IN THE MATTER OF *
THE APPLICATION OF

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. *
FOR VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED
ON THE E/S YORK RD, 500' N OF GREENRIDGE *
ROAD (1401 YORK ROAD)

9TH ELECTION DISTRICT 3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT * BEFORE THE

BOARD OF APPEALS

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 08-261-A

OPINION

This matter comes before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals on an appeal filed by the Office of People's Counsel for Baltimore County from the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated February 19, 2008 in which sign variances were granted to the Petitioner. The case was heard de novo. Petitioner was represented by Arthur W. Trump, Esquire. The Office of People's Counsel was represented by Carole S. Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel. Petitioner originally requested permission for two signs, one directory and one smaller, directional sign. That request was for a changeable copy sign, 14 feet high in lieu of the maximum of 6 feet, and a sign area of 50 sq. ft. in lieu of 25 sq. ft.

Petitioner came to the Board with an amended site plan showing a revision of the size of the signs requested. This amended request was for a changeable copy sign 12 feet high and a sign area of 41 sq. ft. A smaller directional sign was proposed as 10 feet square in area in lieu of 6 feet called for in the regulations. The revised proposal came as a result of ongoing negotiations between the Petitioner, the Office of People's Counsel, and the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association.

Petitioner presented Douglas Kennedy, a licensed Professional Engineer of 31 years, who was presented and accepted as an expert in engineering and land use, as well as the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations* (BCZR). He testified that the Petitioner had operated a church at the subject location since the mid-1950s and that he had been requested to prepare the original as

well as the revised site plan. He described the site as located on York Road, south of Seminary Avenue, comprising approximately 2.49 acres, split-zoned D.R. 16 and B.L. The property is improved by two church buildings and a two-story schoolhouse.

He explained that, since the construction of the church, York Road had experienced a tremendous growth in commercial, retail, and office development, including the construction of the Galleria shopping center and other commercial enterprises on both sides of the site, complete with their own signs on York Road. The church found itself, due to its earlier construction, considerably set back from York Road in relation to its neighbors, and, as a result, its visibility from York Road was, and is, considerably and irrevocably impaired. He suggested, therefore, that the location of the neighboring uses and signs rendered the position of the church property as unique. Further, he offered that, without relief in the form of a sign variance, the view to the church would be severely obstructed, to the detriment of the public as well as the church's congregation. He presented photographic exhibits that clearly illustrated Petitioner's ongoing dilemma. He assured the Board that all temporary signs would be removed and that the only signage would be the two requested by Petitioner.

Larry Townsend, of the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, voiced no opposition on the part of the surrounding community to the revised proposal, and, as noted, People's Counsel likewise raised no objection to the revised request.

The law pertaining to this request is well settled. *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md.App. 691, 651 A.2d 424 (1995), is the seminal case on the subject. It states, in part:

...The Baltimore County ordinance requires "conditions ...peculiar to the land...and...practical difficulty...." Both must exist. ...However, as is clear from the language of the Baltimore County ordinance, the initial factor that must be established before the practical difficulties, if any, are addressed, is the abnormal impact the ordinance has on a specific piece of property because of the peculiarity and uniqueness of that piece of property, not the uniqueness or peculiarity of the practical difficulties alleged to exist. It is only when the uniqueness is first established that we then concern ourselves with the practical difficulties...." Id. at 698.

The Court went on to state its interpretation of the "uniqueness" factor by stating:

In the zoning context the "unique" aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property. "Uniqueness" of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property has an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., its shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by **abutting properties (such as obstructions)** or other similar restrictions.... <u>Id.</u> at 710. [Emphasis added.]

As to the practical difficulty aspect, because a variance from sign regulations is deemed to be an "area" variance, the impact of which is viewed as being much less drastic than that of a "use" variance, the petitioning party needs only to show practical difficulty, the lesser standard of proof, to be entitled to relief. *McLean v. Soley*, 270 Md. 208, 213-14, 310 A.2d 783 (1973). Additionally, in *Anderson v. the Board of Appeals*, 22 Md.App. 28, 39, 322 A.2d 220 (1994), the Maryland Court of Appeals established a criteria for determining what constitutes "practical difficulty":

- 1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing various variances would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome.
- 2) Whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.
- 3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured. 270 Md. 208, 214-215, 310 A.2d 783

The Board in assessing Petitioner's request is convinced that such request is necessary and proper to afford the public and the church's congregation site visibility and identification to reasonably find and patronize the church. The height and size of the proposed signs are simply not for the convenience of the Petitioner. The Board concludes that the signage is needed, as the church is otherwise not easily visible as presently configured with the neighboring uses and

signage. The photographs and testimony presented at the hearing clearly demonstrate to the Board that the excessive setback of the church, coupled with the development and signage on York Road at the site, do result in a unique situation and that strict compliance with the existing zoning ordinance does constitute a practical difficulty for the Petitioner. Further, we find that the relief requested in the revised plat would do substantial justice to the Petitioner, would be the minimum necessary under the circumstances to afford him appropriate relief, and would neither adversely affect neighboring uses nor endanger public safety or welfare. For these above-noted reasons, the variance relief requested by the Petitioner is unanimously granted.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS, this ______ day of November, 2008 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

ORDERED that the request for a Variance from the *Baltimore County Zoning*Regulations (BCZR) for a changeable copy sign 12 feet high and a sign area of 41 sq. ft. and a smaller directional sign 10 feet square in area in lieu of 6 feet called for in the regulations be and is hereby GRANTED.

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 M. Stahl, Panel Chairman

Wendell H. Grier

Robert W. Witt

IN RE: **PETITION FOR VARIANCE**

E/S York Road, 500' N of

Greenridge Road

(1401 York Road)

9th Election District

3rd Council District

Valley Baptist Church, Inc. Petitioner

ZONING COMMISSIONER

BEFORE THE

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 08-261-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Valley Baptist Church, Inc., through Hersch Wellman, agent, and their attorney, Arthur W. Trump, Esquire. The Petitioner requests relief from Section 450.4.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a new changeable copy sign with a height of 12 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 6 feet and a sign area of 50 square feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 25 square feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the amended site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Hersch Wellman, of Hersch Wellman and Associates, serving as the owner's agent and the professional designer of the subject sign's architectural details; Douglas L. Kennedy, P.E., a professional engineer with KCW Engineering Technologies, Inc., the consultants who prepared the site plan for this property, and Arthur W. Trump, Esquire, a member of the Valley Baptist Church, as well as its legal counsel. Appearing as the President of the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc. was Larry Townsend, who participated at the hearing and had worked with the church's representatives in reaching a mutual understanding (Citizen's Exhibit 1). There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

¹ The Petition as filed requested a sign height of 14 feet with an attendant 7 foot, 6 inches of open space beneath the changeable message. As a result of negotiations with the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc., the site plan, sign detail and petition were amended to illustrate a maximum height of 12 feet with 6 feet, 6 inches of open space below the 50 square feet of sign area (30 square feet of which will be a fixed sign face - 20 square feet changeable copy).



Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a roughly square shaped parcel located on the east side of York Road, just south of Seminary Avenue in Lutherville. The property contains a gross area of 2.49 acres, more or less, split-zoned D.R.16 and B.L., and is improved with two church buildings, and a two-story schoolhouse. The property is the site of the Valley Baptist Church, Inc., which apparently has existed at this location since the early 1950's. Other improvements on the property include a macadam parking area and existing driveway with ingress and egress to York Road (MD Route 45). Although it has existed at this location for many years, it is worthy to note that there has never been any other zoning cases or violations involving either the church uses or subject property.

The matter under consideration pertains to the petition for a proposed new identification sign, which will replace an existing sign located adjacent to York Road. Testimony indicated that the existing sign erected in 1992 in Memorial of Mr. Trump's mother has to now be removed due to the State Highway Administration's widening improvements in the area of MD Route 45. *See* Petitioner's Exhibit 2 identified as State Highway Plat No. 56602 detailing road widening in front of the church and the taking of a 250-foot strip of land (1,188 square feet). The existing sign located within this widening strip is 9 feet high, 14 feet wide, with a 50 square foot, 5' x 10' sign face (total sign structure: 133 square feet). The proposed sign, while 3 feet higher, is actually smaller in appearance and will be 10 feet wide. The proposed sign area will contain the name of the church and its seal, and feature a non-animated changeable copy area to advertise events and services, including special religious occasions, flea markets, etc. The proposed sign will also be internally lit.

