IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
HSC, LLC — PETITIONER; HENRY &
JEANNETTE WEINBERG FOUNDATION –L.O.
FOR VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED
ON THE SE/COR OF LOCH RAVEN BLVD.,
250' S OF C/L OF TAYLOR AVENUE
(6821-6899 LOCH RAVEN BOULEVARD)
9TH ELECTION DISTRICT
5TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF
- BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* CASE NO. 05-375-A

#### RULING ON PETITIONER'S MOTION TO DISMISS

This matter is before the Board on Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss an appeal by
Protestants of the dismissal of Petitioner's Petition for Variance by the Deputy Zoning
Commissioner (DZC). It was heard by the Board on December 14, 2005. Petitioner was
represented by Arnold Jablon, Esquire, David Karceski, Esquire, and VENABLE, LLP.
Protestant, Loch Raven Community Council, was represented by the Executive Director, Donna
Spicer. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, also participated in the matter.

Public deliberation was held on December 21, 2005.

#### **Facts**

The matter came before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Henry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, by Bernard Siegel, President, and HSC, LLC, by Martin Pechter, Lessees. The variance request was field on January 27, 20025 for the property located at 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard in the Hillendale Shopping Center.

The Petition for Variance requested a variance from § 232.1 of the *Baltimore County*Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of the required 43.5

feet for a stand-alone bank building located within the Hillendale Shopping Center zoned B.L.
CCC. The requested variance was generated by the location of an entrance door to the side of the

bank building that would face Loch Raven Boulevard. The proposed bank building had two entrance doors, once facing Loch Raven Boulevard and the other facing the interior of the shopping center.

The Zoning Review Office had applied § 303.2 of the BCZR because it determined that the location of an entrance door on the side of the building facing Loch Raven Boulevard caused that side to be the "front of the building" and therefore a front building setback was required. If no entrance door was located on the Loch Raven Boulevard side of the building, no variance would be required.

A public hearing began before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner on March 16, 2005 and testimony and evidence was presented by both sides. Petitioners presented their case and Appellant, Loch Raven Community Council, appeared and presented evidence. The Appellant presented objections to the Petitioners' site plan. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner continued the hearing to permit the Petitioners to respond to the Appellant's issues and for the Appellant to then respond and to discuss settlement. Ultimately, the Petitioners decided to revise the plans for the bank building to eliminate the door on the Loch Raven Boulevard side of the building. The Petitioners then decided to withdraw their Petition for Variance.

On June 29, 2005, the Petitioners withdrew their request for variance before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. No decision on the merits of the case had been rendered prior to the withdrawal.

The Deputy Zoning Commissioner then dismissed the Petition for the requested variance without prejudice.

On or about July 28, 2005, the Appellants, Donna Spicer and Loch Raven Community Council, submitted to the Department of Permits & Development Management a request for appeal. At that time, Ms. Spicer requested a waiver of the appeal fee from the Director of the

Department of Permits & Development Management. In accordance with her request, the Director waived the appeal-processing fee.

The request for appeal was not forwarded to the Board until October 19, 2005. Ms. Spicer was subsequently informed by the Deputy Director of the PDM that the Director had no authority to waive the fee and that she would be required to pay the processing fee. In accordance with this information, the processing fee was paid by Ms. Spicer on or about October 11, 2005.

#### Issues

- 1. Petitioner contends the Motion to Dismiss should be granted because § 32-3-401(c) of the Baltimore County Code requires the appealing party to file the notice of appeal in writing and pay the required fee. Petitioner contends there is no provision for the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management to waive the required fee and that the law requires that the fee be paid with the notice of appeal which must be filed within 30 days from the decision appealed from.
- 2. Petitioner contends that, notwithstanding the violation of § 32-3-401(c), should the Board find that the fee can be waived in this case, there is nothing from which to appeal. A Petition for Variance was withdrawn prior to a final order being issued. There is no appealable event from which an appeal lies.
- 3. The Protestants contend that the Petition should not have been dismissed, that there was no decision given concerning the facts presented at the hearing on March 16, 2005, and that no decision had been given concerning the revised Plan submitted dated May 5, 2005.
- 4. The Protestants also contend that the Petitioner requested a limited exemption approval from the Development Review Committee on May 23, 2005, giving misinformation that no hearing was required on the DRC No. 110804 G request. Petitioner received a limited

- 5. Protestants also contend that it is not proper to request an exemption while in the process of a hearing being held on the need for a variance.
- 6. Protestants also contend that a decision should be rendered as to the validity of any and all approvals or permits that may have been received since the first day of the hearing and that there should be clarification of variances needed to comply with § 32 of the Baltimore County Code and any other section of that Code, and §§ 232.1, 303.2, and 409 of the BCZR with respect to parking and zoning.
- 7. People's Counsel contends that the Deputy Zoning Commissioner had no authority to dismiss the Petition without prejudice since Commissioner Rule 4F requires a request for withdrawal without prejudice to be made in writing and filed 10 days before the hearing. In this case, the withdrawal was made on the second day of the hearing, and he contends that the case must be dismissed with prejudice.
- 8. People's Counsel also contends that the case is now before the Board for a *de novo* review and that the Board should process the appeal in a normal course. The Board could, on its own, hear testimony in the nature of a special hearing in order to determine the issues to be raised by the Protestants.

#### Decision

The Board has reviewed the arguments and memoranda submitted in the above matter and with respect to the above issues.

#### 1. The Payment of the Fee.

Petitioners are correct that § 3-5-105(c) of the *Baltimore County Code* (BCC) states that "all fees shall be payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and shall be collected by the agency whose decision is being appealed at the time the appeal or petition is filed." Ordinarily, the

Board adheres strictly to the terms and conditions set forth in the BCC. Even when incorrect information has been given by Baltimore County employees with respect to the filing dates and the law, the Board has adhered to the law. However, in this instance, the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management indicated to the Protestants that he would waive the fee for the appeal. Protestants had no reason to doubt the authority of the Director to take such action and therefore did not pay the fee until they were informed that the Director had no authority to waive the fee. Upon being told that the Director had no authority to waive the fee, the Protestants immediately paid the fee. In this situation only, the Board will allow the matter to be processed despite the fact that the fee was not paid at the time the appeal was filed. The Board wishes to emphasize that this is a unique situation, and that it is not to set a precedent for any actions of the Board in the future.

#### 2. Dismissal by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner

With respect to the issue of whether or not the matter should be dismissed, the Board feels that the Deputy Zoning Commissioner was incorrect in dismissing the Petition without prejudice, since Zoning Commissioner Rule 4F requires that a request for withdrawal without prejudice be made in writing and filed before the hearing; otherwise, the case must be dismissed with prejudice. The case had been scheduled for a second day of hearing on June 29, 2005. At the June 29<sup>th</sup> hearing, the Petitioner withdrew its variance request over the Protestants' objection. The Petition should have been dismissed with prejudice under Rule 4F as the request for withdrawal was made well after the applicable 10-day deadline.

The Board's new rules, specifically Rule 3.b.II, also require that a Petition be dismissed with prejudice unless the Petition is withdrawn in writing at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

At this time, there is no appeal before the Board of a decision of the Director of the

Department of Permits & Development Management with respect to a decision of the DRC. In addition, there is no Petition before the Board with respect to the parking spaces to be allowed for the bank building in question on the Hillendale Shopping Center. If Petitioners have any issues with respect to parking at the bank in the shopping center, such issues can be raised through Code Enforcement or by means of a special hearing filed in the normal course.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE THIS 3 ed day of Jehrenny, 2006 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

**ORDERED** that the Motion to Dismiss the appeal in the above matter be **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance from § 232.1 and § 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of the required 43.5 feet be and is hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Lawrence S. Wescott, Panel Chair

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February 3, 2006

Ms. Donna Spicer, Executive Director Loch Raven Community Council 8719 Eddington Road Baltimore, MD 21234

> RE: In the Matter of: HSC, LLC; Henry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation – Legal Owners Case No. 05-375-A / Ruling on Motion

Dear Ms. Spicer:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Ruling on Motion to Dismiss issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*, with a photocopy provided to this office concurrent with filing in Circuit Court. Please note that all subsequent Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number as the first Petition. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen C. Bianco

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Administrator

#### Enclosure

c: Arnold Jablon, Esquire
David Karceski, Esquire
Bernard Siegel, President
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
HSC, LLC by Martin Pechter, Member
Mitch Kellman
Dac Carney
Bob Aumiller
Bill Burkhouse
Office of People's Counsel
William J. Wiseman III /Zoning Commissioner
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM

