IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING NEC of York Road and Main Boulevard 8th Election District 4th Councilmanic District (2401 & 2401A York Road)

> Armando Cignarelli, Authorized Member 2401 York Road, LLC

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 00-506-SPHA

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Petitioners

AND VARIANCE N/S of Main Boulevard, 105' +/from E/S of York Road 8th Election District 4th Councilmanic District (2401A York Road)

Armando Cignarelli, Authorized Member 2401 York Road, LLC Petitioners

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 00-507-XA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Armando Cignarelli, on behalf of 2401 York Road, LLC. The Petitioners are requesting a Special Exception to allow a Class B office building in a R.O. zone. In addition, a special hearing is requested to amend the previously approved special exception in Case No. 98-146-SPHX. Finally, the following variances are requested:

- 1. A variance from Section 204.4.C.3 to allow a front yard setback of 22 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 25 ft.;
- 2. A variance from Section 204.4.C.4 to allow a side yard setback to an adjacent residential street of 5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft.;

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- 3. A variance from Section 204.4.4.C.5 to allow a rear yard setback to 12 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 30 ft.;
- 4. A variance from Section 204.4.C.6 to allow an amenity open space of 0% of the interior of the parking lot in lieu of the minimum required 7%;
- 5. A variance from Section 204.4.C.9.c.(1) to allow a 12 ft. wide landscape buffer (rear) adjacent to a residentially used and zoned property in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft., and a 5 ft. wide landscape buffer adjacent to a residential street in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft.; and
- 6. A variance from Section 204.4.C.9.c.(2) to allow a 2 ft. wide landscape buffer to a non-residentially zoned property (adjacent to the north) in lieu of the minimum required 10 ft., and a 0 ft. wide landscape buffer to a non-residentially zoned property (#2401 York Road) in lieu of the minimum required 10 ft.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the requests were Armando Cignarelli, Joe Maranto and Thomas Faust, on behalf of 2401 York Road, LLC, and Geoffrey Schultz from McKee & Associates, Inc., the engineering firm who prepared the site plan of the property. The Petitioners were represented by John Gontrum, attorney at law.

Appearing in opposition to the Petitioners' request were many residents of the surrounding community, all of whom signed in on the Protestants' Sign-In Sheet.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this request, is a rectangularly shaped parcel of property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of York Road and E. Main Boulevard in the Timonium area of Baltimore County. The subject property is approximately 64 ft. x 169 ft. in size. It is split-zoned RO/DR 3.5. The subject property is currently improved with an existing one-story office building wherein the Petitioner, Armando Cignarelli, maintains his office. The purpose of this request is to allow the Petitioner to construct an additional one-story office building consisting of 1,200 sq. ft. on the rear of the property as shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the site plan submitted. The property already has sufficient parking to meet the needs of not only the existing office building, but also the one

proposed to the rear of the site. Therefore, the only construction proposed at this time is a 1,200 sq. ft., one-story office building which is intended to be occupied by the Petitioner. In order to proceed with the construction of this one-story office building, the special exception, special hearing and variance requests are necessary.

It should be noted that the Petitioner was given approval to construct a second story onto the existing office building which currently fronts on York Road. That approval was granted in Case No. 98-146-SPHX. In that case, the Petitioner was granted approval to add an additional 2,000 sq. ft. of office space by way of a second story addition on the existing building. However, the Petitioner's plans have changed and he is now desirous of constructing a smaller one-story building on the rear of the property which would result in 2 one-story buildings on the property as opposed to a two-story building on the front of the site. Mr. Cignarelli believed that constructing two separate buildings would provide for a better design of the site. Mr. Cignarelli indicated that he would construct the second story addition consisting of 2,000 sq. ft. in the event his alternative proposal is denied herein.

Appearing in staunch opposition to the construction of a second office building on the property were several residents of the surrounding neighborhood. All of the residents testified that they are opposed to the construction of this second office building and would prefer to see the second story constructed on the existing building. They appreciate the open space that currently exists to the rear of this site and would like to see that area of the property remain undisturbed. This neighborhood already suffers from commercial encroachment by virtue of the 2 three-story office buildings that currently exist on either side of this property. Therefore, they ask that the Petitioners' request be denied and that he build the second story addition according to his previous approvals.