As noted above, no one appeared in opposition to the request and there were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received from any of the County or State reviewing agencies, and the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc. supports the proposal. In this regard, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has confirmed its agreement with the new sign's location as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Mr. Wellman emphasized that the proposed sign will actually appear smaller than the existing sign and has been designed so as

to be tasteful and attractive to the neighborhood. A drawing of the proposed sign appears on the site plan and a more detailed schematic was presented at the hearing.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded by Messrs. Wellman, Kennedy and Townsend that relief should be granted. I also find that the Petitioner has met the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. for relief to be granted. I concur that the proposed sign will be in character with the neighborhood and the church. In fact, it appears that the church has taken great care to design a sign that is aesthetically pleasing and compatible with the surrounding locale. Moreover, the fact that the proposed sign is "about the same size" as the one that has existed at this location for many years is a compelling factor. Certainly, there is a need for the church to have visibility along this busy York Road corridor to avoid potential confusion.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this ______ day of February, 2008 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 450.4.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a new changeable copy sign with a height of 12 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 6 feet and a sign area of 50 square feet in lieu of the maximum allowed 25 square feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction

1) The Petitioner may apply for its sign permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, the church is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

Any appeal of this decision must be entered within thirty (30) days of the date

hereof.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1401 York Road

which is presently zoned DR16

TAX. ACCQUNT #

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Attorney For Petitioner:	Signature 1401 YOVK ROAD 410 321 6257 Address Telephone No.
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KCW Engineering Technologies, Inc.

810 Landmark Drive, Suite 215 • Glen Burnie, MD 21061 *Phone:* 410.768.7700 • *Fax:* 410.768.0200 www.kcw-et.com

ZONING DESCRIPTION

PROPERTY of VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 1401 YORK ROAD

Beginning at a point on the east side of York Road, variable width right-of-way, at the distance of 530 feet south of the centerline of York Road and Seminary Avenue, thence the following courses and distances:

1.	N 68°08'00" E	355.49 ft.
2.	S 21°48'10" E	285.61 ft.
3.	S 68°57'00" W	38.35 ft.
4.	N 21°08'30" W	18.56 ft.
5.	S 68°01'10" W	324.84 ft.
6.	N 21°25'11" W	230.47 ft.
7.	N 12°36'28" E	37.17 ft.

Being part of the property as recorded in Deed GLB Liber 2596, folio 506. Containing 2.2 acres of land, more or less. Also known as 1401 York Road and located in the 9th Election District of Baltimore County, MD.

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William K. Woody, L.S.

President and CEO

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Douglas L. Kennedy, P.E. Melissa M. Walker

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Kevin C. Anderson, Jr., P.E. Vice President, Director of Land Development Reginald C. Roberts
Associate, Dry Utilities Specialist

Michael D. Trent Associate, Chief of Surveys

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

Casa: #08-261-A 1401 York Road E/side of York Road, 500 feet +/north of Greenridge Road 9th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Valley Baptist Church, Inc. Variance: to permit a changeable copy sign with an area of 50 square feet in lieu of the permitted 25 square feet, with a height of 14 feet in lieu of the permitted 6 feet. Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. In Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

21204.

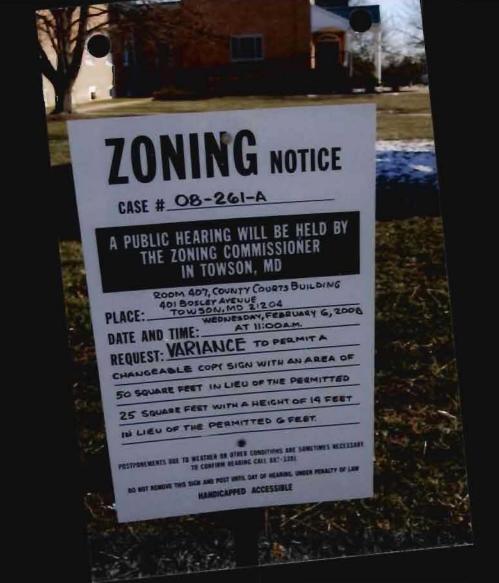
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-3868.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. JT/1/795 Jan. 22 161331 **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 11) West Chesapeake Avenue

Anenion Christen Matthews

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RF: Case No.: 08-261-A Petitioner/Developer: VOLLEY BAPIST CHURCH, IN. Date of Hearing/Closing 2-6-08 Ladies and Centlemen: This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary signify required by law were posted conspicuously on the properly located at #1401 YORK POAD E. SIDE OF YORK DOAD, 500'\$ N. OF GREEN RUGG ROAD The sign(s) were posted on User. 21, 2008 (Month, Day, Year) Sincerely. CARLANDE, MOSILE 3225 RYERSON CIRCLE BACTIMOIZE, MD. 7 17/27
(City, State, Zip Code)

(410) 242-4263 Telephone Number)

Requested: April 30, 2008

APPEAL SIGN POSTING REQUEST

CASE NO.: 08-261-A

1401 YORK ROAD

9TH ELECTION DISTRICT

APPEALED: 3/11/2008

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

COMPLETE AND RETURN BELOW INFORMATION*

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO: Baltimore County Board of Appeals
The Jefferson Building
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203
Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Kathleen Bianco
Administrator

CASE NO.: 08-261-A

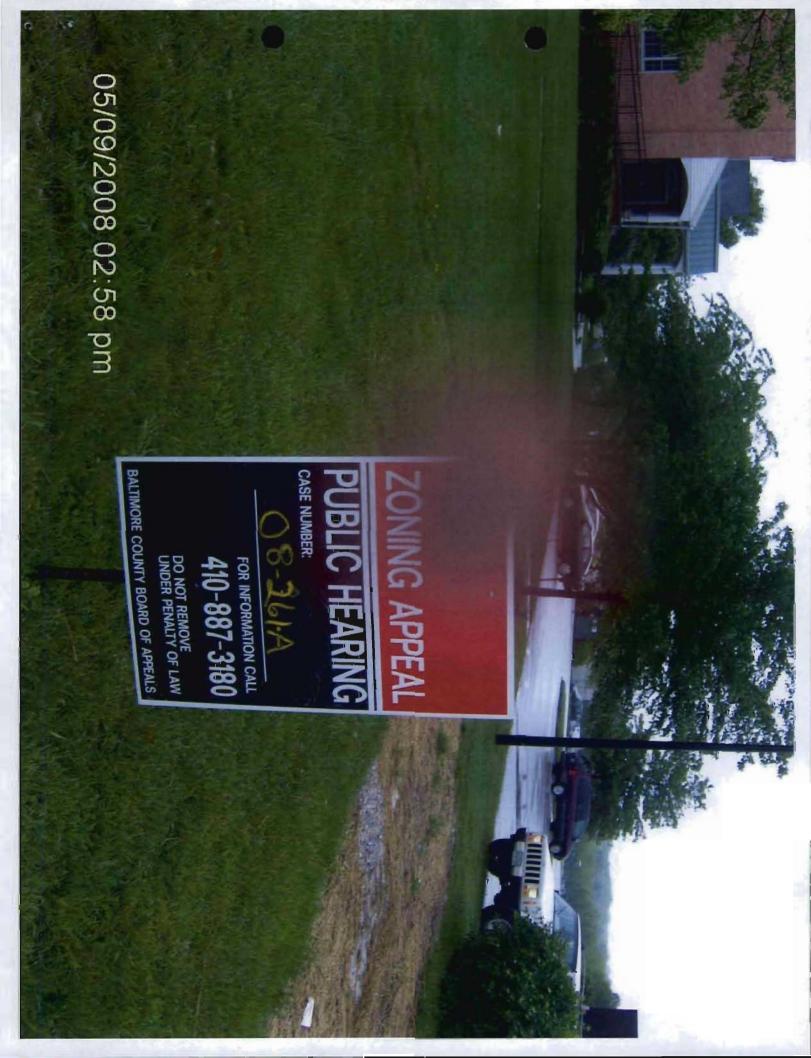
LEGAL OWNER: VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

This is to certify that the necessary appeal sign was posted conspicuously on the property located at:

1401 YORK ROAD

E/s York Road, 500' N of Greenridge Road

The sign was posted	5-9-08, 2008.	
By: (Signature of Signature	ign Poster)	
	JASON SEIDELMAN	
(Print Name)		



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.

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1401 York Road

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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CASE NUMBER: 08-261-A

1401 York Road

E/side of York Road, 500 feet +/- north of Greenridge Road

9th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Valley Baptist Church, Inc.

Variance to permit a changeable copy sign with an area of 50 square feet in lieu of the permitted 25 square feet, with a height of 14 feet in lieu of the permitted 6 feet.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building,

40/ Bosley Agenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, 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.



