IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *

AND VARIANCE

SW/S York Road (MD Rte. 45), 230' SE

C/line of Fairmount Road

(936 York Road)

9th Election District

5th Council District

McComas Associates, LLC

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2009-0079-SPHA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance for property filed by Michael C. McComas, managing member, of the property owner McComas Associates, LLC. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). Variance relief is requested from B.C.Z.R. Section 238.2 to permit a 0 foot setback with regard to the side and rear yards for an existing building in lieu of the required 30 feet. In addition, a variance from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.1 and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual is needed to permit a landscape buffer setback as little as 0 feet in lieu of the required 6 feet from a commercial property and 10 feet from a residential property. The requested relief and subject property are more particularly described on the amended site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Michael C. McComas, on behalf of the property owner, and Dean C. Hoover of Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc., the consultant who prepared the site plan. The Petitioner was represented by

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire of Gildea & Schmidt, LLC. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is located on the west side of York Road just south of Fairmount Avenue in the Towson business core. The property is 155' wide by 188' deep and contains approximately 0.61 acres in area (26,571 square feet), splitzoned B.R. and D.R.5.5. The predominant zoning of the property is B.R., with a narrow strip along the rear of the property zoned D.R.5.5. This section of York Road from the center of Towson to the interchange for the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) is dominated by commercial and retail uses. Immediately adjacent to the property is an existing McDonalds restaurant and automobile uses (car dealerships, car washes, service stations, etc.) are all located nearby. The rear of the property abuts the campus of the Carver High School. Access to this public high school is by way of a drive which immediately abuts the property's north (side) property line.

Presently, the property is improved with two (2) distinct buildings which share a common internal wall. The front structure is a 2,857 square foot, one-story building which is used as a mattress store (Mattress Giant). The rear of this structure is connected to a 5,315 square foot commercial building which is used as a carpet retailer (CarpetLand). The rest of the site features a macadam lot area utilized for parking for both of these retail establishments.

The Petitioner proposes a renovation of the site and a modification of one of the uses. The Carpet Land store to the rear of the site will continue to operate and will not be changed. Although there will be no changes to the footprint of the front building, a new use is proposed. Specifically, a Five Guys Restaurant will occupy the 2,857 square foot building area. The Five Guys Restaurant is a chain operation with locations throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area. The restaurant has interior seating and features a hamburger, chicken and milkshake type menu.

The use was described as an upscale "hamburger restaurant" during the hearing and exterior elevation drawings of other franchise operations were presented.

The petition for variance seeks relief to legitimize the existing building locations. As noted, Section 238.2 of the B.C.Z.R. requires a 30-foot setback from a commercial building to the side and rear property lines. As more particularly shown on the amended plan, the existing structure to the rear is situated so that the southeast corner of the building immediately abuts the rear and side property line(s). Thus, a 0 foot setback for this existing structure is requested. As illustrated, the building is constructed so as to taper from its point of intersection with the property line (southeast corner) so that an increased setback is provided along the other sides of the building. However, at it's closest point, a 0 foot setback is indicated.

Similarly, variance relief is requested to approve a 0 foot setback for landscaping purposes. The Baltimore County Landscape Manual requires a 10-foot setback to a residential zone line and a 6-foot setback towards a commercial zone. Again, the rear southeastern corner of the building is setback 0 feet from the McDonald's restaurant onto the south side and the Carver School to the west or rear.

As noted, both of the variances requested are sought to legitimize existing conditions. Testimony offered at the hearing was that building is in excess of 30 years old. Moreover, it is to be noted that although there is residential zoning immediately adjacent to the site, there are not dwellings in the vicinity. Rather, the residential zoning accommodates the institutional use of the public high school campus next door. It was also indicated that Baltimore County plans significant renovations to that school, which will impact its relationship with the subject lot.

