IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION *
AND VARIANCE

(5401 Baltimore National Pike)

1st Election District

1st Councilmanic District Catonsville Plaza, LLC

Legal Owner
Petitioner

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2013-0163-XA

ORDER AND OPINION

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as Petitions for Special Exception and Variance filed for property located at 5401 Baltimore National Pike. The Petitions were filed by Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esq., on behalf of Catonsville Plaza, LLC, the legal owners of the subject property. The Special Exception Petition seeks relief per Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) Section 4C-102(1) for a State licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within a large shopping center zoned Business Major (BM) in the Commercial Community Core (CCC), known as Catonsville Plaza. The Petition for variance seeks to locate the dialysis clinic within 750 ft. of a residentially zoned property, and the petition also seeks a determination that sufficient parking exists to accommodate employees and patients. The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Appearing at the hearing was Matt Copeland and David Taylor, the engineer who prepared the site plan. Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, attended and represented the Petitioner. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the B.C.Z.R.

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The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. The only substantive comment was submitted by the Department of Planning (DOP), which recommended that landscaping be provided along a fence line and that additional architectural features be added to the concrete wall at the front of the proposed clinic. Counsel indicated Petitioner was amenable to these requests.

Testimony and evidence offered at the hearing revealed that the subject property is 15.33 acres and is zoned BM-CCC. The site is improved with a shopping center that was constructed forty years ago, and which has been redeveloped several times throughout the years. At present, the Petitioner proposes to open a kidney dialysis center (9,800 sf) on the periphery of the site. The clinic would serve approximately 35-40 patients a day, and is located 106' from a DR zone, which is situated on the other side of a public road (Old Frederick Road).

SPECIAL EXCEPTION

As noted above, Petitioner seeks Special Exception relief for a State licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center. Under Maryland law, a Special Exception use enjoys a presumption that it is in the interest of the general welfare, and therefore, valid. Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). The Schultz standard was revisited in People's Counsel v. Loyola College, 406 Md. 54 (2008), where the court emphasized that a Special Exception is properly denied only when there are facts and circumstances showing that the adverse impacts of the use at the particular location in question would be above and beyond those inherently associated with the Special Exception use. There was no such evidence presented in this case, and the Petition for Special Exception will therefore be granted.

Date 3-20-13

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VARIANCE

Under Cromwell and its progeny, to obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

(2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53, 80 (2008).

Petitioner has met this test. The subject property is large and irregularly shaped, and thus it is unique for zoning purposes.

If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly enforced, the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty and/or hardship. Indeed, the Petitioner would be unable to operate the clinic at this location.

Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the support of the Department of Planning (DOP), and the lack of community opposition.

Finally, I also believe that sufficient parking exists at the site for employees and patients of the proposed clinic, as required by the B.C.Z.R. §4C-102A.2.b. At present, Mr. Taylor has determined that 1,401 spaces are required while 1,128 are provided. See exhibit 2 ("Parking Analysis"). By Order in case number 89-385-A, the Petitioner was granted variance relief allowing 1,155 spaces in lieu of the required 1,404 spaces. Recently, the Director of Permits, Approvals & Inspections, pursuant to B.C.Z.R. §409.13, granted a reduction in the number of required spaces (to 1,128), and I believe that sufficient parking will therefore be provided for the proposed clinic.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these petitions, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioner's Special Exception and Variance requests should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, this 20th day of March, 2013, that Petitioner's request for Special Exception relief under section 4C-102(1) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), for a State licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within a large shopping center zoned Business Major (BM) in the Commercial Community Core (CCC), known as Catonsville Plaza, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's request for Variance relief from Section4C-102(2) of the B.C.Z.R., to permit a state licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within 750 ft. of a residentially zoned property line and a determination that there is sufficient parking to accommodate all employees and patients of the state licensed medical clinic, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon the following:

- Petitioner may apply for appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired.
 If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- Petitioner must comply with the ZAC comments from the DOP dated February 1, 2013 (See exhibit 3).