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

Hearing Room #2, The Jefferson Building 105 W. Cheapeake Avenue, Second Floor (next to Suite 203)

June 9, 2008

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

CASE #: 08-261-A

IN THE MATTER OF: VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. Legal Owner /Petitioner 1401 York Road

9th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

2/19/2008 – Z.C.'s decision in which requested variance relief was GRANTED.

ASSIGNED FOR:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE:

This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

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

IMPORTANT: No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).

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

: Office of People's Counsel

Counsel for Legal Owner /Petitioner

: Arthur W. Trump, Esquire

Legal Owner /Petitioner

: Hersch Wellman, Agent /Valley Baptist Church

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Steven Foster /SHA

Larry Townsend, President
Dulaney Valley Improvement Assn., Inc.

William J. Wiseman III /Zoning Commissioner Pat Keller, Planning Director Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management

January 30, 2008

Arthur W. Trump 8503 Hill Spring Drive Lutherville, MD 21093

Dear Mr. Trump:

RE: Case Number: 08-261-A, 1401 York Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on December 10, 2007. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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:amf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Valley Baptist Church Inc. Hersch Wellman, Agent 1401 York Road Lutherville 21093 Hersch Williams 3 Quaker Court Sparks 21152-9611



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

John D. Porcari, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

January 4, 2008

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

RE: Baltimore County ltem No. 8-261-A MD 45 (York Road) 1401 N. York Road Valley Baptist Church

Variance

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the ZAC Agenda Case Number 8-261-A for the above captioned, which was received on January 3, 2008. We have completed a review of the plot plan for Zoning Variance. The results of the review reveal that adequate access exists and a permit is not required by SHA for MD 45 (1401 York Road) Property. Therefore, this office has no objection to Falls Road United Methodist Church, Case No. 08-261-A approval. Please include our comments in staff report to the Zoning Hearing officer.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-5593 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB

Cc:

Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

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January 4, 2008

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Baltimore County Office Of
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County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County
Item No. 8-261-A
MD 45 (York Road)
1401 N. York Road
Valley Baptist Church
Variance

Dear Ms. Matthews:

This is offered in lieu of the February 4, 2008 letter (Foster to Matthews), which referred to the Falls Road United Methodist Church. We have been advised that Falls Road United Methodist Church is not associated with this ZAC Agenda Case. Please forward this letter to all interested parties.

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Cc: Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street · Baltimore, Maryland 21202 · Phone: 410.545.0300 · www.marylandroads.com

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 18, 2008

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller. III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 08-261- Variance

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and has no comments to offer.

For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Jessie Bialek in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

CM/LL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: January 3, 2008

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 24, 2007

Item Nos. 08-257, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, and 274

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

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

County Office Building, Room 111, 2007
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

December 28, 2007

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: December 17, 2007

Item Number: 261 262,263,264

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.

. 3. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4880 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

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March 11, 2008

CAROLE S, DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel

Hand-delivered
Timothy Kotroco, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Re: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

E/S York Road, 500' N of Greenridge Road

(1401 York Road)

9th Election District; 3rd Council District Valley Baptist Church. - Petitioners

Case No.: 08-261-A

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Per Xlx

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Please enter an appeal by the People's Counsel for Baltimore County to the County Board of Appeals from the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated February 19, 2008 by the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner.

Please forward copies of any papers pertinent to the appeal as necessary and appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio

Deputy People's Counsel

PMZ/CSD/mw

cc: Arthur Trump, Esquire, 8503 Spring Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093

Larry Townsend

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

1401 York Road; E/S York Road,
500' N of Greenridge Road

9th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Valley Baptist Church Inc

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 08-261-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

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 2nd day of January, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to, Hersch Wellman, 3 Quaker Court, Sparks, MD 21152 & Arthur Trump, 8503 Hill Spring Drive, Lutherville, MD 21093, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Per....

CASE #: 08-261-A

IN THE MATTER OF: VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. -

Legal Owner /Petitioner 1401 York Road 9th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

VAR – To permit new changeable copy sign w/height of 12' ilo max. allowed 6' and a sign area of 50 sf ilo max allowed 25 sf (request amended after discussion with Dulaney Valley Imp Assn).

2/19/2008 – Z.C.'s decision in which requested variance relief was GRANTED.

6/09/08 - Notice of Assignment sent to following parties; hearing assigned for Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 10 a.m.:

Office of People's Counsel
Arthur W. Trump, Esquire
Hersch Wellman, Agent /Valley Baptist Church
Douglas L. Kennedy, P.E. /KCW Engineering Technologies, Inc.
Steven Foster /SHA
Larry Townsend, President
Dulaney Valley Improvement Assn., Inc.
William J. Wiseman III /Zoning Commissioner
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Timothy M. Kotroco, Director /PDM

8/12/08 – Board convened for hearing (Stahl, Grier, Witt); proffer by parties; agreement reached as to concerns of PC on appeal; deliberated at conclusion of hearing; G –variance relief as amended per agreement; written opinion/order to be issued (2).

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From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Matthews, Kristen

Date:

02/07/08 10:33:35 AM

Subject:

Re: 08-261-A - 11 AM Hearing Today

I will let Bill know. If it does come in, can you make sure Bill gets it right away - I know he's eager to receive it (just fax a copy).

Thanks for taking the time to look though; it is appreciated.

Debbie Wiley
Legal Administrative Secretary
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dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov

>>> Kristen Matthews 02/07/08 10:29 AM >>>

Im sorry Im just getting back to you, but I havent received any updated or revised comments from SHA regarding this case.

>>> Debra Wiley 2/6/2008 12:35 PM >>> Kristen,

Bill has advised that the lawyer for the above-referenced hearing has indicated that a REVISED comment from the State Highway Administration (SHA) should have been received (possibly faxed) for this case. Since it is not in the file, could you look to see if, in fact, anything has been received from SHA on your end.

Thanking you in advance and have a great day !!

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BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

08-261-A

DATE:

August 12, 2008

BOARD/PANEL:

Lawrence Stahl Robert Witt Wendell Grier

RECORDED BY:

Sunny Cannington/Legal Secretary

PURPOSE:

To deliberate an appeal of the following:

1. Petitioner seeks Variance to build a sign on the front of the property.

2. Is the property unique pursuant to the conditions set forth in Cromwell vs. Ward?

3. If the property is unique pursuant to the conditions set forth in Cromwell vs. Ward; will failure to grant the Variance present a practical difficulty or unusual hardship on the property owner?

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

STANDING

- The evidence submitted indicated that the property was unique pursuant to the conditions
 of Cromwell v. Ward due to the restructuring of the neighborhood. The County moved a
 couple roads around and caused an obstruction of the property.
- Failure to grant the Variance would result in a practical difficulty for the Church because the current obstructions make it difficult for perspective parishioners to locate the property.
- People's Counsel and Petitioners reached an agreement to reduce the Variance relief requested and an Amended Variance was submitted reducing the sign height.
- McClean v. Soley states that the least amount of relief should granted when it is possible
 to do so. The Amended Variance strictly restricts the amount of relief to be granted and
 provides the least amount of relief allowable.

DECISION BY BOARD MEMBERS: The property fits both uniqueness and practical difficulty conditions of Cromwell vs. Ward, as well as the McClean v. Soley restrictions on least amount of relief.

FINAL DECISION: After thorough review of the facts, testimony, evidence, and law in this matter, the Board unanimously agreed to GRANT Petitioners' request for Variance. The Board notes that by granting this Variance it by no means sets a precedent. The Variance is being

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Minutes of Deliberation

granted because of the uniqueness of the property and practical difficulty that would result by failure to grant the Variance.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sunny Cannington

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DOUGLAS L. KENNEDY, P.E.	810 LANDMARK DR., SUITE 215	GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061	DKennedy @ KCW-ET. com	
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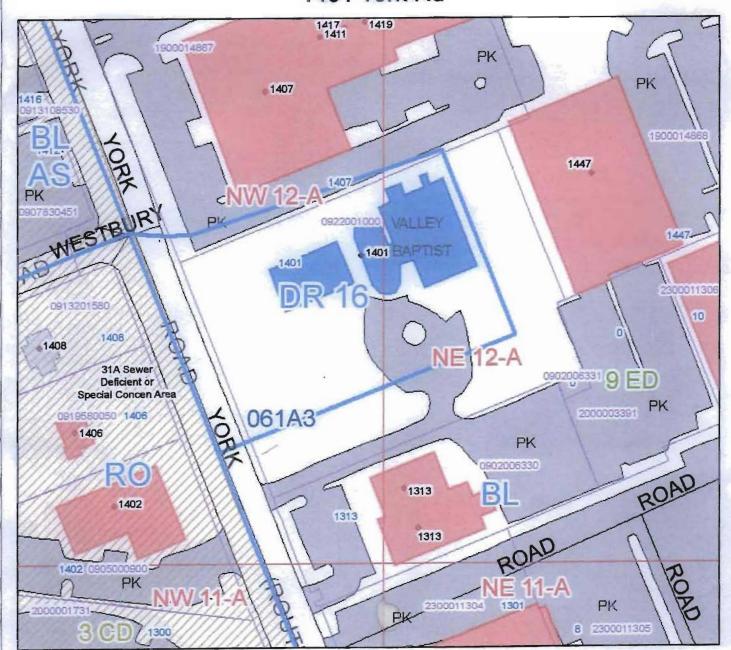
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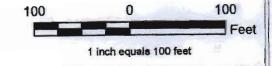


