IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE

E side of Hollow Road, 52' NE of c/l of
Glen Avenue

1st Election District
1st Councilmanic District
(724 Hollow Road)

Phillip Martin Enterprise, Inc., Legal Owner
Robert Knudsen, Contract Purchaser
Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2011-0314-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by Donna M.B. King, Esquire on behalf of the legal property owner, Gary Phillip Frey of Phillip Martin Enterprise, Inc. and contract purchaser, Robert Knudsen. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit the construction of a home on an undersized lot of 7,928 feet in lieu of minimum required lot of 10,000 square feet. The Variance, pursuant to Section 1B02.3.C of the B.C.Z.R., is to permit a proposed single family dwelling on a lot width of 53 feet in lieu of the minimum permitted 70 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the Special Hearing and Variance requests were Gary Phillip Frey, legal owner of Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc., and Robert Knudsen, contract purchaser. Donna M.B. King, Esquire appeared as counsel for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present at the hearing.

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The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments received from the Office of Planning, received May 19, 2011, recommended denial and a summary of recommendations as follows:

"The subject lot (724 Hollow Road) is undersized with respect to both lot size and lot width. The property owner also owns the adjoining undeveloped lot identified as 728 Hollow Road on the petitioner's plat. That lot is undersized with respect to lot width. Both lots are located in the Oella National Register Historic District, an area with many distinctive older homes. Both lots have steep slopes.

The Office of Planning recommends the petitioner's request be <u>denied</u>. The subject lot and the adjoining lot owned by the petitioner should be combined into a single building lot for the following reasons:

The request doesn't comply with Section 304.1.C of the BCZR because the lot owner owns sufficient adjoining land to conform to the width and area requirements. Hollow Road is a dangerous, substandard road. It is a very narrow road (14 to 15 feet wide) at this location and 728 Hollow Road is located on a blind curve.

There is a sharp rise in the elevation of the land encompassed by the subject lot adjacent to Hollow Road. Currently there is an attractive $2\frac{1}{2}$ -foot high stone retaining wall along the road frontage of the property. The petitioner's plat shows the location of the stone retaining wall, but it doesn't show any off-street parking spaces. If the retaining wall remains, it won't be possible to provide off-street parking spaces to serve the proposed dwelling.

In light of the steep topography and the poor road access, one dwelling on two combined lots would be a reasonable use of the petitioner's properties.

New dwellings on undersized lots must be appropriate in the context of the neighborhood in which they are to be located (see Section 304.2.B.1 of the BCZR). The footprint of the proposed dwelling is much larger than the footprints of the existing dwellings shown on the petitioner's plat. It is questionable whether the proposed dwelling will be appropriate with respect to building size.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, should the Administrative Law Judge grant the petitioner's requests, the application for a building permits should be required to comply with Section 304 of the BCZR (Use of Undersized Single-Family Lots). The building permit applicant should demonstrate that the size and architectural design of the new dwelling would be appropriate in the context of the surrounding neighborhood. Also, given the present topographic condition of the subject lot, the building permit applicant should submit a grading plan showing existing and proposed contours of the lot and the location and details of any retaining walls and the required off-street parking spaces".

There were no other ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

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Testimony and evidence indicated that the property which is the subject of this special hearing and variance request consists of 0.184 acres, more or less, and is split zoned DR 3.5 and DR 2. The property is located on the southeast side of Hollow Road near its intersection with Glen Avenue in the Oella area of Baltimore County. The subject lot is vacant at this time; however, there did exist at one point in time a single family dwelling on this property. The owner of the property is interested in selling the lot to Mr. Robert Knudsen for the purpose of constructing a home thereon. In order to proceed with the construction of a home, the special hearing request is necessary as well as the variance relief.

While there was no persons present at the hearing opposing the request, as previously mentioned there was strong opposition from the Office of Planning for Baltimore County by way of a written comment dated May 18, 2011. I indicated at the hearing to those in attendance that I would discuss this recommendation of denial from the Planning Office with Curtis Murray, the author of that comment. A subsequent meeting was held with Mr. Murray, who was steadfast in his position and strongly recommends that the special hearing and variance relief be denied. The Office of Planning is concerned with what they believe to be a dangerous intersection at Hollow Road and Glen Avenue, the very steep topography of the lot in question, and the fact that the owner of this lot also owns adjacent property which, if developed together, could provide a much safer and acceptable building lot.