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

JOHN BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits Inspections & Approvals

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 13-163

Petitioner: Catonsville Plaza LLC

Property Size: 15.33 ac. Zoning: BM, CCC

Requested Action: Special Hearing, Variance

Hearing Date:

The petitioner is seeking Special Hearing to permit a medical clinic (kidney dialysis center) to be located within a large shopping center. The petitioner is also seeking a variance to permit a medical center within 750 feet of a residentially zoned property. The petitioner also seeks a determination to see that there is enough sufficient parking to accommodate all patients and staff.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has the following comments:

The Department of Planning has no objections to the location of the kidney dialysis center or it's proximity to a residential zone. The Dialysis center would be located in the rear of the shopping center and would have more than enough to parking to accommodate patients and staff. The dialysis center would not pose a threat to the nearby residential homes located across the street. A large office complex of medical offices currently exists across from the proposed dialysis center and abuts right next to several residential properties.

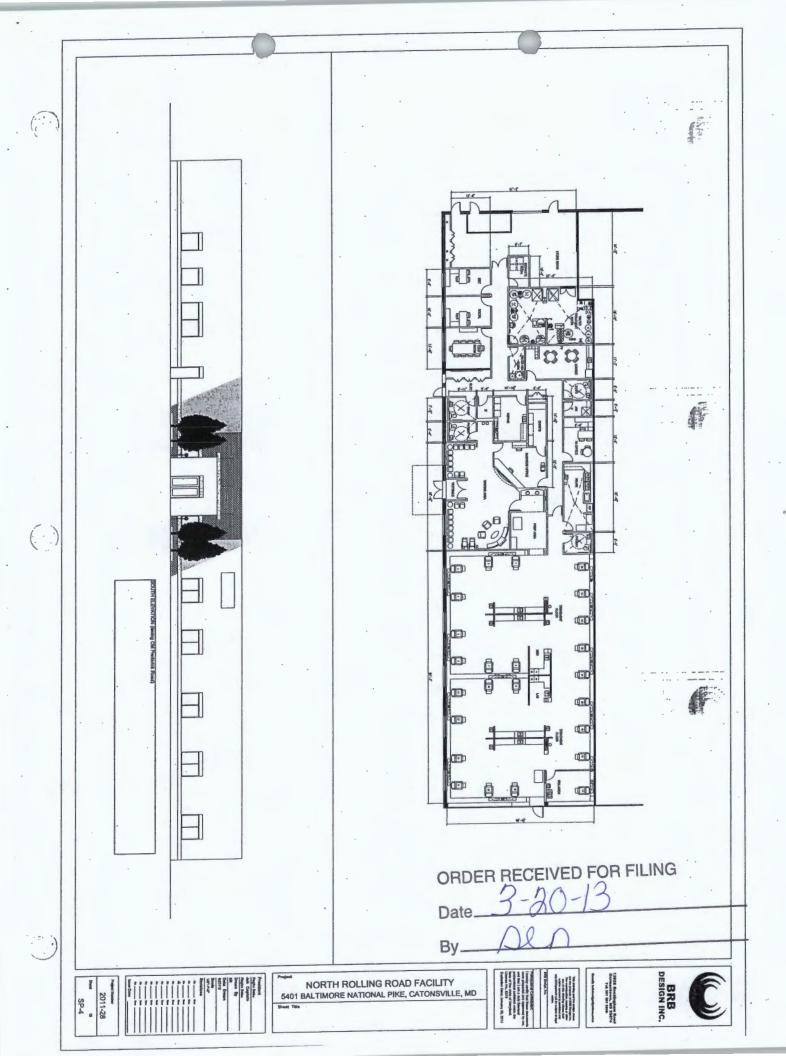
Planning does recommend the following:

- 1. Landscape the fence along the southern property line with vegetation to screen the view of the residential homes across the street.
- Provide some architectural articulation of the blank concrete wall facade besides just a door and a canopy.
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By Dln #3

DATE: February 1, 2013





KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

March 20, 2013

Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire One South Street Suite 2600 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE:

