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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

NW/Corner East Joppa Road and

LaSalle Road

(1220 E. Joppa Road)

9th Election District

4th Councilmanic District

Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 00-403-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC by David Rhodes, President of Heritage Properties, Inc., Manager, through their attorney, Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. The Petitioners request relief from Section 450.4.I.7(d) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a single, freestanding, joint identification sign of 200 sq.ft. with a maximum height of 15 feet, in lieu of the permitted two freestanding joint identification signs of 75 sq.ft. each and allowed height of 12 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held in support of the request were Jack Cannella on behalf of Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC, property owners, and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. Appearing as a Protestant in the matter was Brian McGraw who appeared on behalf of the Towson Estates Community Association. Appearing as interested citizens were Donna Spicer and Mike Sarkin, representatives of the Loch Raven Community Council.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregularly shaped parcel containing a gross area of 22.087 acres, more or less, split zoned M.L.-I.M and B.R. The property is located on the northwest corner of East Joppa Road and Lasalle Road, just east of

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Towson Marketplace and was formerly the site of the Bendix Corporation, which later became the corporate headquarters for Merry Go Round. The Petitioners recently acquired the property and propose a major redevelopment of the subject site. As shown on the site plan, the Petitioners propose the construction/renovation of three buildings to house a variety of tenants for use as an office park. The Petition relates to a proposed sign that will identify the tenants who will be located in the park. At issue is the size and height of the proposed sign. On behalf of the Petitioners, Mr. Hoffman testified that the proposed sign is necessary to adequately identify the tenants of the proposed office park. Testimony indicated that due to the configuration of the property, Buildings B and C are located behind Building A. Thus, the tenants located in Buildings B and C are not easily seen from Joppa Road. Thus, only the tenants in Buildings B and C will be identified on the proposed sign. It should be noted that the regulations allow for two freestanding joint identification signs; however, the Petitioners propose to erect only one sign, albeit larger and slightly taller than that allowed. Moreover, the proposed sign will be located on East Joppa Road in the center of the property, not at either of the entrances to the site. Thus, the sign will not be located adjacent to residential properties to the east, or commercial properties to the west.

As noted above, Ms. Spicer and Mr. Sarkin appeared as interested persons and indicated that they understood the need for the sign. Mr. McGraw, however, is opposed to the sign. He believes that the proposed sign is too big and is out of character for the area.

With all due respect to Mr. McGraw, I disagree. I believe that the proposed sign is appropriate, given the size and configuration of the property, and the fact that the buildings to the rear of the site are not visible from Joppa Road. Moreover, the sign will be located in the center of the property which will buffer its view from the Towson Estates residential community to the east. I further find that the property at issue is unique, by virtue of its unusual shape and depth, and that the proposed sign is warranted. However, the Petitioners agreed to limit the number of tenants identified on the sign to ten (10) and to extinguish the sign after 10:00 PM on any given evening. Thus, as a condition to the relief granted, I shall impose these two limitations as restrictions.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 22 day of May, 2000 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 450.4.I.7(d) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a single, freestanding, joint identification sign of 200 sq.ft. with a maximum height of 15 feet, in lieu of the allowed two freestanding joint identification signs of 75 sq.ft. each with a height of 12 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) There shall be no more than ten (10) tenants identified on the sign and the sign shall not be illuminated after 10:00 PM on any given evening.

3) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

AWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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May 22, 2000

Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

Fax: 410-887-3468

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
NW/Corner East Joppa Road and Lasalle Road
(1220 E. Joppa Road)
9th Election District – 4th Councilmanic District
Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC - Petitioners
Case No. 00-403-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

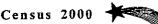
Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Messrs. David Rhodes and Jack Cannella, Heritage Properties, Inc. 515 Fairmount Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286
 Mr. Brian McGraw, 8 Edgeclift Road, Towson, Md. 21286
 Ms. Donna Spicer, 8719 Eddington Road, Baltimore, Md. 21234
 Mr. Mike Sarkin, 1308 Putty Hill Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286
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For You, For Baltimore County



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REU 9115198

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1220 East Joppa Road

which is presently zoned ML-IM

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. 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(s)

SEE ATTACHED

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

TO BE DETERMINED AT HEARING.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:			<u>Legal Owner(s):</u>		
Name - Type or Print			Fund IV/Radio	Park, LLC	
Signature			By: January David R		
Address		Telephone No.	Heritag Name - Type or Print	ge Properties Agent for Fu	
City	State	Zip Code	Signature		
Attorney For Pe	<u>titioner:</u>		_515 Fairmour Address	it Avenue	
Robert A. Hof:	fman		Towson, Maryl	and	
Name - Type or Print Signature	W		City <u>Representative</u>		
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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.