11/27/05

Re: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
SE/Corner of Loch Raven Blvd.,
250' S c/line Taylor Avenue
(6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd)
9th Election & 5th Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owners: Henry & Jeanette Weinberg
Foundation by Bernard Siegel, President
Legal Owners and HSC, LLC by Martin
Pechter, Member, Lessees

BEFORE THE COUNTY

BOARD OF APPEALS

\* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 05-375-A

#### OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL

1. A petition for variance was filed on or about January 27, 2005.

- 2. The requested variance was to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of required 43.5 feet, pursuant to 232.1 and 303.2 BCZR for a standalone bank building located within the Hillendale Shopping Center, zoned BL-CCC.
- 3. The requested variance was generated by the location of the accessory bank building along the frontage of the property, facing Loch Raven Blvd.
- 4. In this case, it can be argued, the location of the entrance doors of the accessory bank building should not determine the need for front setback variance.
- 5. The Zoning Review Office should have applied Sections 409 and 232 in entirety and 303.2 BCZR because it determined the location of the accessory bank building was proposed to be located within the minimum front yard depth and was an additional use. The request for variance was incomplete.
- 6. The zoning hearing before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner (DZC) was held March 16, 2005
- 7. Testimony, arguments and evidence was presented, heard and accepted.
- 8. The Petitioners presented their case and while Appellant was presenting their case, the hearing ran over the allotted time. The DZC continued the hearing to permit the Appellant to submit in writing their arguments, Petitioner to respond and parties possibly to reach settlement on differences. (See letter dated March 23, 2005 from Ms. Spicer to DZC and letter dated March 31, 2005 from Mr. Jablon to DZC)
- 9. Petitioner submitted revised plan and second day of hearing was scheduled for June 29, 2005. (See letter dated May 19, 2005 from DZC)
- 10. On June 29, 2005 before the DZC, the Petitioner abruptly and without notice withdrew their request for variance.
- 11. No decision was rendered on the merits of the case, testimony, arguments, and evidence presented, heard and accepted at the March 16, 2005 hearing. On June 29, 2005, the withdrawal of the request for variance because a variance was no longer needed was accepted without question. Previously presented, heard and accepted information that argued need of the variance requested and

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- need of related variances was given no consideration as reason to deny the withdrawal. Due process was denied.
- 12. Request for appeal was timely filed on July 28, 2005 by Donna Spicer Executive Director of The Loch Raven Community Council and submitted to the Director of Permits and Development Management, with the mutual understanding and agreement that the fee would be waived and no other monetary payment was required. (See note Kristen: please process this appeal. Fee is waived. Tim)
- 13. The request for appeal was not forwarded to the Board of Appeals until October 19, 2005. The Appellant had no control or authority in processing the request for appeal after July 28, 2005 submittal date.
- 14. Docket entries indicate the appeal fee was paid October 11, 2005 upon discussion with PDM direction. Efforts to reach agreement and to obtain a withdrawal of the request for appeal failed after many discussion and actions taken by the PDM Director (with the Appellant, the Petitioners and their representatives). On multiple occasions the Appellant was assured by the Director and the Deputy Director of PDM that delay in processing the request for appeal did not reduce validity or standing. Appellant made full payment of fees on October 11, 2005 after being informed by Don Rascoe Deputy Director of PDM that the agreement to waive the fee had been voided and payment was now required to process the request of appeal submitted July 28, 2005.
- 15. That 32-3-401(c) BCC requires appealing party to file the notice of appeal, in writing and pay the required fee. The Appellant complied as directed by the Authority of the Director and Deputy Director of PDM.
- 16. At the very least, if the petition for variance was allowed to be withdrawn it should have been done with prejudice. The Petition for Variance should not have been allowed to be withdrawn. A final order should have been required, testimony, evidence and arguments had been submitted, heard and accepted. Due process was denied. Appeal is appropriate. The appeal request is proper and needed for due process to be met.
- 17. The Board of Appeals should decide if variances are required and if variances should or should not be granted.

#### Certificate of Service

On November 23, 2005, Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Appeal was hand delivered to County Board of Appeals, People's Council of Baltimore County and Arnold Jablon 210 Allegheny Ave. Towson 21204

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11/18/05

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SE/Corner of Loch Raven Blvd.,

250' S c/line Taylor Avenue

(6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd)

9<sup>th</sup> Election & 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owners: Henry & Jeanette Weinberg

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Case No. 05-375-A

## MEMORANDUM OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO DISMISS

People's Counsel entered its appearance in this matter on February 7, 2005. Upon review of the record, the appeal filed by Donna Spicer, and the Motion to Dismiss filed by Petitioner, People's Counsel respectfully submits this memorandum in opposition to the motion scheduled for hearing December 14, 2005.

#### I. The Alleged Late Payment of the Filing Fee

The first contention of the motion relates to the alleged late payment of the filing fee. The appeal request includes a note from PDM Director Timothy Kotroco that the appeal fee is waived. Whether or not the PDM Director has such authority, it is our view that the filing of the appeal constitutes substantial compliance with the rule, and that the timing of the payment of any fee is immaterial and incidental.

Code Sec. 32-3-401(c)(1) requires the filing of a notice of appeal within 30 days after the final decision. Sec. 32-3-401(c)(2) calls for payment of "the required fee," but does not specify a time for payment. Meanwhile, CBA Rule 1d states in essence that appeals shall be in conformance with the rules of the Zoning Commissioner with respect to the form of the appeal, and that the fee shall be as prescribed by the Zoning Commissioner or the BCZR. Upon review of the rules of the Zoning Commissioner and the BCZR, we have not found any rule of the

Zoning Commissioner or the BCZR regarding payment of fees. Under these circumstances, it is unclear what fee is legally required. It also unclear when any fee must be paid. Under these circumstances, if it is assumed nevertheless that PDM may legally set the fees, there is no set deadline for payment. Therefore, it cannot be said that the fee paid here is late. Even if it were late, there is no provision that the appeal shall be dismissed for late payment of a fee.

Moreover, on issues of this type, the CBA has consistently taken the approach to call for substantial compliance with the rules regarding the form of the appeal. For example, the omission of an address has been held not fatal. Indeed, the CBA has allowed consultants and engineers to file appeals on behalf of property owners.

#### II. The Withdrawal of the Petition at the Zoning Commissioner Level

The second contention of the motion is that because Petitioner withdrew the petition without prejudice at the Zoning Commissioner level, there is nothing to appeal.

This contention overlooks the point that pursuant to County Charter Sec. 603, all appeals to the County Board of Appeals are *de novo* unless otherwise provided in legislation. The present petition is for a variance. County Code Sec. 32-3-401 provides for the appeal without any limitation on the usual *de novo* format. Therefore, the present appeal is a *de novo* proceeding.

The Court of Special Appeals addressed this matter in Pollard's Towing v. Berman's Body Frame & Mechanical 137 Md. App. 277, 288 (2001). There, Judge Moylan quoting an earlier decision, observed that the generic *de novo* format involves "trying the matter anew as if it had not been heard before and as if no decision had been rendered." Boehm v. Anne Arundel County 54 Md. App. 497, 511 (1983). He also quoted Lohrman v. Arundel Corp. 65 Md. App. 309, 319 (1985):

"In effect, then, the Board was exercising what amounts to original jurisdiction. It was as though the zoning officer had made no decision."

Correlatively, "... the *de novo* hearing is for all intents and purposes the first hearing of the case." Hill v. Baltimore County 86 Md App. 642 (1991).

The fact that the Petitioner successfully obtained an order to withdraw the petition without prejudice at the ZC level does not affect the *de novo* function of the appeal. Ms. Spicer has stated reasons in her appeal as to why she believes the withdrawal was inappropriate. She is entitled to a hearing on the merits.

If the Petitioner wishes to withdraw the petition anew at the CBA level, Petitioner is entitled to make that request, subject to the procedural due process right of other parties to be heard on the matter.

The CBA Rules do not appear to include any rule relating to withdrawals or voluntary dismissals. Circuit Court Rule 2-506 (b) provides generally that a court may allow a plaintiff to dismiss an action "only by order of court and upon such terms and conditions as the court deems proper." Scheve v. Shudder 328 Md. 363, 376-78 (1992). The only exception to this scenario occurs under Rule 2-506(a) where the Plaintiff dismisses an action at a preliminary stage, prior to an answer or motion or summary judgment being filed by the adverse party. Here, the case is already on appeal, so that Maryland Rule 2-506(b) would apply if one were to choose the closest analogy. The appeal here, while *de novo*, effectively puts the case past the answer stage.