Based on the strong opposition presented by the Planning Office by way of their comment,

I find that the Petitioner's request for special hearing should be denied. In addition, the

Petitioner's request for variance should also be denied.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 20 th day of July, 2011, by this Administrative Law Judge, that Petitioners' request for Special Hearing relief filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit the construction of a home on an undersized lot of 7,928 feet in lieu of minimum required lot of 10,000 square feet, be and is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Variance request pursuant to Section 1B02.3.C of the B.C.Z.R., is to permit a proposed single family dwelling on a lot width of 53 feet in lieu of the minimum permitted 70 feet, be and is hereby DENIED.

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

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

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Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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Administrative Law Judges

July 21, 2011

DONNA M.B. KING, ESQUIRE 309 WEST PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TOWSON MD 21204

> Re: Petition for Special Hearing and Variance Case No. 2011-0314-SPHA Property: 724 Hollow Road

Dear Ms. King:

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 with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. 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

Petition for Vorance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

which is presently zoned DR 3.5

Deed Reference: 30536 /295 Tax Account # 0106571130

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)

1802.3C. TO PERMIT A PROPOSED SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A LOT WIDTH OF 53-FEET IN LIEU OF THE MINIMUM PERMITTED TO-FEET

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

Please see attached Declaration.

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

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

				e are the legal owner(s) of this Petition.	
Contract Purch	aser/Lessee:		Legal Owne	or(s):	
Robert Knudse				n Enterprises, Inc.	
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Attorney For Pe	etitioner:		1409 N. Ma	in Street	
			Address		Telephone No.
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATEVE VARIANCE

- I, Robert Knudsen, being over the age of eighteen and competent to testify, state that the following is true and correct and upon my personal knowledge:
- I have a contract with the current owner of the property addressed 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 for the purchase of this property.
- 2. The front of the property is in a DR 3.5 zone, and very the back of the property may enter a DR 2 zone. The proposed house would be on the DR 3.5 portion of the property.
- The property is at total of 7,928 square feet rather than 10,000 feet for a DR
 zoned property. The width of the property is 53 feet rather than 70 feet for a DR 3.5
 zoned property.
- 4. There currently is not a house or other structure on this property. Upon belief and understanding from talking to long-time neighbors to the property, John W. MacKenzie at 721 Hollow Road and William Barrett at 732 Hollow Road, there was an old house on this property until approximately June 1992, when it was torn down because of its poor condition. This separate parcel of land is in the land records of Baltimore County as least as far back as 1866. Upon information and belief, there was continuously a house on the property from that time until June1992.
- 5. This property is unique in that it is one of a line of parcels on Hollow Road in which each parcel does not meet the current zoning regulations in size, setback, and side yard areas. The other parcels have houses that date from the 1800s. These properties may have been grandfathered in because of the age of the houses. See SDAT Real Property information for 721, 732, 734 and 736 Hollow Road, attached hereto as Exhibit A. A photo of some of

these houses, from Googlemaps, is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>. There are properties outside of this row of parcels on Hollow Road that do meet the current zoning requirements on size.

- 6. The parcel at issue here has been intact, and was not part of a larger parcel and has not been subdivided since at least 1866. Attached hereto as Exhibit C are deeds for this property going back to 1866.
- 7. The house previously on this parcel was grandfathered in at the advent of zoning regulations. Because of the uniqueness of the slightly smaller size, the zoning provisions impact this property more than the surrounding properties.
 - 8. Without a variance, there is no reasonable use of the property.
- 9. Because this property is historically smaller than the current zoning regulations, is the same size as other grandfathered-in properties immediately adjacent, and is smaller than other properties on Hollow Road, the difficulty or hardship is peculiar to this property in contrast with other properties in this district.
- 10. The hardship is not the result of Petitioner's actions, but because of a long-ago sale and development of the property in its current size.
- 11. There is a practical difficulty in strict compliance with the current zoning regulations because a new house to replace the torn down house could not comply with the zoning regulations. This would unreasonably prevent the use of the property, which for over one hundred years was a residence.
- 12. The granting of this variance would be a substantial justice to Petitioner in that it would be legal to build a house on the property. A lesser relaxation of the zoning regulations would not meet the purpose here, which is to rebuild on this property.