<u>vner(s):</u>

Name - Typé or Print				
By: Ant Kod	_			
Signature David Rhodes, Pro	esident			
Heritage Propert:	ies, Inc.			
Name - Type or Print Agent for	Fund IV	Radio Park		
Signature				
515 Fairmount Avenue	410-7	69-6100		
Address		Telephone No.		
Towson, Maryland		1286		
City	State	Zip Code		
Representative to be Con	tacted:			
Robert A. Hoffman				
Name		lay a svening		
210 Allegheny Avenue	410-	494-6200		
Address		Telephone No.		
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PETITION FOR VARIANCE

1220 E. JOPPA ROAD

- 1. Variance from B.C.Z.R. Section 450.4.I.7(d) to permit a single free standing joint identification sign of 200 square feet in lieu of the permitted two free standing joint identification signs of 75 square feet each.
- 2. Variance from B.C.Z.R. Section 450.4.I.7(d) to permit a free standing joint identification sign having a maximum height of 15 feet in lieu of the required height of 12 feet.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS • LAND PLANNERS • LAND SURVEYORS
1020 CROMWELL BRIDGE ROAD • TOWSON, MARYLAND 21286-3396

Description to Accompany Variance Petition for Radio Park March 16, 2000 Page -1-

Beginning at a point on the northerly right-of-way of Joppa Road, said point being north 55° 58' 55. 47" east 60 feet more or less, from a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Joppa Road and Lasalle Road running thence leaving said point of beginning and binding on the northerly right-of-way of Joppa Road the following courses:

- 1. Along a curve to the right having a radius of 3153.66 feet and arc distance of 14.34 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord North 80°59'45" West 14.34 feet,
- 2. South 9° 7' 53" West 3.00 feet.
- 3. On a curve to the right having a radius of 3156.66 feet and arc distance of 197.74 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord North 79°04`15.1" West 197.71 feet,
- 4. North 12° 43' 25" East 3.00 feet.
- 5. Along a curve to the right having a radius of 3153.66 feet and arc distance of 169.73 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord North 75°44′5.1" West 169.71 feet,
- 6. Along a curve to the right having a radius of 3970.39 feet and an arc length of 260.16 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord North 72°18'52.4" West 260.118 feet, thence leaving said northerly right-of-way of Joppa Road,
- 7. North 13° 54' 52" East 792.96 feet,
- 8. North 14° 15' 41.2" East 59.41 feet.
- 9. North 88° 46' 44" East 453.94 feet.
- 10. North 66° 1' 29" East 1448.96 feet.
- 11. South 30° 27' 57" West 837.41 feet.
- 12. North 65° 49' West 20.15 feet,
- 13. North 27° 23' 29" West 124.74 feet,
- 14. South 74° 24' 15" West 638.56 feet.
- 15. North 15° 35' 45.31" West 19.07 feet,
- 16. South 74° 8' 1" West 135.38 feet,
- 17. South 13° 49' 34" West 124.23 feet,
- 18. South 50° 59' 49" East 93.56 feet,
- 19. South 14° 10' 21" West 632.90 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing 22.0868 Acres of land more or less.

Note: The above description is for Zoning purposes only and is not to be used for contracts, conveyances or agreements.

