

KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

Date April 19, 2011

Troy Schweiger Paradox Properties, LLC 12204 Darney View Road Kingsville, MD 21087

RE: Case Number 2011-0264SPH, 8502 Kelso Drive

Dear Mr. Schweiger,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on March 4, 2011. 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

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson, MD 21204 GRS Fitness, LLC, 8502 Kelso Drive, Baltimore, MD 21221

Zoning Review | County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 | Towson, Maryland 21204 | Phone 410-887-3391 | Fax 410-887-3048
www.baltimorecountymd.gov

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE -S/S Golden Ring Road, N/S Kelso Drive, E/S I-695 (Parcel 209, Tax Map 90) 15th Election District 7th Council District

> CSX Realty Development, LLC, Owners; Fit-Tech Fitness Club, Contract Lessee

- * BEFORE THE
- ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case No. 01-284-SPHXA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, CSX Realty Development, LLC, and the Contract Lessee, Fit-Tech Fitness Club, through their attorney, John B. Gontrum, Esquire. The Petitioners request a special exception for a commercial recreational facility on property zoned M.L.R.-I. M. and M.L.-I.M., pursuant to Sections 248.4.A and 253.2.D.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). In addition, the Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve commercial parking in a residential zone, pursuant to Section 409.8.B.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Lastly, the Petitioners request variance relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Sections 255.2 and 243.1 to permit a front yard setback of 33 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet; from Section 250.3 to permit a rear yard setback of 30 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; from Section 250.6 to permit a parking setback from an internal residential zone line of 0 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet; from Section 250.4 to permit a building to be as close as 17 feet to the nearest residential zone line, in lieu of the required 100 feet; from Section 409.5 to permit 19 small car spaces for a commercial recreational facility in lieu of the none allowed to count for parking total; from Section 409.4 to allow parking spaces along vehicular travelways with direct access to same; from Section 409.6.A.4 to permit 131 parking spaces in lieu of the required 179 spaces, or, 150 parking spaces in lieu of the required 179 spaces, if the small car variance is granted; and, from Sections 1.B01.1.B.1.c and 1B01.1.B.1.e to permit Residential Transition Area

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with the installation of a parking field to accommodate clients of the fitness center. The plan also shows that the primary access to the Center will be by way of a curb cut along Kelso Drive; however, a driveway entrance on the opposite sides of the property at Golden Ring Road will also be provided. It is anticipated that most traffic will arrive via Kelso Drive.

Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. defines "commercial recreational facilities" as, "facilities whose principle purpose is to provide space and equipment for non-professional athletic activities." The definition then goes on to describe examples of those particular uses which occur at a commercial recreational facility. Based on the testimony offered at the hearing, it is clear that the proposed use falls within that definition. Additionally, although Sections of the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual suggest that the use may be permitted as of right, Sections 248.4.A and 253.2.D.4 provide that the proposed use is permitted by special exception in the M.L.R.-I.M. and M.L.-I.M. zones, respectively.

In regard to the Petition for Special Exception, it is clear that the proposed use is appropriate at this location. Moreover, although there are some residences in the immediate vicinity, the property is near a large industrial/business area. Mr. Schweiger anticipates that many of his clients will come to the site on their way to or from work. The evidence was persuasive that the proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale and complies with the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Indeed, the proposal represents an upgrade to the property and appears entirely appropriate for the site.

Special Hearing relief is requested to allow a portion of the parking lot to be located in that part of the tract zoned D.R.5.5, which is a residential zoning classification. Approval for commercial parking in the D.R.5.5 zone is permitted under Section 409.8.B.1. Testimony and evidence presented was persuasive that special hearing relief should be granted. The uniqueness of the site in terms of its width drives the need for a portion of the parking lot to be located within the residential zone. It is also to be noted that the site plan shows that the lot will be set back from the property line to allow a reasonable buffer between the use and adjacent residences. Based on all of these factors, I find that the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted.

this _______ day of March, 2001 that the Petition for Special Exception for a commercial recreational facility in the M.L.R.-I. M. and M.L.-I.M. zones, pursuant to Sections 248.4.A and 253.2.D.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve commercial parking in a residential zone, pursuant to Section 409.8.B.1 of the B.C.Z.R., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Sections 255.2 and 243.1 to permit a front yard setback of 33 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet; from Section 250.3 to permit a rear yard setback of 30 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; from Section 250.6 to permit a parking setback from an internal residential zone line of 0 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet; from Section 250.4 to permit a building to be as close as 17 feet to the nearest residential zone line, in lieu of the required 100 feet; from Section 409.5 to permit 19 small car spaces for a commercial recreational facility in lieu of the none allowed to count for parking total; from Section 409.4 to allow parking spaces along vehicular travelways with direct access to same; from Section 409.6.A.4 to permit 150 parking spaces in lieu of the required 179 spaces, if the small car variance is granted; and, from Sections 1.B01.1.B.1.c and 1B01.1.B.1.e to permit Residential Transition Area (RTA) setbacks of as close as 10 feet, and buffers as small as 10 feet, in lieu of the required 75 feet and 50 feet, respectively, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit 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 Compliance with the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource



REQUEST FORM

121800N

3 Copies of the Plan as Required/Folded 81/2 x 11

FEE: \$ 40.00

(payable to Beltimore County and is non-refundable)

Tax No(s): 190000 8890	
Applicant & Engineer Name: MR. TROY SCHWEIGER, CONTRACT PURCHASER	Filing Date: December 5, 2000
DONALD E. HICKS, P.E. Address: Hicks Engineering Company, Inc.	
200 East Joppa Road, Suite 402	
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Project Name: FIT TECH GYM/SPA	PDM File #:
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Agencies to Review and Return Comments to Committee:	3-19-01
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Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Development Management

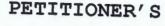




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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Md. 21204

410-887-3335

April 13, 2001

Hicks Engineering Co., Inc. 200 East Joppa Road, Ste. 402 Towson, MD 21286

> RE: Fit Tech Gym/Spa. 800 Kelso Drive DRC Number 121800N; Dist. 15C7

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Article 25A, Section 5 (U) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and as provided in Section 602 (d) of the Baltimore County Charter, and Section 26-132 of the Baltimore County Code, this letter constitutes an administrative order and decision on the request for issuance, renewal, or modification of a license, permit, approval, exemption, waiver, or other form of permission you filed with this department.

Your request has been submitted for careful review and consideration to the Development Review Committee (DRC), which is composed of representatives from each of those departments involved in land-use decisions. These representatives are designees of the directors of these departments. The purpose of the DRC is to ensure compliance with Section 26-171 and Section 26-211 of the <u>Baltimore County Code</u> and to make recommendations to the Director, Department of Permits and Development Management.

The DRC has, in fact, met in an open meeting on March 19, 2001, and made the following recommendations:

The DRC has determined that your project meets the requirements of a limited exemption under Section 26-171 (B) (9).

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:

Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

March 18, 2011

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

11-264-SPH

Address

8502 Kelso Drive

(Paradox Properties, LLC/ Troy Schweiger)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 14, 2011.

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

Reviewer:

JWL

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: Marzon 15, 2011

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

RE: Baltimore County
Item No. 2011-0264-57H
8502 KELSO DRIVE
PARADOX PROPERTIES, LLC
SOSCIAL HEARING -

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. 2011-0264-5PH.

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,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

SDF/mb



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

March 15,2011

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: March 14, 2011

Item No.:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0259A-0260A,

Special Hearing: 2011-0263-SPHXA, 2011-0264-SPH

Special Exception: 2011-0257-XA

Variance: 2011-0257-XA, 2011-0261A-0262A, 2011-0263-SHPXA, 2011-0266A

Comments:

The Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office has no comments on the above case numbers at this time.

Don W. Muddiman, Inspector
Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office
700 E. Joppa Road, 3RD Floor
Towson, Maryland 21286
Office: 410-887-4880

dmuddiman@baltimorecountymd.gov

cc: File

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING 8502 Kelso Drive; N/side Kelso Dr, 804' SW of c/l Golden Ring Road

15th Election & 7th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Paradox Properties, LLC c/o Troy Schweiger

Contract Purchaser: GRS Fitness, LLC Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 2011-0264-SPH

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.

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Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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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 4th day of March, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

EXHIBIT NO.

DEPARTMENT

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPM
111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVE...
TOWSON, MD 21204
410-887-3391

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SIGN USE PERMIT

Permit Fees are Non-Refundable; Make Check Payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland"	
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BUSINESS NAME PUIN K FITNESS	ZONING ML
OWNER'S NAME Paro Dea Proporties PHONE NON 104721340	HISTORIC DISTRICT: Yes No
MAILING ADDRESS 8512 Kelso Drive Batto MD 2122	21
APPLICANT/OWNER'S AGENT ALAN NOTHEN	PHONE NO. 443 817 1085
SIGN COMPANY NAME COOPE GODS & Graphics	PHONE NO. 410 255 6400
TYPE OF SIGN: TAX ACCOUNT NO.	190,000,890
Temporary - Including Real Estate/Construction/Event Temporary Sign(s Permanent Changeable Copy Wall Face Change Only) in the Last Year: Yes No
Freestanding Pylon Monument Illuminated (separate of Size: 4355 feet x 21.1667 feet = 168.16 square feet Height	
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PROHIBITIONS - Including roof signs (Sections 450.5.B.7 and 450.6.A, Baltimore Court. 1. Signs cannot impair motorist's clear view of traffic or government signs. All signs. Signs cannot imitate or resemble government signs, except for private traffic court. 3. Signs cannot be placed in or project into or above street right of way or government. Sign or framework cannot obstruct window or opening for light and air or access. 5. Vehicle cannot be parked for the purpose of displaying an attached sign. 6. Except for flags exempted, flags, pennants, ribbons, streamers, tethered balloon are prohibited. 7. Portable signs are prohibited, except for A-frame and sandwich board signs issued a changeable copy sign, or a thermometer, barometer, weather vane, barber poles.	ns are subject to Section 102.5, BCZR. Introl and notice signs. Inent property. Is to building, fire hydrant, or stand pipe. Ins, laser projections, and similar objects Insert a use permit in B.M C.T. zones. In outdoor advertising sign with tri-vision.
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director



Donald E. Brance DONALD E. BRAND, Buildings Engineer

ELECTRICAL PERMIT

PERMIT #: E746788 XREF #: B737772 DIST: 15 PREC: 01

JOB LOCATION: 8502 MAP COORDINATES 37/A6

KELSO DR

DATE ISSUED: 09/08/2010

PROPERTY OWNERS:

NAME: PARADOX PROPERTY LLC ADDR: 8502 KELSO DR.21221

TENNANT INFORMATION NAME: SPUNK FITNESS

ADDR: PHONE #:

LICENSE HOLDER INFORMATION BACHMAIER JR, FRANCIS, X GABLE SIGNS & GRAPHICS, INC 07440 FORT SMALLWOOD RD BALTIMORE MD 21226

PHONE #: 410-255-6400 LICENSE #: MG 10987 BGE WMS#:

EXISTING METER #:

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK

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PLEASE REFER TO PERMIT NUMBER WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES.