Petitions for Special Exception and Variance

Case No.: 2013-0163-XA

Property: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

Dear Mr.Scherr:

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 Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERLINGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: David Taylor, 3106 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite 110, Baltimore, Maryland 21244 Matt Copeland, 258 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201



PETITION FOR ZONING HEAPING(S)

To be file with the Department of Permits, Approval and Inspections To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD

which is presently zoned BM CCC

Deed References: 14735/604

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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Catonsville Plaza LLC

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan 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

2. x a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for State-licensed medical clinic (kidney dialysis center) - See Attached

3. x a Variance from Section(s)

4C-102(2)

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition)

See Attached

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), 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.

Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so 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 / these Petition(s).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owners (Petitioners):
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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD

Petitioner seeks (A) a special exception pursuant to Section 4C-102(1) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) for a state-licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within a large shopping center zoned Business Major (BM) in the Commercial Community Core (CCC), known as Catonsville Plaza, (B) a variance from Section 4C-102(2)(a) to permit a state-licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within 750 feet of a residentially zoned property line and (C) a determination that there is sufficient parking to accommodate all employees and patients of the state-licensed medical clinic pursuant to B.C.Z.R. § 4C-102(2)(b).

Petitioner seeks the special exception and variance for the reasons hereinafter set forth. The subject property is a large 15.29 acre shopping center parcel zoned BM-CCC and is improved by four separate commercial buildings housing various businesses and services. The building uses in the shopping center include a grocery store, fitness center, restaurant, automobile service center and armed forces recruitment center. The improvements consist of: one two-story, multi-tenant building; one single-story, multi-tenant building; and two additional single-story, single-tenant buildings. The shopping center and proposed location of the kidney dialysis center are shown on the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Petitioner desires to lease approximately 9,800 square feet of space within the two-story, multi-tenant building for use as a kidney dialysis center. State-licensed medical clinics are permitted in the B.M. zone by special exception. B.C.Z.R. § 4C-102(1). A kidney dialysis center is considered a state-licensed medical clinic pursuant to B.C.Z.R. § 4C-101(A) and Md. Health-Gen. Code § 19-3B-01.

The kidney dialysis center will be located approximately 106 feet from the nearest residentially-zoned property line. The nearest residential zones are DR 5.5 (106 feet) and RO (129 feet).

Use of the subject premises as a kidney dialysis center will involve operation of an outpatient renal dialysis clinic, renal dialysis home training, pharmaceutical services, aphaeresis services and similar blood separation and cell collection procedures, and related uses. The center expects to serve approximately 35-40 patients daily.

The use of the subject premises as a kidney dialysis center is consistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and the shopping center's commercial zoning classification. The requested special exception and variance will not be detrimental to the

health, safety or general welfare of the community and will in fact provide a valuable health service to the members of the community. The shopping center can easily accommodate the flow of patients to the dialysis center, being designed to support busy retail and commercial uses. The proposed use otherwise satisfies the requirements of B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.

The kidney dialysis center will not have a negative impact on the nearby residential areas. The type of medical services provided will not create any hazards or disturbances to the nearby residential areas and, as previously mentioned, the anticipated traffic flow will be easily handled within the shopping center's existing improvements.

To accommodate the use of the space as a kidney dialysis center, petitioner intends to add an exterior canopy for an ambulance and patient drop-off area. This addition requires removal of 6-8 parking spaces and is the subject of a request for a parking reduction filed with the Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections. There are currently 1,136 parking spaces within the shopping center pursuant to a variance granted in Case No. 89-385A. Petitioner's application to the Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections requests a reduction in the parking requirements to allow 1,128 parking spaces in lieu of the current 1,136 parking spaces. Pursuant to B.C.Z.R. § 4C-102(2)(b), Petitioner also requests that the Zoning Commissioner find that the shopping center parking, as reduced, contains sufficient parking to accommodate all employees and patients of the center.