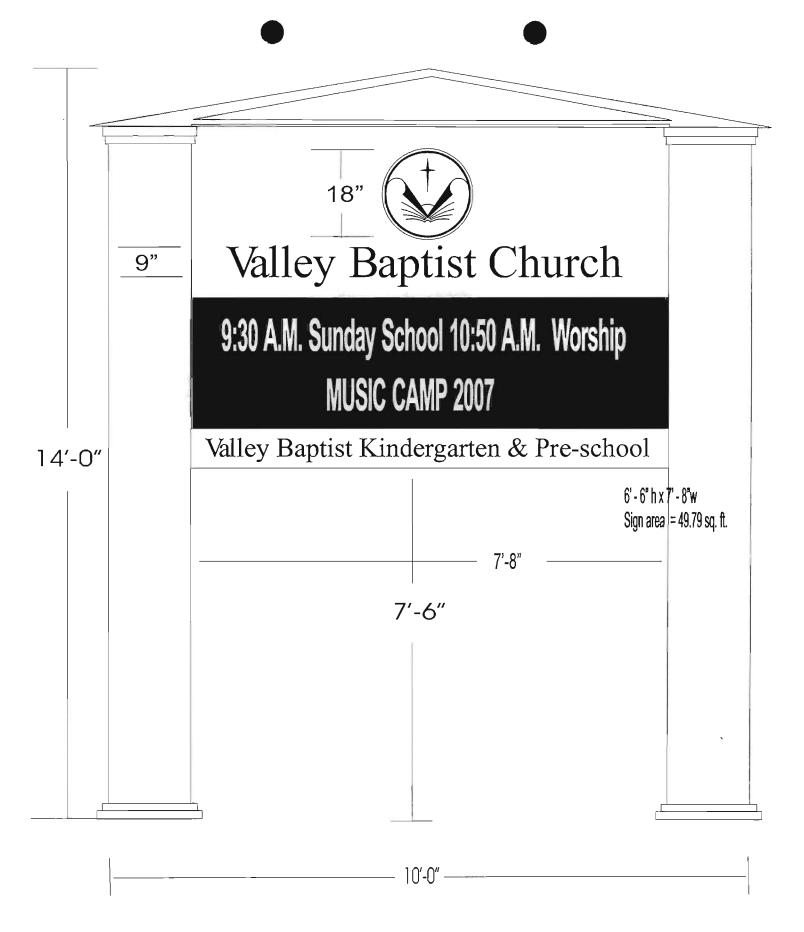


Publication Date: November 09, 2007
Publication Agency: Department of Permits & Development Management
Projection/Datum: Maryland State Plane,
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DQ Map Notes





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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

DULANNEY VAILEY IMPROV. ASSOC. INC.

No. 1	AMENINED SITE PLAN	Community Position
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Valley Baptist Church – Case 08-261-A – Hearing on 2/6/2008 at 11:00 – Room 407

- Current sign face is 50 square feet oriented horizontal; total sign structure is 133+ square feet also horizontal.
- Current sign is ground mounted solid brick structure.
- Must be removed due to State Highways York Road widening project.
- New sign face is about 50 square feet oriented horizontal with a changeable copy feature; total sign structure is 140 square feet but oriented vertical.
- New sign is mounted on an architectural structure composition to be determined.
- "Area" of a sign is defined in the regulations as EXCLUDING the supporting structure. In this case, the "structure" is almost six (6) times the allowed size.
- New sign has a 7 foot 6 inch "walk-under", described as a safety feature to protect anyone that might try to walk under it.
- New sign will comply with State Highways right-of-way requirements.
- Church has a letter from State Highways confirming the location.
- Property is zoned "DR16" reason and date unknown not noted on the engineering drawing. Although a church is allowed in a DR16 zone, there is nothing in the regulations that stipulate how large a sign is allowed for a church that is in a "DR" zone. Must go by "institutional structure" guidelines.
- Part of property is also zoned "BL" on the south side. A second identification sign is located on that portion of the property that is 18+ square feet mounted on a short pole. The sign identifies the entrance to the church school.



- Only one sign is permitted per frontage but the second sign has been there for many years and is not a part of this variance request.
- Community association board met and at the time of the meeting had little information to go on but did vote to pursue an attempt to negotiate a smaller sign actually, a smaller overall structure.
- Community is not contesting the 50 square foot sign face size as the existing sign is about that size.
- Community is concerned about the changeable copy feature but has been assured that this sign will not be an animated sign but will simply permit changing the copy without going outside to the sign. We would like to have the order read that the church will not install an animated sign.
- Community would like to see a smaller overall sign profile. Church has offered to lower the height to 12 feet. As that is more in line with the current sign height, we would appreciate any reduction that could be accommodated in the design of the final sign.
- Suggestion lower the sign even more and provide plantings in the open portion on the under part of the sign for safety.
- We understand the concern for visibility needed along the busy York Road corridor for the sign but offer that there is enough "confusion" already.
- Other signs in the area are contributing to the visibility situation and probably should be reviewed for code compliance but that is not a part of the current variance request,
- A shorter profile, a smaller overall profile and a nonanimated changeable copy sign would go a long way towards community goals.
- Church has been very cooperative during the discussions and we appreciate that very much.

• In summary – we concur with the request that a variance be granted for a non-animated changeable copy sign not to exceed fifty (50) square feet as defined in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations under "Area" in section 450.3. Further, we concur with the request that a variance be granted allowing for a height of not exceeding twelve (12) feet. The exact dimensions and location of the sign and the architectural characteristics to be finally determined through continuing amicable negations with Valley Baptist Church.

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

- 1. PHOTO OF EXISTING SIGN.
- 2. ROUNEUNG OF EXISTING SIGN.
- 3. PHOTO OF DIRECTORY SIGN AMN EXISTING SIGN.
- 4. SITE PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION.
- 5. PHOTOS OF EXISTING SIGNS IN AREA.
- 6. DEALNING OF PROPOSED SIGN.
- 7. PANING OF DIEETIONAL SIGN.



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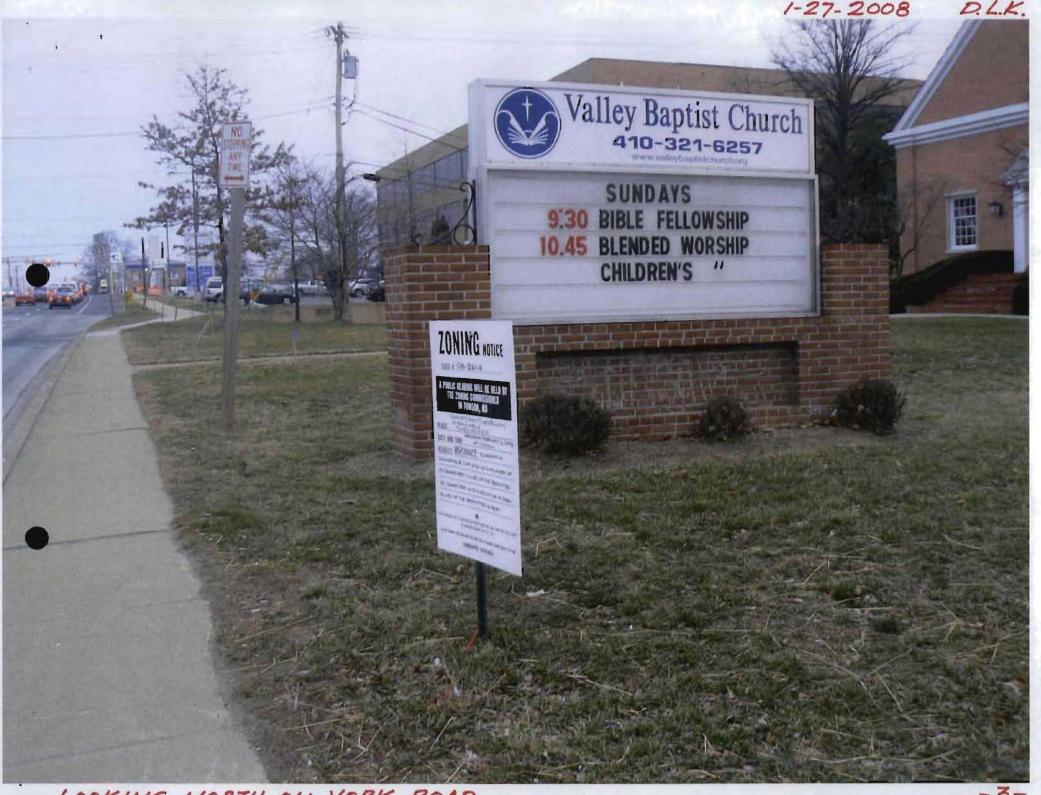
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LOOKING EAST AT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