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00-403-A RE Case No

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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention Ms Gwendolyn Stephens

Ladies and Gentlemen

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at # 1220 E. JOPPA RD,

The sign(s) were posted on

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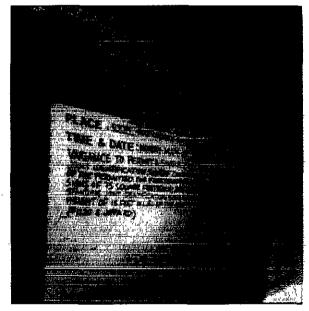
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(Address)

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations, of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Touson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #00-403-A

1220 East Joppa Road

NWC East Joppa and LaSalle Roads

Legal Owner(s): Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC

Variance: to permit a single free standing joint identification sign of 200 square feet each; and to permit a free standing joint identification signs of 75 square feet each; and to permit a free standing joint identification sign having a maximum height of 15 feet in lieu of the allowed height of 12

Hearing: Monday, May 8, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4388.

(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3381.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 1220 E. Joppa Road, N/W cor E. Joppa and LaSalle Rds 9th Election District, 4th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Fund IV / Radio Park, LLC Petitioner(s)

- * BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 00-403-A

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

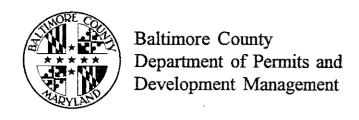
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of April, 2000 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Robert A. Hoffman, Esq., Venable, Baetjer & Howard, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman



Director's Office
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3353
Fax: 410-887-5708

April 11, 2000

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401 Bosley Avenue

Arnold Jablon Director

C: Robert Hoffman, Esquire, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204 Fund IV/Radio Park, LLC, 515 Fairmount Avenue, Towson 21286

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY APRIL 23, 2000.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

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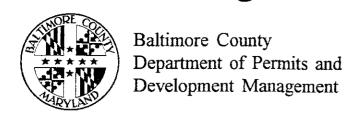
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 00-403-A
Petitioner: Fund IV Radio Park, LLC
Address or Location: 1300 E. 1220 E. Joseph Road
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Barbara W. Grmord
Address: Venable
210 Allechency Avenue Towson Led 21204
Telephone Number: 410-494-6201



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

MAY 5, 2000

Attorney Robert A. Hoffman Venable, Baetier & Howard, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson MD 21204

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

RE: Case Number 00-403-A, 1220 E, Joppa Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on March 29, 2000.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Sincerely

W. Cafl Richards, J Zonińg Supervisor

Zoning Review

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Enclosures



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: May 16, 2000

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for April 17, 2000

Item Nos. 398, 399, 400, 401, 402,

403, 405, 406, 408, 409, 410

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



Office of the Fire Marshal 700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4880

April 18, 2000

Department of Permits and
Development Management (PDM)
County Office Building, Room 111
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Gwen Stephens

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2000

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Dear Ms. Stephens:

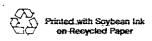
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE HAS NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEM #'S.

398, 399, 401, 402, 403, 405, 406, 408, 409, 410,

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT HERB TAYLOR, Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

RBS/AC

DATE:

May 12, 2000

SUBJECT:

Zoning Petitions

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2000

DEPRM has no comments for the following zoning petitions:

Item #	Address
399	4823 Vicky Road
401	16 Woodholme Avenue
402	9 Van Yerrell Court
(403)	1220 East Joppa Road
404	4 Fourth Street
405	1908 Leland Avenue
406	2120 Turkey Point Road
407	5413-5417 East Drive
408	320 Bonnie Meadow Circle
409	8605 David Avenue
410	Lots 163-165 Walnut Street

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 8, 2000

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 1220 E. Joppa Road.

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 403

Petitioner: Fubd IV/Radio Park, LLC.

Zoning: ML - IM

Requested Action: Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning has reviewed the proposed sign variances and has no objection, provided that the following information is submitted to this office for review and approval prior to the issuance of the permit:

- 1. Provide material samples for the sign panel, including colors, and letter type/size;
- 2. Provide a color sample for the- neon banding directly above the sign panel; and,
- 3. Provide a detailed elevation of the accent light indicated on the lower side pier next to the sign panel.

Prepared by:

Section Chief:

AFK: MAC:



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams

Administrator

Date: 4.10.00

Ms. Ronnay Jackson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 403 BR

Dear. Ms. Jackson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.rnd.us).