For the reasons set forth above, Petitioner requests special exception and a variance to permit the kidney dialysis center to be located at Catonsville Plaza and a determination that there is sufficient parking to accommodate all employees and patients of the center pursuant to B.C.Z.R. § 4C-102(2)(b).



3106 Lord Baltimore Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21244-5800 410.265.9500 410.265.8875 fax www.dewberry.com

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR:

1st Election Dist. 1st Counsel Dist.

Catonsville Plaza Address: 5401 Baltimore National Pike Parcel 242, Tax Map 95 Grid 21

Beginning at a point on the North side of Old Frederick Road, which is 60' wide at the distance of 1006 feet +/- East of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Academy Road, which is 60' wide.

Thence with said Catonsville Plaza, LLC property the following courses and distances:

- 1) North 08° 08' 40" East 543.66 feet to a point on the south side of Baltimore National Pike.
- 2) Thence with said south side of Baltimore National Pike 1,098.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 14,248.95' with a chord bearing and distance of North 80° 08' 55" East 1,098.63 feet to a point.
- 3) Thence leaving said Pike South 36° 40' 20" East 305.18 feet to a point on the north side of said Old Frederick Road running with said north side of Old Frederick Road the next seven (7) courses and distances.
- 4) Thence South 60° 55' 40" West 179.22 feet to a point.
- 5) Thence 190.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 940.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of South 55° 06' 35" West 190.57 feet to a point.
- 6) Thence South 49° 17' 30" West 333.09 feet to a point.
- 7) Thence 400.26 feet along a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 470.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of South 73° 41′ 19" West 388.27 feet to a point...
- 8) Thence North 81° 54' 50" West 246.80 feet to a point.
- 9) Thence 106.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 700.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of North 86° 17' 20" West 106.80 feet to a point.
- 10) Thence South 89° 20' 10" West 52.69 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING as recorded in Deed Liber S.M. 14735, Folio 604, containing 15.3291 acres. Located in the 1st Election District and 1st Council District.

This description is based on deed information only, no survey was performed

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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: # 2013-0163-XA

5401 Baltimore National Pike

S/s Baltimore National Pike, 860 ft. +/- w/of centerline of Charing Cross Road

of Charing Cross Road
1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Catonsville Plaza, LLC
Special Exception: for a State licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within a large shopping center zoned Business Major (BM) in the Commercial Community Core (CCC) known as Catonsville Plaza. Variance: to permit a state licensed medical clinic, specifically, a kidney dialysis center, to be located within 750 ft. of a residentially zoned property line and a determination that there is sufficient parking to accommodate all employees and patients of the state licensed medical clinic. Hearing: Friday, March 15, 2013 at 11:00 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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501 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21278

February 21, 2013

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on February 21, 2013.

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By: Susan Wilkinson

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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	Caton	sville Plaza, LLC
	Date of Hearing/Closing:	March 15, 2013
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Attn: Kristen Lewis:		
Ladies and Gentlemen:		
This letter is to certify under the penalties of posted conspicuously on the property located 5401 Baltimore National Pike		
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Jeffrey Scherr

One South Street, Ste. 2600

Baltimore, MD 21202

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S/s Baltimore National Pike, 860 ft. +/- w/of centerline of Charing Cross Road

1st Election District – 1st Councilmanic District

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Arnold Jablon

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

February 14, 2013

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

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Arnold Jablon Director

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C: Jeffrey Scherr, One South Street, Ste. 2600, Baltimore 21202 The Hutensky Group, 100 Constitution Plaza,7th Fl., Hartford CT 06103

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SAT., FEBRUARY 23, 2013.