As to the petition for special hearing, approval of a modified parking plan is requested pursuant to Section 409.12 of the B.C.Z.R. A modified parking plan can be approved in

instances such as this, when an existing facility is being redeveloped. In this regard, the site plan shows that 43 spaces will be provided on the site. Testimony was offered that this parking is sufficient for the two proposed uses. Specifically, it is anticipated that the uses will have different peak periods for their business operations. In addition to the numeric parking requirement, the modified parking plan approval is sought to allow the proposed layout in terms of traffic circulation. As to this issue, a Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Baltimore County Department of Public Works/Bureau of Traffic Engineering, and the State Highway Administration. A similar comment was also received from the Office of People's Counsel. These comments all requested the elimination of two parking spaces, which were proposed to be located immediately adjacent to York Road. A concern was expressed regarding the potential for congestion spilling into York Road if this area was used for the two parking spaces, shown on the original plan filed with the petitions (Petitioner's Exhibit 1). In view of these concerns and a recommendation received from Steve Weber, a County traffic engineer, the plan has been amended (Petitioner's Exhibit 2) so as to convert these two spaces to an outdoor eating area. Therefore, the amended plan addresses the ZAC concerns expressed by the State Highway Administration and the Bureau of Traffic Engineering.

A ZAC comment was also received from the Office of Planning. This comment stated that review by the Design Review Panel was not required, in that existing buildings are being converted and no new exterior construction or change to the building footprint is proposed. The Office of Planning also suggested certain landscaping elements. I concur that certain landscaping should be required along the property's frontage adjacent to York Road. The amended plan specifically delineates landscaping in this area. Although the Office of Planning requested landscaping along the rear property line, I decline to impose this requirement. There is

little room in this area due to the location of the existing building. Moreover, given the proposed improvements and renovation to the Carver School, landscaping along this area is unnecessary at this time.

In sum, I am persuaded to grant the petitions. I find that unique conditions (i.e. irregular lot, existing improvements, etc.) exist that justify the variance request. Moreover, a practical difficulty would result if the relief requested were denied. The Petitioner's proposal represents an appropriate redevelopment of this property consistent with the efforts to revitalize the Towson business core (See Petitioner's Exhibit 3, a letter of support from the Greater Towson Committee). Moreover, the amended plan addresses the relevant ZAC comments and those from the Office of People's Counsel related to the parking layout and landscaping.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this day of November, 2008 that the Petition for Special Hearing filed under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) requesting approval of a modified parking plan, pursuant to Section 409.12, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from B.C.Z.R. Section 238.2 to permit a 0 foot setback with regard to the side and rear yards for an existing building in lieu of the required 30 feet and from B.C.Z.R. Section 409.8.A.1 and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual to permit a landscape buffer setback as little as 0 feet in lieu of the required 6 feet from a commercial property and 10 feet from a residential property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 2, be and is hereby GRANTED subject to the following:

1. Petitioner is advised that they may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made

aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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

Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

WJW:dlw



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

November 19, 2008

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE SW/S York Road (MD Rte. 45), 230' SE c/line of Fairmount Road (936 York Road)

9th Election District - 5th Council District McComas Associates, LLC - Petitioner

Case No. 2009-0079-SPHA

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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

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

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: Michael C. McComas, McComas Associates, LLC, 6432 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD 21228

Dean C. Hoover, Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc., 1220-C East Joppa Road, Suite 505, Towson, MD 21286

Steven D. Foster, Chief, Engineering Access Permits Division, SHA, Maryland Department of Transportation, 707 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

People's Counsel; Office of Planning; Bureau of Development Plans Review; Bureau of Traffic Engineering, DPW; File



Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 936 York Road	
which is presently zoned	BR and DR 5.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

A modified parking plan, per BCZR Section 409.12.

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

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

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

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- 1. From BCZR Section 238.2 for a 0 foot setback for side and rear yards in lieu of 30 feet; and
- 2. From BZCR Section 409.8.A.1 and the Baltimore County Landscape Manual for a setback of as little as 0 feet in lieu of a 6 foot setback requirement from a commercial property, and 10 foot requirement from a residential property.

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

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

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September 2, 2008

ZONING DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly right of way line of York Road, 66 feet wide, said point being 33 feet from the center of said road, approximately 230 feet southeast along said centerline from the center of Fairmount Boulevard, running thence the following courses and distances, viz:

North 31° 56' 49" West 148.00 feet; South 58° 15' 24" West 166.30 feet; South 23° 41' 06" East 155.14 feet, and; North 56° 33' 11" East 188.66 feet, to the place of beginning, having an address of 936 York Road and being located along the southwesterly side of said York Road.