Meanwhile, Zoning Commissioner Rule 4F requires a request for withdrawal without prejudice to be made in writing and filed ten days before the hearing. Otherwise, the case must be dismissed with prejudice. Here, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's opinion and order filed on or about July 5, 2005, describes the initial day of hearing on March 16, 2005 where "the Petitioner presented its case in chief and the protestants started their presentation. At that point Ms. Spicer presented a detailed critique of their site plan." The case was then continued to allow

the parties "... to discuss settlement." There was submitted a revised site plan, and the case was set in for another day of hearing on June 29, 2005. Apparently, there was no settlement.

At the June 29<sup>th</sup> hearing, the Petitioner withdrew its variance request, over Ms. Spicer's objection, on the basis that it would revise its plans and remove any entrance to the bank from Loch Raven Boulevard. The DZC wrote that he could "understand the protestants' frustration," but that he could "only dismiss the case as requested." He then issued the Order to dismiss the case "without prejudice." Actually, the petition should have been dismissed with prejudice under Rule 4F, as the request for withdrawal was made well after the applicable ten-day deadline.

Now that the case is before the CBA for *de novo* review, the CBA should process the appeal in the normal course. If Petitioner again requests to withdraw its petition, the CBA may deal with that, provided that all parties have the opportunity to be heard, and determine whether it should order a dismissal of the petition with prejudice, without prejudice, and under what conditions. In the absence of a CBA rule on point, we suggest that the CBA consider any such request as if it were a request for voluntary dismissal under Rule 2-506(b), review the entire situation, and exercise its discretion in a reasonable way.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>18</u> day of November, 2005, a copy of the Memorandum of People's Counsel for Baltimore County in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss was mailed first-class mail, postage prepaid to Donna Spicer, 8719 Eddington Road, Baltimore, MD 21234 and Arnold Jablon, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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In Re: Petition for Variance 6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd SE/Corner of Loch Raven Blvd 250 ft. S Centerline of Taylor Ave 9<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Henry & Jeanette Weinberg

Foundation

Petitioner: HSC, LLC

**BEFORE** 

BOARD OF APPEAL

OF

**BALTIMORE COUN** 

CASE NO. 05-375A

MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL

Now comes the Petitioners, HSC, LLC and the Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, by their attorneys Arnold Jablon and David Karceski, with Venable, LLC, and moves to dismiss the appeal filed in this matter and for cause states as follows:

- 1. That a petition for variance was filed on or about 27 January 2005.
- 2. That the requested variance was to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of required 43.5 feet, pursuant to §§232.1 and 303.2, BCZR, for a stand-alone bank building located within the Hillendale shopping center, zoned BL-CCC.
- 3. That the requested variance was generated by the location of an entrance door to the side of the bank building that would face Loch Raven Blvd,
- 4. That the proposed bank building had two entrance doors, one facing Loch Raven Blvd, and the other facing the interior of the shopping center.
- 5. That the Zoning Review Office applied §303.2 of the BCZR because it determined that the location of an entrance door on the side of the building facing Loch Raven Blvd caused the side to be a "front of the building", and, therefore, a front building

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS setback was required. If no entrance door, the side would be a "side" and no variance would be required.

6. That the zoning hearing before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner was initiated on 16 March 2005.

7. That testimony and evidence was presented.

8. That the Petitioners presented their case and Appellant appeared and testified. The Appellant presented objections to the Petitioners' site plan. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner continued the hearing to permit the Petitioners to respond to the Appellant's issues, for the Appellant to then respond and to discuss settlement. (See Petitioners' Exhibit 1, Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order, dated 29 June 2005.)

9. That subsequently, the Petitioners decided to dismiss and withdraw its Petition for variance.

10. That on 29 June, 2005, before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the Petitioners withdrew their request for variance. (See Pet. Exh 1)

11. That no decision on the merits of the case had been rendered prior to the withdrawal.

12. That on or about 28 July, 2005, the Appellant, Donna Spicer, submitted to the Department of Permits and Development Management a "Request for Appeal."

13. That on the cover page of the "Request for Appeal" is a notation as follows:

"Kristen:

Please process this appeal. Fee is waived.
Tim"

(See Pet. Exh 2)

14. That this "Request for Appeal" was not forwarded to the Board of Appeals

until 19 October 2005. (See Pet. Exh 3, Appeal Docket entries)

15. That the docket entries indicate that an appeal fee was "paid October 11, 2005

upon discussion with PDM director."

16. That §32-3-401(c), Baltimore County Code, requires the appealing party to file

the notice of appeal, in writing, and pay the required fee.

17. That there is no provision for the Director of the Department of Permits and

Development Management to waive the required fee.

18. That the law requires that the fee be paid with the Notice of Appeal, which

must be filed within 30 days of the decision appealed from.

19. That notwithstanding the violation of §32-3-401 (c), there is nothing to appeal

from: the petition for variance was withdrawn prior to a final order being issued. There is

no appealable event from which an appeal lies.

21. That there are no other issues raised by the Appellant in her "Request for

Appeal" that have been preserved for appeal or are appealable.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners move that the instant appeal be dismissed.

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Counsel for Petitioners

Certificate of Service

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss was mailed, by first class delivery, to Timothy Kotroco, Director, PDM, and to Donna Spicer, at 8719 Eddington Rd, Baltimore, Maryland 21234, on this 4th day of Novir Kng. 2005.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
SE/Corner of Loch Raven Blvd., 250 ft.
S centerline of Taylor Avenue
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Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation,
By: Bernard Siegel, President, Legal Owners \*
and

HSC, LLC

By: Martin Pechter, Member, Lessees *Petitioners* 

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 05-375-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Henry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, by Bernard Siegel, President and HSC, LLC, by Martin Pechter, lessees. The variance request is for property located at 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard in the Loch Raven area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Sections 232.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 43.5 ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Administrative Variance.

The property was posted with Notice of Hearing on March 1, 2005, for 15 days prior to the hearing, in order to notify all interested citizens of the requested zoning relief. In addition, a Notice of Zoning hearing was published in "The Jeffersonian" newspaper on March 1, 2005 to notify any interested persons of the scheduled hearing date.

A hearing was held on March 16, 2005 in which the Petitioner presented its case in chief and the protestants started their presentation. At that point Ms. Spicer presented a detailed critique of the Petitioner's site plan and the case was continued to allow the Petitioner to review the

protestants' site plan exhibit and the Parties to discuss settlement. The Petitioner submitted a revised site plan dated May 5, 2005 and the case was set for hearing on June 29, 2005.

However on June 29, 2005 the Petitioner withdrew its request for variance. Mr. Karceski explained that the Petitioner will revise its plans to eliminate any entrance to the bank from Loch Raven Boulevard. Consequently the variance is no longer needed. Ms. Spicer objected to the withdrawal indicating that the Planning Comments should still apply to the plan and other shortcomings of the revised plan.

#### **Zoning Advisory Committee Comments**

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: A ZAC comment was received from the Office of Planning dated March 11, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **Interested Persons**

Appearing at the first hearing on behalf of the variance request were Troy Slevin and Mitch Kellman from Daft McCune Walker, Inc. DAC Carney, from Tristar Managemnent, Bob Aumiller from MacKenzie Associates and Bill Burkhouse from Provident Bank for the Petitioners. David Karceski and Arnold Jablon, Esquire represented the Petitioners. Donna Spicer, from the Loch Raven Community Counsel appeared in opposition to the Petition and its withdrawal at the second hearing. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, entered the appearance of his office in this case.

#### Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

While I understand the protestants' frustration with the Petitioners' withdrawal of the Petition, I can only dismiss the case as requested.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this  $\frac{29}{2}$  day of July, 2005, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioners' request for variance from Sections 232.1 and 303.2 of the

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 43.5 ft., be and is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice, the Petition having been withdrawn by the Petitioner before the case was concluded.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

OHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY.

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Petition for Variance
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9<sup>th</sup> Election District — 5<sup>th</sup> Election District

Legal Owners: Henry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation Petitioners: HSC, LLC

Case No.: 05-375-A

Petition for Variance (January 27, 2005)

Zoning Description of Property

Notice of Zoning Hearing (February 1, 2005)

Certification of Publication (The Jeffersonian - March 1, 2005)

Certificate of Posting (March 1, 2005) by SSG Robert Black

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (February 7, 2005)

Petitioner(s) Sign-In Sheet – One Sheet

Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheet - None

Citizen(s) Sign-In Sheet - Two Sheets

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

#### Petitioners' Exhibit

- 1. Plan to accompany petition for Variance
- 2A. Photograph
- 2B. Rear & Left Building Elevations Drawing
- 2C. Front & Right Building Elevations Drawing
- 3. Final Landscape Plan (Hillendale Shopping Center)

#### Protestants' Exhibits:

1. Site Plan

#### Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibit)

- 1. Revised Site Plan Revision to meet Zoning Regulations
- 2. Letter dated March 23, 2005 from Donna Spicer to John Murphy
- 3. Letter dated March 31, 2005 from Arnold Jablon to John Murphy
- 4. Letter from John Murphy to Mr. Jablon & Ms. Spicer dated April 28, 2005

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order (DISMISSED - June 29, 2005)

Notice of Appeal received on August 1, 2005 from Donna Spicer, appeal fee paid October 11, 2005 upon discussion with PDM director

c: People's Counsel of Baltimore County, MS #2010
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM
Arnold Jablon, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204
Bernard Siegel, 7 Park Center Court, Owings Mills 21117
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date sent October 19, 2005, klm

6/30/05

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SE/Corner of Loch Raven Blvd., 250 ft.

