-422-SPH (C/93/672)
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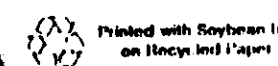
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Director

cc: Arthur and Arlene Smith
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.
Michael Marion, Esq.
Earl Mitchell
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NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.
(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

June 9, 1993

Mr. Earl Mitchell
946 Seneca Park Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Re: Case No. V-93-422-SPH
950 Seneca Park Road
15th Election District

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed is a copy of the special hearing petition issued to the property owner for the referenced case.

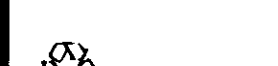
Baltimore County has established a time, date, and location for this hearing that will be addressed either before the zoning commissioner or deputy zoning commissioner.

The possibility does exist that this case may be continued due to the failure of the property owner (defendant) to acknowledge service or the request of a continuance by their attorney.

The Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management will make every effort to update you of all subsequent developments relative to this matter.

Sincerely,
Arnold Jablon
Arnold Jablon
Director

A1/cmm
Enclosure



111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

July 7, 1993

Mr. Arthur L. Smith
950 Seneca Park Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Re: Case Nos. V-93-422-SPH and 93-151
950 Seneca Park Road
15th Election District

Dear Mr. Smith:

You have previously requested that this office supply you with a copy of the survey performed by Spellman, Larson & Associates, Incorporated of the plat prepared for Earl Mitchell's property of 946 Seneca Park Road. Unfortunately, the copy that was supplied to the enforcement division has been misfiled. Having consulted with Joseph L. Larson, vice president of Spellman, Larson & Associates, Incorporated, the attorney representing Earl Mitchell has stated to his client that Baltimore County cannot receive an additional copy of the plat until the day of the public hearing.

I am not pleased with the fact that our office misplaced the original survey. However, I can assure you that this plat did not agree with the one prepared by surveyor Frank S. Lee. Hopefully, the upcoming hearing will resolve this matter once and for all.

Sincerely,
James H. Thompson
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Zoning Enforcement Coordinator

JHT/cmm

cc: Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire
Craig McGraw



FOR: *Smith*
DATE: *10/24* TIME: *1:00 P.M.*
BY: *Earl Mitchell*
PHONE: *1-800-367-8722*
MESSAGE: *V-93-422-SPH*
Variance filed
11-15-93

received
7-9-93

4/23/93
5/23/93
use to notify neighbors -
call attorney
get attorney
date & re.
schedule

FROM: ARTHUR L. & ARLENE SMITH
950 SENECA PARK ROAD
BALTIMORE, MD. 21220

TO: DIRECTOR OF ZONING ADMINISTRATION,
AND DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT
111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE
SUITE 109
TOWSON, MD. 21204

REF: SPECIAL HEARING # V-93-422-SPH
ATTN: TIM THOMPSON

MR. THOMPSON,
THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE REQUESTING A
POSTPONEMENT ON THE ABOVE SAID HEARING, CASE# V-93-422-SPH,
DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A
SURVEY OF THE CORRECT PROPERTY LINES.

MR. FRANCIS BORGERDING, 409 WASHINGTON AVENUE, TOWSON, MD., 21204
WILL BE REPRESENTING ARTHUR L. AND ARLENE SMITH IN THIS
MATTER.

ALSO, I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED COPIES OF THE SURVEYS
TAKEN BY SPELLMAN LARSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FROM YOU AS
OF THIS DATE. ANYTHING YOU COULD DO TO EXPIDITE THIS MATTER
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SINCERILY,

Arthur L. Smith
ARTHUR L. SMITH

RECEIVED
JUN 25 1993
ZADM

DiNENNA AND BRESCHI
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Arnold Jablon
Director of Zoning Administration
and Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
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RE: Special Hearing No.: V-93-422-SPH
Hearing Date: August 4, 1993 @
9:00 A.M.

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request a postponement
of the above-referenced hearing. The reason for the request for
postponement is that my client, Arthur Smith, will be out of the
state on August 4, 1993.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr.
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cc: Mr. Arthur Smith

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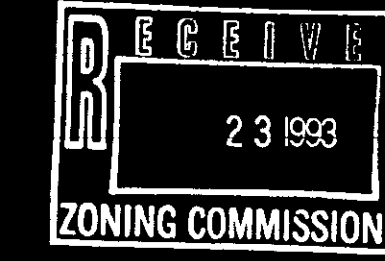
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The Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco
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Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204



RE: Special Hearing V-93-422-SPH
950 Seneca Park Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

I am writing on behalf of my clients, Arthur and Arlene Smith
who own the above-referenced property and are being asked to defend
the allegations raised in the above-referenced special hearing.
Critical to the allegations raised by the Petitioner in the
above-referenced special hearing, which include deficient side yard
setbacks and encroachment onto 946 Seneca Park Road is a survey
prepared by Joseph L. Larson of Spellman, Larson and Associates, Inc.
It is my understanding that a copy of this survey was forwarded to
the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management in
support of the above-referenced special hearing. Per the
correspondence of Mr. James H. Thompson attached hereto, this survey
has been misplaced and Petitioner's counsel refuses to allow my
client to inspect said survey until the time of the above-referenced
special hearing.

In my opinion it is impossible for my client to adequately
prepare to defend the allegations raised by the Petitioner in regard
to the above-referenced special hearing without having my clients'
surveyor review and comment on Mr. Larson's survey prior to the time
of the hearing of this matter. I am therefore requesting a ruling
prior to the hearing of this matter requiring the Petitioner to
provide another copy of Mr. Larson's survey to the Office of Zoning
Administration and Development Management in order that my client may
be permitted to review same to adequately prepare for the hearing of
this matter.

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Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

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Enclosure
cc: C. Eugene Schmidt, Esquire
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Towson, Maryland 21204



RE: Case No.: V-93-422-SPH and
93-151
950 Seneca Park Road
13th Election District

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Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, I am writing this
correspondence on behalf of my clients, Arthur and Arlene Smith,
confirming that they will shortly file for amended zoning variance
concerning the above-referenced property. As their variance request
directly relates to the above-referenced cases, counsel for Earl
Mitchell, Michael Marino, Esquire, agreed to jointly consent to a
postponement of the hearing which was set for October 23, 1993 at
2:00 P.M. Once my client's zoning variance petition has been filed,
I will request that the variance petition along with the
above-referenced matters be heard at the same time in order that we
may avoid necessitating two separate hearings concerning this overall
matter.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith
Michael Marino, Esquire