IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

N/side of Sudbrook Lane, 40' W of c/line of DeRisio Lane

(4 Sudbrook Lane)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District

Heirs of John F. Basement, et al, Legal Owners \*
Howard Rothschild, D.D.S., Contract Purchaser
Petitioners \*

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No. 2009-0072-SPHA

#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, James Baseman, Patricia B. Chazen, Joseph F. Baseman, John F. Baseman, Jr., Michael Baseman, Lauretta M. Baseman, Nancy L. Marchman, Daniel E. Baseman and Deborah E. Baseman and the contract purchaser, Howard Rothschild, D.D.S., through their attorney, Mark D. Dopkin, Esquire. The Petitioners request a special hearing to approve an existing building for use as a Class A office building with 43% of total adjusted gross floor area occupied by medical offices, and to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12. In addition, the Petitioners request variance relief from Section 204.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit 43% of the total adjusted gross floor area of an existing Class A office building to be occupied by medical offices in lieu of 25% allowed; from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.4, to permit a two-way driveway 10 feet in width in lieu of 20 feet required; from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.4, to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be 0 feet from the rightof-way line of a public street in lieu of 10 feet required; and from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.1, B.C.Z.R., and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual to permit a landscape strip of 0 feet between an existing paved surface and a lot line in a commercial zone, in lieu of six (6) feet



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required. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Howard Rothschild, contract purchaser; Richard E. Matz, the professional engineer who prepared the site plan, and Mark D. Dopkin, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. Appearing as interested citizens were Marshall Janoff, a realtor with Long and Foster, assisting the family, Patricia B. Chazen, one of the owners, and Pierce Macgill, a representative of the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present; however, a letter in opposition was received from the Sudbrook Park, Inc.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular shaped parcel located near the northwest corner of the intersection of Sudbrook Lane and DeRisio Lane in Pikesville. The property contains a gross area of 0.33 acres, more or less, and is zoned R-O (Residential Office). As shown on the site plan, the property is improved with a 3-story building with basement, the first floor of which has an extension in the rear. The property is currently vacant. The property is under contract to Dr. Howard Rothschild. Testimony indicated that Dr. Rothschild is licensed as a dentist by the State of Maryland and specializes in reconstructive dentistry and maintains an office in Pikesville. Dr. Rothschild intends to relocate his office to the first floor of the existing building. In terms of gross area, the first floor encompasses 43% of the total floor area of the building. Dr. Rothschild further indicated that the upper floors would be used for general office use and that the basement would be used only for storage. At the outset of the hearing it was noted that the site plan submitted as Petitioners' Exhibit 1 had been redlined to reflect changes requested by People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman; namely, widening the entrance to sixteen feet (16') and relocating the parking pad in the front of the building.

It is to be noted that the residential appearance is to be maintained. All other buildings on Sudbrook Lane in the immediate area enjoy office use. Office use, including medical offices, is a use permitted in the zone. In addition, the property is surrounded by properties in commercial

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use. In this regard, the proposed use conforms to the legislative intent and policies articulated in B.C.Z.R. Section 204. As will be discussed below, any attempt to modify the existing configuration of the structure to comply with the 25% limitation set forth in Section 204.3.B would create a practical difficulty.

The Office of Planning does not oppose the variance requested provided certain conditions are met. Petitioner indicated that he was willing to comply with the conditions suggested by the Office of Planning with the exception of certain proposed limits on signage.

Mr. Macgill appeared at the hearing on behalf of the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development. His organization fully supports the proposal. He indicated that the Petitioner's practice is appropriate for this location and will not result in detrimental impacts to adjacent properties and uses. In addition, the rehabilitation of this building is consistent with the Pikesville Revitalization Plan and would be eligible for various tax credits and grants.

With regard to the request for special hearing to approve an existing building for use as a Class A office building with 43% of total adjusted gross floor area occupied by medical offices, and to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12, I find that the first floor of the building on the property, comprising 43% of the total adjusted gross floor area is not susceptible to partition for more than one use. Since the proposed use by a small dental practice is self-limiting, the impacts of changing the use to medical office space is negligible. Accordingly, I find that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the area; which is now characterized by similar conversions; will not create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys; will not create a potential hazard from fire, panic, or other dangers; will not overcrowd land or cause undue concentration of population; will not interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation, or other public requirements, conveniences, or improvements; will not interfere with adequate light and air; will not be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.; and will not be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of the regulations.

Four (4) variances are also requested. I find that the property is unique because of its

location within the Commercial Revitalization District, the location of existing improvements and its narrow width. In addition, I find that strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship to the Petitioners to use the property for the uses allowed by its current zoning. Without the requested variances the existing improvements could not be retained without modifying the exterior and would be contrary to the stated goal of the R-O zone. I also note that the adjoining property at 2 Sudbrook Lane was acquired by Baltimore County for the right-of-way for DeRisio Lane. To the extent that this taking changed the requirement for side yard setbacks the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual calls for the variances to be granted and doing so is consistent with long-standing practice by the Zoning Office and as applied by my predecessors. Despite the concerns raised by Sudbrook Parks Steven Doll, I find the granting of this relief will not have a detrimental impact. The exterior structure is not changing, the asphalt parking in front of home already exists (See Petitioners' Exhibit 3) and will be further reduced and buffered with landscaping.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented I am persuaded to grant the requested relief. It is clear that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would result in a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship for the Petitioners and that the use proposed will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of November, 2008 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve an existing building for use as a Class A office building with 43% of total adjusted gross floor area occupied by medical offices, and to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12, in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance relief from Section 204.3, B.C.Z.R., to permit 43% of the total adjusted gross floor area of an existing Class A office building to be occupied by medical offices in lieu of 25% allowed; from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.4,