Very truly yours,

I. J. Grell

/~ Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division





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PROTESTANT(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
Brian McGraw	8 Edgeclift Road Towson, MD 21286
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David Cartin	00.0511-4 11 0.00
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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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WORKING TOGETHER

Loch Raven Business Association PO Box 42083 Loch Raven AID 11084-2083

Loch Raven Community Council PO Box 42H5

Loch Raven, MD 21284-2115

TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

Donna Spicer Executive Director

Phone 410-665-4322

FAX 410-668-0569

May 15, 2000

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case 00403A, Radio Park

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for allowing additional time for comments on this matter. The additional five days made it possible to consult with the membership. Regular monthly organization meetings did not fall within the posting period.

A tremendous amount of education, time, effort and perseverance has been put in to planning for the future viability and success of the Loch Raven Community. Relationships have been built between the 17 community associations under the LRCC umbrella. Partnerships have been created with all facets of our community (residents, businesses, property owners, schools, churches, other non-profits and service organizations). Members of our organizations serve on advisories to Baltimore County on matters such as zoning, legislation, code, departmental manuals and action plans.

LRBA is the lead organization in partnership with LRCC in working with the Baltimore County Office of Planning to develop Design Standards for this area. Phase 1 of our planned streetscaping project is about to become a reality. After five years of effort, the approximately \$6 million Loch Raven Corridor Enhancement Project is scheduled to start construction in July 2000.

Unfortunately our best chance to accomplish our goal of improvement seems to be during the Much thought and consideration is given to the desires for and redevelopment process. requirements of proposed projects. Our greatest strength has been the ability to stick firmly to our goals yet remain flexible to the needs of existing as well as future development. Communication is strongly pursued to allow knowledgeable decisions to be made.

Consideration has to be given to the fact that Radio Park is located at one of the gateways to our community (a Community Conservation Area) and is also at the leading edge of the Joppa Road area of our Commercial Revitalization District.

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Concerning the variances requested:

- 1) Should Allow one (1) identification sign in center/front of the building facing Joppa Road in lieu of the two (2) allowed at separate entrances (less visual clutter and is more directionally effective).
- 2) Should Allow total per-face area of the identification sign to be 200 sq. ft. in lieu of the 150 sq. ft. allowed. (Most of the tenants in this project will not be visible from Joppa Road. This signage is a marketing necessity.)
- 3) Should NOT Allow height of the identification sign to exceed the 12 ft. allowed. (Although studies for esthetics and marketing have proven that vertical signage features are preferred to horizontal ones, the ratio of the height of the sign to the height of the building is disproportionate. Unless need is proven with more specific information as to the number of tenants and the size of the lettering proposed, we cannot support this request.)

Recommendations:

- 1) All illumination of exterior signage be extinguished no later than 10 P.M.
- 2) No other lighting, decorative or auxiliary, is to be part of the identification sign other than as described at the hearing 5/8/00. (Plans show auxiliary light described at hearing to be a decorative planter or similar in function.)

We welcome and support Heritage Properties' investment in Loch Raven and look forward to a long term, prosperous neighbor. We believe that Radio Park will be an asset to both our existing businesses as well as our residential areas.

Sincerely,

Donna Spicer,

Executive Director

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PLEASE FORWARD TO COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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"The Place to Call Home"

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Please forward to Commissioner Schmidt as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Mike Sarkin







ASSOCIATES OF LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, INC.

Commercial Redevelopment Committee 1308 Putty Hill Ave. Loch Raven, MD 21286-8043

May 15, 2000

The Place to Call Home

Lawrence E Schmidt Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case 00403A, Radio Park

Dear Mr. Schmidt

The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. (ALRV) is taking this opportunity to express its recommendations in the matter of the requested sign variances for the Radio Park development.

Variances Requested & Recommendations:

- ☐ The ALRV believes that the requested variance to allow one identification sign located near the center of the building facing Joppa Road in lieu of the two signs allowed by the zoning regulations should be granted. The reduction in the total number of signs allowed on the property will help to reduce the visual "signage clutter" along Joppa Road and the new location for the sign will better screen the residences in the Towson Estates community from the sign
- In addition, we believe that the requested variance to allow a total per-face signage area of 200 sq. ft instead of the aggregate 150 sq. ft. allowed by the zoning regulations for two signs should also be granted.
- □ Finally, the ALRV believes that the variance requested to allow the sign to exceed the maximum height of 12 ft. specified in the zoning regulations should be denied. We don't feel that any compelling justification for exceeding the height limits established in the zoning regulations was given at the hearing. The proposed height actually exceeds 50% of the height of the two-story building which will be behind it.
- Ue ask that if any of the requested variances are granted that the order also restrict the hours of illumination for all exterior signage on the site, i.e. that they be extinguished no later than 10 P M.

