# IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

W side of Bloomsbury Avenue; 1,350 feet S of Frederick Road 1<sup>st</sup> Election District 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (205 Bloomsbury Avenue)

General German Orphan Association, aka The Children's Home Petitioner

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

Case No. 2012-0067-SPHA

#### OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the General German Orphan Association, aka The Children's Home, the legal property owner. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows:

- Affirm the continuation of the Community Care Center Special Exception use under B.C.Z.R.
   Section 502.5.A; and
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance were amended at the hearing and were marked as Exhibit 6.

- d) Revision to Building N (minor change in footprint from that shown on the site plan in Case No. 05-065-SPHA);
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- f) Minor revision to the entry drive and portion of the roadway to accommodate retaining Buildings F and G;
- g) Reduction in the number of proposed parking spaces from 107 spaces to 102 (note: 98 parking spaces required); and
- h) Addition of Building Q as proposed 2,750 square feet Maintenance Building. In addition, the Petitioner is requesting Variance relief as follows:
- 1) to permit variances from Section 1B01.2.C.1.a to permit non-residential principal building to building setbacks in the DR 3.5 zone as shown on the site plan as follows:
  - a) For Building G to Building P, a variance setback of 37 feet provided in lieu of the 40 feet required (20 feet side yard Building G plus 20 feet side yard Building P); and
  - b) From Building P to Building H, a variance setback of 28 feet provided in lieu of the 40 feet required (20 feet side yard Building P plus 20 feet side yard Building H); and
  - c) Other good and sufficient reasons as will be presented at the hearing for the requested relief enumerated above.

The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requested relief was Andre Cooper, with the General German Orphan Association, aka The Children's Home, the property owner, and Adam D. Baker, Esquire and Dino C. Lafiandra, Esquire appeared as Counsel for the Petitioner.

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Fred Thompson and Laurie Dickeson, experts retained by Petitioner, also attended the hearing.

There were no Protestants or other persons present, and the file does not contain any letters of protest or opposition from neighboring owners.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property has been operated for many years as a charitable institution providing shelter and counseling for at risk youth. The subject property comprises over 40 contiguous acres in the heart of Catonsville, which is certainly remarkable and unique in such a densely developed area.

The Petitioner called Fred Thompson, a professional engineer, as its first witness. Mr. Thompson opined that the proposed variance and special hearing relief would cause no negative impacts to surrounding neighbors. He explained that the goal was to cluster the residential cottages and other buildings on the campus, to create an intimate atmosphere and to allow for the preservation of the untouched green spaces on the property.

The CEO of the Children's Home, Andre Cooper, was the next witness. Mr. Cooper explained the various programs offered at the center, and said the population was between the ages of 13-21. At present, there are 46 children at the center, although capacity exists for 69 children. Mr. Cooper testified that the majority of the children are referred to the center from local Department of Social Services agencies, and that the average length of stay is one year. Mr. Cooper also explained that the proposed maintenance building (identified as Building Q on Exhibit 3) would help to streamline the operations at the center's physical plant, and would also allow vendors and deliveries to be made to this structure, at the entrance to the campus, so that trucks and other vehicles would not need to traverse the grounds during the day, as is the current practice.

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The final witness was Laurie Dickeson, a licensed architect whose CV was admitted as Exhibit 5. Ms. Dickeson, who has over 25 years experience, testified that she was engaged to assess and study the Petitioner's entire site and operations. Ms. Dickeson indicated her goal was to make things work together and harmoniously, and for that reason she decided to cluster the proposed residential cottages (shown in pink on Exhibit 2, Buildings P & L) among the existing cottages, identified as Buildings F, G & H on Exhibit 2. Ms. Dickeson testified this also allowed Petitioner to preserve open space and wetlands on this large and unique site.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. The comments indicate no opposition from any Baltimore County agency or other recommendations concerning the requested relief.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the special hearing and variance relief.

As to the special hearing, there was no evidence presented that the operation of the center creates a negative impact upon the surrounding community. Indeed, the center has been operational for over 100 years and fulfills a vital need in the community, and I therefore will affirm the continuation of the present use under B.C.Z.R. §502. The other facets of the special hearing request seek to revise the 2005 master plan for the center, to reflect existing conditions and other modest changes in the ultimate plan for the site. The only significant change to the 2005 plan is the addition of a 2,750 square foot Maintenance Building, and as noted above, this will allow the center to streamline certain operations and will also reduce vehicular traffic through the campus. The building is to be strategically located at the entrance to the center, and will not be harmful or detrimental to the existing residences on the west side of Bloomsbury Ave.