- 13. The relief requested here would be in the spirit of the zoning regulations and public safety and welfare secured in that the house to be built is a replacement of a house that had been on the property, and it is to be located in a row of houses of similar situation in which there have been no public safety or welfare issues.
- 14. There would be no increase in residential density if a house is permitted on the property.
- 15. The relief requested here is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of height, area, parking and sign regulations, as are the current adjacent homes.
 - 16. There would be no injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.
- 17. The owners of the adjoining properties are supportive of this Petition.

 Attached hereto as Exhibit D are signatures of the adjoining property owners attesting to their support.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE 4-19-11

ROBERT KNUDSEN

McKEE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineering • Surveying • Environmental Planning
Real Estate Development



Zoning Description
724 Hollow Road
1st Election District
1st Councilmanic District
Baltimore County, MD

Beginning at a point in the center of Hollow Road, said point being 52 feet Northeast of the center of Glen Avenue, thence running S 57.5 ° E 150.00 feet, N 37.25° E 53.62 feet, N 57.5° W 150.00 feet, and S 37.25° W 53.62 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 8016 square feet or 0.184 acres of land more or less as recorded in Deed Liber 30536 Folio 295.

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge 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: # 2011-0314-SPHA
724 Hollow Road
E/side of Hollow Road, 52 feet n/east of centerline

of Glen Avenue
1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District
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Hearing: Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

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ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS
AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
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	RE: Case No.:	2011-0314-SPHA
	Petitioner/Developer:	
		Robert Knudsen
	Date of Hearing/Closing:	June 2, 2011
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204		
Attn: Kristen Lewis:		
Ladies and Gentlemen:		
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C: Donna M.B. King, 309 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson 21204 Robert Knudsen, 3858 Paul Mill Road, Ellicott City 21042 Gary Phillip Frey, 1409 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy 21771

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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Petitioner: KNUDSEN	
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ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21042	
Telephone Number: 443 - 812 - 3568	



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Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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May 20, 2011

Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc. Gary Phillip Frey 1409 N. Main Street Mt. Airy, MD 21771

RE: Case Number 2011-0314-SPHA, 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. Frey,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on April 21, 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:mcn

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Donna King, 309 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, MD 21204 Robert Knudsen, 3858 Paul Mill Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 5-5-11

Ms. Kristen Matthews Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County RE:

Item No. 2011-0314-5PHA Variance Special Heaving Govy Phillip / Phillip Martin Enterprise In. 724 Hollow Road.

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 -0314-5PHA.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: May 11, 2011

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 16, 2011

Item Nos. 2011-309, 311, 312, 313,

314, 315, 317, and 318

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

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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:

June 6, 2011

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

11-314-SPHA

Address

724 Hollow Road (Phillip Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 2, 2011.

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

Reviewer: Jeff Livingston; Development Coordination

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief
Fire Department
April 28,2011

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: May 2, 2011

Item No.:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0312A, 2011-0317A - 0318A

Special Hearing: 2011-0311-SPH, 2011-0313-SPHX, 2011-0314-SPHA - 0316-SPHA

Special Exception: 2011-0313-SPHX

Variance: 2011-0309A-0310A, 2011-0314-SPHA - 0316-SPHA, 2011-

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea J. Van Arsdale

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

724 Hollow Road

INFORMATION:

11-314

Petitioner:

Item Number:

Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc.

Zoning:

DR 3.5

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

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DATE: May 18, 2011

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Undersized Single-Family Lots). The building permit applicant should demonstrate that the size and architectural design of the new dwelling would be appropriate in the context of the surrounding neighborhood. Also, given the present topographic condition of the subject lot, the building permit applicant should submit a grading plan showing existing and proposed contours of the lot and the location and details of any retaining walls and the required off-street parking spaces.

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

Prepared by:

Division Chief: AV/LL: CM

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

724 Hollow Rd.; E/side Hollow Road, 52 ft.

NE of centerline Glen Avenue

1st Election & 1st Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Gary Phillip/Phillip Martin

Enterprise, Inc

Contract Purchaser: Robert Knudsen
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 2011-0314-SPHA

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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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 28th day of April, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Donna M.B. King, Law Office of Donna M.B. King, LLC, 309 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Timothy Kotroco Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, Maryland

Case No.: 2011-0314-SPHA

Dear Judge Kotroco:

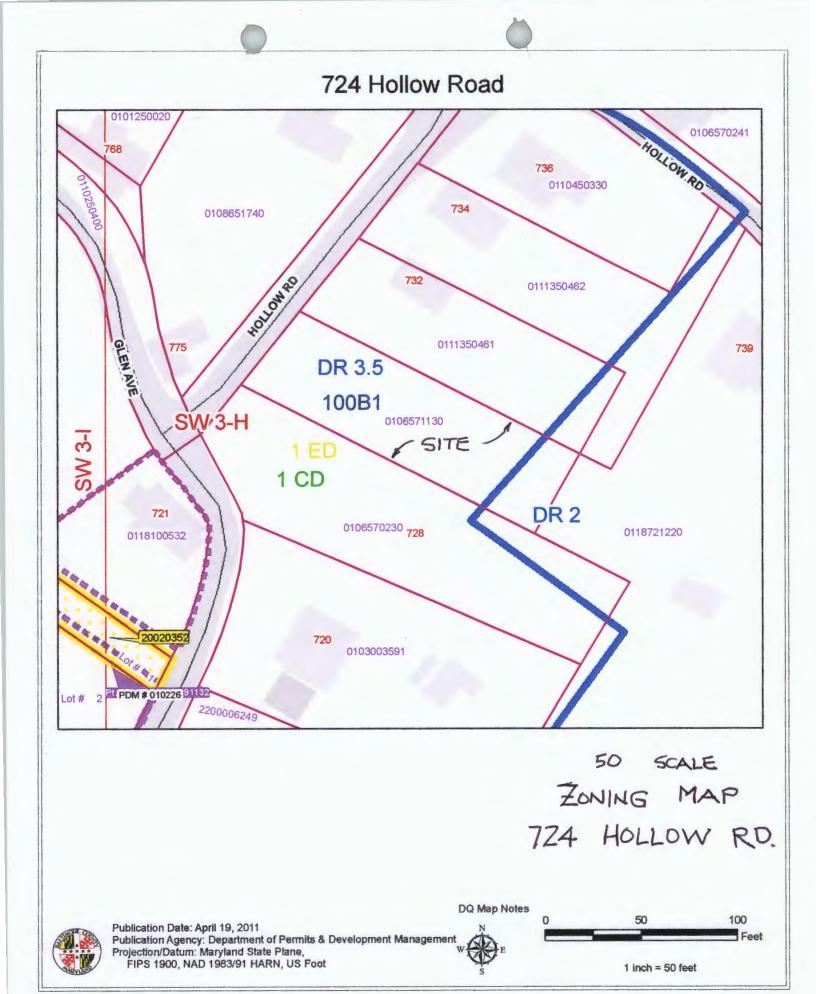
This letter follows Robert Knudsen's June 2, 2011 hearing in the above-referenced matter, wherein you stated that you would be conferring with the Office of Planning, then issuing your ruling. I understand that as of last week, the Office of Planning had not yet responded. Please let us know if there is anything that either Mr. Knudsen or I can do to assist in the matter. We would be happy to meet with the Office of Planning.

Very truly yours,

Donna M.B. King

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

- I, Robert Knudsen, being over the age of eighteen and competent to testify, state that the following is true and correct and upon my personal knowledge:
- I have a contract with the current owner of the property addressed 724 Hollow
 Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043 for the purchase of this property.
- 2. The front of the property is in a DR 3.5 zone, and very the back of the property may enter a DR 2 zone. The proposed house would be on the DR 3.5 portion of the property.
- The property is at total of 7,928 square feet rather than 10,000 feet for a DR
 zoned property. The width of the property is 53 feet rather than 70 feet for a DR 3.5
 zoned property.
- 4. There currently is not a house or other structure on this property. Upon belief and understanding from talking to long-time neighbors to the property, John W. MacKenzie at 721 Hollow Road and William Barrett at 732 Hollow Road, there was an old house on this property until approximately June 1992, when it was torn down because of its poor condition. This separate parcel of land is in the land records of Baltimore County as least as far back as 1866. Upon information and belief, there was continuously a house on the property from that time until June1992.
- 5. This property is unique in that it is one of a line of parcels on Hollow Road in which each parcel does not meet the current zoning regulations in size, setback, and side yard areas. The other parcels have houses that date from the 1800s. These properties may have been grandfathered in because of the age of the houses. See SDAT Real Property information for 721, 732, 734 and 736 Hollow Road, attached hereto as Exhibit A. A photo of some of

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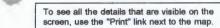
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THIS DEED, Made this 17 day of Spieußes, 2010, by Keith Dorsey, Director of Finance and Collector of Taxes for Baltimore County and the State of Maryland, party of the first part, and Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc., party of the second part.