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	(Print Name)
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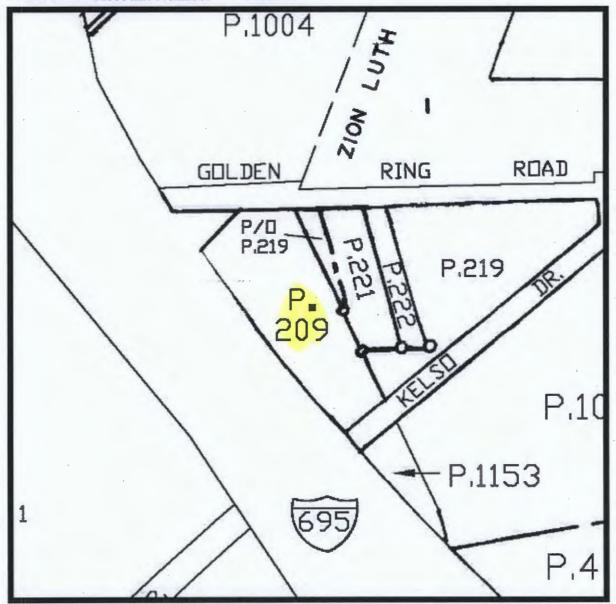
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If a plat for a property is needed, contact the local Land Records office where the property is located. Plats are also available online through the Maryland State Archives at www.plats.net.

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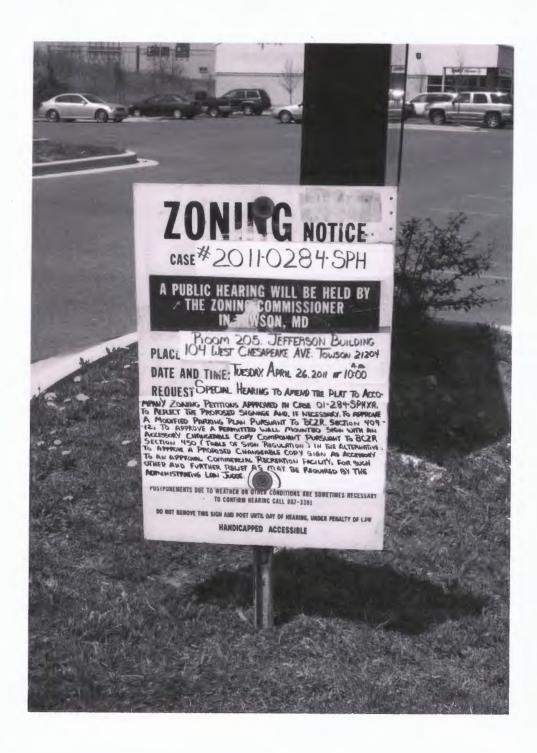
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Debra Wiley - RE: 2011-0264-SPH - GRS Fitness, LLC

From:

Jennifer Lewis < jlewis@sgs-law.com>

To:

Debra Wiley dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov

Date:

4/25/2011 9:17 AM

Subject: CC:

RE: 2011-0264-SPH - GRS Fitness, LLC Larry Schmidt < lschmidt@sgs-law.com>

Attachments: Certificate of Posting 4.11.11.pdf

Debbie:

Please find attached the Certificate of Posting for the above matter.

Best,

Jen

Jennifer K. Lewis SMITH, GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204 (410) 821-0070 (410) 821-0071 - fax ilewis@sgs-law.com

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From: Debra Wiley [mailto:dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2011 3:31 PM

To: ilewis@gildeallc.com

Subject: 2011-0264-SPH - GRS Fitness, LLC

Hi Jen,

In reviewing the case file for the above (to be heard on Tuesday, April 26th @ 10 am.), I am not seeing proof of sign posting. Please fax (410.887.3468) to us.

FYI: Since I wasn't sure if you were taking anytime off next week, I left a message in the "general" voice mail. In addition, I was going to leave you one in your "personal mailbox" but didn't know your extension and after

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judges 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: # 2011-0264-SPH
8502 Kelso Drive
N/side of Kelso Drive, 804 ft. SW of centerline of
Golden Ring Road
15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Paradox Properties, LLC Contract Purchaser: GRS Fitness, LLC

Contract Purchaser: GRS Fitness, LLC

special Hearing: to amend the plat to accompany zoning petitions approved in Case 01-284-SPHXA, to reflect the proposed signage and, if necessary, to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to BCZR, Section 409.12; to approve a permitted wall mounted sign with an accessory changeable copy component pursuant to BCZR Section 450 (Table of Sign Regulation); in the alternative, to approve a proposed changeable copy sign as accessory to an approval commercial recreation facility; for such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge.

Hearing: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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JT/4/643 April 12

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4/14/ 2011
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
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March 28, 2011

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Issue - Jeffersonian

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of counsel:
MICHAEL G. DEHAVEN

March 24, 2011

Sent via Facsimile Only

Kristin Lewis Baltimore County Zoning 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 Towson, MD 21204

Re: GRS Fitness, LLC/8502 Kelso Drive

Case No.: 2011-0264-SPH

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Jennifer Lewis of my office, this correspondence serves as a request for postponement of the Zoning Hearing for the above referenced matter currently scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2011. My client, who will be testifying at the hearing, will be out of town on a business trip during the week of April 11, 2011. As agreed by you, the new date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Please forward the new Hearing Notice to my office as soon as possible so that I can have the property posted accordingly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

LES: jkl

CC: Kenneth J. Wells, KjWellsInc.
Bernie Caplan, GRS Fitness, LLC
Charles B. Marek, III, Esquire



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VERIFICATION OF CANCELLATION

TO	H .	risten	- Loning
	RE:	Ad No.	JT 3/185
		Invoice No.	# 270862 Run Dates: NONE
		Property No.	2011-0264-5PH-8502 Kelso Br
		Amount Owed:	NONE

The above ad was tentatively canceled on 32411.

Please verify this cancellation by signing below and faxing this form back to us

Your written verification is necessary in order to stop charges on this a

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING N/side of Kelso Drive, 804 feet SW of centerline of Golden Ring Road

- * BEFORE THE
- * OFFICE OF

8502 Kelso Drive

* ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

15th Election District
7th Councilmanic District

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Paradox Properties, LLC - Legal Owners GRS Fitness, LLC - Contract Purchaser

* Case No.: 2011-0264-SPH

SUBPOENA

Please issue a Subpoena to the following named witness to appear before the Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County at the hearing for the matter captioned above on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 26</u>, <u>2011</u>, at <u>10:00 a.m.</u> in <u>Room 205</u>, Jefferson Building, located at 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Second Floor, Towson, MD 21204, and continuing thereafter as necessary for such witness' testimony and scheduled by the Administrative Law Judge.

Witness:

Brent Haberkam

Address:

Gable Signs, Inc.

7440 Fort Smallwood Road Baltimore, MD 21226

Requested by:

Name:

Lawrence E. Schmidt

Firm:

Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC

Address:

600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200

Towson, MD 21204

The witness named above is hereby ORDERED to so appear before the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Board requests () the Sheriff, (\underline{X}) Private Process Server, to issue the summons set forth herein.

Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: March 22, 2011

Department of Permits, Approvals And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For March 21, 2011 Item No. 2011-264

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have the following comment(s).

Show arrows for traffic circulation. One-way driveways must be at least 12 feet wide. Revise the width of the driveway at the south corner of this building to comply.

Case 01-284 SPHXA allowed 150 parking spaces instead of 179. This request proposes 148 instead of 180. Please clarify.

DAK:CEN:cab

cc: File

ZAC-ITEM NO 11-264-03212011.doc

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS 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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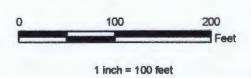
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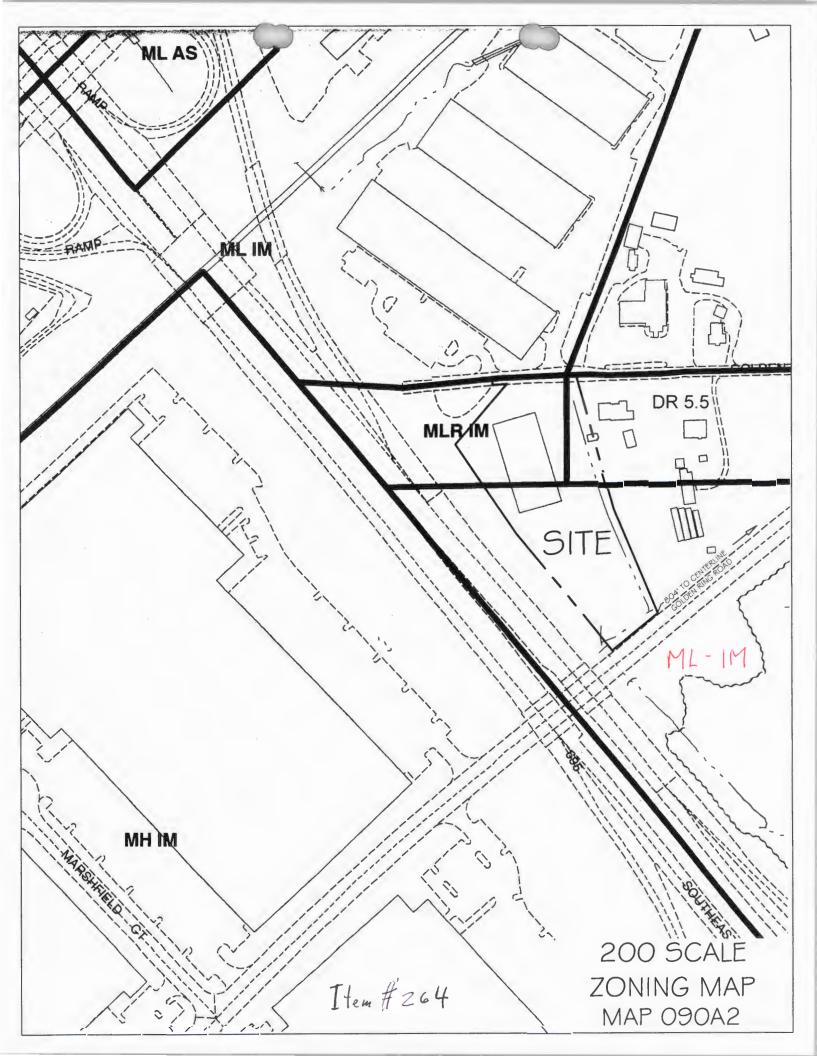