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As to the variance request, I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request. As noted, the subject property is quite unique, in that it is a 40 plus acre parcel in the middle of a congested urban area. In addition, the variance relief pertains only to "internal" building-to-building setbacks which would have no discernable impact upon adjoining neighbors.

I further find that strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. Finally, I find the variance can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioner's special hearing and variance requests should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County this day of November, 2011 that the Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") seeking the following relief:

- 1) Affirm the continuation of the Community Care Center Special Exception use under B.C.Z.R. Section 502.5.A; and
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Variance request as follows:

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The relief granted herein is subject to the following condition:

1. Petitioner is advised that it may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, 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.

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Administrative Law Judges

November 14, 2011

Adam D. Baker, Esquire Dino C. Lafiandra, Esquire 1 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste 300 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

(205 Bloomsbury Avenue) Case No. 2012-0067-SPHA

Dear Mr. Baker and Mr. Lafiandra:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections office at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVER VNOÉN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Enclosure



# PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S) To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

address 205 Bloomsbury Avenue	which is presently zoned DR 3.5  10 Digit Tax Account #0107150030  I German Orphan Association (a/k/s
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#### PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING 205 Bloomsbury Avenue

#### Special Hearing Relief Requested:

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Other good and sufficient reasons will be presented at the hearing for the requested relief enumerated above.

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#### ZONING DESCRIPTION CHILDRENS HOME 205 BLOOMSBURY AVENUE

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST SIDE OF BLOOMSBURY AVENUE (60 FEET ULTIMATE RIGHT OF WAY) LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,350 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF FREDERICK ROAD AND BLOOMSBURY AVENUE. THENCE EXTENDING THE FOLLOWING 15 COURSES AND DISTANCES:

- 1. SOUTH 17 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, 125.43 FEET;
- 2. SOUTH 12 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 582.50 FEET;
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- 5. NORTH 35 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 59.41 FEET;
- 6. NORTH 32 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 75.04 FEET;
- NORTH 23 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 25.40 FEET;
- 8. NORTH 28 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 100.50 FEET;
- 9. NORTH 31 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 100.11 FEET;
- 10. NORTH 40 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, 100.63 FEET;
- 11. NORTH 40 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 55.31 FEET;
- 12. NORTH 34 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, 45.00 FEET;
- 13. NORTH 23 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, 0.73 FEET;
- 14. NORTH 13 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 1,182.72 FEET;
- 15. SOUTH 73 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, 503.62 FEET;
- 16. SOUTH 19 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 4.50 FEET;
- 17. SOUTH 72 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, 495.41 FEET;
- 18. SOUTH 14 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, 330.58 FEET; AND
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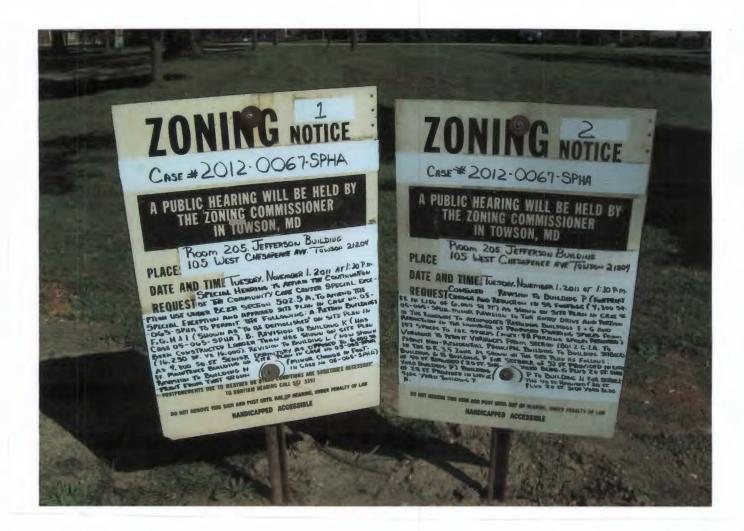
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Hearing: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

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(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



September 27, 2011

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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General German Orphan Assoc., 205 Bloomsbury Avenue, Baltimore 21228

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011.

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# 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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Hearing: Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 1:30 p.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.