WHEREAS, heretofore state and city taxes on the lot of ground hereinafter described having been due and unpaid, the Director of Finance and Collector of State Taxes, after having given due notice and having complied with all other prerequisites provided by law, did sell the hereinbefore referred to property, on May 31, 2007, to Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc., party of the second part, in accordance with the provisions of law; and the said property has not been redeemed; and the purchase money has been paid and

WHEREAS, by decree of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County dated the 3rd day of December, 2008, Case No. 03-C-08-008581, it was ordered that an absolute and indefeasible fee simple title to the said property should vest in Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS DEED WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the premises and the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Keith Dorsey, Director of Finance and Collector of Taxes for Baltimore County and the State of Maryland, by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority in him vested, doth grant and convey unto the said Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc., their successors and assigns, forever, all that lot of ground situate, lying or being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland aforesaid, and known as or described as follows:

District 01, Parcel No. 0106571130, LT ES Dykes Av, improvements known as 724 Hollow Road

TOGETHER WITH the building and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, waters, easements, privileges, advantages, and appurtenances there unto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot of ground and premises above described unto and to the use of the said Phillip Martin Enterprises, Inc., their successors and assigns, in fee simple.

WITNESSETH the hand of the said Grantor.

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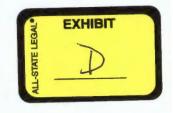
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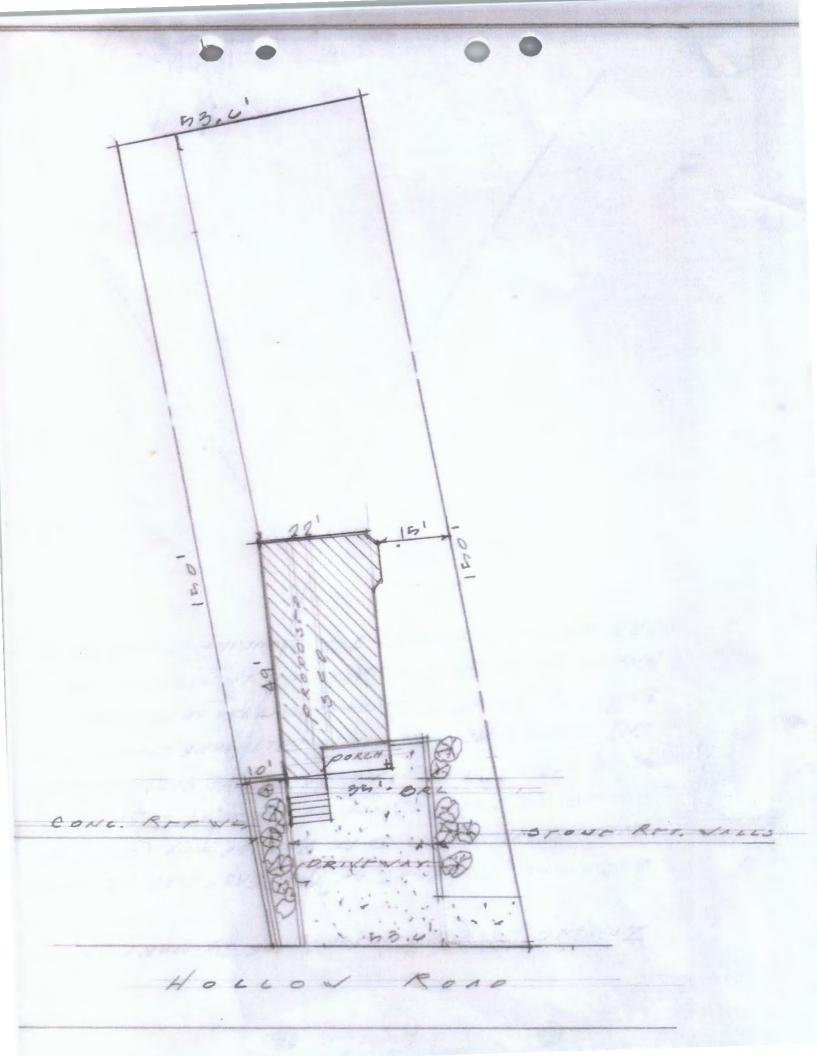
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Declaration in Support of Petition for Variance for 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