S centerline of Taylor Avenue

9th Election District

5th Councilmanic District

(6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd.)

Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation,

By: Bernard Siegel, President, Legal Owners \*

and

HSC, LLC

By: Martin Pechter, Member, Lessees

Petitioners

**BEFORE THE** 

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 05-375-A

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Henry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, by Bernard Siegel, President and HSC, LLC, by Martin Pechter, lessees. The variance request is for property located at 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard in the Loch Raven area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Sections 232.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 43.5 ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Administrative Variance.

The property was posted with Notice of Hearing on March 1, 2005, for 15 days prior to the hearing, in order to notify all interested citizens of the requested zoning relief. In addition, a Notice of Zoning hearing was published in "The Jeffersonian" newspaper on March 1, 2005 to notify any interested persons of the scheduled hearing date.

A hearing was held on March 16, 2005 in which the Petitioner presented its case in chief and the protestants started their presentation. At that point Ms. Spicer presented a detailed critique of the Petitioner's site plan and the case was continued to allow the Petitioner to review the

6/30/05 184. protestants' site plan exhibit and the Parties to discuss settlement. The Petitioner submitted a revised site plan dated May 5, 2005 and the case was set for hearing on June 29, 2005.

However on June 29, 2005 the Petitioner withdrew its request for variance. Mr. Karceski explained that the Petitioner will revise its plans to eliminate any entrance to the bank from Loch Raven Boulevard. Consequently the variance is no longer needed. Ms. Spicer objected to the withdrawal indicating that the Planning Comments should still apply to the plan and other shortcomings of the revised plan.

#### **Zoning Advisory Committee Comments**

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: A ZAC comment was received from the Office of Planning dated March 11, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **Interested Persons**

Appearing at the first hearing on behalf of the variance request were Troy Slevin and Mitch Kellman from Daft McCune Walker, Inc. DAC Carney, from Tristar Managemnent, Bob Aumiller from MacKenzie Associates and Bill Burkhouse from Provident Bank for the Petitioners. David Karceski and Arnold Jablon, Esquire represented the Petitioners. Donna Spicer, from the Loch Raven Community Counsel appeared in opposition to the Petition and its withdrawal at the second hearing. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, entered the appearance of his office in this case.

#### Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

While I understand the protestants' frustration with the Petitioners' withdrawal of the Petition, I can only dismiss the case as requested.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 29 day of July, 2005, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioners' request for variance from Sections 232.1 and 303.2 of the

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Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 43.5 ft., be and is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice, the Petition having been withdrawn by the Petitioner before the case was concluded.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN V. MURPHY

**DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** March 11 2005

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd. – Revised Comments

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

5-375

MAR 1 1 2005

Petitioner:

HSC, LLC.

Zoning:

**BL-CCC** 

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Requested Action: Variance

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Prepared by:

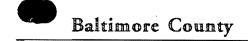
**Division Chief:** 

AFK/LL:MAC:

## Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468





James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

July 5, 2005

Arnold Jablon, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 05-375-A

Property: 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Enclosed please find the Order to Dismiss regarding the above-captioned case.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 410-887-3868.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

U. Murph Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:rai Enclosure

c: Bernard Siegel, Pres., Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, 7 Park Center Ct., Owings Mills, MD 21117

HSC, LLC, 751 Park of Commerce Drive, Suite 128, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 Troy Slevin, Mitch Kellman, Daft, McCune, Walker, 200 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, MD 21286

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# Petition for Variance

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevar

which is presently zoned BL-CCC

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)

232.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of the required 43.5 feet

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

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.

To be determined at hearing

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

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): HSC , LLC Name - Type or Print Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Name - Type or Pyros Martin Pechter, Incomporated Member Ivere Signature Signature 561-982-GEGEL, PRES 751 Park of Commerce Drive, BY: BERNARD 7770 Accress Suite 128 Telephone No. Name - Type or Print Boca Raton, Florida 33487 Zip Coce Signature 7 Park Center Court Attorney For Petitioner: Telephone No. Robert A. Hoffman Owings Mills, Maryland 4200 Name - Tyce or Print Z:a Case Representative to be Contacted: Signature Robert A. Hoffman Venable LLP Name Company 410 494-6200 Allegheny Avenue 210 Allegheny Avenue 410 494-6200 Telephone No. Address Telephone No. ddre Maryland 21204 Towson, Maryland 21204 City Zio Code State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING 5-375-A UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING Reviewed By 9115198

#### Description

To Accompany Variance Plan Hillendale Shopping Center

Ninth Election District

Baltimore County, Maryland



Daft•MCCune•Walker, Inc.

200 East Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21286 http://www.dmw.com, 410-296-3333 Fáx 410-296-4705

A Team of Land Planners, Landscape Architects, Golf Course Architects; Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals

Beginning for the same at the end of the second of the two following courses and distances measured from the point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Loch Raven Boulevard with the centerline of Taylor Avenue, (1) Southeasterly along the centerline of Taylor Avenue 225 feet, more or less, and thence leaving said Taylor Avenue, (2) Southwesterly 50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, thence binding along the southwesterly side of said Taylor Avenue, (3) South 62 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East 527.00 feet, thence leaving said Taylor Avenue and running for lines the five following courses and distances: (4) South 02 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds West 400.77 feet, thence (5) South 80 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West 766.86 feet, thence (6) North 66 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds West 117.08 feet, thence (7)/North 28 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 119.69 feet, thence (8) North 61 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West 179.70 feet to intersect the easterly side of the said Loch Raven Boulevard, thence binding thereon (9) North 28 degrées 40 minutes 00 séconds East 140.00 feet, thence continuing (10) North 28 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 336.51 feet, thence leaving said Loch Raven Boulevard and running for lines the three following courses and distances: (11) South 62 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East 200.00 feet, thence (12) North 29 degrees 61 minutes 50 seconds East 76.92 feet, thence; and thence (13) North 27

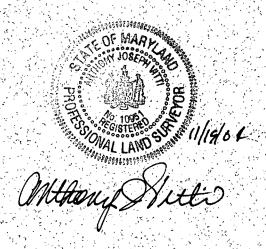
degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds East 150.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 11.584 acres of land, more or less, as described by Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., in October 2004.

Being and comprising all of the land which, by deed dated March 31, 1989, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland, in Liber S.M. 8137, Folio 567, was conveyed by Honolulu Limited to the Henry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Incorporated.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

November 19, 2004

Project No. 03050.A (L03050.A)



#### 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 <u>Towson</u>, <u>Maryland</u> on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #05-375-A

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd.

S/east corner of Loch Raven Blvd., 250 feet s/of Taylor Avenue 9th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, Bernard Siegel, Pres.

Contract Purchaser: HSC, LLC, Martin Pechter, Member

Variance: to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of the required 43.5 feet.

Hearing: Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson 21204.

#### WILLIAM WISEMAN

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. JT/3/606 Mar. 1 41146



## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

3/2 ,2005
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
n the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md.,
once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing on $3/1$ _,20 $5$ .
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Arbutus Times
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Owings Mills Times
☐ NE Booster/Reporter
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LEGAL ADVERTISING



RE: Case No.: 05-375-A

Petitioner/Developer: HSC, LLC MANTIN

PECHTETL, HARLY + JANETTE WEINBERG
FOUNDATION BERNARD SPIEGEL

Date of Hearing/Closing:

MARCH 16, 2005

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

ATTN: Kristen Matthews {(410) 887-3394}

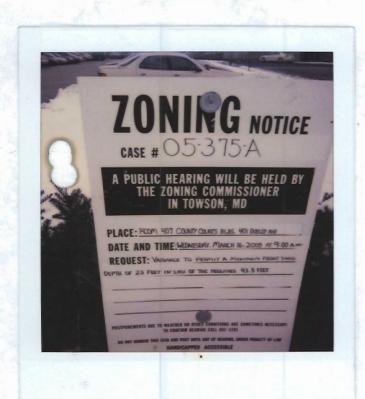
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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:

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Sincerely,



Zobort Black	3/2/05
(Signature of Sign Poster)	(Date)
SSG Robert Black	(Print Name)
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(410) 282-7940	
(Telephone Number)	

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## APPEAL SIGN POSTING REQUEST

CASE NO. 05-375-A

6821-6899 LOCH RAVEN BLVD.