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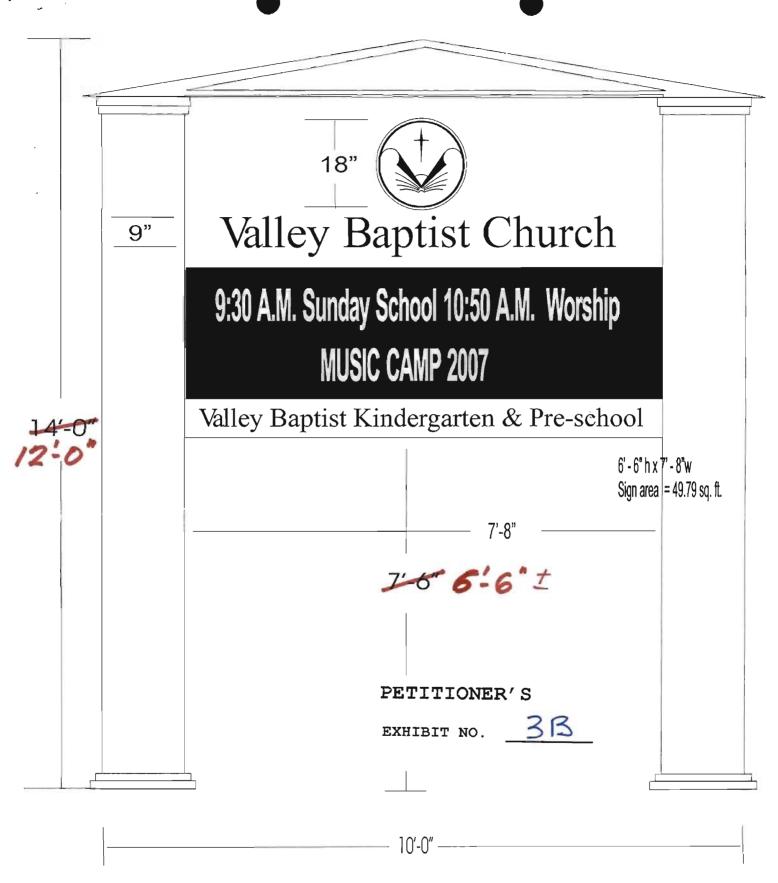
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9′-0″ Sunday Services
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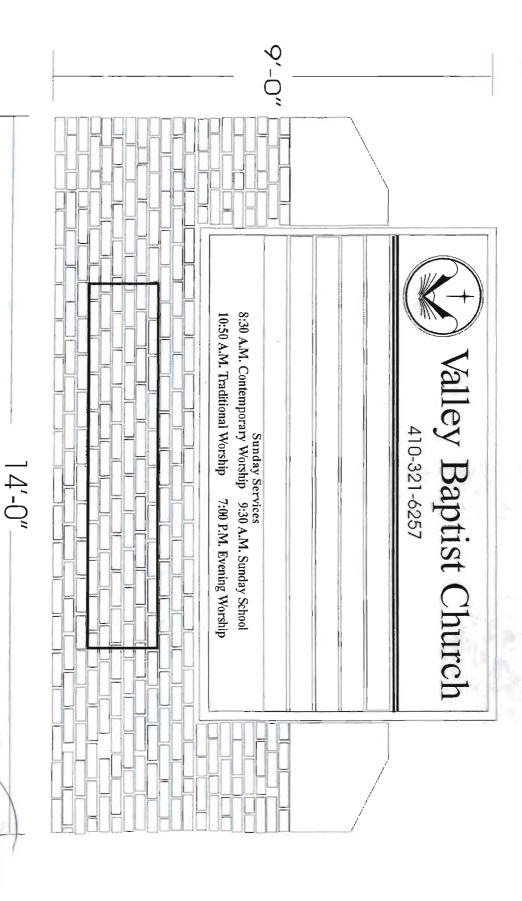
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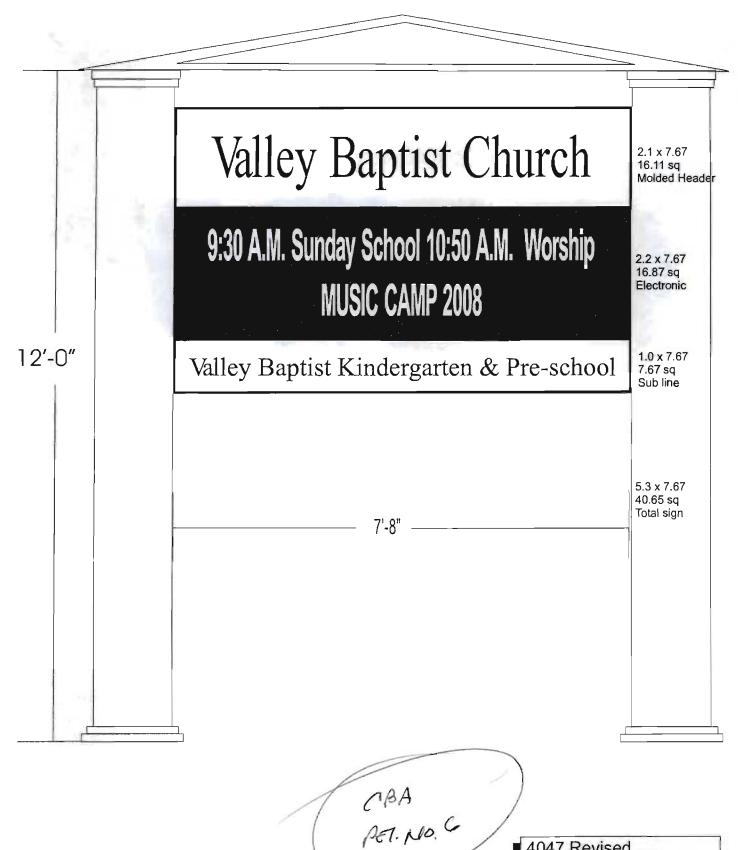
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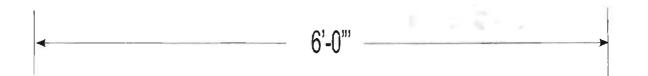
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Valley Baptist Entry