to permit a two-way driveway 10 feet in width in lieu of 20 feet required; from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.4, to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be 0 feet from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of 10 feet required; and from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.1, and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual to permit a landscape strip of 0 feet between an existing paved surface and a lot line in a commercial zone in lieu of six (6) feet required in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) The proposed use of the property for a medical office will be restricted to the first floor.
- 3) Any signage shall be limited as reflected on Petitioners' Exhibit A.
- 4) The two (2) parking spaces in front of the building shall be buffered with landscaping.
- 5) Existing paving that is not being replaced with new paving shall be removed.
- 6) A new sidewalk shall be installed in the public right-of-way in front of the property.
- 7) When applying for any permits, the site plan and/or landscape plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

November 5, 2008

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

Mark Dopkin, Esquire Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP 100 East Pratt Street – 26<sup>th</sup> Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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3<sup>rd</sup> Election District - 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District

James Baseman, et al. and Howard Rothschild - Petitioners

Case No. 2009-0072-SPHA

Dear Mr. Dopkin:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted with restrictions, in accordance with the attached Order.

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

HLLIAM I. VISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

Richard Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209
 Howard Rothschild, D.D.S., 1500 Reisterstown Road, #223, Baltimore, MD 21208
 Marshall Janoff, 1852 Reisterstown Road, #202, Baltimore, MD 21208
 Patricia Chazen, 227 Sudbrook Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208
 Steven Doll, Chair, Zoning Committee, Sudbrook Park, Inc., 608 Carysbrook Lane, Pikesville, MD 21208
 Pierce Macgill, Department of Economic Development, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

People's Counsel; Office of Planning; Bureau of Development Plans Review; File



# Petition for Special Hearing

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

	<b>,</b>	which is presently zoned <u>RO</u>	
Dee	d Reference 11239	/ 700 Tax Account # 0302000826	
owner(s) of the property situate in I	Baltimore County and vition for a Special Hear	ermits and Development Management. The which is described in the description and plat at ing under 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Bapprove	ttached hereto and
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	e Special Hearing, adverti	ng regulations. ising, posting, etc and further agree to and are to be boursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.  !/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the Is the subject of this Petition.	ne penalties of
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:		Legal Owner(s):	
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Address. Baltimore		Name – Type or Print Signature	
Address.  Baltimore  City	Telephone No. MD 21208	Signature	
Attorney For Petitioner:	Telephone No. MD 21208		Telephone No.
Address. Baltimore City  Attorney For Petitioner:	Telephone No. MD 21208	Signature 2581 Sandpiper Road Address.	•
Address.  Baltimore  City  Attorney For Petitioner:  Mark Dopkin, Esq.	Telephone No. MD 21208	Signature 2581 Sandpiper Road	Telephone No.  VA 23456  State Zip Code
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Address.  Baltimore City  Attorney For Petitioner:  Mark Dopkin, Esq. Name – Type or Print  Signature  Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP Company	Telephone No.  MD 21208  State Zip Code	Signature  2581 Sandpiper Road  Address.  Virginia Beach City  Representative to be Contacted:  Richard E. Matz, P.E.  COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT, INC	VA 23456 State Zip Code
Address.  Baltimore City  Attorney For Petitioner:  Mark Dopkin, Esq. Name - Type or Print  Signature  Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP  Company  100 E. Pratt Street, 26 <sup>th</sup> floor	Telephone No. MD 21208	Signature  2581 Sandpiper Road  Address.  Virginia Beach  City  Representative to be Contacted:  Richard E. Matz, P.E.	VA 23456
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#### Attached to Petition for Special Hearing – 4 Sudbrook Lane

Special Hearing to approve an existing building for use as a Class A office building with 43% of total adjusted gross floor area occupied by medical offices, and to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12.



# Petition for Variance

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	4 Sudbrook Lan	<u>e</u>
which is preser	itly zoned RO	
Reference 11239 / 700	Tax Account #	0302000826

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 of thereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

See Attached.

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

Reasons to be presented at the hearing.

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

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

#### Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

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Name – Type or Print		
Signature		
1500 Reisterstown Road		2-8100
Address.	Telepho	ne No.
Baltimore	MD	21208
City	State	Zip Code
Attorney For Petitioner:		
Mark Dopkin, Esq.		
Name – Type or Print		
Signature		
Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP		
Company		
100 E. Pratt Street, 26 <sup>th</sup> floor		2-9735
Address	Telepho	ne No.
Baltimore	MD	21202
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I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which Is the subject of this Petition.

#### Legal Owner(s):

John F. Baseman, Jr.	•	
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419 Kemper Road		
Address.	Telepho	ne No.
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COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT, INC		
2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G	410-6	53-3838
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Baltimore	MD	21209
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Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_DT.

#### Attachment to Petition for Variance - 4 Sudbrook Lane

Variance from Section 204.3, BCZR, to permit 43% of the total adjusted gross floor area of an existing Class A office building to be occupied by medical offices, in lieu of 25% allowed.

Variance from Section 409.4, BCZR, to permit a two-way driveway 10 feet in width, in lieu of 20 feet required.

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Variance from Section 409.8.A.1, BCZR, and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual to permit a landscape strip of 0 feet between an existing paved surface and a lot line in a commercial zone, in lieu of six (6) feet required.