After considering the testimony and evidence offered at the hearing, I find that the Petitioners' request should be denied. While I agree with Mr. Cignarelli that the construction of a smaller one-story building may be a better design of the property, it is requested more as a preference than necessity. The Petitioner already has approval to construct an additional 2,000 sq. ft. of office space on the property. Therefore, there is no necessity presented in this case to justify the second building being constructed to the rear of the property, even though it is proposed to be constructed with a lesser amount of square footage. The Petitioner can simply proceed with the construction of the second story addition and thereby meet his needs for additional office space. Accordingly, the Petitions for Special Exception, Special Hearing and Variance shall be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 21 day of August, 2000, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioner's Request for Special Exception, to allow a Class B office building in a R.O. zone, be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's Request for Special Hearing, to amend the previously approved special exception in Case No. 98-146-SPHX, be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's Request for Variances: 1) from Section 204.4.C.3 to allow a front yard setback of 22 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 25 ft.; 2) from Section 204.4.C.4 to allow a side yard setback to an adjacent residential street of 5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft.; 3) from Section 204.4.C.5 to allow a rear yard setback to 12 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 30 ft.; 4) from Section 204.4.C.6 to allow an amenity open space of 0% of the interior of the parking lot in lieu of the minimum required 7%; 5) from Section 204.4.C.9.c.(1) to allow a 12 ft. wide landscape buffer (rear) adjacent to a residentially used and zoned property in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft., and a 5 ft. wide landscape buffer adjacent

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to a residential street in lieu of the minimum required 20 ft.; and 6) from Section 204.4.C.9.c.(2) to allow a 2 ft. wide landscape buffer to a non-residentially zoned property (adjacent to the north) in lieu of the minimum required 10 ft., and a 0 ft. wide landscape buffer to a non-residentially zoned property (#2401 York Road) in lieu of the minimum required 10 ft., be and they are hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

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DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386 Fax: 410-887-3468

August 21, 2000

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: Petitions for Special Exception, Special Hearing and Variances
Case Nos. 00-506-SPHA and 00-507-XA
Property: 2401 & 2401 A York Road

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned cases. The Petitions for Special Exception, Special Hearing and Variances have been denied in accordance with the enclosed Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the Office of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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Copies to:

Mr. Armando Cignarelli c/o 2401 York Road, LLC 2401 York Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093-2220

Mr. Thomas Faust c/o 2401 York Road LLC 2401 York Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093-2220

Joseph Maranto, Esquire 2401 York Road Lutherville, Maryland 21093-2220

Mr. Geoffrey C. Schultz 5 Shawan Road Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

Mr. Lou Miller c/o Greater Timonium Community Council, Inc. 44 E. Timonium Road Timonium, Maryland 21093

Mr. John W. Schaller 3 Barnaby Court Timonium, Maryland 21093

Mr. Dan Bynion 7 E. Main Boulevard Timonium, Maryland 21093



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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

	presently		RO/DR-3.5	
for the property located at	2401 and	2401 A	York Road	PML

UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING

Date

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 Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the

An amendment to préviously approved Special Exception No. 98-146-SPHX

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

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/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): Armando Cignarelli, Authorized Member 2401 York Road, LLC Name Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signatore Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print State Zip Code Signature (410) 561-4901 2401 York Road Attorney For Petitioner: Telephone No. 21093-2220 Lutherville, MD Zip Code Type or Print Representative to be Contacted:
Geoffrey C. Schultz, Vice President Signature McKee & Associates, Inc. 🛰 Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin Name Company (410) 527-1555 (410) 686-8274 5 Shawan Road, Suite 1 814 Eastern Blvd. Address Telephone No. Address Telephone No. 21221 21030 Cockeysville, MD Baltimore, MD Zip Code Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING __ Case No. 00-506 SPHA



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located	at 2401 York Road
which	is presently zoned

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)

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

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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.

	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/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s): Armando Cignarelli, Authorized Member
Name - Type or Print	2401 York Road, LLC Name, Type or Print
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Signature	Signature
Address Telephone No.	D. Name - Type or Print
City State Zip Cod	e Signature
Attorney For Petitioner:	2401 York Road (410) 561-4901
	Address Telephone No.
John R. Contrum, Esq.	Lutherville, MD 21093-2220
Name - Type or Print	City State Zip Code
X/13/	Representative to be Contacted:
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Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin	McKee & Associates, Inc.
Company	Name
814 Eastern Blvd. (410) 686-8274	5 Shawan Road, Suite 1 (410) 527-1555
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2409 YORK ROAD REQUESTED ZONING VARIANCE

1) Variance to Section 204.4C.9.c. (2) to allow a 0-foot wide landscape buffer to a non-residentially zoned property (#2401 A York Road) in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet.



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
PETITION FOR VARIANCE
2401 and 2401A York Road, NE/Cor intersection
York Rd and Main Blvd
8th Election District, 4th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Armando Cignarelli Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 00-506-SPHA

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.