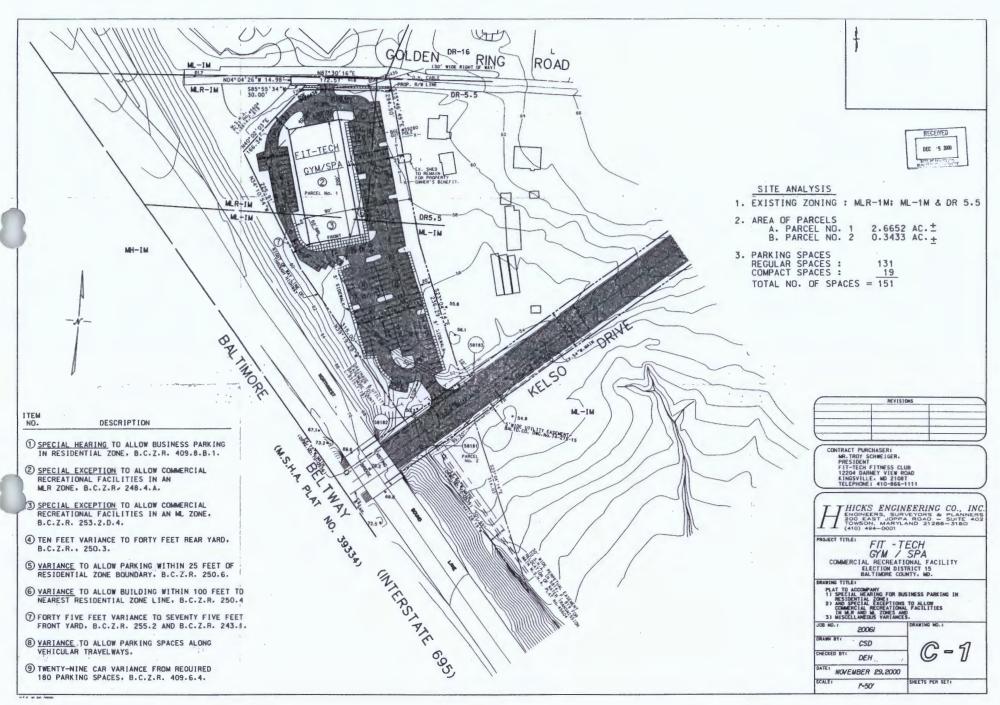
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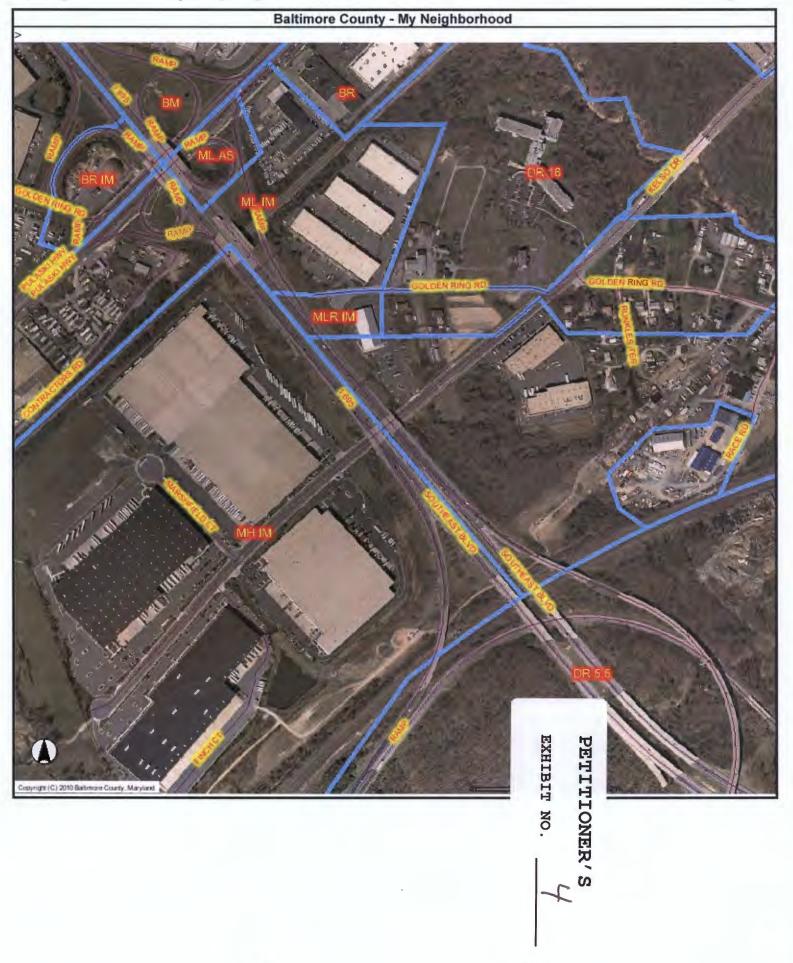
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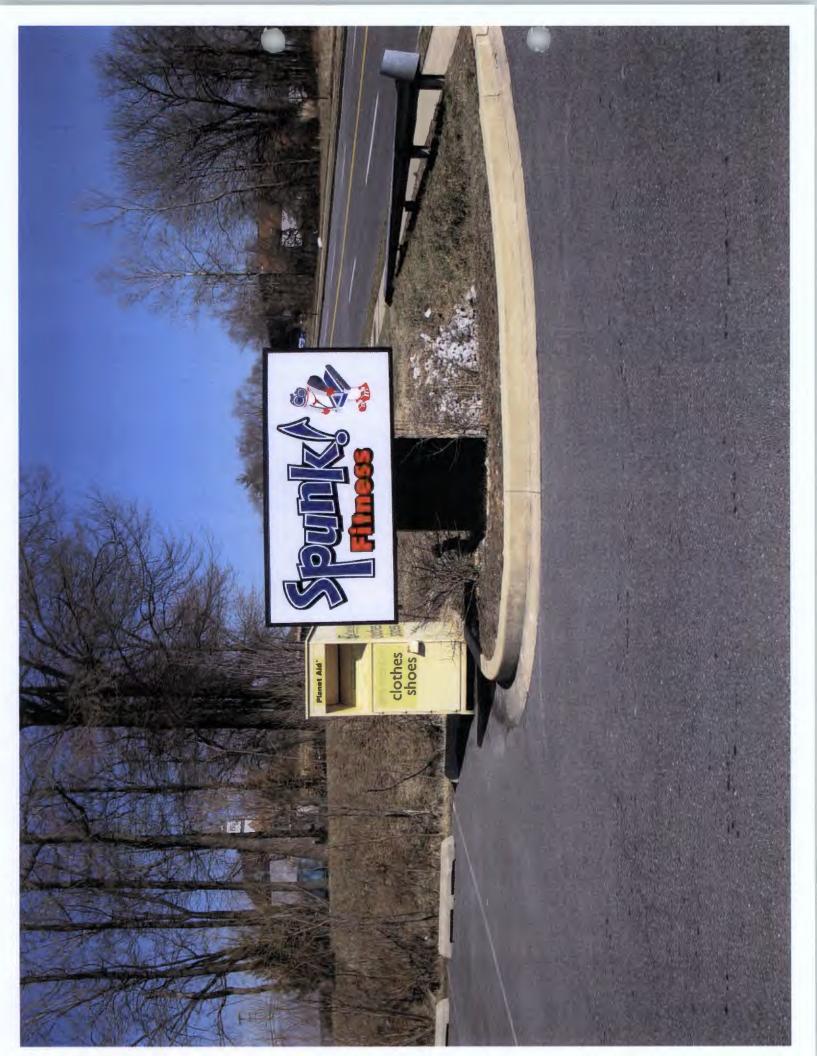
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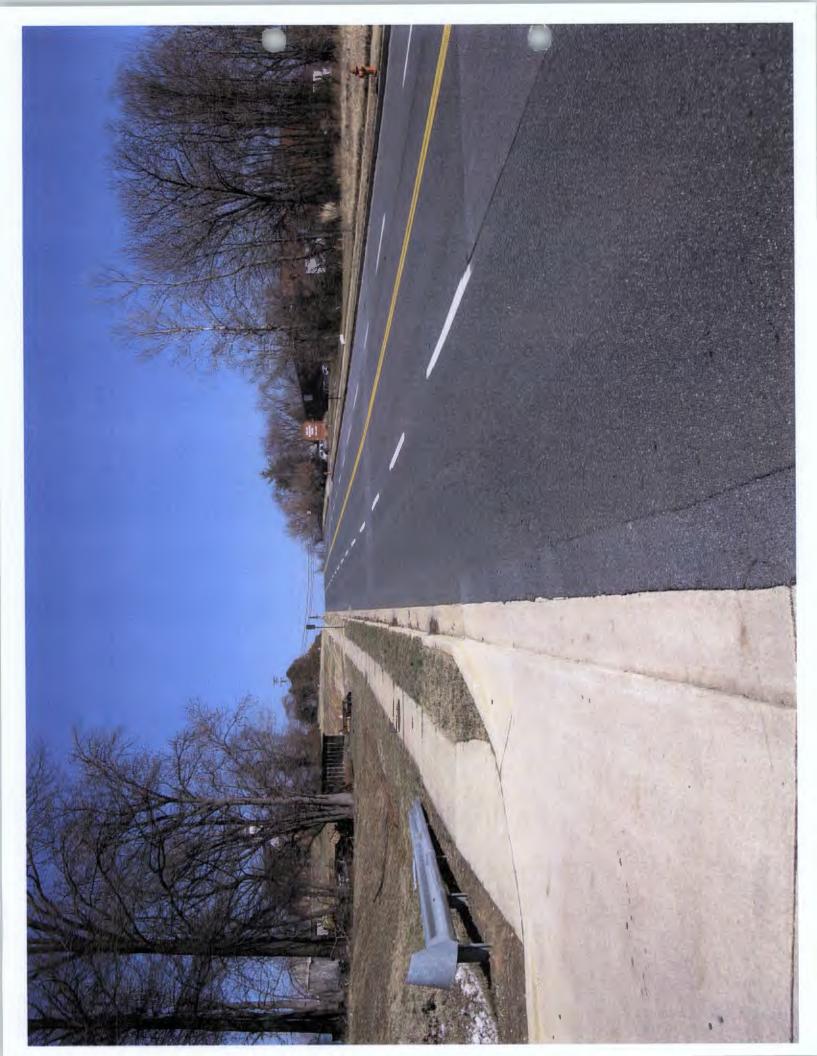
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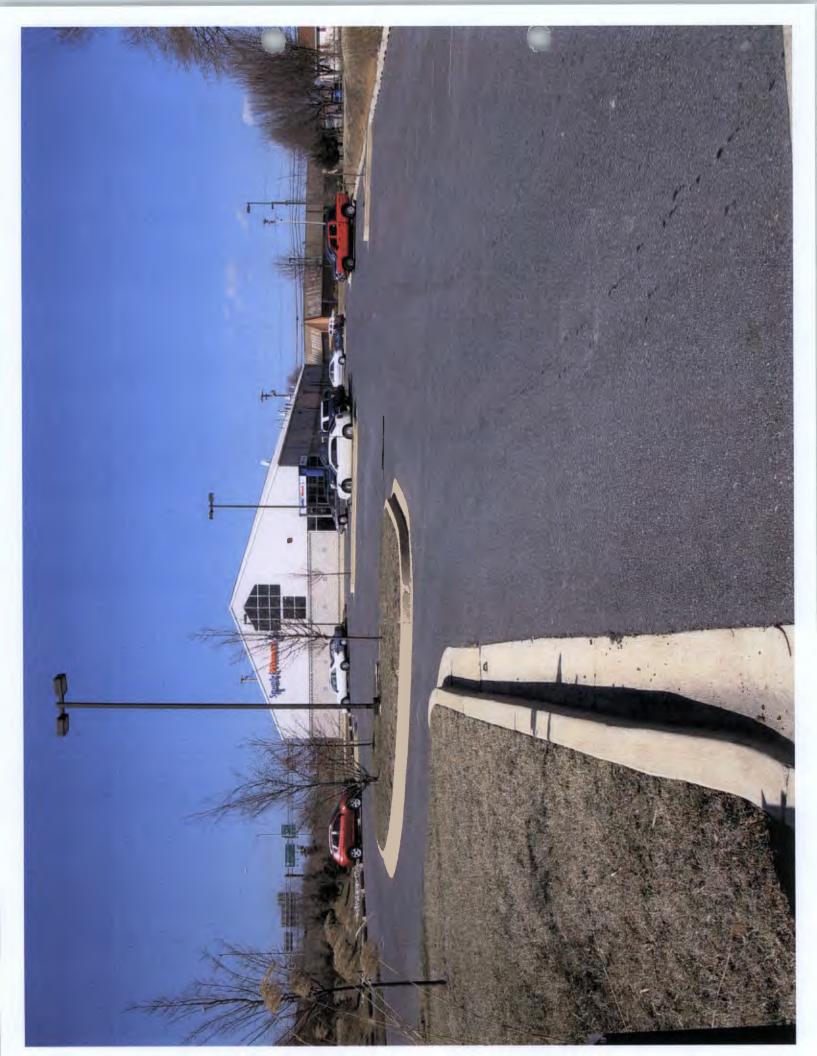
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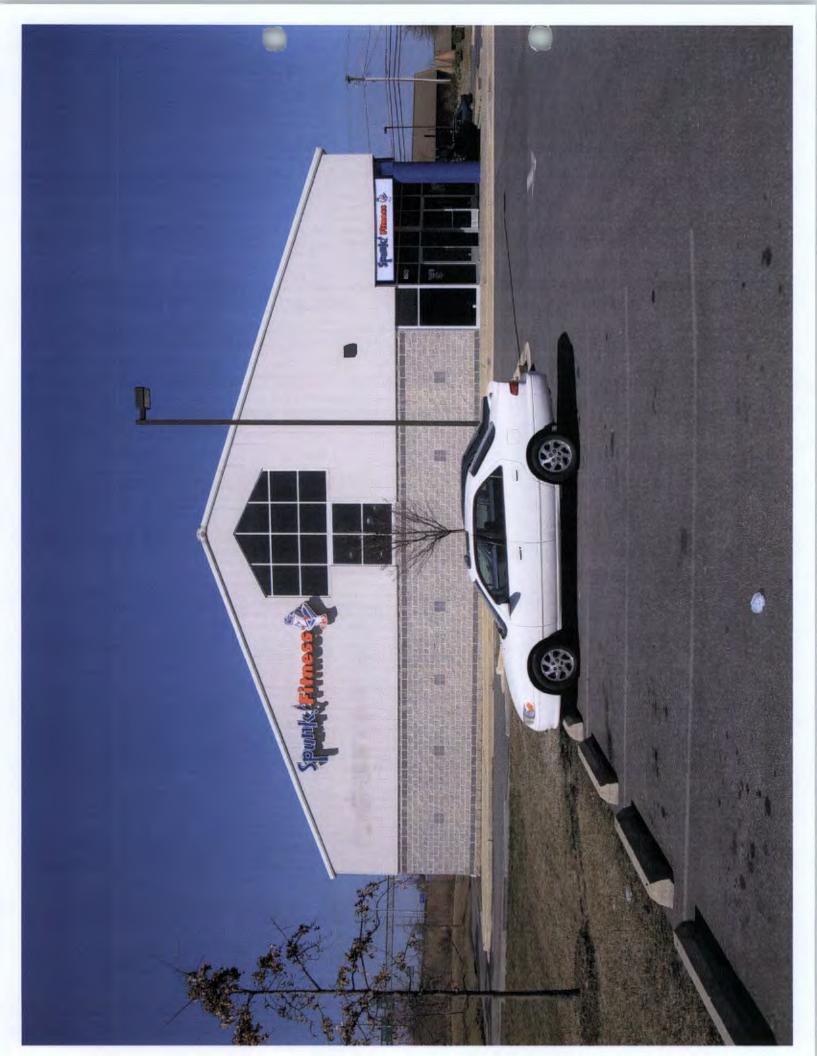


