IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

S side of California Avenue; 830 feet NW of the c/l of Avondale Road 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic District (3101 California Avenue)

Nancy Marie Gibson
Petitioner

- * BEFORE THE
- * DEPUTY ZONING
- * COMMISSIONER
- * FORBALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE NO. 2011-0066-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Nancy Marie Gibson. Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a side yard setback of 4 feet 5 inches in lieu of the required 10 feet for an addition. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance request was Petitioner Nancy Marie Gibson and Deborah Mitchum, Petitioner's daughter. Appearing in opposition to the requested relief was Richard Atzrott, the neighbor residing at 3103 California Avenue who filed the zoning compliant with the Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement. In particular, on July 20, 2010, Mr. Atzrott sent an email to Glenn Berry, a Code Inspections and Enforcement Officer with the County, indicating Petitioner had built an addition to within a few feet of his property line. A Code Inspector observed the property on July 21, 2010 and issued a Correction Notice for the construction of an addition on the side of the house without obtaining the required building permits and inspections. Thereafter, Petitioner filed for the instant variance relief.

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Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is rectangular in size, contains 19,007 square feet, and is zoned D.R.5.5. The property is located in the Ridge Grove subdivision on the south side of California Avenue, 830 feet northwest of the centerline of Avondale Road in the Parkville area of Baltimore County. As shown on the subdivision plat that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3, the property was platted and recorded as part of the subdivision in 1920. The property is improved with a 1½-story frame dwelling containing 1,556 square feet that, according to the SDAT printout marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 4, was constructed in 1923.

Ms. Mitchum, Petitioner's daughter, presented the testimony in the case and indicated that the property was acquired in 2005 from Petitioner's mother, Mary A. Mack. Ms. Mack passed away on April 22, 2009 while residing at the subject property. Ms. Mitchum's father passed away in 1986 and thereafter, her brother-in-law constructed an open porch onto the side of dwelling in about 1990. Petitioner's mother had her own place in Hamilton and lived with an uncle; however, Ms. Mack developed Alzheimer's and could not take care of herself anymore so she came to live with Petitioner. Because of her mental state and propensity to fall out of bed and wander through the house, she needed a separate bedroom and as a result, the open porch was closed with walls and windows and a sliding door onto the porch was removed in 2007. Photographs of the addition were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 5A through 5D. Ms. Mitchum acknowledged that they did not obtain any building or electrical permits, nor was the project subject to inspections by County officials. She indicated her brother-in-law, who was in the construction business, told them they did not need a permit merely to enclose an existing porch. She said they also did not realize the deck and addition were encroaching into the side yard setback.

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Testifying in opposition to the variance was Richard Atzrott, the owner of the adjacent property at 3103 California Avenue who filed the zoning compliant. He purchased his property in June, 2010 and complained to the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Bureau about Petitioner's addition being too close to the property line. He spoke with his neighbors who confirmed that the addition was constructed within the last few years. He contends that the addition as constructed is not only too close to his property line, but will also not pass building inspection review; for example, the addition roof is not the correct pitch, the footers for the original deck are flawed and the electrical work is not according to Code. There are also no gutters or downspouts on the addition and he is concerned about water runoff onto his property.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated September 13, 2010 which states their office is concerned about the variance request and that the construction occurred without previous property line setback relief. The Planning Office normally requests 10 foot minimum side yard setbacks. If Petitioner is able to demonstrate a hardship or practical difficulty resulting in the Zoning Commissioner granting the variance, the Planning Office has no objection.

As noted above, the subject property is zoned D.R.5.5. The D.R.5.5 zoning classification imposes a number of requirements for single-family dwellings thereon. Specifically, each lot must meet a minimum square footage, the minimum front property line setback is 25 feet and a 30 foot rear property line setback must be maintained. Finally, 10 foot side yard setbacks must be maintained on each side. In this regard, Petitioner's addition provides only a 4 foot 5 inch side yard setback. Although the subdivision plat was recorded well prior to the adoption of the Zoning

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Regulations, the current requirements must be maintained for new structures or variance relief obtained.