Containing an area of 26,728 square feet or 0.614 acres of land, more or less, and being located in the Ninth Election District, Fifth Councilmanic District, of Baltimore County, Maryland.



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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

Case: #2009-0079-SPHA

936 York Road

S/west side of York Road, at a distance of 230 feet s/east from c/line of Fairmount Boulevard

9th Election District-5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): McComas Associates, LLC Special Hearing: for a modified parking plan per Section 409.12 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Variance: to permit a Office setback for side and rear yards in lieu of 30 feet. To permit a setback of as little as 0 feet in lieu of a 6 foot setback requirement from a commercial property, and 10 foot requirement

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES' SALE
OF VALUABLE
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Case Number: 03-C-08-003563 FC

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, this 7th day of November 2008; that the sale made and reported by Howard N. Bierman, Substitute Trustee(s) appointed for the sale of the property described in these proceedings 7 Sedgefield Court. Lutherville. MD 21093 be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.

The report states the amount of the sale to be \$242,000.00.

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03-C-08-009877 FC NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, this 13th day of November 2008, that the sale made and reported by Jacob Geesing, Substitute Trustee(s) appointed for the sale of the property described in these proceedings 89 Winters Lane. Catonsville, MD 21228 be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.

The report states the amount of the sale to be \$302,470.00.

SUZANNE MENSH, Clerk True Copy Test: SUZANNE MENSH, Clerk JT 11/705 Nv 18,25,Dc2 188834

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, this 12th day of November 2008, that the sale made and reported by Mirjam S. Fuchs, Substitute Trustee(s) appointed for the sale of the property described in these proceedings 7519 Holabird Avenue, Dundalk, MD 21222 be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks.

The report states the amount of the sale to be \$125.500.00.

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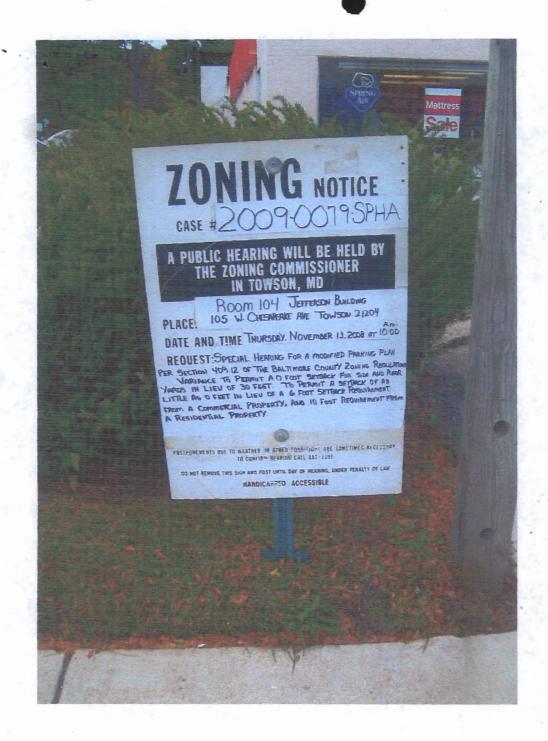
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TRUSTEES' SALE
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NO. 46 PIKE HALL PLACE AKA 46 PIKEHALL PLACE

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

October 7, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
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Director

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C: Sebastian Cross, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204 McComas Associates, 6432 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore 21228

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WED., OCTOBER 29, 2008.

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

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.

Revised 7/11/05 - SCJ

MORRIS & RITCHIE ASSOCIATES, INC.



ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, PLANNERS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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Department of Permits and

Development Management

November 5, 2008

Sebastian A. Cross Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Ave., Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Sebastian A. Cross

RE: Case Number 2009-0079-SPHA, 936 York Rd.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 18, 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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

McComas Associates, LLC, 6432 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD 21228



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

September 30, 2008

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review planners

Distribution Meeting of: September 29, 2008

Item No.: 2009-0069-A, 2009-0078-A, 2009-0079-SPHA, 2009-0080-XA,

2009-0081-A, 2009-0082-A, and 2009-0083-A.

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

Don W. Muddiman, Acting Lieutenant Fire Marshal's Office (Office)410-887-4880 MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: October 2, 2008

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 6, 2008

Item No. 2009-007/9-SPHAL

The two parking spaces in front of the proposed restaurant should be eliminated because a car backing out of one of the spaces would cause someone wishing to enter to stop on York Road.