We, the undersigned, neighbors to the property addressed 724 Hollow Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043, and owners of the properties identified below, are in favor of the petition of the contract purchaser of 724 Hollow Road, Robert Knudsen, to construct a new home on the property. We understand that Mr. Knudsen needs a variance because the size of the lot and proposed setback areas of the house are smaller than the current regulations in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Name	Address	Phone No.	Signature
JOHN MACKENZIE	721 Hollow RD 4	HO 465-0681	IN.Mar/lyn
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3. NET AREA: DR-2: 517 S.F. \pm = 0.012 AC. \pm DR-3.5: 7,928 S.F. \pm = 0.182 A.C. \pm TOTAL: $8,445 \text{ S.F.} \pm = 0.194 \text{ AC.} \pm$

- 4. 200 SCALE ZONING MAP NO. 100B1.
- 5. THERE ARE NO EXISTING OR IMPENDING FAILURES OF THE BASIC SERVICES MAPS FOR THIS SITE.
- 6. THIS LOT IS SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER AND PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER
- 7. OWNER INFORMATION:

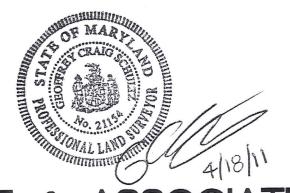
PHILLIP MARTIN ENTERPRISES, INC. DEED REFERENCE: 30536/295 TAX ACCT.# 0106571130 TAX MAP 100, GRID 9, PARCEL 1028

- 8. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT IN THE CBCA.
- 9. THIS SITE IS NOT IN A 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN.
- 10. THIS SITE IS NOT HISTORIC.
- 11. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PREVIOUS ZONING HEARINGS FOR THIS PROPERTY.

AVERAGE FRONT SETBACK COMPUTATION (TO CENTERLINE ROAD)

(ALL IMPROVED PROPERTIES WITHIN 200 FEET OF LOT)

#718 HOLLOW ROAD #720 HOLLOW ROAD #732 HOLLOW ROAD #734 HOLLOW ROAD #736 HOLLOW ROAD TOTAL = 195AVERAGE = 39'