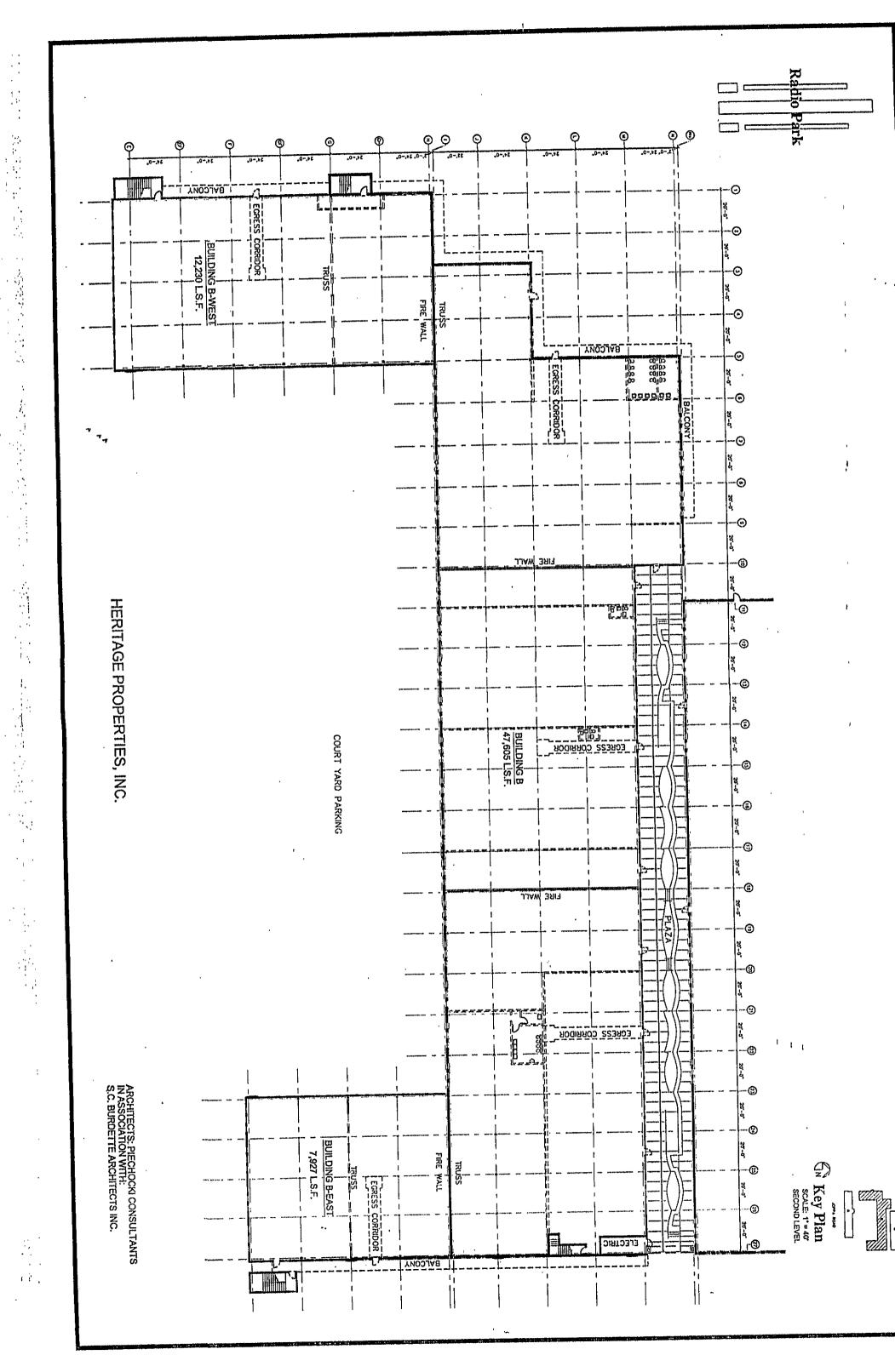
The association recognizes that the Radio Park development will be an asset to the business community and a welcome addition to the Loch Raven area