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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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 2013-0163-XA
Petitioner: Catonsville Plaza LLC
Address or Location: 5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Catonsville Plaza LLC
Address: c/o The Hutensky Group
100 Constitution Plaza, 7th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103
Telephone Number:

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

March 6, 2013

Catonsville Plaza LLC
Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire
C/O The Hutensky Group
100 Constitution Plaza, 7th floor
Hartford CT 06103

RE: Case Number: 2013-0163 XA, Address: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

Dear Mr. Scherr:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on January 10, 2013. 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,

U. Cal Richald

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaf

Enclosures

People's Counsel
 Jeffrey Scherr, Esquire, One South Street, Suite 2600, Baltimore MD 21202

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 1-25-13

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

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 2013-0163-XA Special Exception Various Catonsville Alaza, LLC 5401 Battomere Nethonal P. ILC

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 1-23-13. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 16540 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Vavanco Case Number 2013-0163-XA

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

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

SDF/raz

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE

DATE: January 30, 2013

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Department of Permits, Approvals

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For January 28, 2013

Item Nos. 2013-0151,0153,0154,0156,0157,0158,0159,0160,0161,0162,

0163,0164,0165,0166,0167,0168,0169, and 0172.

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

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DATE: February 1, 2013

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits Inspections & Approvals

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 13-163

Petitioner: Ca

Catonsville Plaza LLC

Property Size: 15.33 ac. Zoning: BM, CCC

Requested Action: Special Hearing, Variance

Hearing Date:

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Prepared By:

Section Chief: AFK/LL:DZ RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

5401 Baltimore National Pike; S/S Baltimore *
National Pike, 860' W of Charing Cross Road
1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts *
Legal Owner(s): Catonsville Plaza, LLC

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2013-163-XA

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

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Jefferson Building, Room 204
105 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24th day of January, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, One South Street, Suite 2600, Baltimore, MD 21202, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

April 23, 2013

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2013-0163-XA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on April 19, 2013. 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

Mr. Arnold Jablon January 2, 2013 Page 2

§ 409.13 of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County permits the Director to grant a parking reduction of up to 40%. This percentage is calculated based on the parking requirements set by existing variances. The requested reduction is less than a 3% reduction from the current parking requirements and will not have a negative impact on parking availability at the shopping center.

For the reasons set forth above, Owner requests that you grant a parking reduction to permit the proposed 1,128 spaces on the Property.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Erin R. Guiffre

Enclosures

Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search (vw2.1A) BALTIMORE COUNTY Go Back
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[Bill No. 45-2012] In order to prevent the establishment of a greater number of parking spaces than is actually required to serve the needs of shopping centers with 100,000 square feet or more of gross leasable area, a reduction of the number of required off-street parking spaces is permitted. On application, the Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections may reduce the number of required parking spaces by up to 40% if the following procedures and conditions are satisfied:

- A. The applicant shall submit a certified site plan and documentary evidence of reduced parking needs to the Director. The site plan shall show all existing site improvements and proposed changes. The applicant's submittal shall be distributed to the Department of Planning and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability for review and recommendations.
- B. In determining whether to grant any parking reduction, the Director may prescribe any site improvements that are appropriate for the proper function of the shopping center or that are in the public interest. Site improvements may include:
 - Changes that will create a more attractive and pleasing appearance, such as additional or enhanced screening and landscaping, enhancement of building elevations, elimination or replacement of excessive or unsightly signage, and creation of an attractive cohesive architectural design.
 - Modification of existing vehicular access arrangements, such as changing the location or design of a vehicular entrance or changes to internal circulation design to provide safer conditions for motorists.
 - Creation of a safe and pedestrian-friendly environment, including the provision of bicycle amenities such as bike racks, and connections to adjacent neighborhoods.
 - Enhancement of accessibility for the disabled.
 - Replacement of existing outdoor lighting fixtures to eliminate or reduce the impacts of glare, light trespass, and excessive illumination.
 - 6. Provision of amenity open space that is designed and intended to be used by the general public.
 - 7. Incorporation of sustainable practices that will reduce the environmental impact of buildings or associated site improvements. Sustainable practices include:
 - a. Application of best management practices, such as the use of bioswales, stormwater management tree planters, structural soils and porous paving.
 - b. Proper installation of shade trees to mitigate the heat island effect from paved surfaces.
- C. After consideration of agency recommendations, the Director may grant a parking

reduction. The parking space reduction may not exceed 40% of the number of parking spaces otherwise required by Section 409. Any prior reduction of parking space requirements through the grant of a variance (if still applicable) shall be considered the required amount of parking for the purpose of calculating the requested reduction.