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Civil Engineers • Surveyors • Planners



#### **ZONING DESCRIPTION - 4 SUDBROOK LANE**

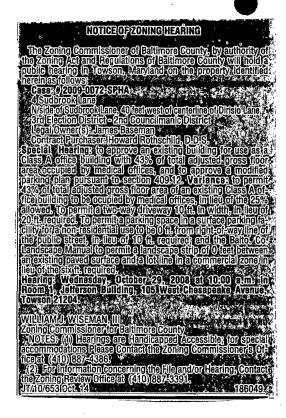
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As recorded in Deed Liber 11239, folio 700 and containing 12,600 square feet. Also known as 4 Sudbrook Lane and located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.



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☐ Catonsville Times ☐ Towson Times
Owings Mills Times
☐ NE Booster/Reporter ☐ North County News

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## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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**DATE:** 10/17/08

Case Number: 2009-0072-SPHA

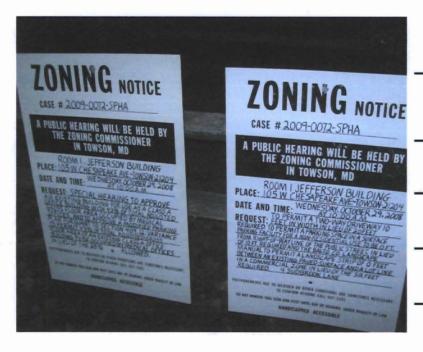
Petitioner / Developer: MARK DOPKIN~JAMES BASEMAN~HOWARD

ROTHSCHILD~RICHARD MATZ

Date of Hearing (Closing): OCTOBER 29, 2009

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 4 SUDBROOK LANE

The sign(s) were posted on: OCTOBER 13, 2008



Linda O'Kufe
(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, October 12, 2008 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Mark Dopkin 100 E. Pratt Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-752-9735

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Contract Purchaser: Howard Rothschild, D.D.S.

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Hearing: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1, Jefferson Building,

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, 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.



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

## September 30, 2008 TIMOTHY M. ROTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management

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Hearing: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotrocc

Director

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C: Mark Dopkin, 100 E. Pratt Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Fl., Baltimore 21202 James Baseman, 9420 E. Speedway Blvd., #11, Tucson AZ 85710 Howard Rothschild, 1500 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore 21208 Richard Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Ste. G, Baltimore 21209

- NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008.
  - (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
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## 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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Petitioner	HOWARD L ROTHSCHILD
Address c	r Location: 4 SUBBROOK LANE
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	ORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name:	MARK D. DOPKIN
Name:	



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

October 23, 2008

Mark Dopkin, Esq. Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP 100 E. Pratt St., 26<sup>th</sup> fl. Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear: Mark Dopkin

RE: Case Number 2009-0072-SPHA, 4 Sudbrook Ln.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 10, 2008. 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:Inw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
 James Baseman, 9420 E. Speedway Blvd. #11, Tucson, AZ 85710
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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 22, 2008

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 

4 Sudbrook Lane

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number:

9-072

Petitioner:

Howard Rothschild

Zoning:

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**Requested Action:** 

Variance

#### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Office of Planning does not oppose the multiple variance requests provided the following conditions are met:

- A new sidewalk should be installed along the front of the property and tying into the existing sidewalk at the corner of Sudbrook Lane and DeRisio Lane.
- The two parking spaces in front of the building should be buffered with landscaping.
- As shown on the September 10, 2008 plan, the existing paving that is not being replaced with new paving should be removed.
- Any signage for the development should be wall mounted.
- To the extent possible during the renovation and improvement of the property, it would be desirable to retain the trees in the front yard.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Jeff Mayhew at 410-

887-3480.

Reviewed by

**Division Chief:** AFK/LL: CM

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits &

**DATE:** 

September 23, 2008

Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 29, 2008

Item Nos. 2009-0065, 0066, 0067, 0068,

0070, 0072, 0073, 0074, and 0076

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

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ZAC-09232008 -NO COMMENTS



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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: SEPT. 23,2008

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2009-007Z-SPHA

John D. Porcari, Secretary

Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

4 SUDBROOK LANE BASEMAN PROPERTY

Special HENGING VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2009-0072-SPAA

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

1 Steven D. Foster, Chie

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#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



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Date: 10/16/08

J. Livingston

Reviewer:

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* BEFORE THE
AND VARIANCE
4 Sudbrook Lane; N/S of Sudbrook Lane, \* ZONING COMMISSIONER
40' W c/line Dirisio Lane
3<sup>rd</sup> Election & 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic Districts \* FOR
Legal Owner(s): James Baseman
Contract Purchaser(s): Howard Rothschild \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioner(s)

\* 09-072-SPHA

#### **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/documentation filed in the case.

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Richard E. Matz, PE, Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209 and Mark Dopkin, Esquire, Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP, 100 E. Pratt Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
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## Baltimore County, Maryland



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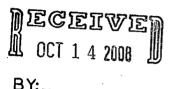
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> 410-887-2188 Fax: 410-823-4236

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel

October 14, 2008

William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 405 Towson, Maryland 21204



Re:

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

4 Sudbrook Lane
<a href="Case No: 09-072-A">Case No: 09-072-A</a>

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

Because this case appeared to involve traffic issues, we asked Stephen E. Weber, Chief of Traffic Engineering, to review the site plan. As a result, he sent us the enclosed e-mail dated October 9, 2008. I am forwarding it to you for your consideration. We understand that the hearing date is set for October 29, 2008.