9th ELECTION DISTRICT

APPEALED:

8/1/2005

ATTACHMENT - (Plan to accompany Petition - Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1)

\*\*\*COMPLETE AND RETURN BELOW INFORMATION\*\*\*\*

### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

TO: Baltimore County Board of Appeals 400 Washington Avenue, Room 49 Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Kathleen Bianco

Administrator

CASE NO.: 05-375-A

LEGAL OWNER:

Henry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation

Petitioners - HSC, LLC

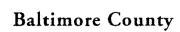
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(Print Name)

# Department of Permits and Development Management

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





James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

February 1, 2005

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Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Robert Hoffman, Venable, 210 Allegheny Ave., Towson 21204
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Martin Pechter, 751 Park of Commerce Dr., Ste. 128, Boca Raton, Florida 33487

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



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### County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180

FAX: 410-887-3182

### **Hearing Room – Room 48**

Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue

November 9, 2005

### MOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT /MOTION ONLY HEARING

CASE #: 05-375-A

IN THE MATTER OF: Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation -Legal Owner; HSC, LLC - Petitioner 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard 9th E; 5th C

6/29/05 - D.Z.C.'s Order in which Petition for Variance was dismissed, the Petition having been withdrawn by Petitioners.

A two-hour Motion Only Hearing has been scheduled for the following date and time for the purpose of receiving argument only on Petitioners' Motion to Dismiss Appeal; and has been

### ASSIGNED FOR:

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE:

Assigned for argument on Motion to Dismiss only. No testimony or evidence as to the merits of this appeal will be received at this Motion Only Hearing.

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, 2003 Baltimore County Code.

IMPORTANT: No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons and in compliance with Board's Rules.

If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

Kathleen C. Bianco Administrator

c:

Appellant /Protestant Counsel for Petitioners Petitioners : Donna Spicer

: Arnold Jablon, Esquire /David Karceski, Esquire

Bernard Siegel, President

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation HSC, LLC by Martin Pechter, Member

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Office of People's Counsel William J. Wiseman III /Zoning Commissioner Pat Keller, Planning Director Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM Mike Field, Assistant County Attorney



### County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

December 14, 2005

### NOTICE OF DELIBERATION /Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss

IN THE MATTER OF:

HSC, LLC – Petitioner; Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation – Legal Owners Case No. 05-375-A

Having received argument on in the subject matter on 12/14/05, public deliberation on Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss has been scheduled for the following date /time:

DATE AND TIME

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

### PLEASE NOTE EARLY TIME FOR START OF DELIBERATION.

**LOCATION** 

Hearing Room 48, Basement, Old Courthouse

NOTE: ALL PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ARE OPEN SESSIONS; HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. A WRITTEN OPINION /ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD AND A COPY SENT TO ALL PARTIES.

Kathleen C. Bianco Administrator

c;

Appellant /Protestant Counsel for Petitioners Petitioners : Donna Spicer

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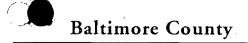
Office of People's Counsel William J. Wiseman III /Zoning Commissioner Pat Keller, Planning Director Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM

FYI: 3-1-6

# Department of Permits Development Management

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





James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

March 8, 2005

Robert A. Hoffman Venable, LLP. 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

RE: Case Number: 05-375-A, 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on January 27, 2005.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several 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.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: clb

**Enclosures** 

People's Counsel
 Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Bernard Siegel Owings Mills 21117-4200
 HSC, LLC. Martin Pechter751 Park of Commerce Drive, Ste.128 Boca Raton Florida 33487



### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** March 11 2005:

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd. - Revised Comments

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number: (5-

(5-375)

Petitioner:

HSC, LLC.

Zoning:

**BL-CCC** 

Requested Action:

Variance

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Prepared by:

**Division Chief:** 

AFK/LL:MAC:

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

RECEIVED

**DATE:** February 15, 2005

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT:

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd.

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number:

5-375

Petitioner:

HSC, LLC.

Zoning:

**BL-CCC** 

**Requested Action:** 

Variance

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Office of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's requests provided the following conditions are met:

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- 1. Submit architectural drawings to this office for review and approval prior to the issuance of any building permits. Exterior building materials shall be of a high quality such as textured brick. The facades shall be consistent on all sides with regards to materials, form, and articulations. The primary entrance shall be oriented towards Loch Raven Blvd.
- 2. Submit a landscape plan to Avery Harden, Baltimore County Landscape Architect, that is in keeping with newly improved streetscape along Loch Raven Blvd. Additional vegetation shall be provided along the existing curb and gutter surrounding the building site to better define the site from the internal roadway network.
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- 4. Signage shall be limited to a ground monument style sign. Submit sign elevations to this office for review and approval.

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT—

TO:

Tim Kotroco

FROM:

John D. Oltman, Jr

Too

DATE:

February 25, 2005

SUBJECT:

Zoning Items # See List Below

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 7, 2005

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the following zoning items:

05-371

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05-377

05-366

05-367

Reviewers:

Sue Farinetti, Dave Lykens

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### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: February 23, 2005

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:\

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For February 14, 2005

Item Nos, 368, 369, 371, 372, 373,

374, 375, 376, 377 and 378

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

RWB:CEN:jrb

cc: File

### Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 Tel: 410-887-4500



## Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive John J. Hohman, Chief

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

February 8, 2005

ATTENTION: Zoning Review planners

Distribution Meeting of: February 7, 2005

Item No.: 368-378

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed 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.

Lieutenant J. Mezick Fire Marshal's Office (O)410-887-4861 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File



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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

JNP

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 2.3.05

Baltimore County

Item No. 375

RE:

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

Dear Ms: Matthews:

We have reviewed the referenced item and have no objection to approval. Our review has determined that no construction is required within the State Highway Administration's right-of-way.

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

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

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Engineering Access Permits Division

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd; SE corner

Loch Raven Blvd, 250' S Taylor Avenue

9<sup>th</sup> Election & 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Harry & Jeanette Weinberg \*

Foundation, Bernard Siegel, President

Contract Purchaser(s): HSC, LLC,

Martin Pechter, Member

Petitioner(s) \*

BEFORE THE

**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

**FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

05-375-A

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

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Towson, MD 21204

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to, Robert A Hoffman, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

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# Department of Permits a Development Management

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### **Baltimore County**

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

October 19, 2005

Arnold Jablon, Esquire Venable, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

RE: Case: 05-375-A, 6821 - 6899 Loch Raven Boulevard

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on August 1, 2005 from Donna Spicer. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (Board).

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call the Board at 410-887-3180.

Since ely,

Timothy Kotroco Director

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### TK:klm

c: William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner
Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM
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Bill Burkhouse, 114 E. Lexington Street, Baltimore 21202
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### **APPEAL**

Petition for Variance
6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard
SE/corner of Loch Raven Blvd., 250' s/of c/line of Taylor Avenue
9<sup>th</sup> Election District — 5<sup>th</sup> Election District
Legal Owners: Henry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation
Petitioners: HSC, LLC

Case No.: 05-375-A

Petition for Variance (January 27, 2005) Zoning Description of Property Notice of Zoning Hearing (February 1, 2005) Certification of Publication (The Jeffersonian – March 1, 2005) Certificate of Posting (March 1, 2005) by SSG Robert Black Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (February 7, 2005) Petitioner(s) Sign-In Sheet - One Sheet Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheet - None Citizen(s) Sign-In Sheet – Two Sheets **Zoning Advisory Committee Comments** Petitioners' Exhibit 1/1. Plan to accompany petition for Variance BALTIMONE COUNTY Photograph ₩2A. BOARD OF APPEALS Rear & Left Building Elevations Drawing Front & Right Building Elevations Drawing Final Landscape Plan (Hillendale Shopping Center) Protestants' Exhibits: 1. Site Plan Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibit) Revised Site Plan Revision to meet Zoning Regulations Letter dated March 23, 2005 from Donna Spicer to John Murphy Letter dated March 31, 2005 from Arnold Jablon to John Murphy Letter from John Murphy to Mr. Jablon & Ms. Spicer dated April 28, 2005 Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order (DISMISSED - June 29, 2005) Notice of Appeal received on August 1, 2005 from Donna Spicer, appeal fee paid October 11, 2005 upon discussion with PDM director C:

People's Counsel of Baltimore County, MS #2010
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Case No. 05-375-A

In the Matter of: Henry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation –Legal Owners; HSC, LLC - Petitioner 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard

VAR – To permit front yard depth of 23' ilo req'd 43.5' for stand-alone bank building, generated by location of entrance door to the side of the bank building facing Loch Raven Boulevard (two entrance doors proposed).