- D. If a parking space reduction is approved by the Director, with any required changes to existing or proposed site improvements, the site plan shall be revised to be consistent with the approval by the Director.
- E. If a parking reduction is granted, the shopping center may not be enlarged or increased in intensity unless application is made and approved for a new or revised parking space reduction.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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CASE NUMBER	2013-0163	XA
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PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE FROM AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF HALTIMOR	legal owner_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 4	13.5 d Request heightof
sign 38' instead of required	1_25!
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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical	the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the
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Address 5411 Rangolph Ri Rockville	, Md.
ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of B	Baltimore County, thisday
of April 196 6, that the sub	bject matter of this petition be advertised, as
required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, to Baltimore County, that property be posted, and Commissioner of Baltimore Gounty in Room 106,	in two newspapers of general circulation through- i that the public hearing be had before the Zoning County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore
County, on-the 4th day of	Hay , 196 6, at 1:00 o'clock
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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 89-384-A

PERMITRES OF THET AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioners harein request a variance to permit two (2) double-faced identification signs to be located on the same extract; to permit each of the two signs to contain i,184 sq.ft. total (592 eq.ft. per side) in line of the namium permitted 300 sq.ft.; to permit said signs to be located on the subject property where the land on the opposite side of the thoroughfare is not some commercial; and to permit said signs to be 38 feet. 6 inches high in lift of the maximum permitted 25/35 feet height, all as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by Hugh D. Robinson, Tri-Land Properties, Inc., a General Partner, appeared, testified and were represented by Robert W. Campon, Esquire and Steven C. Hilsee, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were D. S. Thelar with D. S. Thelar and Associates, Inc., and Adam Masserman, Revitalization Coordinator for Saltimore County. There were no Protestants.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HUNRING
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Catomsville Plaze Ltd. Fart. Petitioners

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- Case No. 91-231-891

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(5401 Baltimore National Pike)

Catonsville Plaza, LLC Petitioner BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2013-0030-A

OPINION AND ORDER

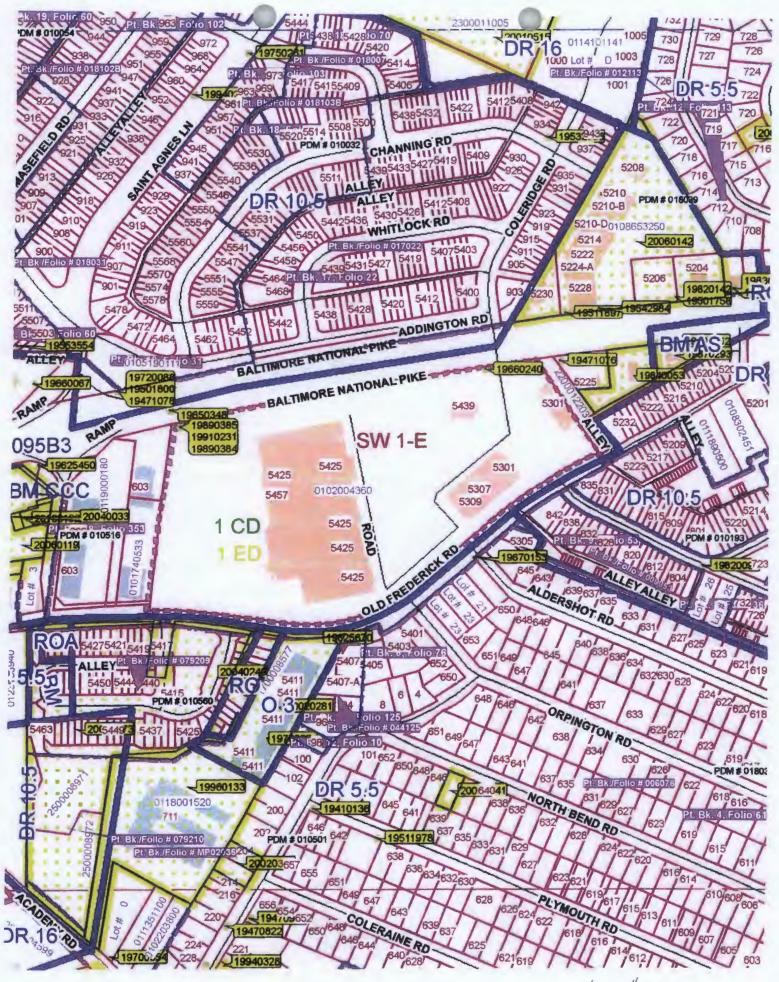
This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed by Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, on behalf of the legal owner, Catonsville Plaza, LLC.