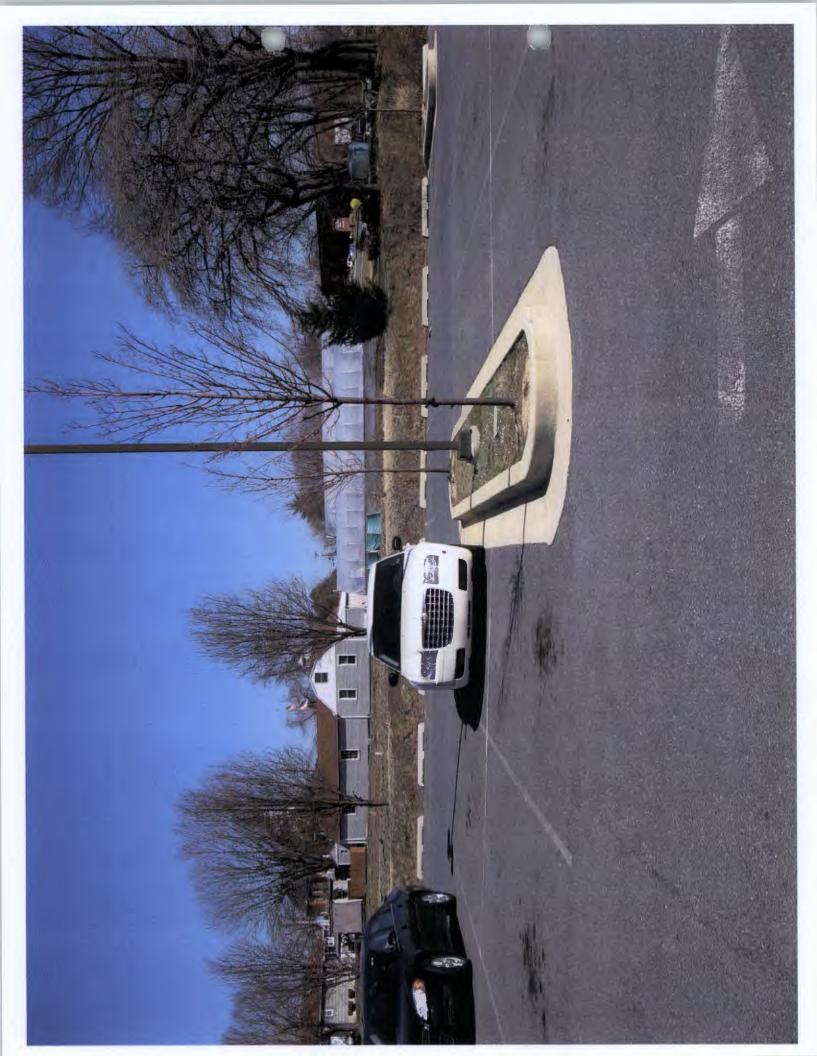




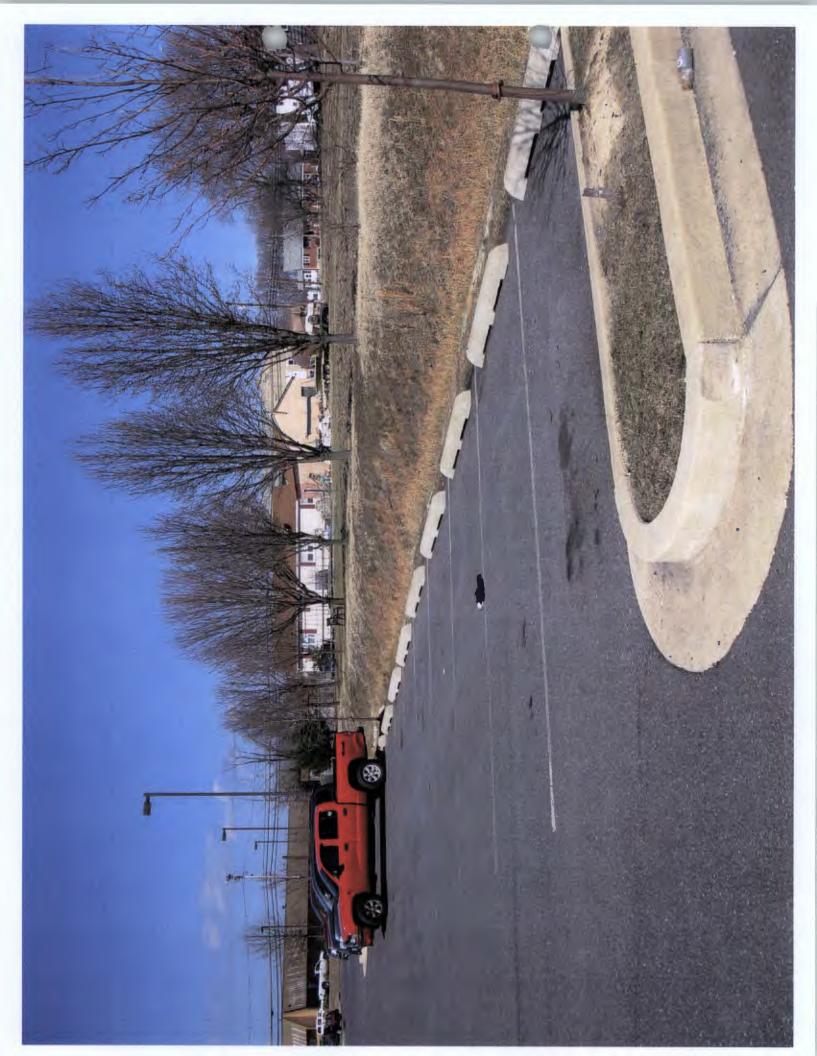


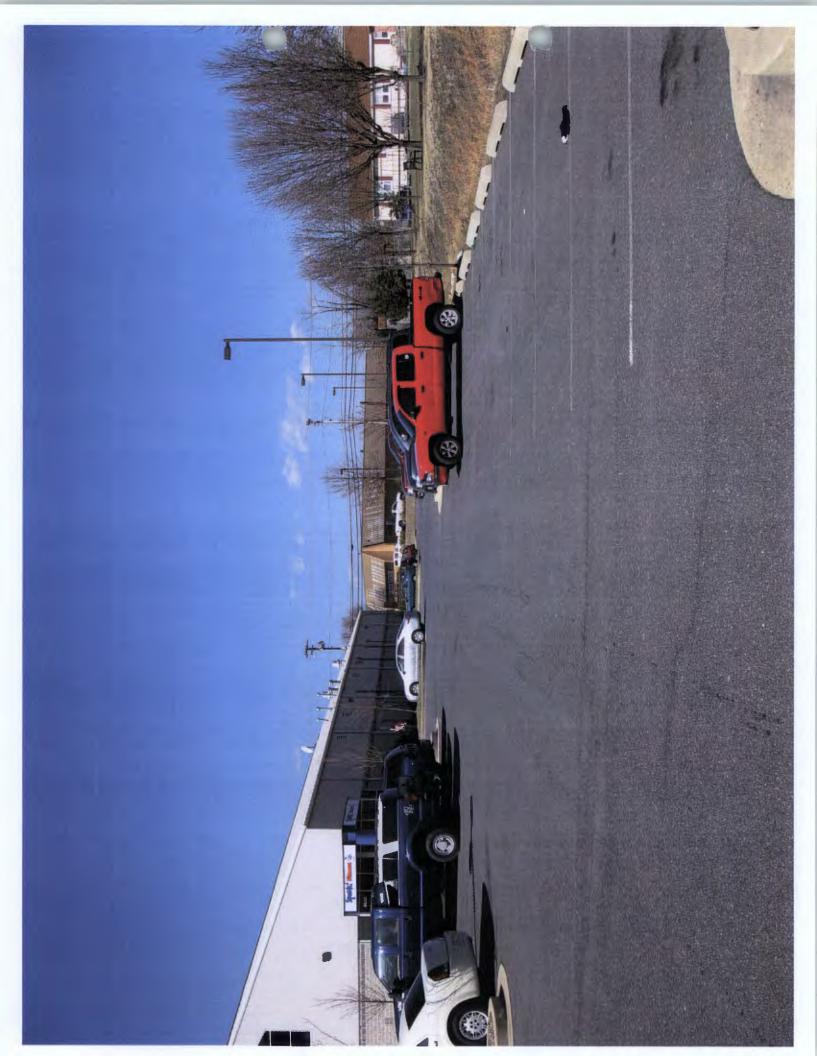


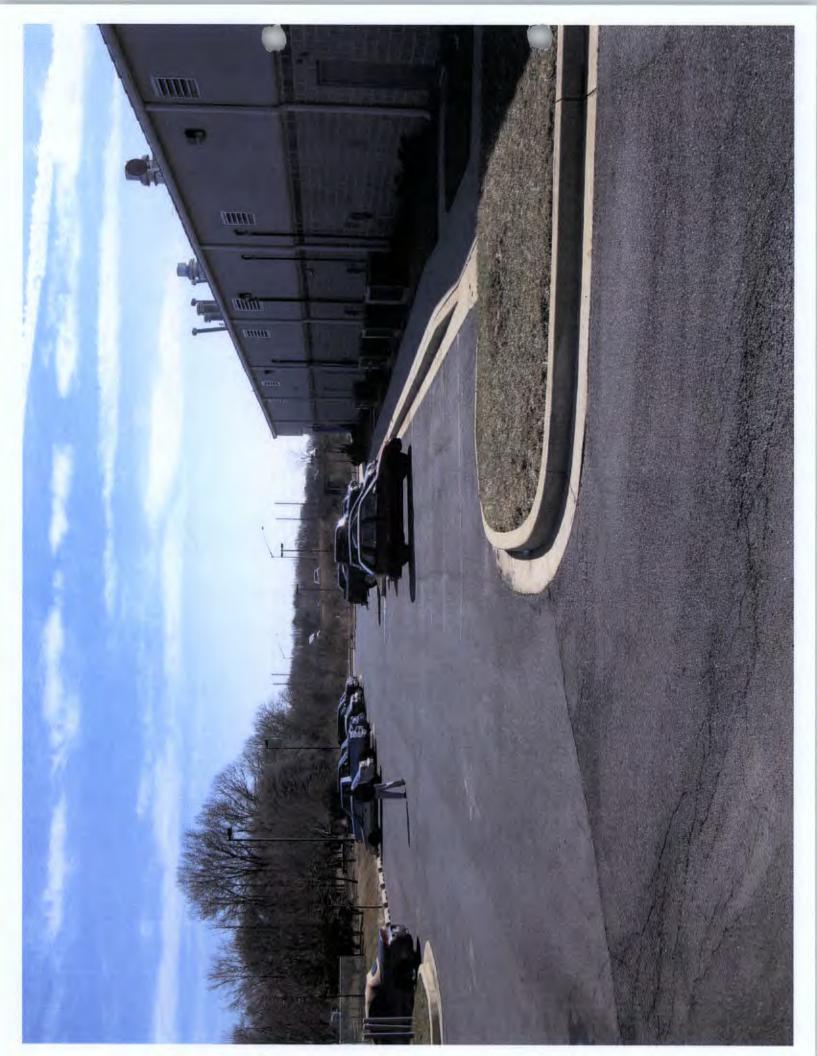


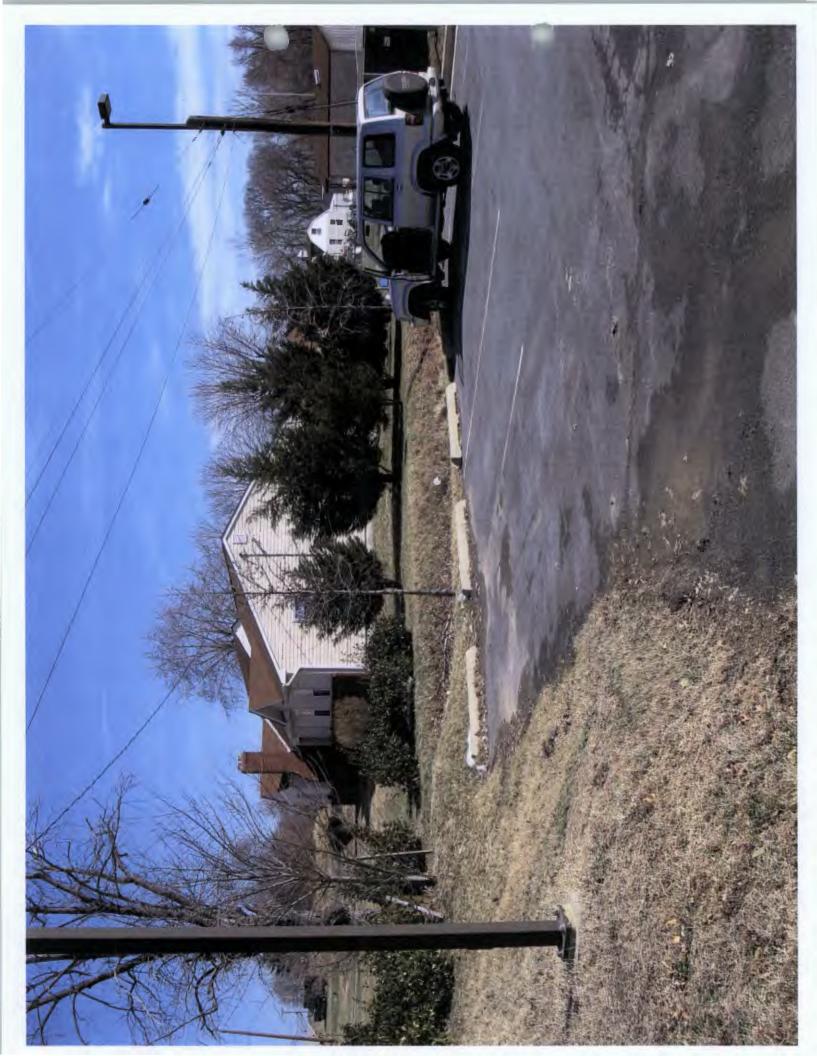


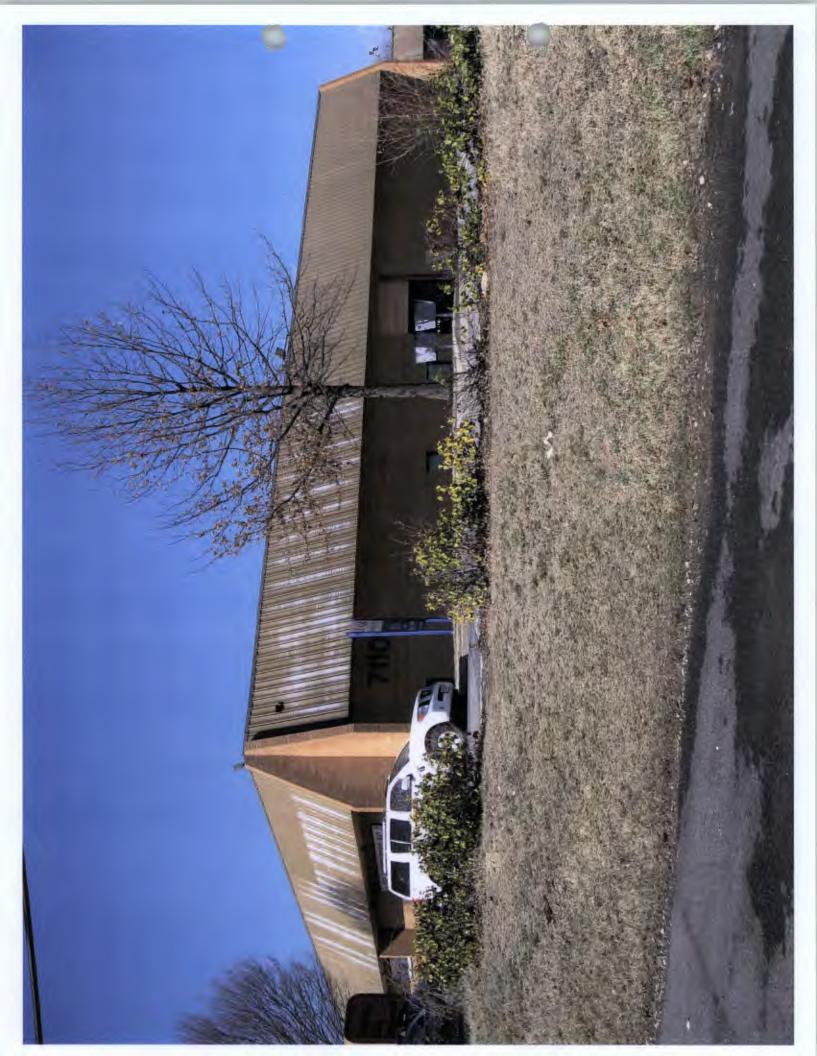


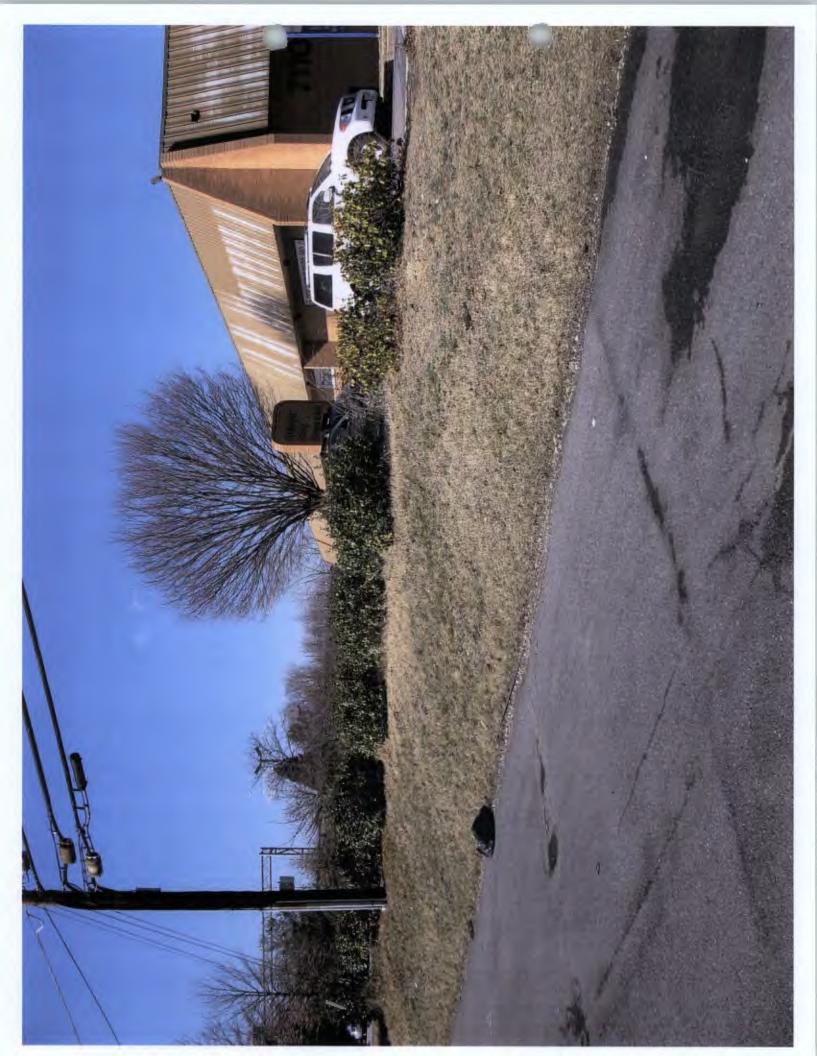


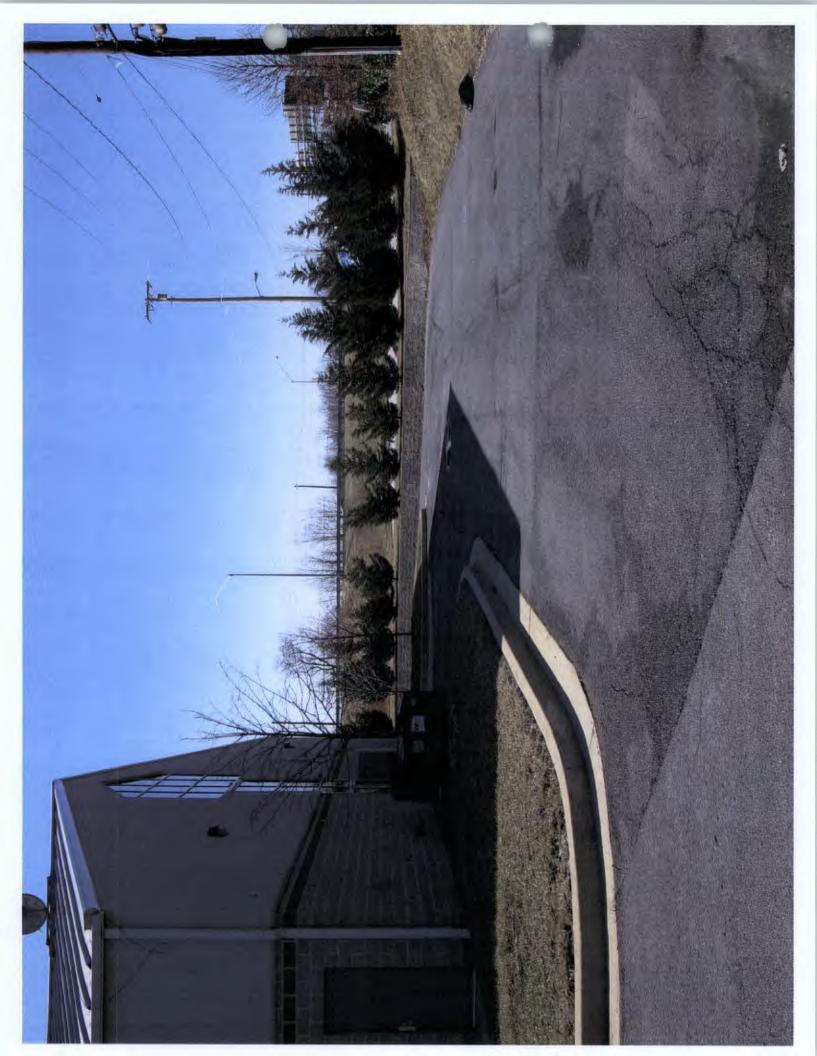


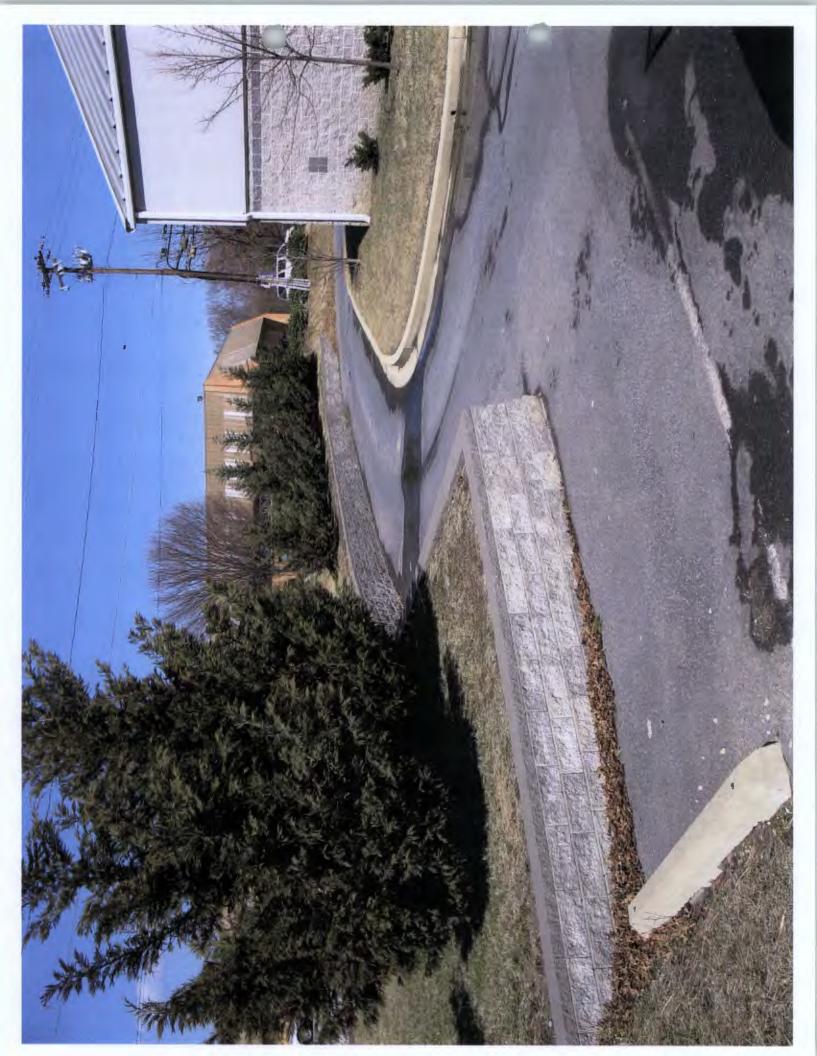


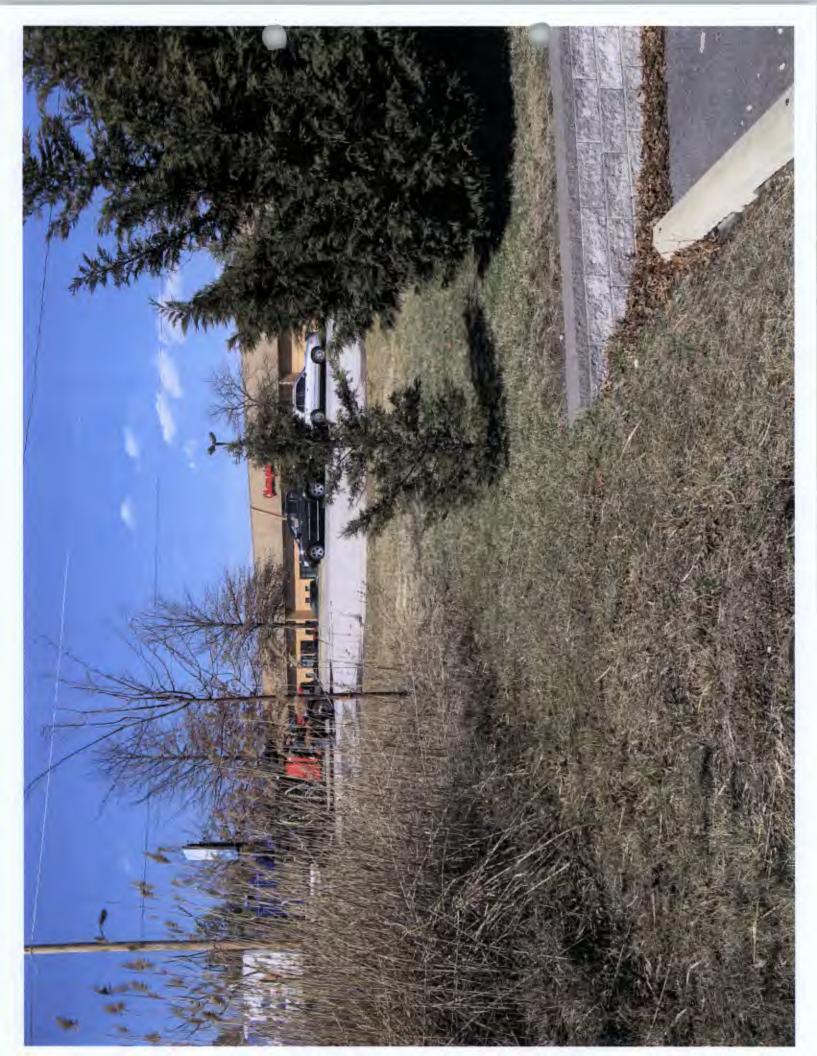






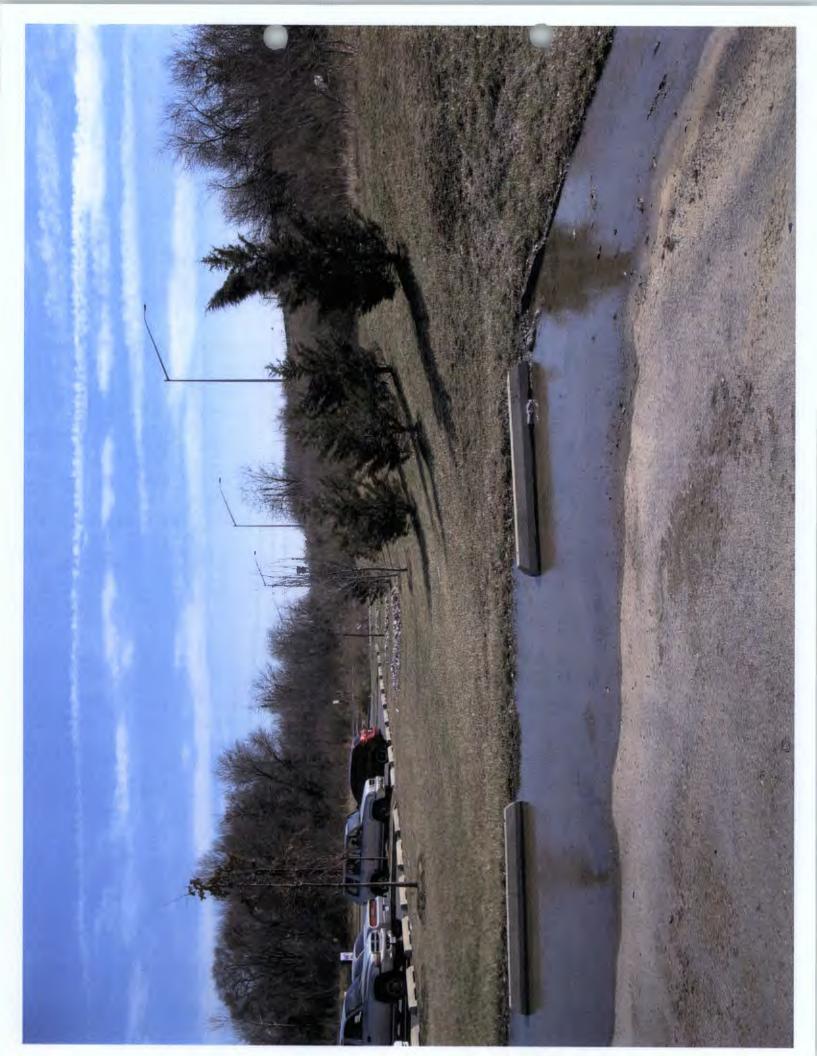


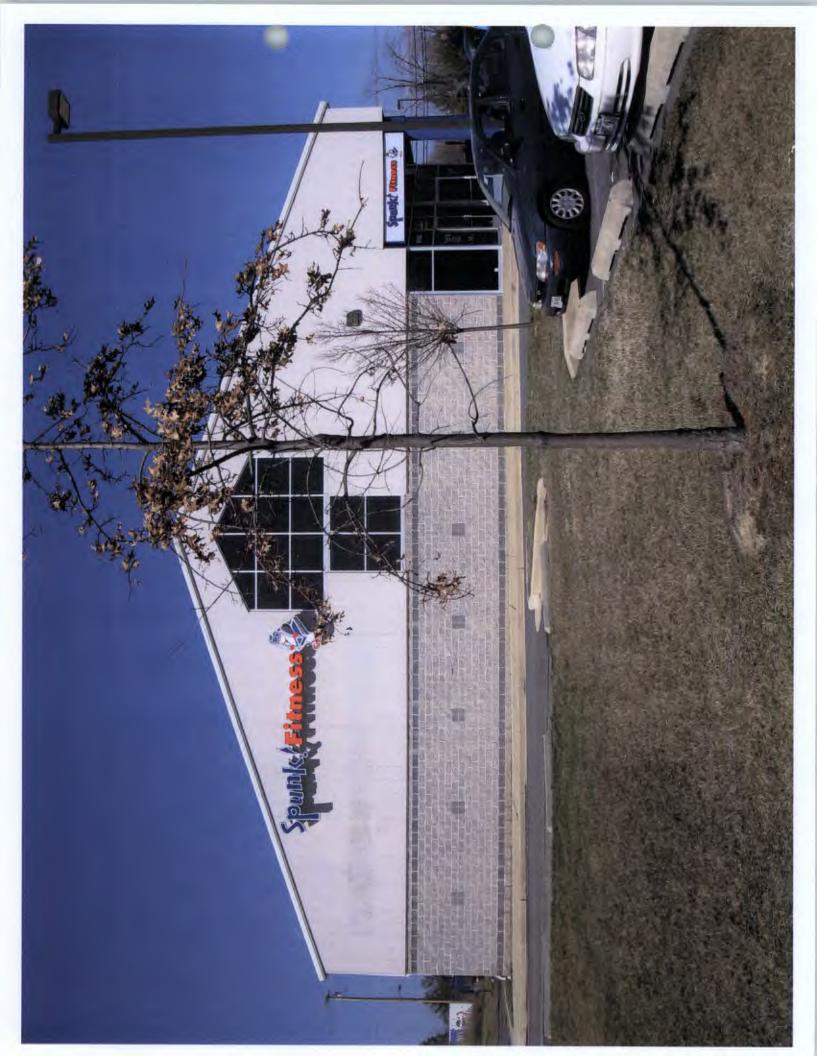
















ELEVATION DETAIL 148 square feet (total w/ LED board) SCALE: 3/8" = 1'

PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO.



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

2011-0264-SPH

	RE: Case No.:	
	Petitioner/Developer:	
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	Date of Hearing/Closing:	April 26, 2011
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owson, Maryland 21204		
ttn: Kristen Matthews:		
adies and Gentlemen:		
This letter is to certify under the penalties of posted conspicuously on the property located		uired by law were
502 Kelso Drive		
A	April 11, 2011	
he sign(s) were posted on	(Month, Day, Year)	
	Sincerely,	
	fold the	April 12, 2011
	(Signature of Sign Poster)	(Date)
	SSG Robert Bl	ack
	(Print Nam	e)
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	(City, State, Zip	Code)
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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

N/Side of Kelso Drive, 804 feet SW of c/l of Golden Ring Road 15th Election District 7th Councilmanic District (8502 Kelso Drive)

Paradox Properties, LLC, Legal Owner GRS Fitness, LLC, Contract Purchaser Petitioners

- * BEFORE THE
- * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
- * HEARINGS FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2011-0264-SPH

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County pursuant to a Petition for Special Hearing for the property located at 8502 Kelso Drive in the Essex/Rossville community of eastern Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by Paradox Properties, LLC (Property Owner) and GRS Fitness, LLC (Petitioner/Lessee). Special Hearing relief is requested to amend the Plan to