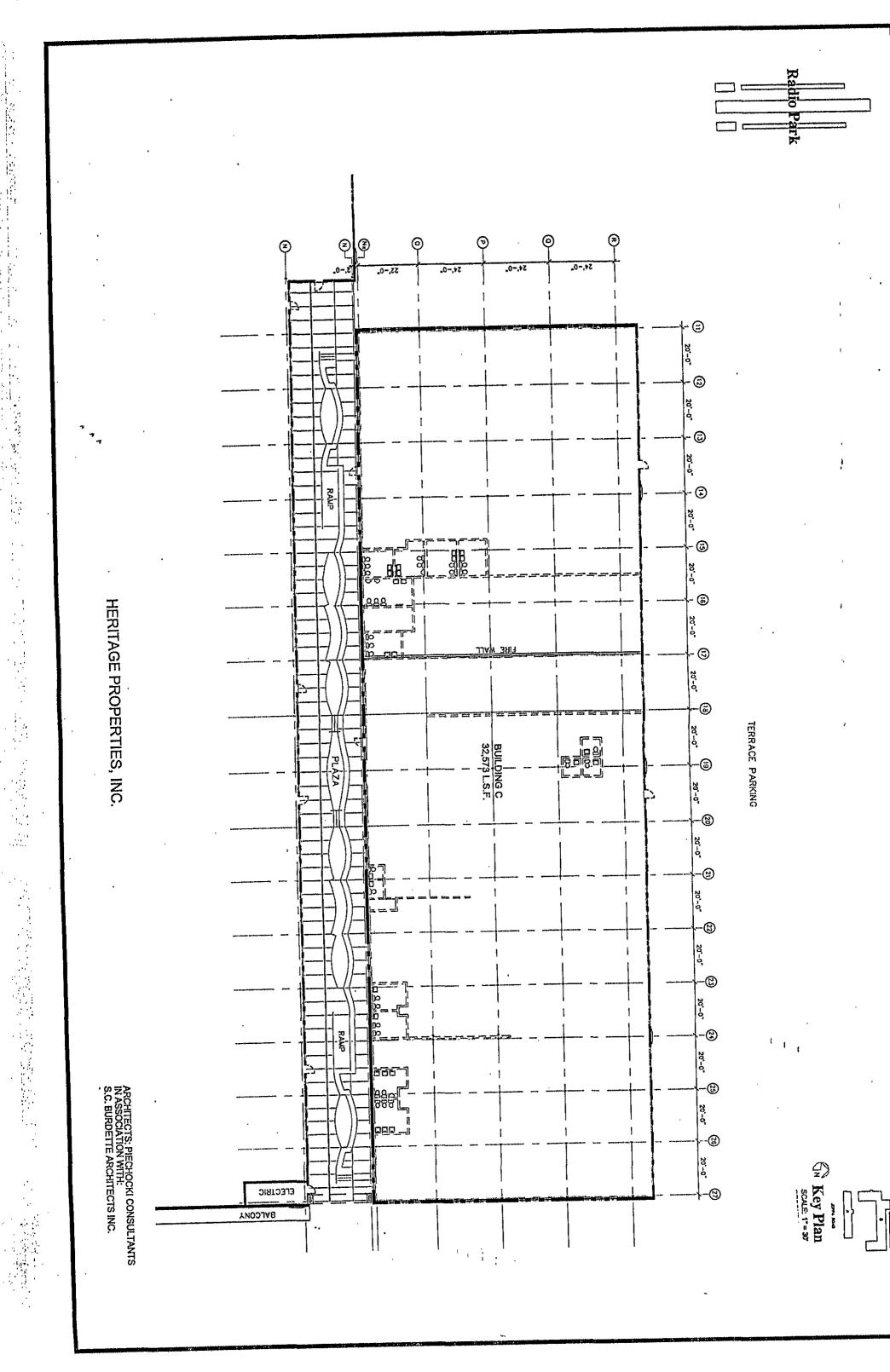
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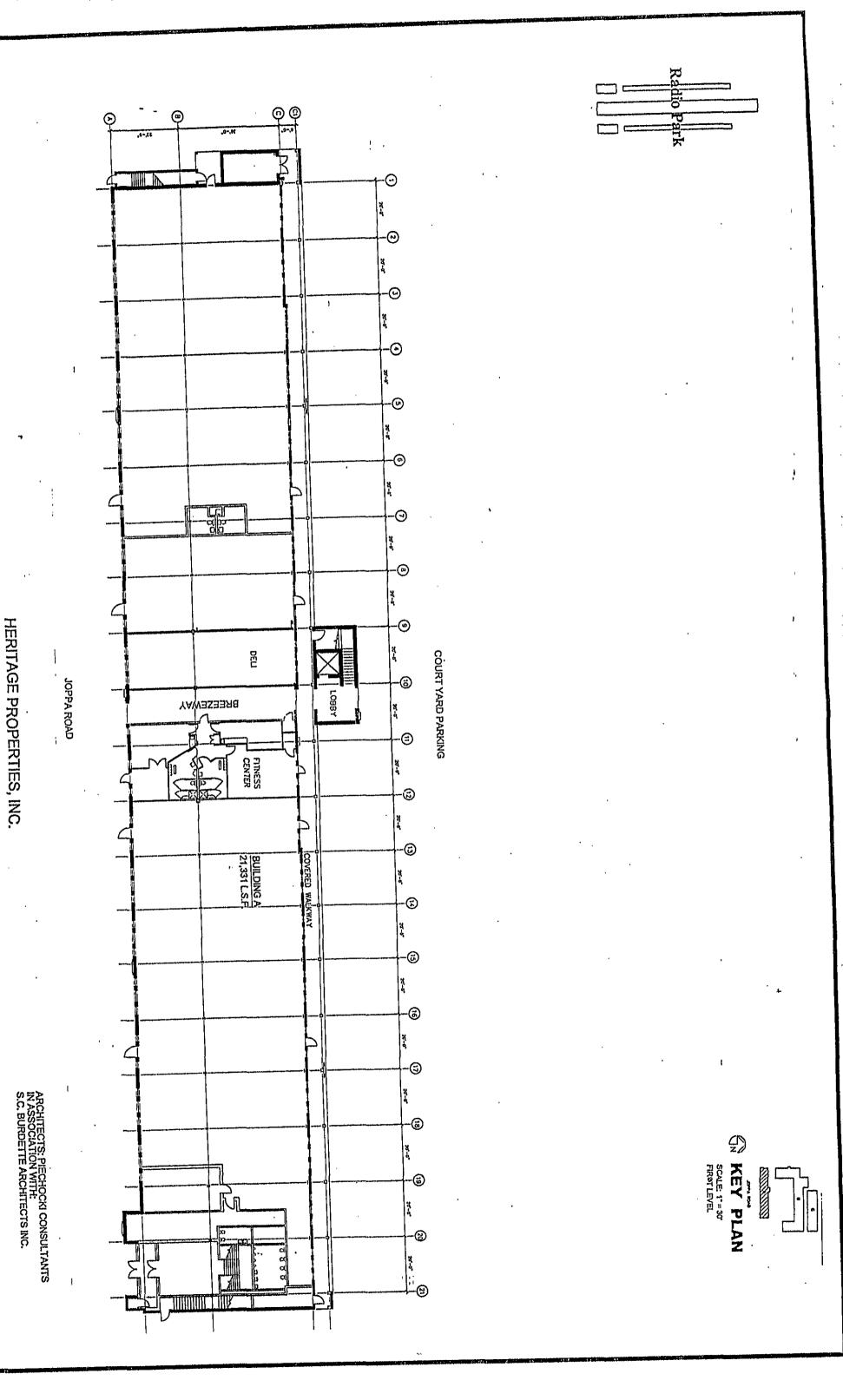
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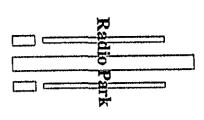
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Key Plan

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