Because of the narrow driveway entrance access and proximity of parking to Sudbrook Lane, Mr. Weber recommends the follows conditions:

"The driveway entrance onto Sudbrook Lane should be a minimum 16 feet wide from Sudbrook Lane to a distance at least 20 feet north of the right-of-way line (southern property line) of Sudbrook Lane. In addition, the two parking spaces in the front should be accordingly shifted to also insure that no parking space is located any closer than 10 feet from the right-of-way line of Sudbrook Lane. It appears these changes can be accommodated with minimal difficulty."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Enclosure

cc:

Mark Dopkin, Esquire Stephen Weber, Chief Dennis Kennedy, PDM From:

Stephen Weber

To: CC: People's Counsel Dennis Kennedy

Date:

10/09/2008 7:22 PM

Subject:

Case No. 09-72-SPHA, 4 Sudbrook Ln

#### Mr. Zimmerman:

In reviewing the request for approving the existing building for a Class A office building, our primary objections to the plan deal with the narrow driveway access to Sudbrook Ln and the proximity of parking to Sudbrook Ln, where traffic would be turning in and out of the site. Given the narrowness of the site and the somewhat lower traffic volumes on Sudbrook Ln, we would not object to some lessening of standard requirements provided that minimum accommodations are made.

The driveway entrance onto Sudbrook Ln should be a minimum 16 feet wide from Sudbrook Ln to a distance at least 20 feet north of the right-of-way line (southern property line) of Sudbrook Ln. In addition, the two parking spaces in the front should be accordingly shifted to also insure that no parking space is located any closer than 10 feet from the right-of-way line of Sudbrook Ln. It appears these changes can be accommodated with minimal difficulty.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Stephen E. Weber, Chief Div. of Traffic Engineering Baltimore County, Maryland 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 326 Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-3554

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Inter-Office Correspondence

TO:

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**DATE**: May 14, 2009

FROM:

William J. Wiseman, S.

Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT:

4 Sudbrook Lane

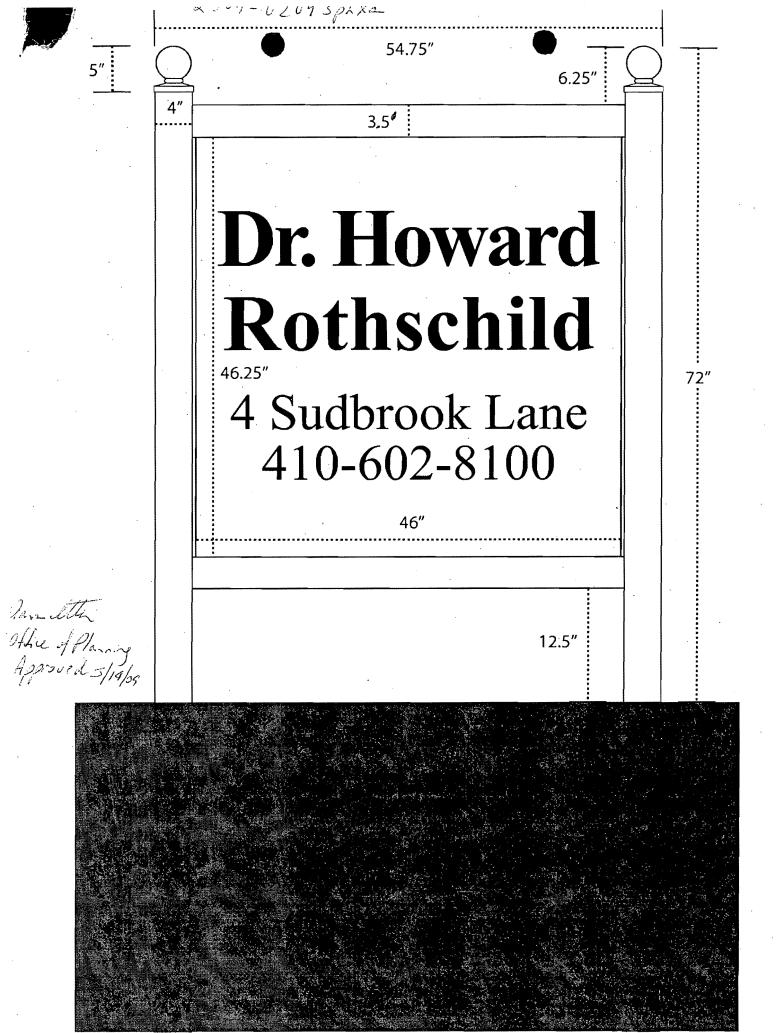
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This will confirm my meeting with Len Wasilewski concerning the Petitioner's desire to have a 16 square foot enterprise identification sign located on his property. A review of the files indicate that a sign was contemplated for this property and identified on the site plan as a non-electric sign "to be submitted to the Office of Planning for approval" and further noted on the site plan contained within Case No. 2009-0072-SPHA as a "small tasteful non-electric sign" to be located on the southwestern corner of the property adjacent to Sudbrook Lane. Len Wasilewski appropriately points out that strict compliance with Section 450.4 (No. 5) limits signs to 15 square feet in the R.O. zoning classification. Notwithstanding this restriction, a sign was always contemplated in both captioned files and was thoroughly discussed at the hearings with the community and with the Office of Planning. It is my recommendation to the Zoning Review Office that the Office of Planning review the sign detail, which has now been submitted by the Petitioner's engineer, and following the approval of same by Diana Itter as conditioned in my Order that a permit be issued for a sign that complies with the height and area restrictions as contained in Section 450.4 (No. 5); that is to say, 15 square feet, freestanding, at a height of 6 feet.