Accompany Zoning Petitions approved in Case No.: 01-284-SPHXA, so as to reflect the proposed signage, and if necessary, to approve modified parking plan pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 409.12. Further, relief is requested to approve a permitted wall-mounted sign with an accessory changeable copy component pursuant to BCZR §450 (table sign regulation), or, in the alternative, to approve a proposed changeable copy sign as accessory to an approved commercial recreational facility/fitness center and for such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the Plan to Accompany the Petition for Special Hearing.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Bernie Kaplan, representative of Petitioner/Lessee. Also present was Brent Haberkam of Gable Signs and Graphics, Inc. ("Gable Signs"), and Kenneth J. Wells, licensed surveyor who prepared the site

plan. The Petitioner was represented by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence established the following: The subject property under consideration is an irregularly shaped parcel, approximately 2.67 acres in gross area. The property is split zoned. The front portion of the site is zoned ML-IM and is 1.35 acres in area. The rear portion of the site is 1.01 acres in area and is zoned MLR-IM. A small portion of the property encompassing the side/rear yard is zoned DR5.5 (.31 acres). The property has frontage on Kelso Drive and is adjacent to the right-of-way to the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). Generally, as shown in an aerial photo submitted at the hearing (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 4), the neighborhood is industrial/business in character. The Golden Ring Mall is located nearby, and there are large warehouse/business park facilities in the immediate vicinity. The property is improved with an 18,000 square foot building which contains a fitness center trading as "Spunk Fitness." The building is located entirely in the ML-IM and MLR-IM zones. Additionally, there is an associated parking lot containing 148 spaces.