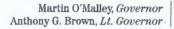
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

JT 10/656 October 18

## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md., once in each of successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 10/18 The Jeffersonian ☐ Arbutus Times Catonsville Times ☐ Towson Times Owings Mills Times ☐ NE Booster/Reporter ☐ North County News

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

With the

Date: 9-19-11

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

RE: **Baltimore County** 

Item No. 2012-0067-SPHA Special Hearing Variance General German Orphan Assoc. The Childrens Home

205 Blooms Dury Ave.

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. 2012-0067-5PHA .

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

SDF/rz

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 23, 2011

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting For October 03, 2011

Item Nos. 2012-067,068,069,071,072

And 073:

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

DAK:CEN

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

SEP 27 2011

**Inter-Office Correspondence** 

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

September 27, 2011

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 12-0067-SPHA

Address

205 Bloomsbury Avenue

(General German Orphan Association Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 19, 2011.

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

Reviewer: Jeff Livingston; Development Coordination



205 Bloomsbury Avenue; W/S Bloomsbury Avenue, 1350' S of Frederick Road 1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): General German Orphan Association/The Children's Home Petitioner(s) **BEFORE THE** 

ADMINSTRATIVE LAW

JUDGE FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

2012-067-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.

Peter Max Zimmerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Adam Baker, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, 1 W Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

#### **Debra Wiley - ZAC Comments**

From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Kennedy, Dennis; Lanham, Lynn; Livingston, Jeffrey; Lykens, David; M...

Date:

9/21/2011 8:16 AM

Subject: ZAC Comments

#### Good Morning,

Please see the cases listed below and the hearing date, if assigned. If you wish to submit a ZAC comment, please be advised that you must do so before the hearing date. If it's not received by the hearing date, it will not be considered in our decision.

Thanks and feel free to contact me should you ave any questions or concerns.

2012-0067-SPHA - 205 Bloomsbury Avenue - (Historic Area)

Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

2012-0068-A - 1701 Searles Road

Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

2012-0069-SPHA - 6701 Chippewa Court Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

2012-0070-XA - 328 Main Street

Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

2012-0071-A - 2035 Pleasant Villa Avenue Administrative Variance: Closing 10/3

2012-0072-A - 111 Regester Avenue

Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

2012-0073-SPHA - 1106 Wiseburg Road Hearing Date: None in data base as of 9/20

Debbie Wiley Legal Administrative Secretary Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Md. 21204 410-887-3868 410-887-3468 (fax) dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 15, 2011

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2012-0067-SPHA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on December 14, 2011. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

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# PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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LIVRIE DICKESON	401 WOODBOUKNE AVE	BALTIMORE, MD 21212	Ldickeson Epenzabailey.com
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Case No.: 2012-0067-SPHA

Exhibit Sheet

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Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	CV-Thompson	
No. 2	Plantibel Patition	
No. 3	Realine Plan	
No. 4	2005 Plan	
No. 5	CV - Dickeson	
No. 6	Amended Zoning Petition	
No. 7		
No. 8		
No. 9		
No. 10		
No. 11	•	
No. 12		

## GOWER THOMPSON INC.

#### Frederick J. Thompson, P.E.

Project Manager, Principal

Mr. Thompson has numerous years of experience in providing civil/site engineering for a wide variety of private and public clients. He is experienced in land planning to optimize new site development; site development plans; public works drawings and specifications for highways, roads, and utilities; site evaluations; preparation of zoning plans; feasibility studies to determine the future use and/or the adaptive reuse of an existing facility, and; the design for the expansion and upgrading of developed sites. He has extensive experience in Baltimore City and County.

#### Relevant Project Experience

New Senior Housing Building Subdivision of 17 Acre Parcel Public Works Plans New Parking Lots Stormwater Management New Housing Development Plan PUD Appproval Renaissance Square Baltimore County

New Apartment Building
For the Elderly
Grading & Utility Design
Public Works Improvements
Stormwater Management
New Parking Lot
Floodplain Study
Development Plan
PUD Approval
The Greens at
Rolling Road
Baltimore County

Site Design
Major Parking Lot Expansion
Stormwater Management
Grading & Utility Design
Play Fields
Erosion & Sediment Control
Pre-School Addition
Gordon Theater
Jewish Community Center
Owings Mills Complex
Baltimore County

New Office Building
New Parking Lot
Public Works Improvements
Crossroads West
Office Complex
Baltimore County