All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/ documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of June, 2000 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esq., Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioner(s).

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 6 2000

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

2401 & 2401A York Road.

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

⊘ −506-SPHA & 507-SPHXA

Petitioner:

2401 York Road, LLC.

Zoning:

DR 3.5 & RO

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning opposes this request. The number of setback variances and waivers of the landscape buffer requirements necessitated by the proposed development indicate that the site is not adequate for additional development of this scale. Additionally, the fact that the proposed office structure extends into the residentially zoned community does not comply with the intent of the RO zoning classification which provides for the conversion of residential structures to office use, and/or the construction of Class B office buildings where adequate buffers exist. It is the determination of this office that the site is currently developed to it's capacity, and that any further development could jeopardize the adequacy of traffic circulation, parking, and sufficient buffers, ultimately affecting the stability of the adjacent residential community.

Prepared by:

Section Chief: (

AFK:MAC:



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

June 16, 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: THOMAS & PATRICIA MORRIS - 505 ARMANDO CIGNARELLI - 506 ARMANDO CIGNARELLI - 507 MIDDLE RIVER SELF STORAGE, LLC - 514 **

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF June 12, 2000

Item No.: 505, 506/507 & 514

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.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1994 edition prior to occupancy.

 ** FOR 514 ONLY: IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS 4 & 5 ABOVE THE FOLLOWING APPLIES — A FIRE LANE IS REQUIRED TO BE A MINIMUM OF 18' ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING "J".

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

cc: File



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley (145)

DATE:

July 13, 2000

SUBJECT:

Zoning Petitions

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2000

DEPRM has no comments for the following zoning petitions:

Item #	Address
503	2100 Gwynn Oak Avenue
506	2401 and 2401A York Road
507	2401A York Road
508	519 Rest Avenue
511	10643 Anglohill Road
514	Middle River Road
515	49 Wiltshire Road

GREATER TIMONIUM COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

9B RIDGELY RD, TIMONIUM, MD. 21093 LOUIS W. MILLER, PRESIDENT 44 E. TIMONIUM RD., TIMONIUM, MD. 21093 WEB ADDRESS: HTTP://GTCC.HYPERMART.NEI/GTCC.HTML EMAIL: LEABO@AOL.COM PHONE: 410-252-3444

July 13, 2000

Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County Room 407, Courts Building Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Case numbers 00-506spha & 00507spha

Gentlemen:

We are opposed to the granting of a Special Exception and Variances relating to these two cases.

The proposed plans overload the land, violates all zoning regulations as to buffer zones, parking, and intrusion into DR 3.5 zoned land.

Since case 98-146-sphx was never acted upon, to now ask for an A/7 exemption thereon is, in our opinion, not feasible under the codes.

In addition, the owners sold the DR 3.5 lot adjacent to the rear of the property as a residential occupied property in 1996, thus limiting their ability to ask for zoning changes in the Comprehensive Zoning processes. Now it appears they want to circumvent that process by asking for Special Exceptions and major Variances.

Both requests should be denied as not in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted:

President

CC GTCC Secretary File

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File: GTCC2401 York Rd.

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PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
FOFFET C SCHUTT	5 SHAWAN RD Z1030
ARMANDO CIGNARALE	2401 YORK 21093
Thomas FAUST	Z401 YORK RO Z1093
JOE MARMATO	2401 YORK ROAD 21093
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PROTESTANT(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

Marl	NAME	ADDRESS
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+ Wer JX	John W. Schaller	3 Barnaby Ct. TIMONIUM Hd 210
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	Ellen T. O'Brien	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Amy Kroh	10 East Main Blvd 21093
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This petition is in opposition to the proposed building of a 1200 square foot office building at 2401A York Road. Community concerns include but are not limited to: the current parking situation at the entrance and continuing up East Main Boulevard, extra traffic on East Main Boulevard and child safety, loss of landscaping and trees as a sound barrier between York Road and homes, and their aesthetic contribution to the community, potential drop in real estate values for homeowners, and the ability to maintain the existing quality of the neighborhood.

Name	Address	Phone
Daniel Bypion	7 EMIN BLUD	560.0774
Amy Kroh,	10 East Main Blvd	561-7720
Ollen O'Brien	12 East Main Blust.	<u> 308-19</u> 89
Makel Debunt	16 E Main Blod	252.2948
Khent Mearman	13 E MAN BLUD	560-1543
Kara J Shearm	13 E Main Blvd	260-1243
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Melin Chilevai	9 & Wain Blue	252-7940
David W Mundy	8 E Main Blud	453-6214
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Thomas Field	6 E. MAIN BLUD	308-2708
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