The subject property has a significant zoning history. On April 13, 2001, the proposed development of the subject property with a fitness center building was approved by the Baltimore County Development Review Committee ("DRC") as a limited exemption under then BCZR § 26-171(b)(9) (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 3). Later, the contemplated use was considered in Case No.: 01-284-SPHXA. Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception, and Variance were filed by the then-owners of the property. The Special Exception was for approval of a commercial recreational facility/fitness center in the ML-IM and MLR-IM zones pursuant to BCZR §§ 253.2.D.4 and 248.4.A. The Petitioner also requested Special Hearing relief to approve a commercial parking in the residential zone (DR5.5). Lastly, a series of variances were requested

to permit certain setbacks which were less than the minimum required for the proposed building and parking area. A variance was also requested to approve fewer parking spaces than required and residential transition area setback variances were sought. Following a public hearing, all of the relief that was requested was approved by Opinion and Order of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County on March 13, 2001 (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2). That decision was not appealed.

Following the DRC and zoning approvals, the building was constructed and the fitness center has been in operation for nearly ten (10) years. The instant case relates primarily to proposed signage on the building. Specifically, the Petitioner has constructed a permitted wall-mounted enterprise sign on the front side of the building. A series of photographs (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 4) as well as a drawing of the enterprise sign (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5) was submitted at the hearing. The enterprise sign includes the lettering for "Spunk Fitness" and the company logo. The area of this wall-mounted enterprise sign is approximately 21 feet by 2 inches by 7 feet, or 148 square feet. As a component of the wall-mounted enterprise sign, the Petitioner proposes a small changeable copy-type sign, 3 feet 1 inch by 15 feet 2 inches. This changeable copy sign component is approximately one-third (47 sq. ft.) of the wall-mounted enterprise sign in area. The changeable copy sign will advertise special events at the club, dues specials and the like.