Two New Apartment Buildings
For the Elderly
100 Year Floodplain Study
Public Works Improvements
Stormwater Management
New Parking Lot
Cove Point Apartments
Peninsula Expressway
Baltimore County

Four New Apartment Buildings For the Elderly New Parking Lots Development Plan Amendment Grading & Utility Design PWA Plan Weinberg Village Baltimore County

New Stormwater
Management Facility
New Subdivision
Public Improvements
Rolling Crossroads
Professional Park
Baltimore County

New Diagnostic Center
Development Plan
Zoning Hearing
New Stormwater
Management Facility
Grading & Utilities
Forestation Issues
Public Improvements
The Children's Home
Baltimore County

#### Professional Experience

Gower Thompson, Inc. 1996 - Present

LPJ, Inc. (Principal) 1990-1996

A/E Group 1988-1990

RTKL 1971-1988

Gannett, Fleming, Corddry, and Carpenter, Inc. 1962-1971

California Department of Highways 1961-1962

#### Education

Villanova University Master of Science Civil Engineering 1971

Villanova University Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering

#### **Professional Registration**

Maryland

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#### Laurie Dickeson, AIA, LEED AP

Senior Associate

Laurie Dickeson has been practicing architecture since 1986 at all levels of service. She has extensive experience in the design of many types of facilities, including new construction as well as additions and renovations. As a LEED Accredited Professional Laurie is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The Council is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work.

Her expertise in the renovation of existing buildings includes the adaptive reuse of historic structures. This encompasses initial planning with feasibility studies, existing facility evaluations, and code analysis as well as complex phased renovations involving occupied buildings often requiring extensive hazardous material abatement.

Ms. Dickeson has had great success in design, translating complex program requirements into innovative projects, often with limited budgets. Her extensive experience includes working with community groups, often involving building committees with volunteer members who are not construction professionals. She also has a great deal of education experience at the elementary, secondary, and college levels.

Master Planning & Programming Experience

## Baltimore City Corrections Complex, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Baltimore, MD

Provision of a Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Baltimore City Corrections Complex. The plan incorporates the demolition, construction, and renovation of various facilities over a 10 to 15 year span, with an anticipated budget of well over \$350 million. The Master Plan made recommendations for phasing. A Part 1 and 2 Program was then developed for the new buildings including a new Juvenile Detention Center, Women's Detention Center, Men's Detention Center, Community Corrections Program Facilities, new support services buildings, hospital facility and administration buildings.

# Maryland Master Facilities Plan, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

A statewide Master Facilities Plan was developed for DPSCS in association with PSA-Dewberry to assess every correctional institution in the State through 2015. The documentation includes written assessments, analyses, recommendations, graphs, tables, 3-D concepts overlaid into site photos, spreadsheets, conceptual plan representations, and substantive narrative.

#### The Children's Home Master Plan, Baltimore County, MD

The Children's Home provides residential care and social services for children on a 40-acre campus in Baltimore County. The feasibility study and master plan for this campus incorporates historic 1920's buildings through contemporary buildings. This project began with a physical assessment of the entire campus. Each building was evaluated in terms of its physical conditions, structural integrity, and compliance

#### EDUCATION

BFA - Art History, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS M. Arch., University of Texas Austin, Texas

CONTINUING EDUCATION

US GREEN BUILDINGS COUNCIL, LEED Intermediate Workshop

Sustainable Buildings Industry Council for "High Performance School Buildings"

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

Maryland

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#### PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING 205 Bloomsbury Avenue

#### Special Hearing Relief Requested:

- 1. Affirm the continuation of the Community Care Center Special Exception use under BCZR § 502.5.A.
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  - f. Minor revision to the entry drive and portion of the roadway to accommodate retaining Buildings F and G; and
  - g. Reduction in the number of proposed parking spaces from 107 spaces to 102 spaces (note: 98 parking spaces required).
  - h. Addition of Building Q as proposed 2,750 sf Maintenance Building.

#### Variance Relief Requested:

1. Permit variances from Sections 1B01.2.C.1.a to permit non-residential principal building to building setbacks in the D.R. 3.5 zone as shown on the site plan as follows:

Building:	To Building:	Variance for Setback of:	In Lieu of:
G	P	37 feet provided	40 feet required (20 feet side yard building G plus 20 feet side yard building P).
P	Н	28 feet provided	40 feet required (20 feet side yard building P plus 20 feet side yard building H).

Other good and sufficient reasons will be presented at the hearing for the requested relief enumerated above.

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