I believe a sign would be within the spirit and intent of my Order and also with the regulations. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

WJW:dlw

c: Diana Itter, Office of Planning



Melinda A. Hipsley 104 Sherwood Avenue Pikesville, MD 21208 March 30, 2009

Office of Zoning Commissioner Zoning Review Office Baltimore County Office Building, Room 111, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Dear Office of the Zoning Commissioner:

I would like to attend the April 3<sup>rd</sup> zoning meeting to discuss case number 2009-0072-SPHXA about 4 Sudbrook Lane. However, my work schedule will not allow this.

As a Past President of the Ralston Community Association I have many concerns with an entrance onto De Riso Lane. I worked very closely with Second District Councilman Kevin Kamenetz to ward off any encroachment of commercial business back into our neighborhoods. As a resident of 32 years I have seen many changes in the Pikesville community. De Riso Lane was not a project that I as a community leader was looking forward to some years back. With the help of Councilman's office we worked together to make the project enhance the neighborhoods bordering De Riso Lane. I am currently heading a committee to keep the property adjacent to De Riso Lane appealing to all concerned. I feel strongly that curb appeal works to increase the value of our properties. The way De Riso Lane is currently set up works for both parties, by acting as a buffer between the commercial businesses and the residential neighborhoods.

I oppose allowing a connection from a neighborhood property onto De Riso Lane as this allows a break in our commercial buffer. I would pose a couple of questions. First, if this connection is allowed does this set precedence for more property owners to break down our barrier? How many more connections would be allowed from the neighborhood side to the commercial side? Secondly, how and more importantly who would be responsible to maintain the area around this connection? We are currently having issues with the grassy area being allowed to grow freely and become unsightly and overgrown. This connection would allow the grassy area to be broken up into two separate sections with no one responsible to maintain the area. Please see the enclosed picture that show how the area is currently being maintained.

Please do not take this decision lightly because I have seen many businesses come and go but like my neighborhood I am still here.

Sincerely,

Melinda A. Hipsley, Past President

Ralston Community Association

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608 Carysbrook Lane Pikesville, MD 21208 October 27, 2008

#### By Fax to 410-887-3468

Timothy M. Kotroco Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue, Room 405 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Zoning Case No.#2009-0072-SPHA

Dear Commissioner Kotroco:

On behalf of Sudbrook Park, Inc., I am writing to express our strong opposition to the variances requested by petitioner in the above case.

The subject property is an existing old home dating from about 1899; maintaining the residential character while allowing appropriate business uses is key. Additionally, 4 Sudbrook Lane is the first house next to businesses on Reisterstown Road and thus sets the tone for the block. Granting the requested variances would have a detrimental effect on both the immediate block and surrounding residential communities.

The site in question is zoned Residential Office and "to the extent possible, parking must be located in the side or rear yard of the lot."

Granting the petitioner variances to asphalt, gravel or similarly pave the entire front yard to the street line for parking, with no landscaping, would change what now is a grass and treed front yard into an unsightly and stark parking lot. In addition to a possible negative impact on safety and traffic (due to the nearby DeRiso Lane, Reisterstown Road and the nursing home across the street, this would add visual clutter to the area, which is not in keeping with the goals of the Pikesville Revitalization Plan Update 2003 or with county and state revitalization efforts in this Urban Village Area.

Moreover, the property at issue in no way qualifies for variance relief under the requirements set down by Maryland courts in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u> and related cases. The property is not unique in shape, location, topography or any other attribute; rather, it is substantially similar to others along that stretch of Sudbrook Lane. Since the property does not even meet the threshold criteria to qualify for a variance under Maryland law, variance relief should not be granted.

For these and other reasons, we urge you to deny petitioner's request for variances to pave/use the front yard for parking and to dispense with required front and side landscaping. We thank you for consideration of our comments.

> Sincerely, SUDBROOK PARK, INC.

By:

Steven Doll, Chair, Zoning Committee

cc: Sudbrook Park Board

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

October 21, 2008

### TYDINGS & ROSENBERG LLP

Re:

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Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire People's Counsel Baltimore County, Maryland 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

Petition for Special Hearing and Variance

4 Sudbrook Lane

Case Number: 09-072-A

Dear Peter:

We have reviewed the suggestions presented in your letter dated October 14, 2008, to William J. Wiseman III. The revisions suggested can be accommodated. I am enclosing a mark-up of the Plat reflecting the changes.