The Petitioners engaged the services of Gable Signs and Graphics to manufacture and install the signage and obtain the necessary permits therefore. In this regard, Mr. Haberkam of Gable Signs indicated that his office had obtained a sign use permit for the wall mounted sign (including the changeable copy part) from Baltimore County. A copy of this sign use permit was introduced into evidence (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 6). Immediately upon obtaining of the permit,

the Petitioner paid a deposit for the sign's construction and Gable Signs began manufacturing the sign.

Several weeks thereafter and before actual installation, the Petitioner was advised by Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management that the sign use permit was being revoked and that the instant zoning relief would be required.

This case presents a unique set of factual circumstances and requires an application of the sign regulations to the facts of this case in view of the history as briefly outlined above. The Petitioner offers two alternate theories under which it avers that the changeable copy sign is permitted. First, a wall-mounted enterprise sign is expressly permitted by the BCZR on the subject property. An enterprise sign is defined under BCZR §450 as follows: "meaning an accessory sign which displays the identity and which may otherwise advertise the products or services associated with the individual organization." A wall-mounted enterprise sign is permitted in the ML zone and the proposed signage meets the area requirements applicable thereto. The Petitioner argues that the changeable copy sign is an accessory component to the wall-mounted enterprise sign and is thus permitted on that basis. The Petitioner notes that the changeable copy component is only one-third of the total area of the wall-mounted enterprise sign and should therefore be permitted. As the Petitioner correctly notes, certain accessory uses are permitted under the BCZR which would not be allowed as principle uses. It is argued that the changeable copy component is accessory to the overall wall-mounted sign and should thus be allowed.