6/29/05 – D.Z.C.'s Order dismissing Petition for Variance, which was withdrawn by Petitioner prior to conclusion of hearing.

11/07/0	5 – Motion to Dismiss Appeal filed by Arnold Jablon and David Karceski, counsel for Petitioners.
11/09/0	5 - Notice of Assignment /Motion Only Hearing sent this date; scheduled for argument only on Petitioners' Motion to Dismiss Appeal; assigned for Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. FYI copy to 3-1-6 after allowance for filing by Appellant in response to this Motion.
11/18/0	5 – Memorandum of People's Counsel in Opposition to Motion to Dismiss filed by P. Zimmerman this date Copies of Motion and Response to be provided to panel on 11/23/05 (allowing for timeframe for response from Ms. Spicer).
11/23/0	5 - Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Appeal filed by Donna Spicer, Appellant.
11/25/0	5 - Copies of Motion, Memorandum of People's Counsel in Opposition to same, and Appellant's Opposition to Motion to Dismiss Appeal provided to panel scheduled for 12/14/05.
12/14/0	5 - Board convened for hearing (Wescott, M Mohler, Quinn); concluded argument on Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss; deliberation assigned for Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Copy of notice provided to 3-1-6. ORDER TO BE ISSUED PRIOR TO END OF FEBRUARY.
12/21/0	65 – Board convened for deliberation on Motion to Dismiss. Unanimous decision – motion to dismiss is GRANTED; Petition for Variance DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. (3) TO BE ISSUED BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY DUE TO QUINN'S DEPARTURE.

### Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



### Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

April 28, 2005

Arnold Jablon, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Ms. Donna Spicer 8719 Eddington Road Baltimore, Maryland 21234

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 05-375-A

Property: 6821-6899 Loch Raven Boulevard

Dear Mr. Jablon & Ms. Spicer:

Please find enclosed herewith the new shopping center security regulations, which mandate security cameras on certain portions of shopping center parking lots. This regulation took effect April 4, 2005. This new regulation may or may not affect the revised site plan that the Petitioner is presently drafting.

I thought that you would be interested in this legislation.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:raj Enclosure

## COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2005, Legislative Day No. 4

### Bill No. 21-05

### Councilmembers Kamenetz, McIntire, Oliver & Gardina

### By the County Council, February 22, 2005

### A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Shopping Centers - Security

FOR the purpose of requiring all certain parts of parking areas in shopping centers to be equipped with certain surveillance devices; defining terms; specifying the location of surveillance devices and the type of surveillance to be provided; requiring the maintenance of surveillance video for a prescribed time period and the delivery to the Police Department upon request; requiring authorizing the posting of certain signs; providing penalties; authorizing certain forms of financial assistance to cover the cost of acquiring and installing certain types of surveillance devices in shopping center parking areas; providing a time limit for compliance; requiring the Police Department to conduct certain studies and make recommendations to the County Council; and generally relating to surveillance devices in shopping centers.

BY adding

Sections 17-4-101 to 17-4-104 17-4-105
Article 17 - Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses
Title 4. Surveillance Devices

**EXPLANATION:** 

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Hon. John Murphy
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Baltimore County
401 Bosley Ave.
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 5-375-A

In Re: Hillendale Shopping Center 6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd

Dear Mr. Murphy:

We are in receipt of Ms. Spicer's memo to you, dated 23 March 2005. I am requesting the opportunity to have an "as is" site plan prepared that I believe will address many of Ms. Spicer's concerns. While it is not our intention to address each and every issue raised, I recognize that many are directly related to the existing layout of the center. Therefore, we have requested DMW, the engineers who prepared the variance plan, to prepare a plan that will reflect the entire center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arnold Jablon

AEJ/aj

c: Ms Donna Spicer Executive Director Loch Raven Community Council

July 28, 2005 for Case # 05-375-A Rock DONNA SPICER 8719 Eddington Rd 2/1/00 Boltimore, MD 21234 Klm Phone 410-665-4322 Kristen: Alis warved.

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Kequest for appeal of Decision to Dismiss request for variences Case # 05-375-A Property located 6821-6899 Loch Raven Blad. Hearing was held 3-16-2005, cases were presented as to the positions of each garty. Case was continued to allow Petitioner to seriew protestants exhibit and written positions with citing of code that was hand delinered 3-23-2005. Mr. Jablon requested, in letter dated 3-31-2005, for the getitioner to address protestants concurs. Petitioner submitted a resused plan dated 5-5-2005 and case was set for leaving on 6-29-2005. On June 29, 2005 hearing was opened. and petitioner withdrew requise for varience. no notification that unthdrawel was to be requested was given to either the

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To decision has been given that either plan meets code and the need of varience / variences has not been addressed.

The petitioner or agents of the getitioner requested a Similar Exemption approval from the Development Review Committee on 5-23-2005.

Giving misinformation that no hearing was required under DRC # 1108046 request.

Retitioner secret a limited exemption in letter dated 5-27-2005 This appeal is also to clarify -Was the Cemeted exemption received because of the misinformation given and was it people to requise that exemption while in process of hearing on the need of variences. His appeal is also to clarify the Validity of any and all approvals or permits that may have been received was held 3-16-2005 to this date 7-28-2005 and until this appeal is heard and decided. This appeal is to clarify the variences needed to comply with Section 3 th of Dalfomore County Code and any Hew Section of That Code, and Sections 232.1, 303.2, 409 and any other Sections of Baltonine Country Coning Rigulations.

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner John Murphy

County Courts Building 401 Bosley Ave.

Towson, MD 21204

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Case # 5-375-A

6821-6899 Loch Raven Blvd.

Hand Delivered 3-23-2005

ZONING COMMISSIONER'

Dear Deputy Commissioner Murphy,

The following is per your request made during the hearing held Wednesday 3-16-2005, agreed to by Mr. Karceski and Mr. Jablon.

The reason for this hearing was to request a variance to permit a minimum front yard depth of 23 feet in lieu of the required 43.5 feet. (As required by BCZR Section 232.1 except as specified in Section 303.2)

Mr. Karceski argued: The façade of the proposed Bank facing Loch Raven Blvd. is the side of the structure (Section 232.2B no side yard set back is required) and therefore no variance is required.

It is acknowledged that it is the desire of the developers to place commercial buildings facing and located on roadway frontage for visual marketing purposes. Depending on the site and use, multiple entrances may be constructed. This proposal shows a Bank with a foyer like projection with two entrances, one facing south and one facing Loch Raven Blvd.

### **Emphasis Added**

Office of Planning Comments dated 2-15-2005 conditions to be met: #1 ......the primary entrance shall be oriented towards Loch Raven Blvd. #3 Pedestrian access to the main entrance from.. Loch Raven Blvd. shall be provided

Office of planning revised comments dated 3-11-2005, first paragraph under Summary of Recommendations: .....Planning recently met with applicant to review proposed architecturals. .....reviewed photographs the applicant provided ----- which illustrated the entrance located at the southwest corner to provide orientation toward Loch Rayen Blvd.

#2 Pedestrian access to the main entrance from -----Loch Raven Blvd.

This leads me to believe that the applicant must have led the staff of the Office of Planning to believe the front of the Bank faces Loch Raven Blvd. I did not hear any argument that the Office of Planning staff was mistaken in their belief that the front of the Bank faces Loch Raven Blvd. The argument of, the façade facing Loch Raven Blvd. is the side of the Bank should not be accepted. A variance is required and should be denied.

### Section 232.1

Requires front set backs except as specified in Section 303.2 (which allows averaging) but you must review Section 232 in entirety.

#### Section 232

Minimum requirements, except as provided in Article 3, shall be as follows: (Article 3 does not exempt Section 232.4 Parking Area and Loading Space. In accordance with the provisions of Section 409.) Section 232 requires that if setbacks are averaged and variance is allowed the requirements of section 409 have to be met unless variance is also allowed.

I agree with testimony by the engineer "It is not good planning to take up parking needed for existing use" I am baffled by but not surprised that the Bureau of Development Plans Review had no comment on this case. Lack of comment and lack of recognition of variances should not void the necessity of addressing this not requested but needed variance.

There is no expectation that the owner or management of this property intends to address the total disregard of safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic that now exists on this site. This site does not meet the requirements of Section 409 for existing use. To allow an additional use and in particular this proposal will only exacerbate the danger existing toward the health, safety and welfare of any person entering or enticed to enter this property.