The Zoning Commissioner's authority to grant variance relief from the requirements of the Regulations is established in Section 32-3-301 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. contains the standards for the grant of variance relief. This section has been interpreted by the Appellate Courts of this State, most notably in *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995). *Cromwell* essentially requires a two-prong examination of the variance request. First, the Petitioner must demonstrate that the property at issue has features or characteristics that render it unique. If a Petitioner can meet the uniqueness threshold, only then is weight given to the second consideration -- that the uniqueness of the property results in a practical difficulty or undue hardship upon the Petitioner if strict compliance with the Regulations is required. In addition, the Petitioner must demonstrate that the variance, if granted, would be within the spirit and intent of the Regulations and would not cause adverse impact to the public health, safety and general welfare, including detrimental impact to adjacent properties.

After considering all of the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, I am not persuaded that Petitioner has met this burden and must deny the variance request. Indeed, Cromwell requires that there must be a unique characteristic of the property at issue (i.e., topography, shape, configuration, etc.), in order for relief to be granted. The characteristics of the subject site are not unique when compared to other lots in the neighborhood. I do not find the land unique, as required by Cromwell and, moreover, find no justification relating to the design of the house which would satisfy this prong. Although of no comfort to Petitioner, I find the problem here is a personal one and it is not a problem inherent in the land itself or in the application of the Zoning Regulations to the land.

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No doubt, Petitioners would argue that they have satisfied the practical difficulty and undue hardship considerations, and that the addition is existing and has so for over three years. Perhaps 10 or 15 years ago, the finding of practical difficulty or hardship would be all Petitioner needed to show in order to be granted the variance request; however, the Court in Cromwell redefined the test for variance, requiring that before a Petitioner even gets to the question of hardship and practical difficulty, there must be a finding that the property is unique when compared to other properties in the neighborhood. The legal standard now requires a finding that the property has some special circumstances or conditions existing that are peculiar to the land or the structure which is the subject of the variance request. This finding must be made before any consideration of hardship or difficulty is made and if the property is not found to be unique, no variance can be granted. Equally important, the Court wanted to correct the practice of many jurisdictions finding hardship and difficulty first, which would then be used to show the property was unique, reasoning that the unusual situation on the property was different from that found on surrounding properties. Petitioner's effort to demonstrate hardship and practical difficulty is admirable; the evidence before me, however, gives no indication that the Regulations impact Petitioner's property in any way different from other lots in the neighborhood.

Although I am certainly understanding and empathetic with Petitioner in her desire to keep the addition that was used to accommodate her late mother who was in failing health, the configuration of the subject property and the orientation of the dwelling does not lend itself to the addition in the location on the side of the dwelling. The addition as constructed is only 4 feet 5 inches from the property line and Mr. Atzrott's driveway. In my judgment, the addition at this location is too prominent and will be detrimental and have an adverse impact to the most affected property owner, Mr. Atzrott. It must also be noted that I cannot countenance Petitioner's building

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of an addition -- a substantial structure to the property -- without having first obtained the necessary setback relief, as well as the all-important County permits and inspections. Such action would essentially permit others to do the same, which this Commission cannot endorse.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the parties, I find that Petitioner's variance request should be denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall, at her sole cost and expense, remove the addition from the home and property within six (6) months from the date of this Order, including the roof, walls, and windows of the addition, as well as the deck foundation of the addition, which was also constructed without permits and in violation of the setback requirement for an open projection.

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

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

October 21, 2010

NANCY MARIE GIBSON AND DEBORAH MITCHUM 3101 CALIFORNIA AVENUE BALTIMORE MD 21234

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 2011-0066-A

> > Property: 3101 California Avenue

Dear Ms. Gibson and Ms. Mitchum:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

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

Very truly yours,

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

Enclosure

c: Richard Atzrott, 3103 California Avenue, Parkville MD 21234



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 3/0/ California Avenue

which is presently zoned DR5.5

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 Variance from Section(s) 1802, 3, C.1; BCZR, TO PERMIT

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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) My Mother 9vt Alzehmiers and I took care of her until She passed away. It was difficult and the clocker told me to put her in the same from as me because She was going outside falling out of bed and bed and her in the room. She passed wantering threw the house I put a bed and her in the room. She passed Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. 4-22-09. Room has been empty fine I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

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

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Signature	Signature (
Address Telephone	e No. Name - Type or Print
City State Zip C	Code Signature (416)
Attorney For Petitioner:	310 CALITORNIA AVE 668.4699 Address Telephone No.
	BALTIMORE MD 21234
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Zoning description for 3101 California Avenue