SIGN #2 DIRECTIONAL







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VALLEY CHURCH ENTRANCE

 $1.67' \times 6.0' = 10 \text{ sq feet}$

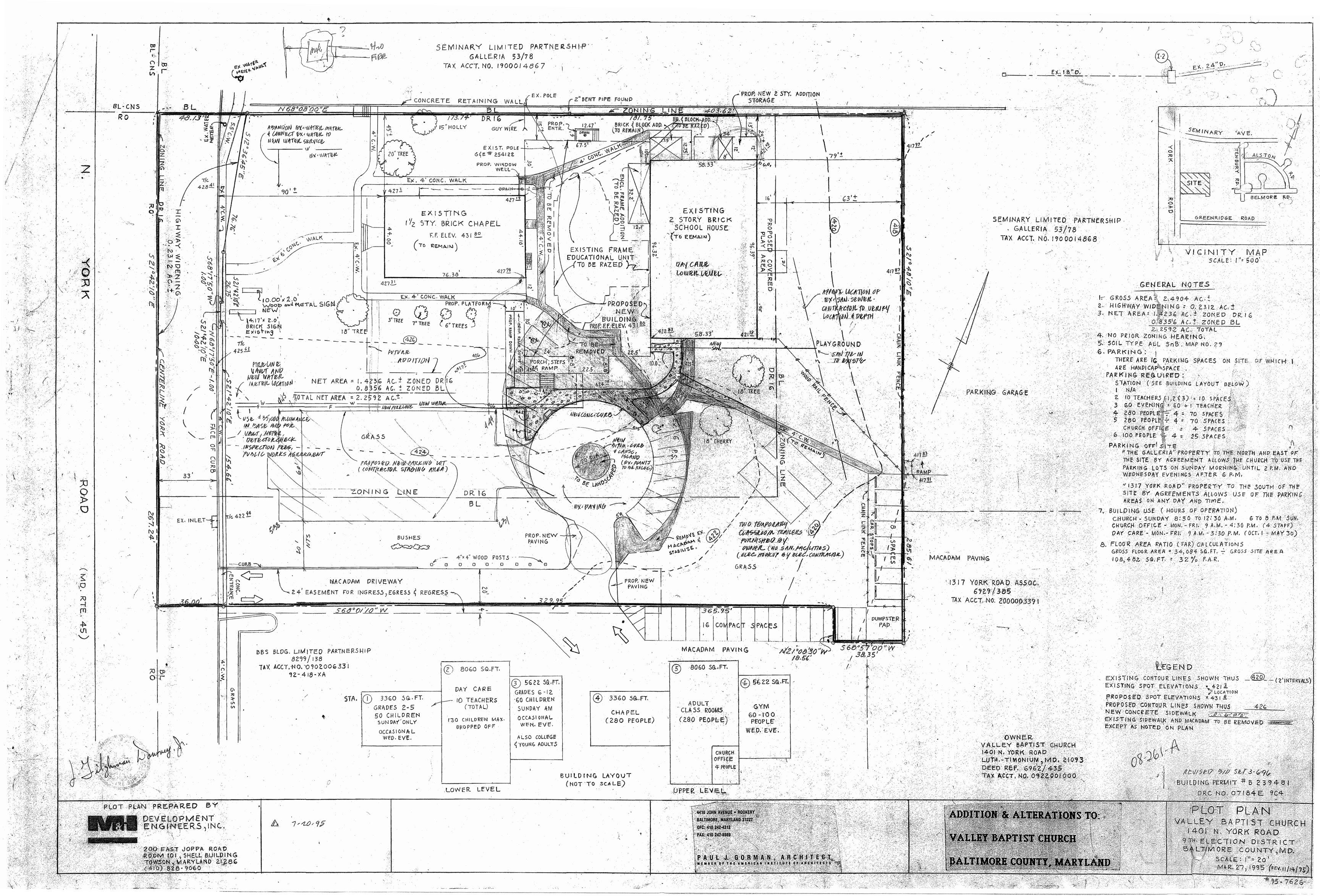
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In applying the law, the Board observes that an area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. *McLean v. Soley*, 270 Md. 208 (1973) Another method is to prove undue hardship, but the testimony does not present persuasive evidence to meet that requirement. To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must produce evidence to allow the following questions to be answered affirmatively:

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

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



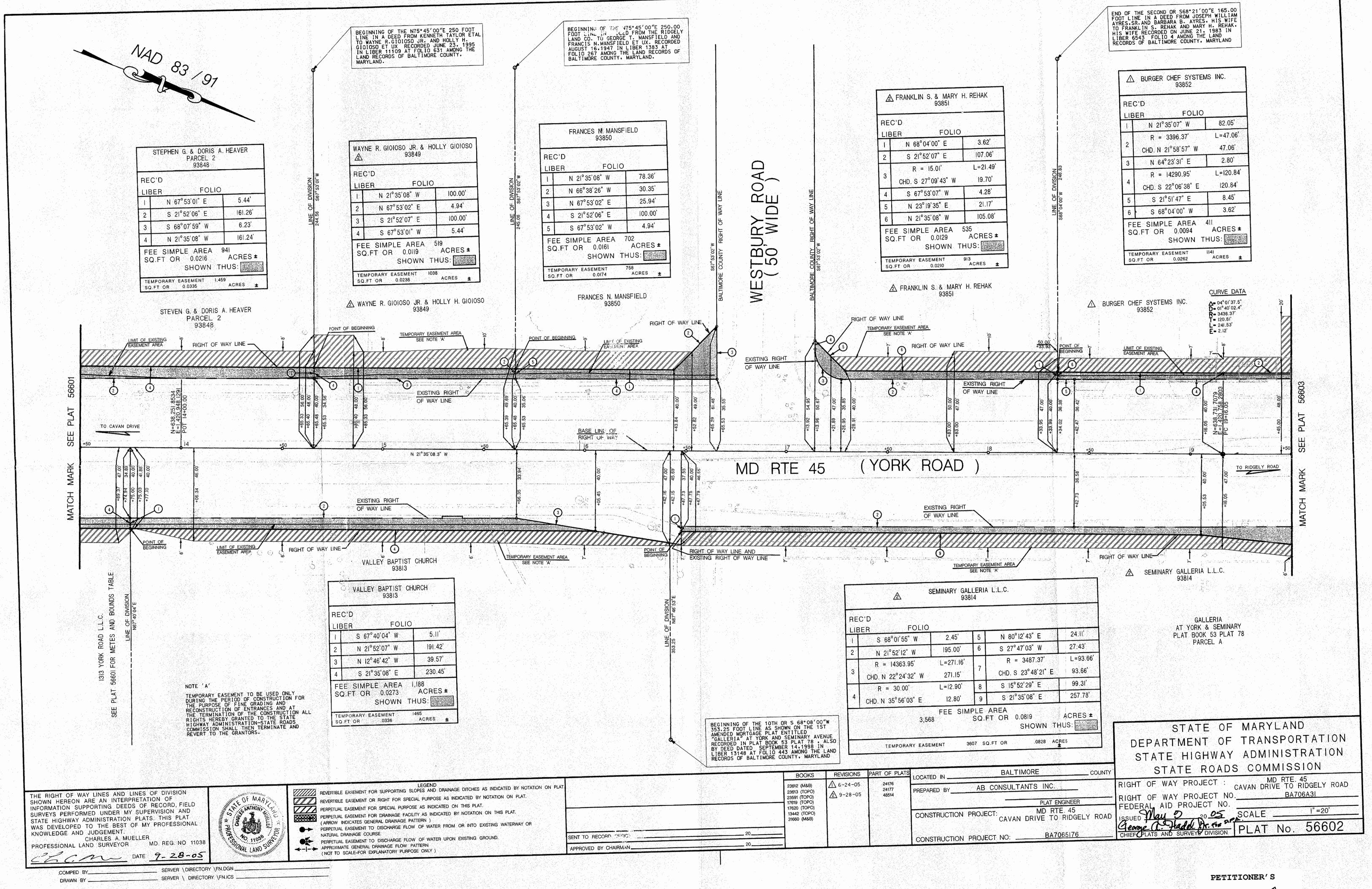
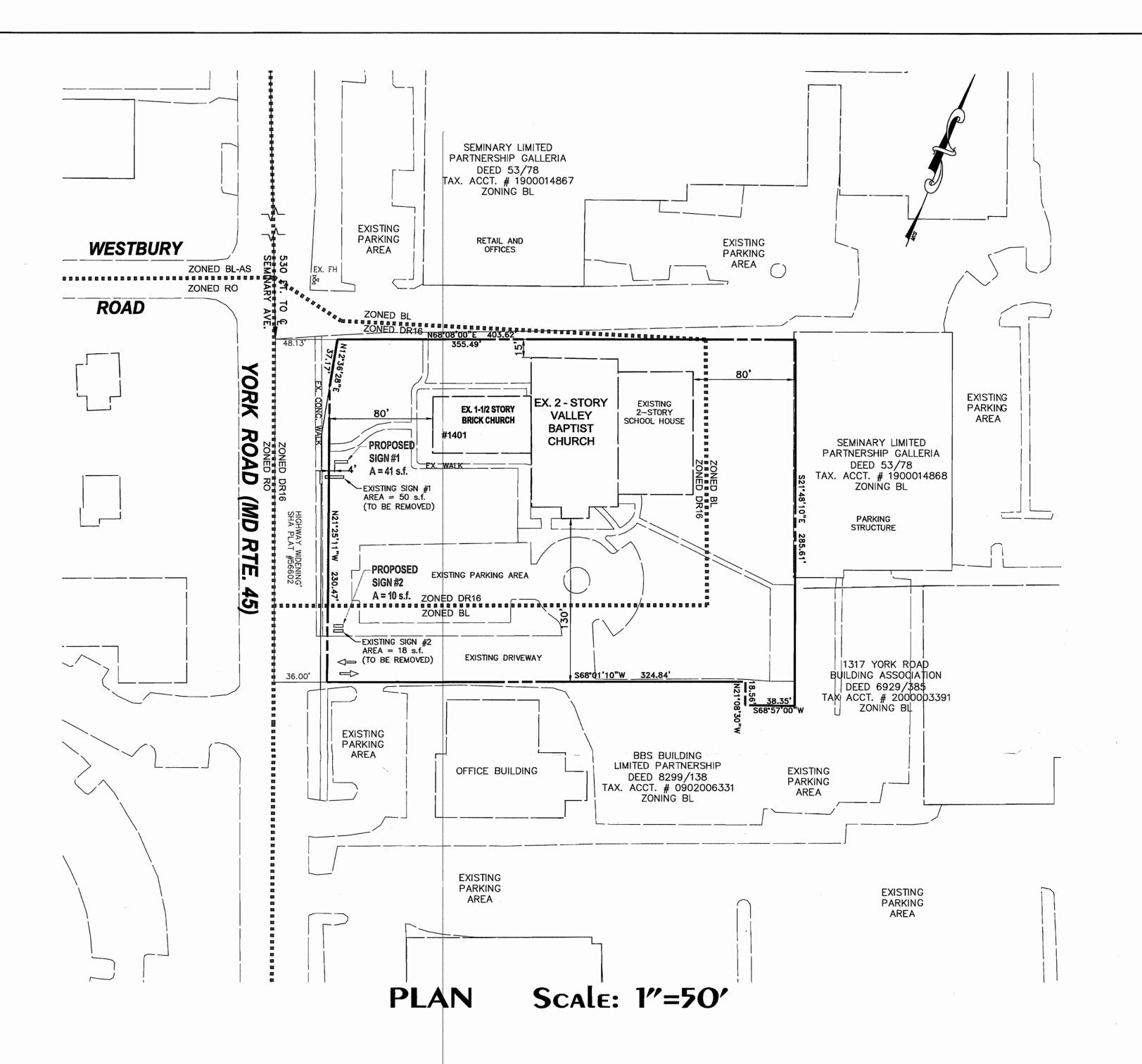