#### 409.1.A

Is not being met and cannot be met without a variance approval. Parking spaces and loading areas are not sufficiently addressed on the plan for this proposal.

### 409.3 and 409.5B

Disallowed undersize spaces are included in stated parking provided.

#### 409.4

Driveways and aisles are not designated on the plan. Disallowed direct access to parking from driveways is shown.

#### 409.6.A.2

Shopping center (100,000 sq. ft. or more **gross leasable area**) 5 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of gross leasable area. This center was designed for basement areas to be used as leasable space. Basement areas have and could be used for retail space. Basement areas have been, could be and are used for storage. This square footage is not shown on the plan or calculated for parking requirements.

#### 409.8.A.1

Landscaping is not maintained; years of growth have encroached into parking spaces. Planting beds are mulched pathways to keep the mud passable for pedestrians. Little hope is given for new landscaping to be maintained. If this proposal is allowed, maintenance of plantings should be a condition.

#### 409.8.A.2

Existing surface is crumbling, pot holed and uneven. Repaving only the aisles and other patchwork has resulted in height differences that are tripping hazards and cause pooling of water. Stepping out of your care into pools of water or frozen ponds of ice is a very undesirable condition and unsafe. If this proposal is allowed, repaving of the entire parking lot should be required as a condition of approval.

### 409.8.A.3

Curbing or landscaping does not protect lighting nor is it proposed. Light bases inhibit space requirements and pose the danger of damage to vehicles if drivers are not alert to placement when entering spaces or opening doors. Unfortunately, the code does not address poorly lit unsafe lighting. If this proposal is approved, a condition to illuminate all parking areas should be required and meet approval of Planning.

### 409.8.A.6

All possible existing spaces are not striped and historically stripping has not been maintained. Approval of this plan should condition that full and total maintence be required.

#### 409.9

Handicap spaces are not available throughout this site and are not coordinated with ramp placements. Pedestrians are forced to navigate through unmarked driveways and walk excessive distances through traffic. Approval of this plan should condition that marked, safe and properly placed crosswalks must be provided.

Testimony was given that the bank drive through hours would be competitive to competition. A 24-hour ATM located in the first service lane will increase the possibility of excess stacking. Drive through hours should be expected to be extended well into the evening and possibly 7 days a week to be competitive.

#### 409.10.A

Required Bank drive through stacking is 5 for the first station, plus 2 for each additional station. This plan shows 3 for each of the 3 stations. It cannot, nor should it be expected that all lanes would always be open.

### 409.10.B

It can be expected that on the Bank site as proposed, on evenings and weekend operating hours, the drive through will cause stacking to interfere with access to parking and block travelways if all service lanes are not operating and the 3 stacking spaces per station are accepted as meeting requirements. Testimony stated pedestrian access between uses is encouraged. The proposed location of the drive through pose safety concerns if pedestrians are expected to cross through stacking lanes. Approval of this plan should

condition that pedestrian crossing should be marked and when stacking lane traffic begins to impede parking or travel, all stations are required to be open.

### 409.11

Loading areas are not shown on the plans. Existing loading areas in the rear would be impaired if lots are striped as proposed. Front loading of use located near south entrance now impedes normal circulation and entry to the center. The Bank is served by armored vehicles (considered loading) this loading area is not shown. If this proposal is allowed, all loading areas should be designated and shown as a condition of approval.

Site visits made on one or two days during weekdays during work hours are not sufficient to experience the true parking need of uses, pedestrian and vehicle volume or circulation patterns. The daily work schedule of the vast majority of the customer base of this center requires shopping to focus on 5 PM to 9 PM weekdays and on weekends. The safety of customers is questionable on this site under existing conditions. If this proposal is allowed circulation of traffic and designated pathways should be a condition of approval.

Assuming the design of the existing center was due to the shape of the property is just that! An assumption! Knowledge of history of this site gives factual insight that (unfortunately just like many other older commercial centers) this site is not unique. The lack of maintenance, renovation and rehab of existing space and parking lot has led to the restraint of meeting the highest use of this property for todays market. Adding more square footage and another use is not the answer to the problems that exists on this site.

Decisions made for economic reasons, choosing to enter into limiting contracts, poor management decisions and faulty reasoning may have led to difficulty and hardship. Nevertheless, any and all hardship on this site is self-imposed.

Section 307.1

There are no special circumstances or conditions peculiar to the land or structure and variance relief would not meet the intent of regulations and would only cause harm to the existing businesses, customers and surrounding community. The detriments far outweigh any possible benefit of this proposal. The request for variance and this proposal should be denied.

Sincerely

Donna Spicer

**Executive Director** 

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Loch Raven Community Council

cc. Mr. Karceski and Mr. Jablon

With enclosure – Copy of citizens exhibit.