Avenue which is 30 feet
Wide at the distance of 830 feet North-West of the centerline of the nearest
Improved intersection, street Avondale Road which is 30 feet wide.
*Being Lot and # 195 and 196 block section. In the subdivision of
Ridge Grove as recorded in Baltimore County plat book # 5, folio #84
Containing 19,007 square feet. Also known as 3101
California Avenue and
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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: # 2011-0066-A 3101 California Avenue S/side of California Avenue, 830 feet +/- n/west of cen-terline of Avondale Road 14th Election District

14th Election District
6th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s):
Nancy Gibson
Variance: to permit a sideyard setback of 4 feet, 5 inches in lieu of the required
10 feet for an addition. Hearing: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommoda-tions Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Of-fice at (410) 887-4386. (2) For information con-cerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-

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RE: Case No 2011-0066-A
Petitioner/Developer NANCY GIBSON
Date Of Hearing/Closing: 10/23/13
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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Nancy Gibson 3101 California Avenue Baltimore, MD 21234 410-668-4694

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CASE NUMBER: 2011-0066-A

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S/side of California Avenue, 830 feet +/- n/west of centerline of Avondale Road

14th Election District – 6th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Nancy Gibson

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AVILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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

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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

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
September 21, 2010

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Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Nancy Gibson, 3101 California Avenue, Baltimore 21234

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010.

- (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.

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Item Number or Case Number: 2011-0066-A
Petitioner: NANCY GIBSON
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Name:
Address:
Telephone Number: 410-668-4694



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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

October 14, 2010

Nancy Marie Gibson 3101 California Ave. Baltimore, MD 21234

Dear: Nancy Marie Gibson

RE: Case Number 2011-0066-A, 3101 California Ave.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on August 12, 2010. 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

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 11-066- Variance

The Office of Planning is concerned about the petitioner's variance request and that the construction occurred without previous property line setback relief. The Office of Planning normally requests 10-foot minimum side yard setbacks.

If the petitioner is able to demonstrate a hardship or practical difficulty, resulting in the Zoning Commissioner granting the variance, the Office of Planning has no objection.

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

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

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DATE: September 13, 2010

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Inter-Office Correspondence

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

September 8, 2010

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 11-066-A

Address

3101 California Avenue

(Gibson Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 23, 2010

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

JWL

Date: 9/8/10



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

August 25, 2010

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: August 23, 2010

Item No.:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0039A, 0059A, 0062A - 0064A, 0067A, 0069A, 0070A, 0072A

Variance: 2011-0037A, 0038A, 0040A, 0041A, 0046A, 0058XA, 0059A, 0065A, 0066A, 0068A, 0071A

Special Exception: 2011-0058XA

Special Hearing: 2011-0061SPH

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plans have been reviewed by the **Baltimore** County Fire Marshal's Office and the comment below is applicable for the above listed properties.

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

Don W. Muddiman, Acting Lieutenant Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office 700 E. Joppa Road, 3RD Floor Towson, Maryland 21286 410-887-4880 Mail Stop 1102

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 26, 2010

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits &

Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 6, 2010

Item Nos. 2011- 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 046, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 066, 067, 069, 070 and 071

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

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Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, I.t. Governor

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Date: A4645- 25,2010

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

RE:

Baltimore County
Item No. 2011-0066-A
BIOI CALIFORMA AVE
GIBBON PROPERTY
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. 20 11~.

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).

Very truly yours,

For Steven D. Foster, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/mb

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

3101 California Avenue; S/S California

Avenue, 830' NW of c/line Avondale Road * 14th Election & 6th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Nancy Gibson

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 2011-066-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party 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 Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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 27th day of August, 2010, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Nancy Gibson, 3101 California Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234, Petitioner(s).

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AUG 27 2010

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

DIVISION OF CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

ACTIVE VIOLATION CASE DOCUMENTS

BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

September 2, 2010

TO:

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Review Supervisor

FROM:

Rick Wisnom, Chief

Division of Code Inspections & Enforcement

SUBJECT:

Item No.:

2011-0066-A

Legal Owner/Petitioner:

Gibson, Nancy

Contract Purchaser:

N/A

Property Address:

3101 California Ave.

Location Description:

S side California Ave., 830' +/- NW the

Centerline of Avondale Rd.

VIIOLATION INFORMATION:

Case No.