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ZAC-ITEM NO 2009-0079-SPHA-10022008



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor John D. Porcari, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation October 9, 2008

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

Dear Ms. Matthews:

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2009-0079-SPHA

MD 45 (York Road) 936 York Road Five Guys Restaurant

Variance

Thank you for the opportunity to review the ZAC Agenda Case Number 2008-0079 SPHA- 936 York Road property, which was received on October 1. We understand that this application illustrates a proposal to redevelop with a 1-story 2857 s/f restaurant with and surface parking as depicted on the plan to accompany variance and special exception hearing request.

We have completed a review of the referenced plan as well as a field inspection. The results of the review reveal that a permit issued by SHA Engineering Access Permits may be required for improvements along the property fronting MD 45 (York Road). The plan reflecting surface parking for two vehicles within the vicinity of the assess driveway. It appears that this design upon full build has the potential for conflicts. Vehicles entering and leaving the site could impact with vehicles leaving the two identified parking spaces. Therefore, this office request that the County require coordination with SHA, as a condition of Special Hearing & Variance Case No.2009-0079-A approval for the 936 York Road property. 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

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB

Cc: McComas Associates, LLC, Owner/Applicant

Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Thomas E. Wolfe, Engineer, Morris Ritchie & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Joseph Merrey, Department of Permits & Development Management, Baltimore County,

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:	Timothy M. Kotroco	
FROM:	Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination	NECETWE
DATE:	October 17, 2008	NECEIVE Noci 1 7 2008
SUBJECT:	Zoning Item #09-079-A Address:936 York Road (McComas Associates, LLC Property)	BY:
Zonin	g Advisory Committee Meeting of September 29, 2008	
	bepartment of Environmental Protection and Resource Managed zoning item.	agement has no comments on the
	Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Mana the above-referenced zoning item:	agement offers the following
	Development of the property must comply with the Regulater Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sector of the Baltimore County Code).	
	Development of this property must comply with the Fore Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33 Code).	
Marie Marie Marie Andrews	Development of this property must comply with the Che Critical Area Regulations (Sections 33-2-101 through 33 the Baltimore County Code).	
Addit	ional Comments:	

Reviewer:

J. Livingston

Date: 10/17/2008

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING BEFORE THE AND VARIANCE 936 York Road; SW/S York Road, 230' SE ZONING COMMISSIONER c/line of Fairmount Blvd 9th Election & 5th Councilmanic Districts **FOR** Legal Owner(s): McComas Associates, LLC Petitioner(s) **BALTIMORE COUNTY** 09-079-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.

Peter Max Zimmerman

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 29th day of September, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Sebastian A. Cross, Esquire, Gildea & Schmidt LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zumerman,

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County





OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

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

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

October 15, 2008

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BY:____

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

Re:

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

McComas Associates, LLC- Petitioners

Case No: 09-079-SPHA

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 8, 2008. I am forwarding it to you for your consideration, along with Dennis A. Kennedy's October 2, 2008 Development Plan Review comment. They both recommend elimination of the two parking spaces in front of the proposed restaurant. We understand that a hearing date of November 13, 2008 has been set.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Enclosure

cc:

Sebastian A. Cross, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner

Stephen Weber, Chief Dennis Kennedy, PDM From:

Stephen Weber

To:

People's Counsel Dennis Kennedy

CC: Date:

10/08/2008 6:02 PM

Subject:

Case No. 09-79-SPHA, 936 York Rd

Mr. Zimmerman:

We have reviewed the subject plan and do not find any additional comments necessary beyond those presented by Dennis Kennedy in the Bureau of Development Plans Review. (Those comments indicate that the two parking spaces in front of the proposed restaurant should be eliminated because a car backing out of either of the spaces would cause someone wishing to enter the site to have to stop on York Rd to wait for them.)

We recognize that this is requesting a parking variance of 46 spaces in lieu of the required 56. If the two spaces above are removed, this will make 44 in lieu of 56. Baseu on the lack of any available on-street parking anywhere in close proximity to the site, we feel that any deficiency in parking will result in a self-enforcing situation or will result in customers deciding to not come into the site. Therefore, we don't feel that the parking deficiency should create any significant problems.