A second approach under which the sign in the instant case may be permitted stems from a review of the table of sign regulations located in BCZR §450. Therein, a changeable copy sign is defined as follows: "meaning an on-premises site displaying a message which may be changed periodically, manually, by electric or electronic controls or by any other means." Interestingly,

under the table of sign regulations, changeable copy signs are not restricted to certain zones as is the provided for other signs described in the regulations. Rather, the changeable copy signs are tied to specific land uses; namely, they are permitted as accessory to *business* establishments. Although located in a manufacturing zone, it is clear that Spunk Fitness is a business establishment and not a manufacturing facility. The table of sign regulations expressly states that changeable copy signs are permitted as accessory to "community buildings." Further, the table indicates that the changeable copy signs are permitted as accessory uses to theaters, stadiums, "or similar public entertainment."

An examination of the BCZR discloses that "fitness centers" or "gymnasiums" are not specifically defined terms within the BCZR. Historically, fitness centers have been permitted in the business zones as a "community building, swimming pool or other structural or land use devoted to civic, social, recreational, and educational activities, including use of the building as a catering hall." (See e.g. BCZR § 230.3). In the manufacturing zones, fitness centers/gymnasiums have been permitted as commercial recreational facilities. On this ML/MLR zoned property, the fitness center was permitted pursuant to the approved Special Exception for a commercial recreational facility in Case No.: 01-284-SPHXA.

Upon consideration of the testimony and evidence, I am persuaded that the proposed changeable copy sign should be permitted. In my judgment, the request is consistent with the permitted uses under the table of sign regulations contained within BCZR §450. Specifically, the changeable copy sign proposed in this instance is clearly accessory to the existing fitness center which qualifies as a "similar use" to a community building and other such similar uses. I am persuaded that the Department of Permits and Development Management was correct in their

initial interpretation of the regulation as applied to this case, and that the signage should be permitted. Thus, the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted.

Although the signage issue was the primary matter raised in this case, the Petitioners also request relief to permit a modified parking plan. In this regard, a Zoning Advisory Committee comment was received from Development Plans Review. As is noted in that comment, the Petitioner previously received a 29 space parking Variance in Case No.: 01-284-SPHXA. Interestingly, in that case, the parking which was required was determined based on the predominate square footage of the building's use as a commercial recreational facility and a small portion attributable to a retail sales area of athletic gear and clothing. The site plan shows that there were 148 spaces available on the site, and the photographs and testimony offered was that this is easily sufficient for the building's purposes. The lot is never overcrowded and there is never an issue with parking spilling into the neighborhood. As is further shown on the site plan, 180 spaces are required if parking is tabulated based on the use of the entire building (18,000 square feet) as a recreational use. Thus, from a purely numeric standpoint, the site is 32 spaces deficient in what is required, which is three more spaces than previously authorized under the Petition for Special Hearing. A review of the layout of the parking scheme is persuasive that relief should be granted to allow the current arrangement to continue. Thus, this request for hearing approval shall also be granted for a modified parking plan in accordance with the submitted site plan.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this matter held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petition for Special Hearing shall be GRANTED. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the undersigned Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, this _____ day of May, 2011, that the Petition for Special Hearing to allow the wall-mounted enterprise sign and accompanying changeable copy sign, and the modified parking plan, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted is subject to the following condition:

1. Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the thirty (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.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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May 6, 2011

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT, ESQUIRE SMITH, GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC 600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 200 TOWSON, MD 21204

> Re: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 2011-0264-SPH Property: 8502 Kelso Drive

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Enclosure





REV 9/15/98

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 8502 Kelso Drive which is presently zoned ML-IM & MLR-IM

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

See Attached.

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.

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): GRS Fitness, LLC Paradox Properties, LLC Name - Type or Print ype or Print Menbe Signature 8502 Kelso Drive (410) 472-134 Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print 21221 Baltimore MD State Zip Code Signature 12204 Darney View Road Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Lawrence E. Schmidt Kingsville MD 21087 Name - Type or Print State City Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Lawrence E. Schmidt, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Company 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 Address Address Telephone No. Telephone No. 21204 Towson MD Towson MD 21204 State Zip Code City City State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Case No. 2011-0264-SPH

UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING

Date

ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

8502 Kelso Drive

- 1. To amend the plat to accompany zoning petitions approved in Case 01-284-SPHXA to reflect the proposed signage and, if necessary, to approve a modified parking plan pursuant to BCZR Section 409.12;
- 2. To approve a permitted wall mounted sign with an accessory changeable copy component pursuant to BCZR Section 450 (Table of Sign Regulations);
- 3. In the alternative, to approve a proposed changeable copy sign as accessory to an approved commercial recreation facility;
- 4. For such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge.

Item #0264

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Zoning Description of the Paradox Properties, LLC Property

Baltimore County
Maryland
15th Election District
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Beginning at a point located on the northwest side of Kelso Drive (70 feet wide) being at the distance 804 feet of the centerline of the nearest intersecting street Golden Ring Road (width varies) thence the nine (9) following courses and distances:



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- 5) South 70 degrees 37 minutes 09 seconds West 30.00 feet
- 6) North 19 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds West 14.98 feet
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- 8) South 31 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East 294.50 feet
- 9) South 38 degrees 22 minutes 39 seconds East 236.29 feet

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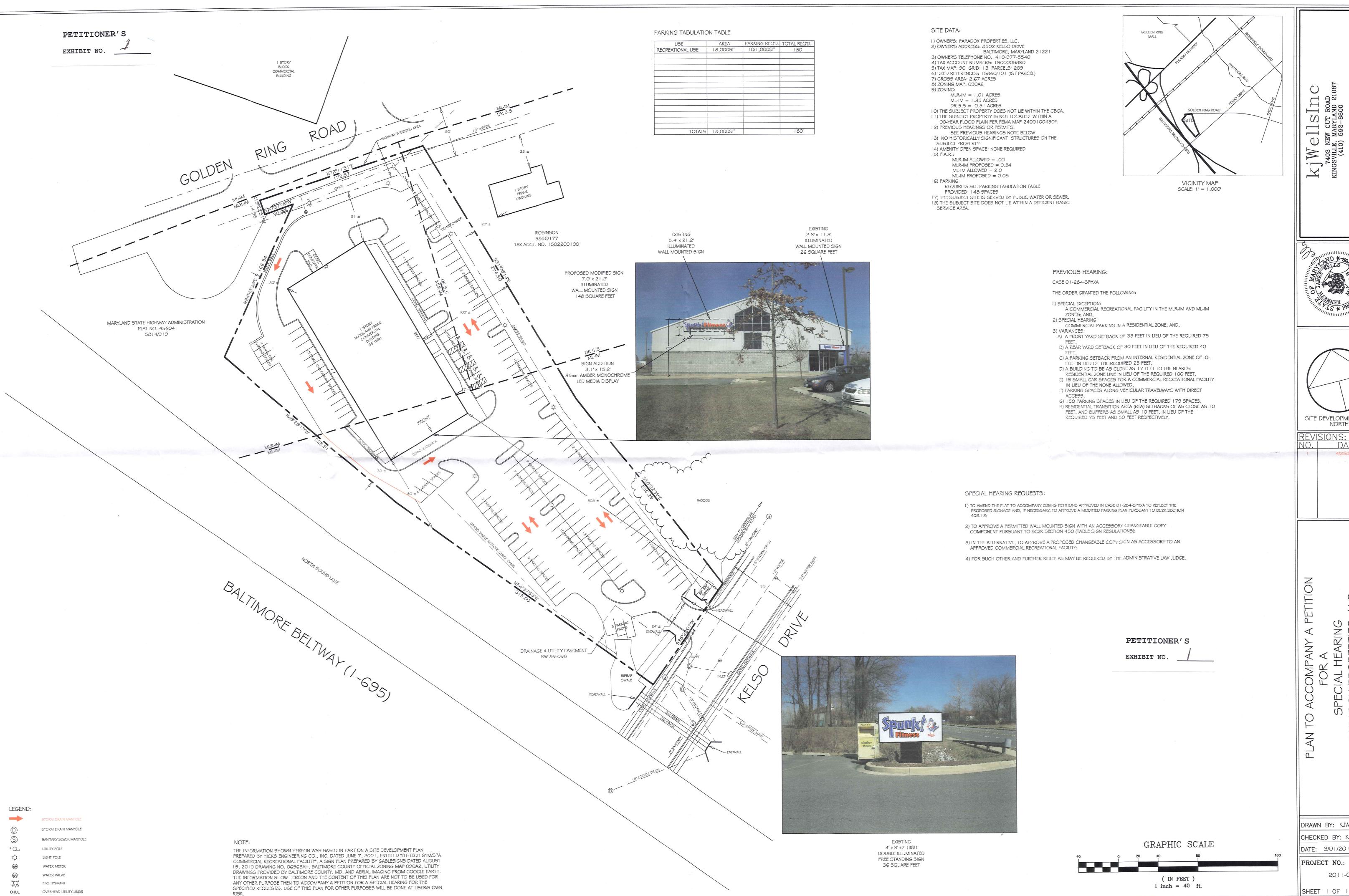


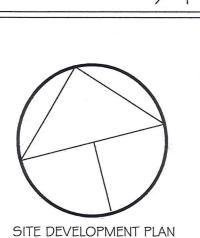
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DRAWN BY: KJW CHECKED BY: KJW DATE: 3/01/2011

PROJECT NO.:

2011-003



APPROVED LED Channel Letters Sign Use Permit # A625882 Electrical Permit # E744064

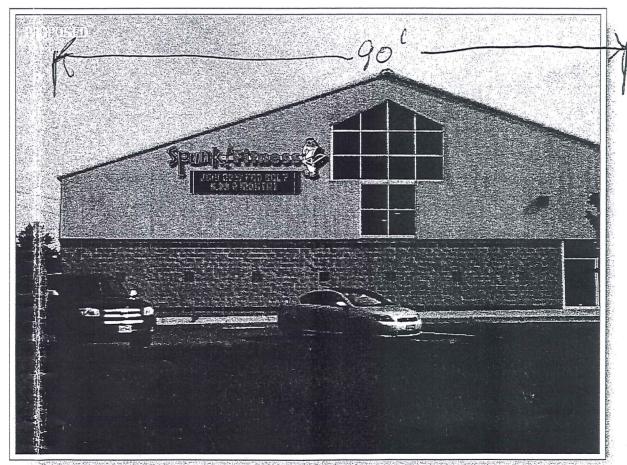
- PROPOSED 3'-1"h x 15'-2"w 35mm Amber Monochrome LED Display 46.75 square feet (LED Board ONLY)

15'-2"

ELEVATION DETAIL 148 square feet (total w/ LED board)

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EXHIBIT NO.





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