CO0081207

Defendants:

Gibson, Nancy

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s) regarding the hearing date:

NAME

ADDRESS

Lewis Mayer

111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Rm. G21

In addition, please find attached a duplicate copy of the following pertinent documents relative to the violation case, for review by the Zoning Commissioner's Office:

- X 1. Complaint letter/memo/email/fax (if applicable)
- X 2. Complaint Intake Form/Code Enforcement Officer's report and notes
- X 3. State Tax Assessment printout
- ☐ 4. State Tax Parcel Map (if applicable)
- ☐ 5. MVA Registration printout (if applicable)
- ☐ 6. Deed (if applicable)
- ☐ 7. Lease-Residential or Commercial (if applicable)
- ☐ 8. Photographs including dates taken
- X 9. Correction Notice/Code Violation Notice
- ☐ 10. Citation and Proof of Service (if applicable)
- ☐ 11. Certified Mail Receipt (if applicable)
- ☐ 12. Final Order of the Code Official/Hearing Officer (if applicable)
- ☐ 13. Office of Budget & Finance Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable)
- ☐ 14. Complete Chronology of Events, beginning with the first complaint through the Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable).

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's order to Helene Kehring in Room 113 in order that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

AGB/lm

C: Code Enforcement Officer

INSPECTOR:

STOP WORK NOTICE

PURSUANT TO INSPECTION OF THE FOREGOING VIOLATIONS, YOU SHALL CEASE ALL WORK UNTIL THE VIOLATIONS ARE CORRECTED AND/OR PROPER PERMISS OBTAINED, WORK CAN RESUME WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIVISION OF CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT. THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE CORRECTED NO LATER THAN:

ON OR BEFORE:

DATE ISSUED:

INSPECTOR:

Rev. 7/09

DEFENDENT

From:

"Richard Atzrott" < rick.rocks@comcast.net>

To:

<gberry@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

7/20/2010 7:46 AM

Subject:

Building Code Violation at 3101 California Ave.

Attachments:

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Mr. Berry

I files a complaint yesterday concerning a building code violation at 3101 California Ave, Parkville, MD 21234. The resident there has built a addition within a few feet from the property line. See attached picture. After speaking with several of the neighbors, I manage to find out that this addition was built within the last few years. To confirm these finding please contact the following at their residences:

LIBERTO RICHARD, SR 3100 1/2 CALIFORNIA AVE

THACKER GAIL 3103 1/2 CALIFORNIA AVE

Thank you for your attention in these regards. I look forward to resolving this issue.

Richard Atzrott 443-416-3169 STANDARD ASSESSMENT INQUIRY (2)

DATE: 08/31/2010

GRANTOR ACCT NO.. 14-01-069026

TIME: 14:56:47		
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3101 CALIFORNIA AVE

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BALTIMORE

MD 21234-4106 FORMER OWNER: MACK MARY A

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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search (vw4.3) BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER HEARINGS

- Have people sign in (Petitioner, Protestants/Interested Citizens, County Reps.)
- Make sure tape player is on and working

proceed with today's hearing.

Good morning/afternoon. You are attending a public hearing before the Office of the Zoning Commissioner. My name is Thomas Bostwick. I am the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County and I've been assigned to hear this case pursuant to Article 32 of the Baltimore County Code. Please be advised that these proceedings are being recorded.

Please be advised that these proceedings are being recorded	ed.	
For the record, this is a Public Hearing on a Petition for	<u>×</u>	Variance Special Hearing
in Case No. 2011-0066-A		Special Exception
The Petition was filed by Nancy Marie	Gebson	
for property located at 3101 Coliforn	ia Ave.	
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If Attorney present, have them identify themselves as well	l as any persons	they have with them.
The Petition(s) filed in this matter requests relief as follow	vs: "Read the l	Language from the File"
Before we proceed to the merits of the hearing this morning make a finding as to whether proper notice of today's hear interested persons by the posting of a sign on the property circulation at least 15 days prior to the hearing in accordance.	ring has been pr and advertisem	ovided to neighbors and ent in a newspaper of general
A Certificate of Posting in the file reflects that the sign was subject matter of today's hearing. There is also a Certificate hearing was published in <i>The Jeffersonian</i> newspaper on	hich indicates thate of Publication	he date, time, place, and on indicating notice of today's
Therefore, I find that the Posting and Publishing Notice rec	quirements hav	e been satisfied and we can