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

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SIGNED: Dennis A. Kennedy

DATE: October 2, 2008

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 6, 2008

Item No. 2009-0079-SPHA

The two parking spaces in front of the proposed restaurant should be eliminated because a car backing out of one of the spaces would cause someone wishing to enter to stop on York Road.

DAK:CBN:lrk

ZAC-ITEM NO 2009-0079-SPHA-10022008

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CASE NAME BY FIVE GUIS
CASE NUMBER 09-079-5841 A
DATE 11/13/08

PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL
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Michael McComas	1221 E Soppa Ed	Balto Wd 21228 Towson wo 2886	
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Account Identifier:

District - 09 Account Number - 0907583400

Owner Information

Owner Name:

MCCOMAS ASSOCIATES LLC

Use:

Principal Residence:

Mailing Address:

6432 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE **BALTIMORE MD 21228-3903**

Deed Reference:

1) /25114/ 553

COMMERCIAL

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address

936 YORK RD

Legal Description

.60 AC

936 YORK RD 900 NW BOSLEY RD

Subdivision **Sub District** Section Plat No: Map Grid **Parcel** Block Lot **Assessment Area** 578 Plat Ref: 70 1

Town

Special Tax Areas

Ad Valorem Tax Class

Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area Property Land Area County Use 7,970 SF 1956 26,136.00 SF 06 Stories **Basement** Type **Exterior Value Information**

Base Value Value **Phase-in Assessments** As Of As Of As Of 01/01/2008 07/01/2008 07/01/2009 522,700 784,000 Improvements: 287,900 353,600 Total: 810,600 1,137,600 919,600 1,028,600 **Preferential Land:** 0

Transfer Information Seller: MCCOMAS ASSOCIATES Date: 01/24/2007 Price: **NOT ARMS-LENGTH** /25114/ 553 Deed2: Type:

Date: Price: \$890,000 Seller: **GREENSPRING REALTY INC** 10/15/1992 Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 9409/ 245 Deed2:

Date: Price: Seller:

Deed1: Deed2: Type: **Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments Class 07/01/2008 07/01/2009 County 000 0 0 State 000 0 0 0 0 Municipal

Tax Exempt: **Exempt Class:** NO

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

Case No.: 2009-0079-SPHA 936 YORK ROAD

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	Site PLAN SUBMITED WITH PETITIONS REVISED RED Line Blan	
No. 2	Revised Red Line Blan	
	addressing ZAC Comments	
No. 3	Greater towson Committee	
No. 4	Office of Planning	
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November 11, 2008

William J. Wiseman, III Zoning Commissioner The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Re: McComas/Five Guys in Towson

The Greater Towson Committee, Inc. Support

Dear Commissioner Wiseman:

The Greater Towson Committee, Inc. ("GTC") is an organization of property and business owners in Towson who are committed to the responsible redevelopment and economic viability of Towson. It has come to our attention that Mr. Michael McComas, property owner, has proposed the redevelopment of his site located at 936York Road. The redevelopment includes a new use at the property; namely, a Five Guys restaurant.

The Planning and Development Sub-Committee of GTC has reviewed the plans for this redevelopment. We are aware that certain zoning variances are required in order for this project to move forward. Certain of the variances are to legitimize the location of the existing building and also to accommodate the required parking for this redevelopment. GTC endorses this redevelopment and supports the Petitioner's request for variance relief. We believe that this redevelopment is appropriate for the site and will add to the economic vitality of the Towson Community. It is apparent that the redevelopment proposed will enhance the neighborhood.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter and please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia W. Bledsoe Executive Director

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management **DATE:** October 30, 2008

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

936 York Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

9-079

Petitioner:

McComas Associates, LLC

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Variance and Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning and the petitioner met on 9/19/2008 and to discuss the petition. The applicant has submitted a revised plan dated October 15, 2008 that increases the landscape buffer along York Road. After a review of such the Office of Planning recommends approval subject to the following comments:

- 1. Submit a landscape plan that pays specific attention to the street treatments and rear property line of the subject site.
- 2. Although the proposed development is within the Towson Commercial Design Review Panel area the applicant is implementing façade improvements and is not proposing to increase the building area. Therefore the application is not subject to review by the Design Review Panel.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Donnell Zeigler at 410-887-3480.

Reviewed by:

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM

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