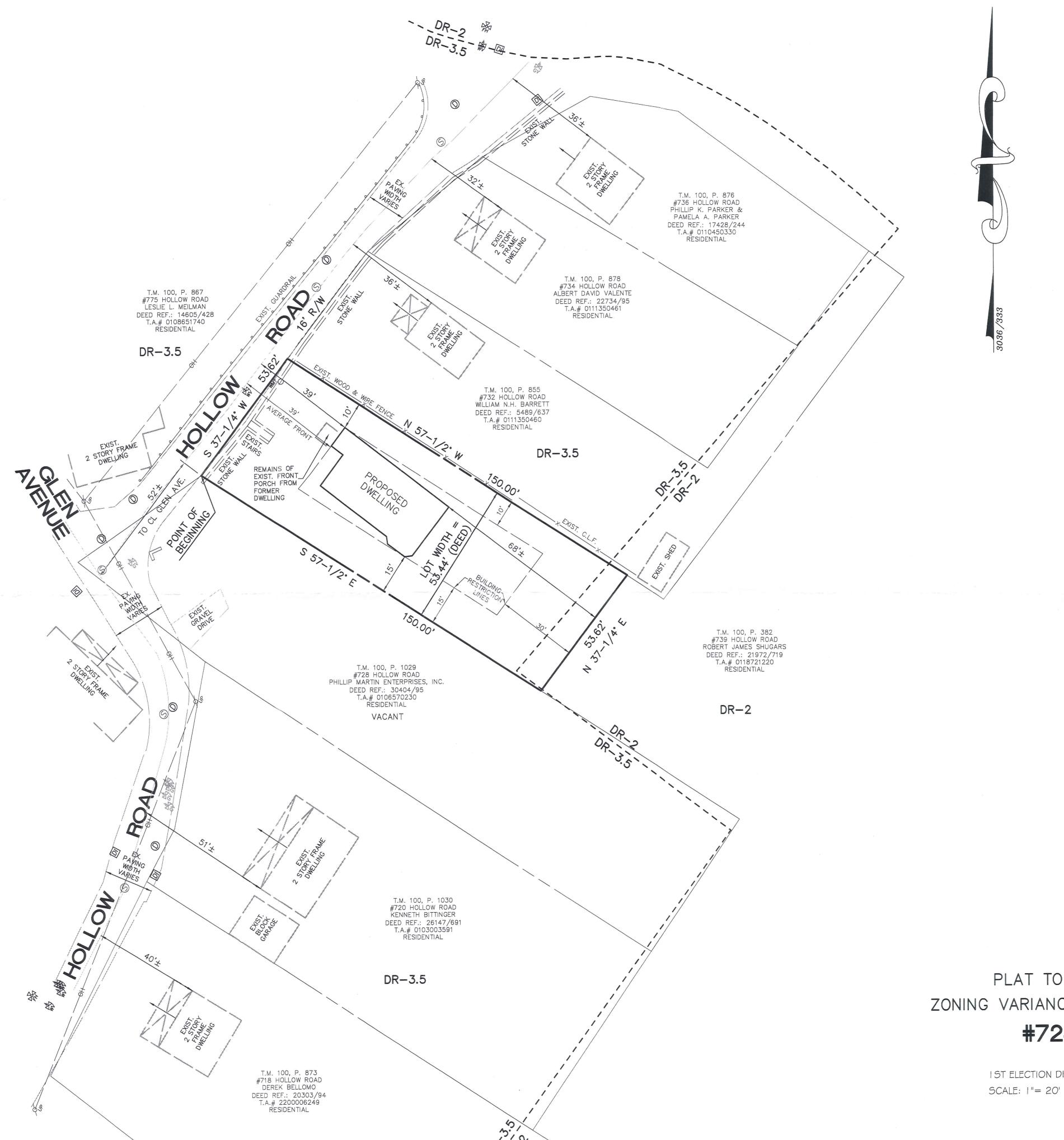


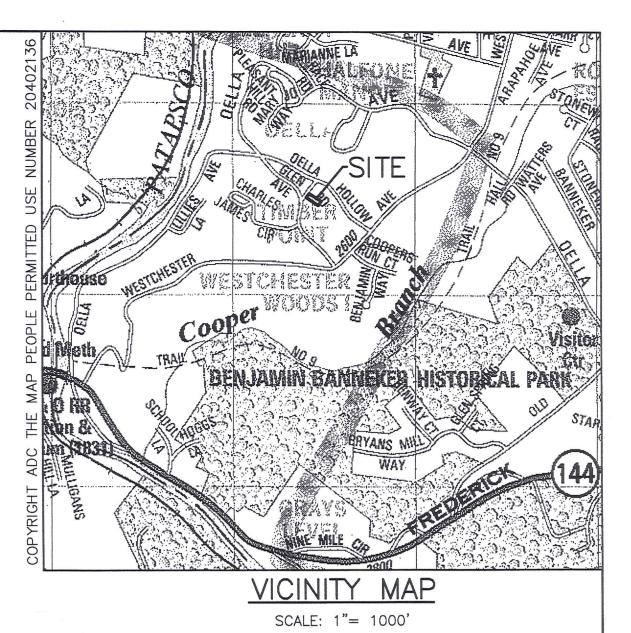
McKEE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Engineering - Land Planning - Land Surveying

Natural Resource Planning - Real Estate Development 5 SHAWAN ROAD, Suite 1 TELEPHONE: (410) 527-1555

COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030 FACSIMILE: (410) 527-1563





NOTE;

THIS LOT HAS BEEN DULY RECORDED BY DEED PRIOR TO MARCH 30, 1955 AND HAS BEEN HELD IN-TACT SINCE NOVEMBER 28, 1842.

ZONING REQUEST

REQUESTING A SPECIAL HEARING TO APPROVE THE USE OF AN UNDERSIZED DR-3.5 LOT WITH AN AREA OF 7,928 SQUARE FEET IN LIEU OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED 10,000 SQUARE FEET (1B02.3.C.1) AND A VARIANCE TO SECTION 1B02.3.C.1.(DR-3.5) TO ALLOW A LOT WIDTH OF 53 FEET IN LIEU OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED 70 FEET.

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITIONS FOR ZONING VARIANCE AND SPECIAL HEARING REQUESTS

#724 HOLLOW ROAD

IST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

IST ELECTION DISTRICT

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DATE: APRIL 18, 2011

EXHIBIT NO.

PETITIONER'S

COMPUTED BY: CHECKED BY: GCS DRAWN BY: JMB JOB No.: 11-027