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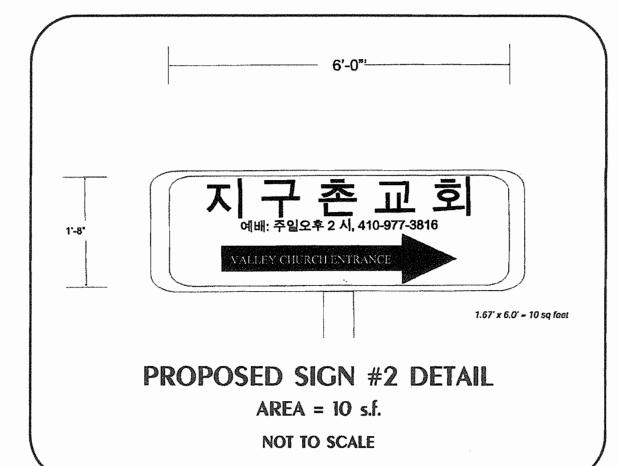
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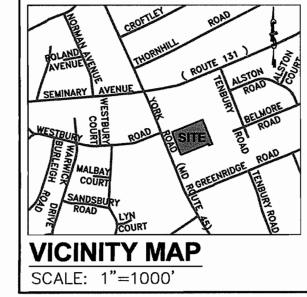
am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No. 10748.

Expiration Date 01-02-2010.







ELECTION DISTRICT COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT C-4

GENERAL NOTES

1. OWNER:

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 1401 YORK ROAD **LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093** ATTN: HERSCH WELLMAN TELE: 410-591-4172

2. PROPERTY LOCATION: 1401 YORK ROAD BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

108,480 SF ± = 2.49 AC± **GROSS AREA:** 98,400 SF ± = 2.2 AC±

4. ELECTION DISTRICT: COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:

5. TAX ACCOUNT

TAX MAP: 61, PLAT

6. ZONING:

7. LAND USE: **CHURCH WITH 280 SEATS**

8. BUILDING AREA: 34,084 S.F.

9. PARKING:

REQUIRED:

280 SEATS x 1P.S. / 4 SEATS = 70 P.S.

30 P.S. ON SITE AND EXISTING PARKING AGREEMENT WITH ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS OF "GALLERIA" AND "1317

D.R. 16 (1.4 AC±) AND BL (0.8 AC±) PER ZONING MAP # 61A3

10. UTILITIES: PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER ARE EXISTING. 11. FLOODPLAIN: THERE ARE NO FLOODPLAINS.

12. PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL PERMITS: B-239481

13. PRIOR ZONING CASES:

14. DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

15. FLOOR AREA RATIO:

= GROSS FLOOR AREA / GROSS SITE AREA = 34,084 SF / 108,482 SF = 0.32

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ZONING CASE # 08-261-A

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE HEARING

> VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 1401 YORK ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

ELECTION DISTRICT 9, C-4

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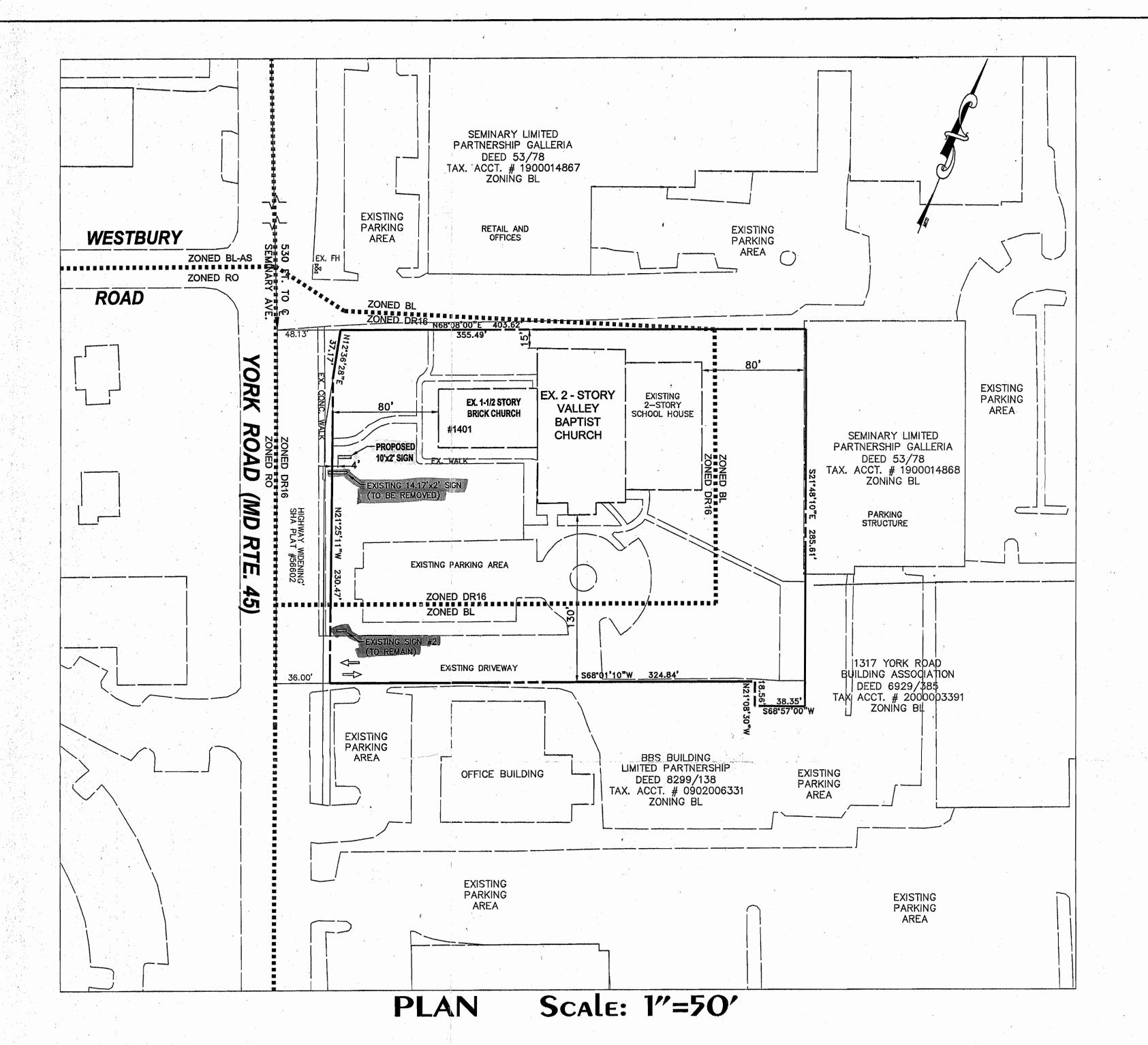
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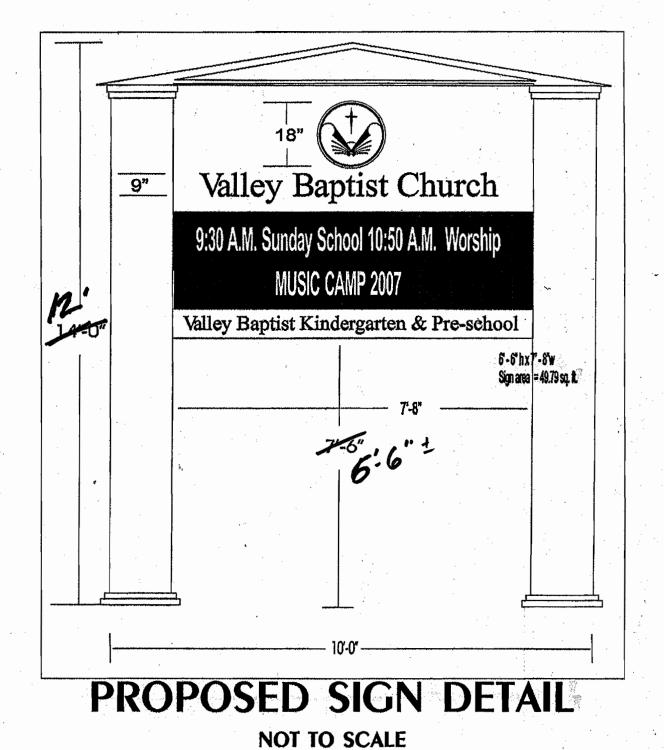
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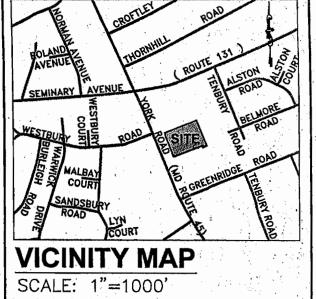
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EXISTING SIGN #2 DETAIL NOT TO SCALE