CASE NAME_ CASE NUMBER 2011 - 0066-A DATE 10-20-2010

PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL	
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CITIZEN'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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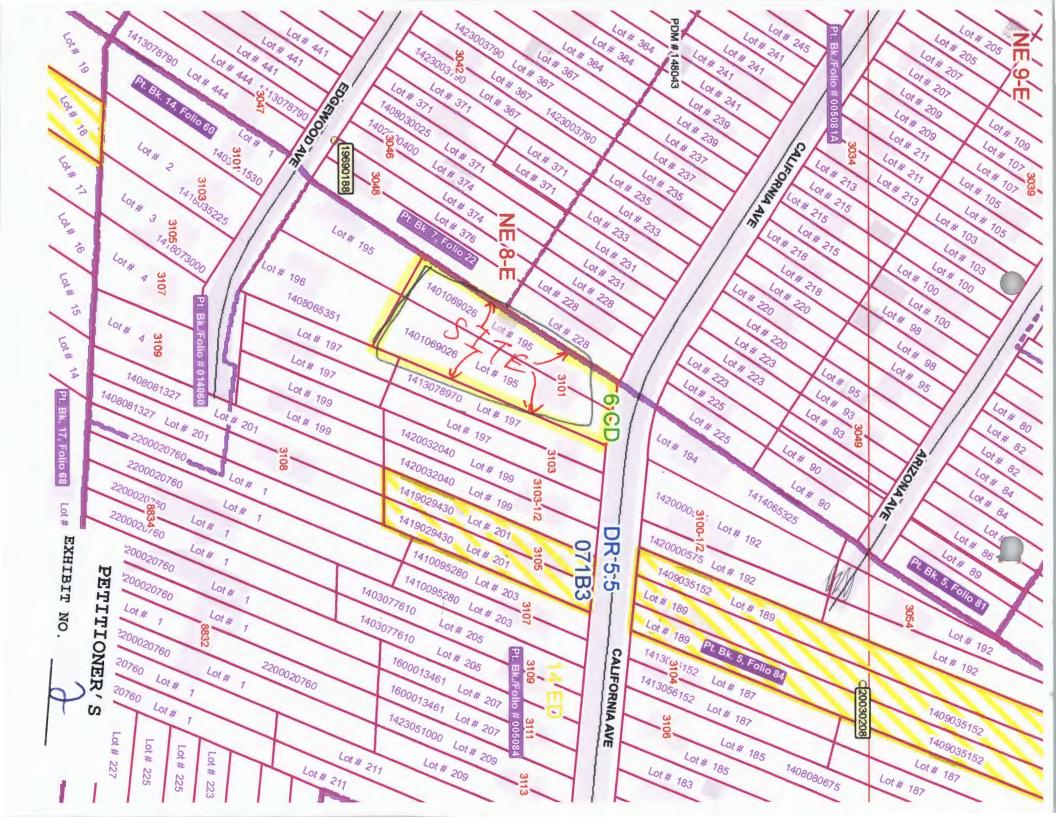
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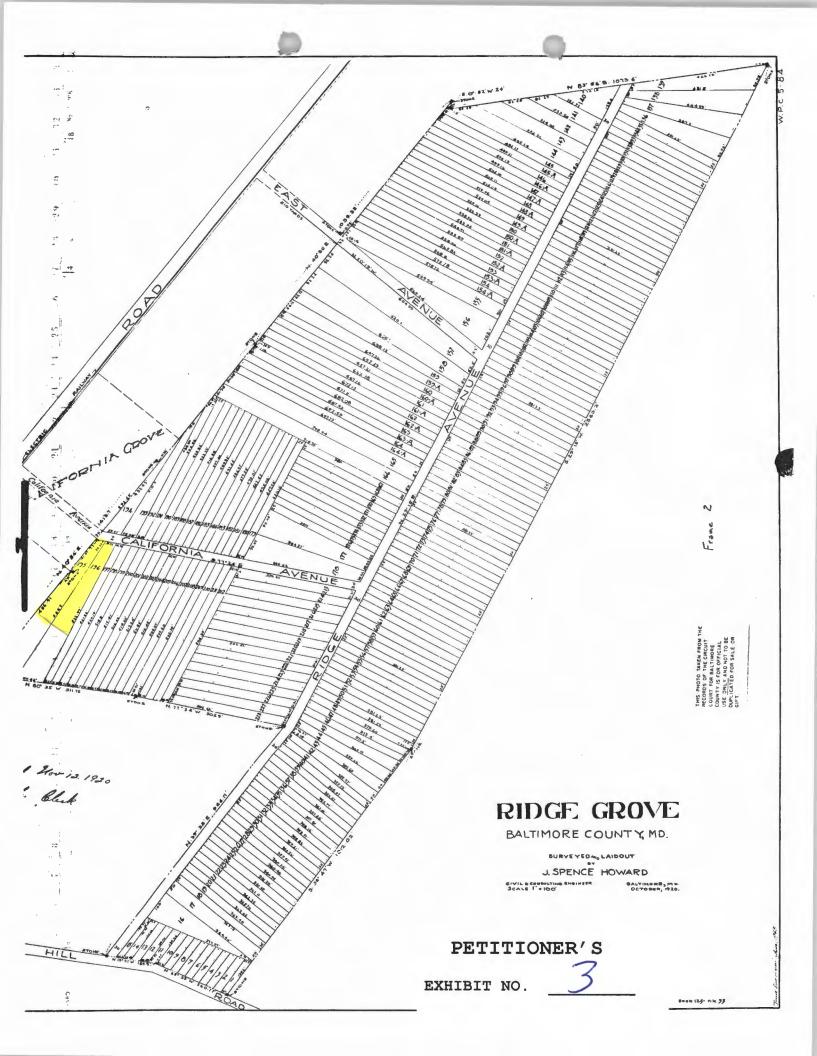
Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