Cordially,

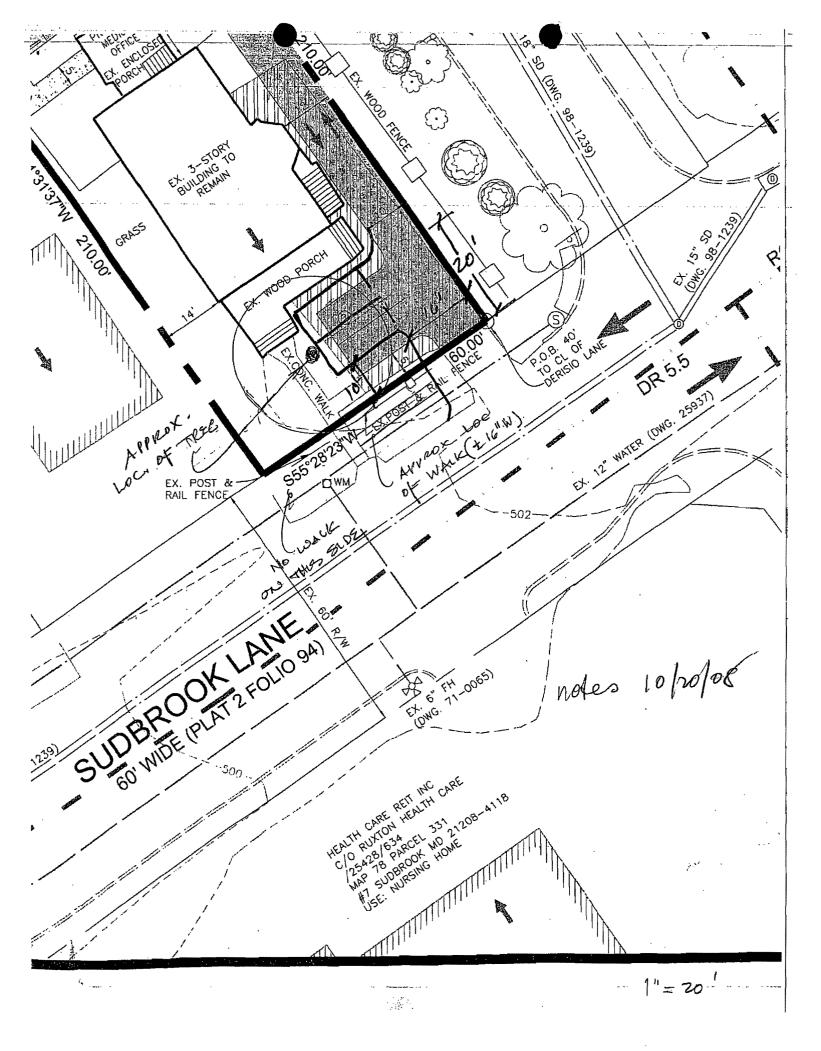
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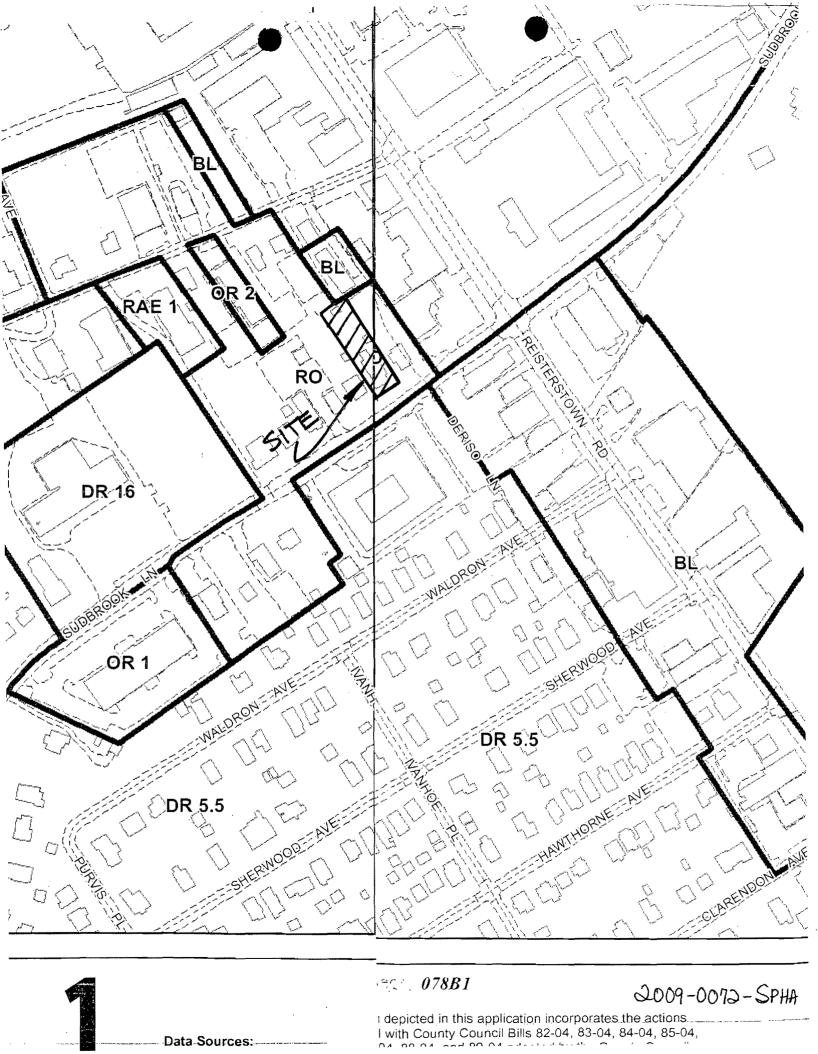
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cc: William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner (w/enclosure)

Dr. Howard L. Rothschild (w/enclosure) Mr. Richard E. Matz (w/enclosure)

Mr. Jeffrey Mahew (w/enclosure)