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TELE: (410)591-4172

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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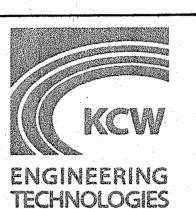
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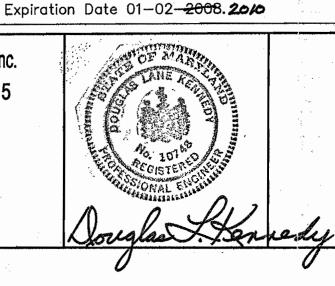
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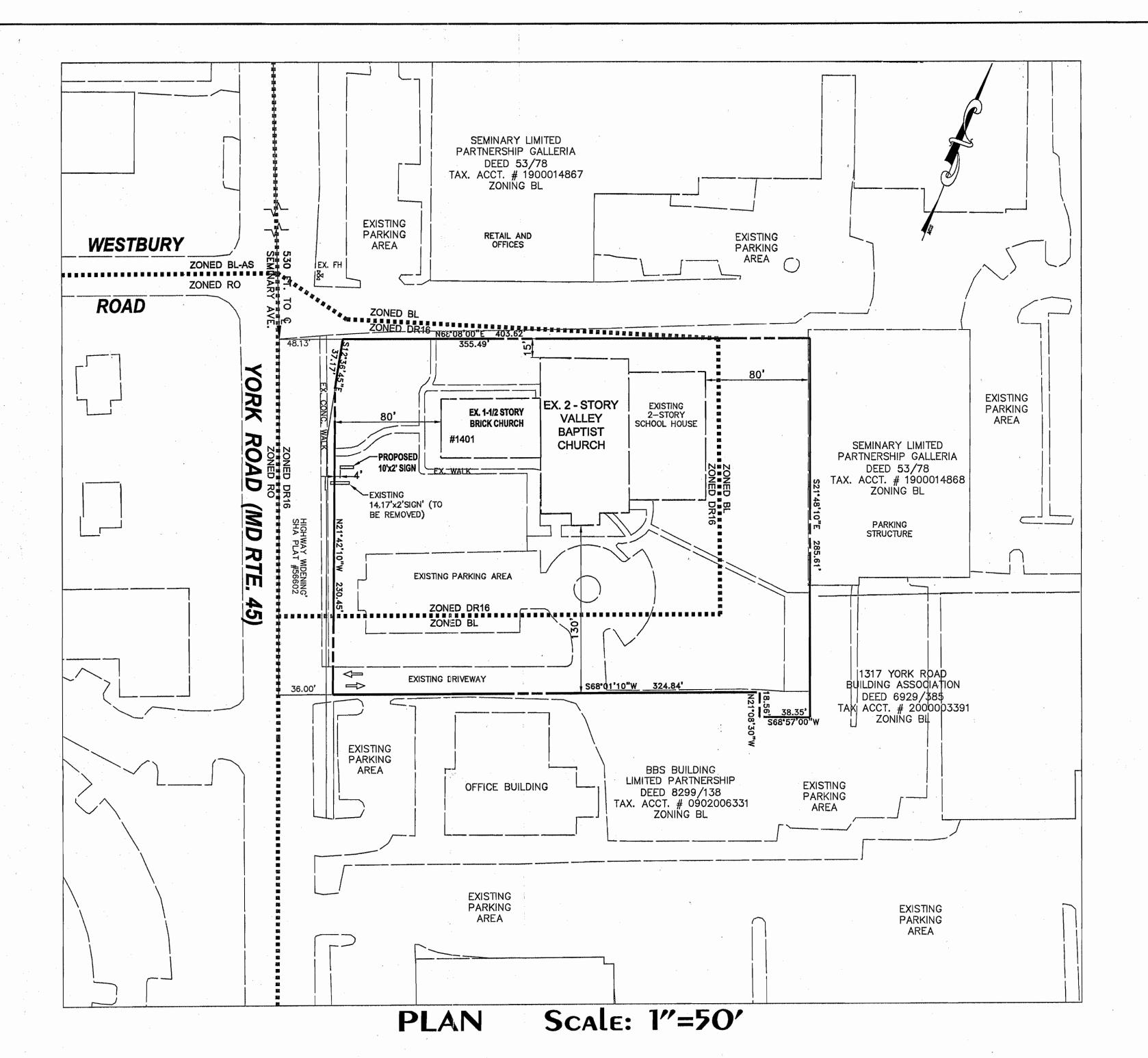


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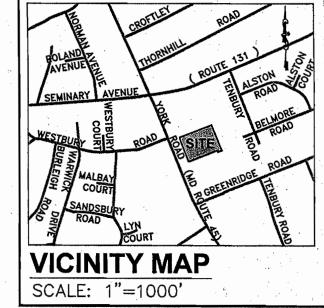
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ELECTION DISTRICT COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT C-4

GENERAL NOTES

1. OWNER:

VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 1401 YORK ROAD **LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093** ATTN: HERSCH WELLMAN TELE: (410)591-4172

2. PROPERTY LOCATION: 1401 YORK ROAD **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD**

3. DEED: **GROSS AREA:** $108,480 \text{ SF} \pm = 2.49 \text{ AC} \pm$ $98,400 \text{ SF} \pm = 2.2 \text{ AC} \pm$

4. ELECTION DISTRICT: COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:

5. TAX ACCOUNT 0922001000 TAX MAP: 61, PLAT

6. ZONING:

D.R. 16 (1.4 AC±) AND BL (0.8 AC±) PER ZONING MAP # 61A3

7. LAND USE: **CHURCH WITH 280 SEATS**

8. BUILDING AREA: 34,084 S.F.

9. PARKING:

REQUIRED:

280 SEATS x 1P.S. / 4 SEATS = 70 P.S. 30 P.S. ON SITE AND EXISTING PARKING AGREEMENT WITH

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS OF "GALLERIA" AND "1317 YORK ROAD"

10. UTILITIES: PUBLIC WATER AND SANITARY SEWER ARE EXISTING.

THERE ARE NO FLOODPLAINS. 11. FLOODPLAIN:

12. PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL PERMITS: B-239481

13. PRIOR ZONNING CASES:

NONE KNOWN

14. DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

15. FLOOR AREA RATIO:

= GROSS FLOOR AREA / GROSS SITE AREA

ZONING CASE # 08-261-A

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE HEARING

> VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 1401 YORK ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

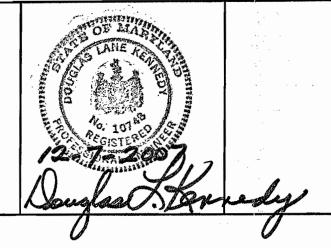
ELECTION DISTRICT 9, C-4

PETITION FOR VARIANCE

VARIANCE FROM BCZR SECTION 450.4.1(a) TO PERMIT A CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN WITH AN AREA OF 50 S.F. IN LIEU OF THE PERMITTED 25 S.F. AND A HEIGHT OF 14 FT. IN LIEU OF THE PERMITTED 6 FT.

TECHNOLOGIES

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I hereby certify that these documents were

prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

DEVELOPER:

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