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PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING AVARIANCE PROPERTY ADDRESS 3 101 CALIFORNIA AVE SEE PAGES 5 8 6 OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SUBDIVISION NAME RIDGE Grove	E SPECIAL HEARING RADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION
PLAT BOOK # 5 FOLIO # SYLPT # 195 SECTION # -	830 Mars in & D
Caltoring Ave 30 PAVING 66' POR 1	CALIFORNIA AVE
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Existing 15' 20' Existing Owelling Azethoth	VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1" = 1000'
Sue & Kenny Groposed m #3103 Groncki & Addition & Addition & 10'x 10'	ELECTION DISTRICT 1448 COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 648
#3101 Lots 1976198	1"=200' SCALE MAP # 07133 ZONING DR 5.5
#3054	LOT SIZE 436 1900 SQUARE FEET PUBLIC PRIVATE
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Ridge Grove' Lot 195.4196	100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN [] [] HISTORIC PROPERTY/ [] []
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PREPARED BY Many Hubbon SCALE OF DRAWING: 1" = 50'	PETITIONER'S





Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search (vw2.3)

BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Account Identifier	*	District - 14 Account Number - 1401069026			
			Owner Information		
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Owner Name: GIBSON NANCY M RESIDENTIAL Use: Principal Residence: YES

1) /21903/739 3101 CALIFORNIA AVE Deed Reference: Mailing Address:

BALTIMORE MD 21234-4106 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Legal Description 3101 CALIFORNIA AVE PT LTS 195,196

3101 CALIFORNIA AVE RIDGE GROVE

Grid Map Parcel **Sub District** Subdivision Block Lot Assessment Area Section

Town Special Tax Areas Ad Valorem

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Tax Class **Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area**

Property Land Area Cor 19,007.00 SF 04

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Stories Basement Exterior Type YES STANDARD UNIT SIDING 1 1/2

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Value Information **Base Value** Value Phase-in Assessments As Of As Of As Of 01/01/2009 07/01/2010 07/01/2011 64,750 76,750 Land 104,400 118,220 Improvements: 194,970 Total: 169,150 194,970 186,362

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1,556 SF

Transfer Information MACK MARY A 05/20/2005 Seller: Date: Price: NOT ARMS-LENGTH /21903/739 Type: Deed1: Deed2: Seller: MACK MARY A Date: 01/08/1971 Price: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 5156/ 633 Deed2: Type: Seller: Date: Price:

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Exemption Information 07/01/2010 07/01/2011

Partial Exempt Assessments Class 000 0 0 County 000 0 0 State

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Tax Exempt: **Exempt Class:**

Preferential Land:

Special Tax Recapture: * NONE *

PETITIONER'S

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