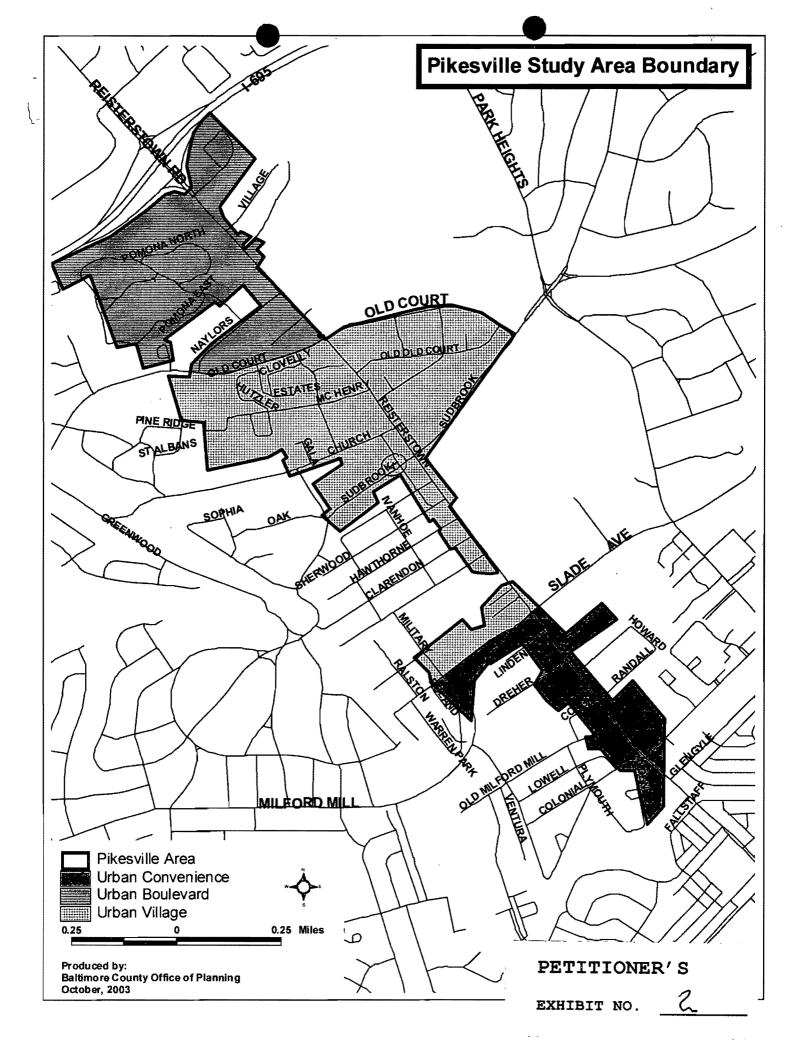




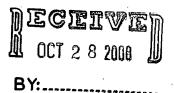
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## PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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October 27; 2008

Mr. William Wiseman Baltimore County Zoning Commissoner 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case # 2009-0072 SPHA

4 Sudbrook Lane, Dr. Howard Rothschild

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed use of 4 Sudbrook Lane. The Pikesville Chamber does not object to this usage and we feel that it is consistent with the surrounding properties.

We have met with the Planning Department to review this property and we agree with their position to allow this usage with the addition of landscaping in the front and corner of the property.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Becker **Executive Director** 

cc: Mark Dopkin

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Case No.: 2009 - 0072 - SPHA

4 SUDBROOK LANE

## **Exhibit Sheet**

## Petitioner/Developer

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No. 2	Pikasvilla RevitiLization RAN	
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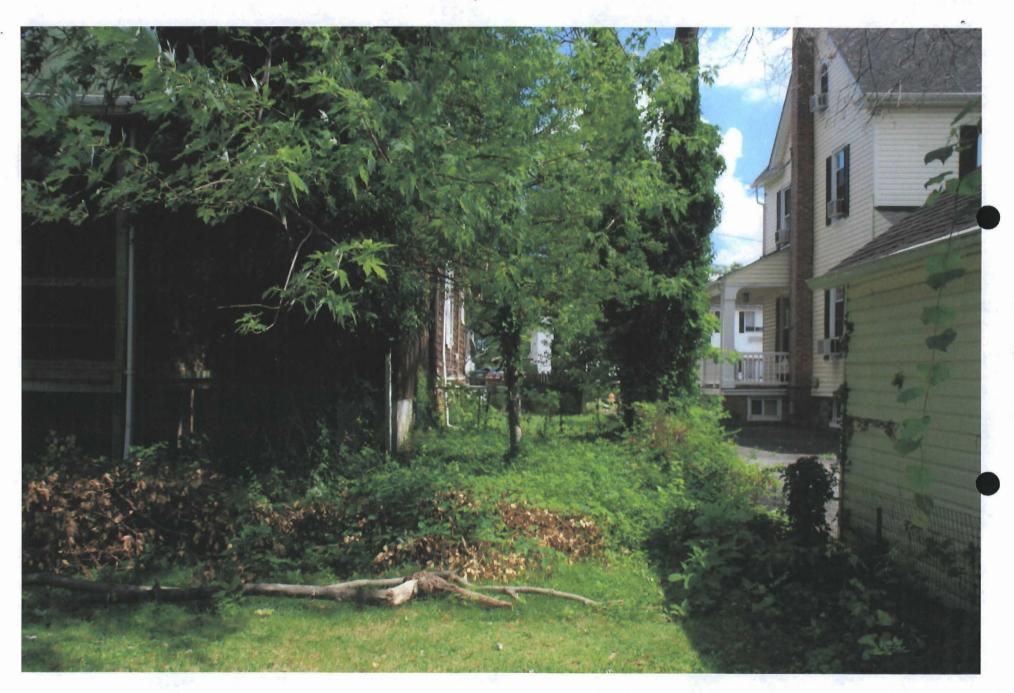