CASE NAME 6821-6899 LOGA FAMO CASE NUMBER 05-375-A DATE 6-29-05

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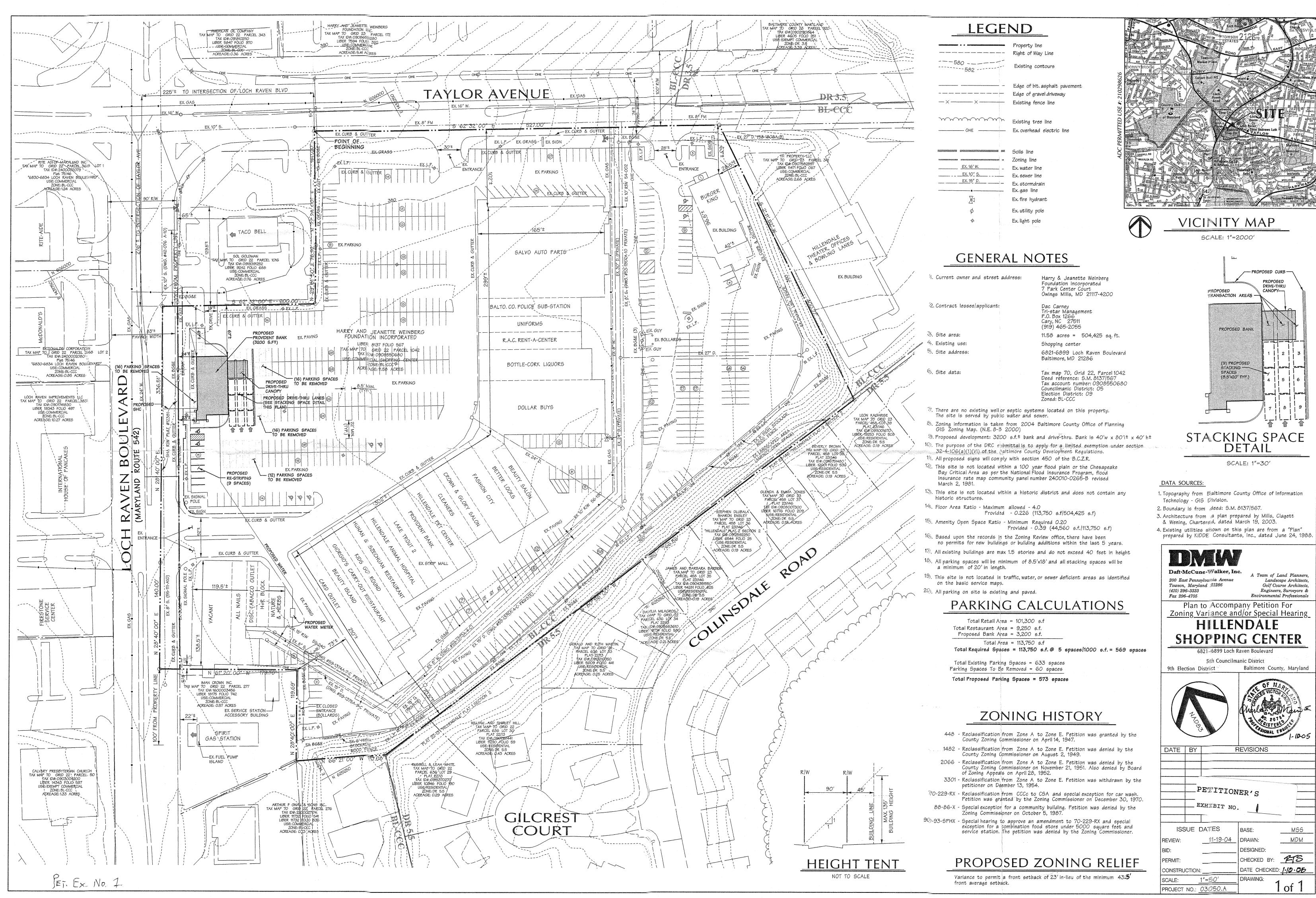
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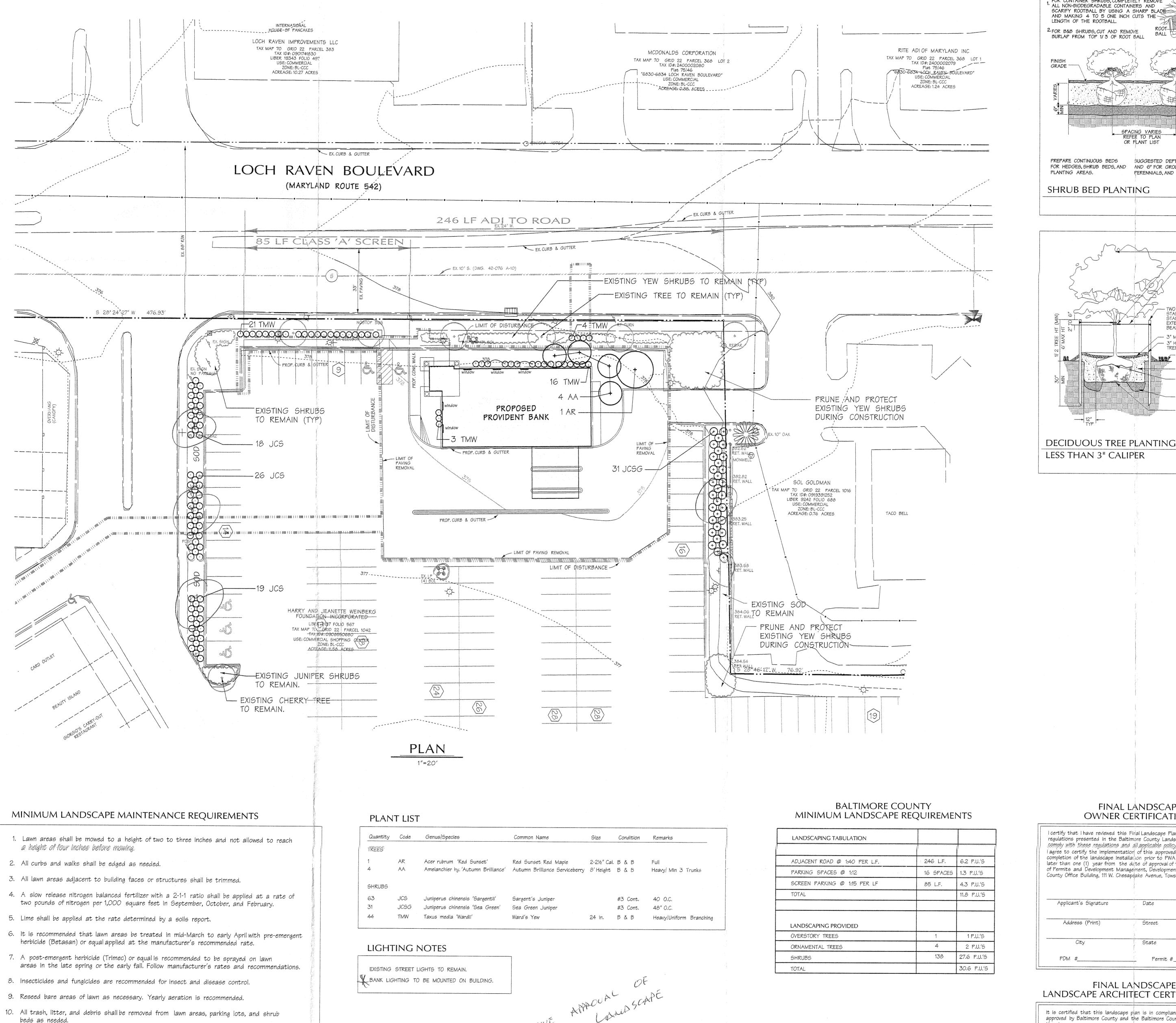


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11. Mulch all shrub and groundcover beds yearly with three inches of shredded hardwood

12. Permit shrubs and trees to grow and enlarge to their design size. Consult project

13. Prune trees in accordance with Landscape Specification Guidelines for Baltimore-

landscape architect for details.

Washington Metropolitan Areas.

1. FOR CONTAINER SHRUBS, COMPLETELY REMOVE
1. ALL NON-BIODEGRADABLE CONTAINERS AND
SCARIFY ROOTBALL BY USING A SHARP BLADE
AND MAKING 4 TO 5 ONE INCH CUTS THE LENGTH OF THE ROOTBALL. 2. FOR B&B SHRUBS, CUT AND REMOVE BURLAP FROM TOP 1/3 OF ROOT BALL - BACKFILL MIX (SEE SPECS - SPADE EDGING, TYP. SET 1/8" OF ROOT BALL ABOVE FINISH GRADE UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY SOIL CONDITIONS. SCARIFY SUBSOIL TO 6" MIN DEPTH PREPARE CONTINUOUS BEDS SUGGESTED DEPTH IS 12" FOR SHRUBS, COORDINATE BED PREPARATION FOR HEDGES, SHRUB BEDS, AND AND 6" FOR GROUND COVERS, WITH UNDERDRAINAGE WHERE PLANTING AREAS. PERENNIALS, AND GRASSES. SHOWN ON PLANS. SHRUB BED PLANTING N. T. S.

> - DO NOT CUT LEADER - BLACK RUBBER HOSES

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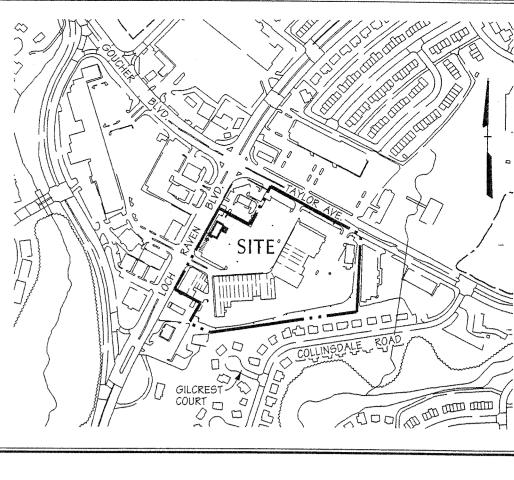
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VICINITY MAP

SCALE: 1"=500'

## LEGEND

Existing Minor Contour ---- Existing Major Contour Existing Edge of Road Existing Storm Drain and Inlet

Existing Water and Fire Hydrant \_\_\_\_\_EX.8"5. \_\_\_\_ Existing Sewer Existing Tree Line Tract Boundary Utility Easement Line

> Existing Building Proposed Building

Proposed Grades 658----O PROP. 8" S. Proposed Sewer Proposed Water and Fire Hydrant

Limit of Disturbance Limit of Field Run Topography

Proposed Storm Drain and Inlets

Existing Tree Existing Shrubs

Proposed Major Tree

Proposed Minor Tree

Proposed Shrubs

DATA SOURCES:

Daft McCune Walker, Inc.

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Topography is from a field run survey by DMW, Inc. dated February 4, 2005 and from Baltimore County GIS information.

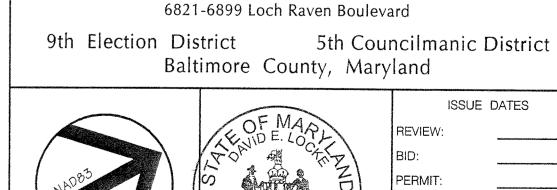
### FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN OWNER CERTIFICATION FORM

I certify that I have reviewed this Final Landscape Plan, that I am aware of the regulations presented in the Baltimore County Landscape Manual, and Lagree to comply with these regulations and all applicable policy, guidelines and ordinances. agree to certify the implementation of this approved Final Landscape Plan upon completion of the landscape installation prior to PWA closeout if applicable or not later than one (1) year from the date of approval of this plan to the Department of Permits and Development Management, Development Plans Review, Room 207, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

Applicant's Signature Print Name Address (Print)

## FINAL LANDSCAPE PLAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CERTIFICATION FORM

it is certified that this landscape plan is in compliance with all plans previously approved by Baltimore County and the Baltimore County comments attendant HAVID LOCKE 3-19-05



\_\_\_\_MSS MSS MAT DATE BY CHECKED BY: ATE CHECKED:

<u>Final Landscape Plan</u>

HILLENDALE

SHOPPING CENTER

PET Ex. No. 3

1 of 1

PROJECT NO.: 03050B

A Team of Land Planners,

Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals

Landscape Architects,