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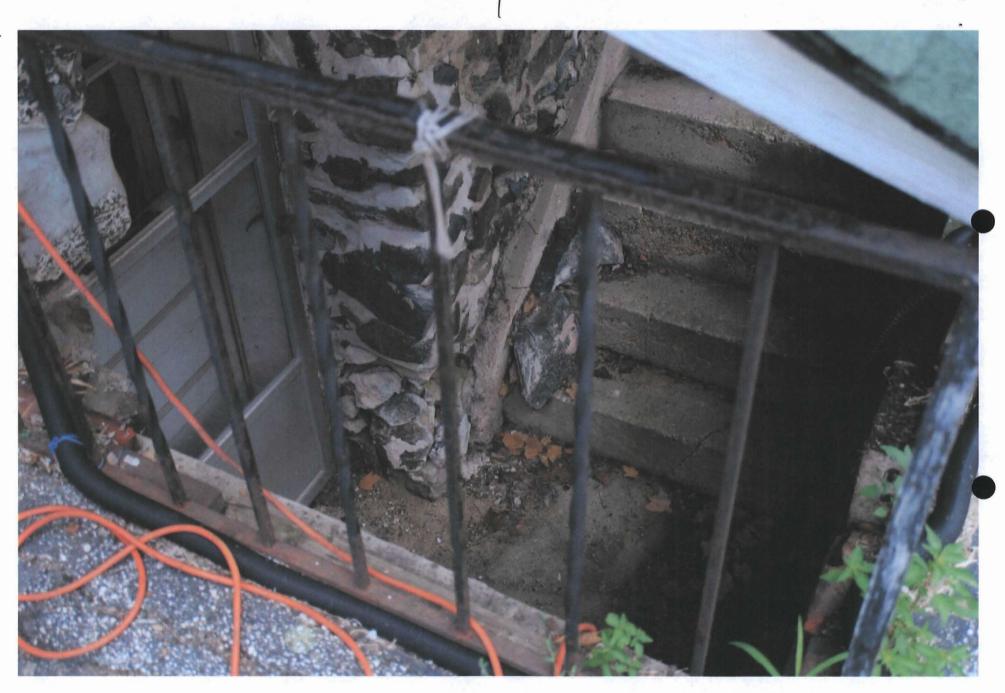














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MARYLAND MORTGAGE CENTER, INC.

> LEWDER TEEL CORPORATION

> > PETITIONER'S

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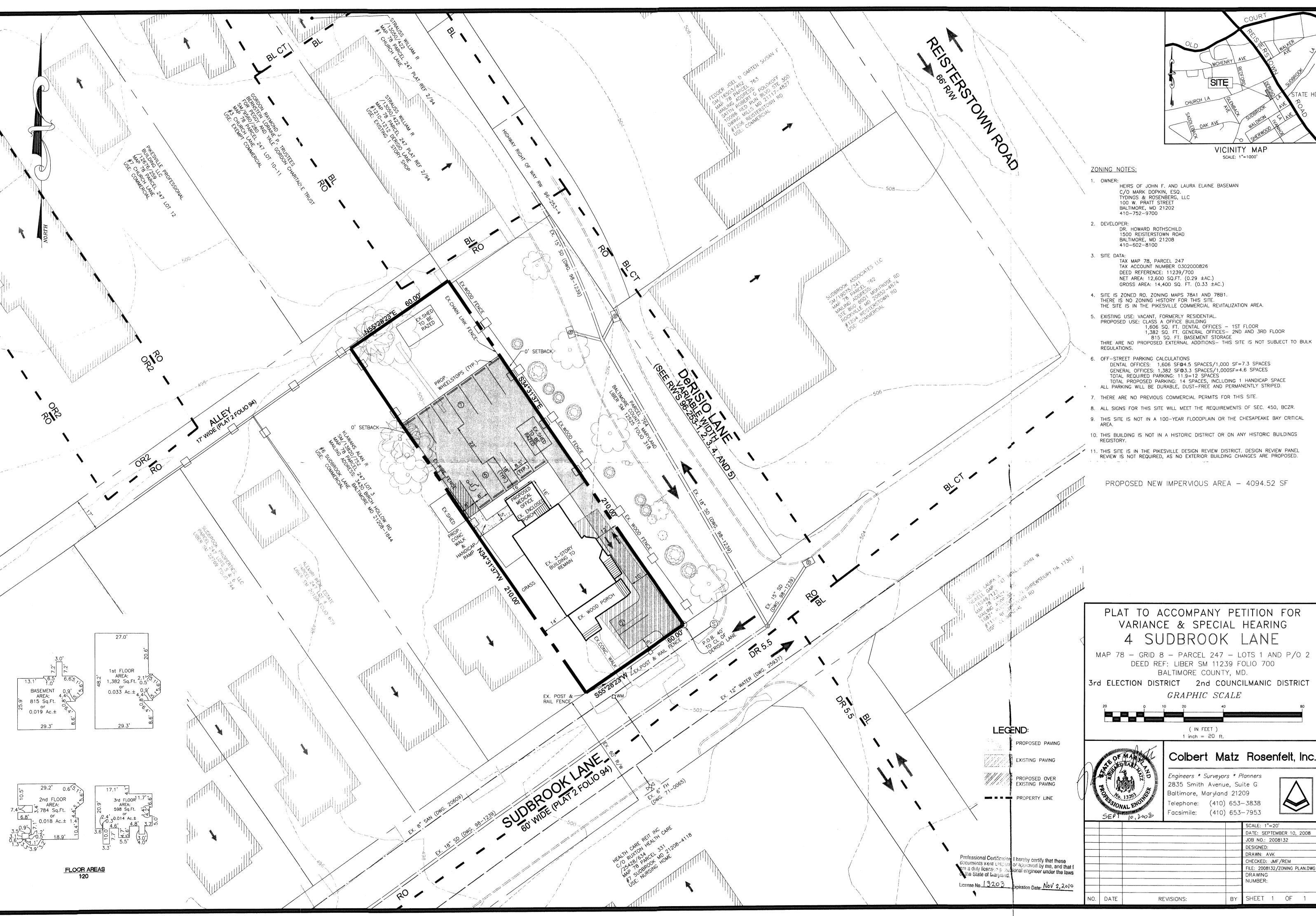












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