The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from § 450.4 Attachment 1.7(b) as follows:

- (1) To permit two free standing joint identification signs along the same frontage at Baltimore National Pike (US Route 40) in lieu of the permitted one per frontage,
- (2) To permit six lines of copy for the display of tenant names on the existing lower level joint identification sign in lieu of the permitted five lines of tenant copy, and
- (3) To permit an existing double faced, 241.08 sq. ft. per face joint identification sign (lower level) and an existing double faced, 232.96 sq. ft. per face joint identification sign (upper level) in lieu of the permitted one per frontage at 150 sq. ft per face.

The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support for this case was Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire and David L. Taylor, Jr. with Dewberry & Davis, LLC, the consulting firm that prepared the site plan. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.



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Case No.: 2013 - 0163 - XA

Exhibit Sheet

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Petitioner/De	veloper
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Protestant

No. 1	Taylor CV	
No. 2	Site Plan	
No. 3	ZAC Comments 2-1-13	
No. 4	Rendering	
No. 5	Color Photos (#2)	
No. 6	Order in #89-385-A	
No. 7		
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No. 9		
No. 10		
No. 11		·
No. 12		



David L. Taylor, Jr. RLA

Senior Associate / Project Manager

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Over 11 years of Baltimore County Experience

Testimony before Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner and Board of Appeals

EDUCATION:

MS, Real Estate, Johns Hopkins University

BS, Landscape Architecture, West Virginia University

REGISTRATIONS:

Landscape Architect: MD, PA, OH

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE:

Dewberry: 5

Prior: 14

AFFILIATIONS:

Leadership Baltimore County

Home Builders Association of MD

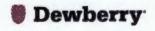
PUBLICATIONS:

"Land Development Handbook 3" ed.; Chapter 8"Subdivision Ordinanaces, Site Plan Regulations, and Building Codes" Published by McGraw-Hill; 2008 Mr. Taylor has provided multi-discipline team management/leadership for over 19 years. He is responsible for business and operational development for land planning, landscape architecture and engineering services in the firm's Baltimore, MD office.

As a manager he has a hands-on approach and enjoys working directly with clients in all aspects of program development, feasibility, entitlements, zoning, planning, site design, engineering and permitting. His planning and design work has involved projects relating to healthcare, academic institutions, schools and public facilities, residential and mixed-use residential, energy infrastructure, commercial uses, bikeway planning and design, streetscapes, urban planning, playgrounds, recreation and park facilities, sports complexes and zoos in the Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Arthur Becker Property Subdivision, Cockeysville, Maryland
- Walker Station Subdivision, Parkton, Maryland
- Burns Property Subdivision, Lutherville, Maryland
- Ruppert Farms Subdivision, Kingsville, Maryland
- Arthur Tracey Property Subdivision, Freeland, Maryland
- Miller / Tipper Property Subdivision, Parkton, Maryland
- Bartholme Property Subdivision, Parkton, Maryland
- Lee Property Subdivision, Owings Mills, Maryland
- Honeygo Run Reclamation Center Southern Expansion, White Marsh, MD
- Honeygo Run Reclamation Center Vertical Expansion, White Marsh, MD
- Autozone, Cockeysville, MD
- Klein's Super Market, Jacksonville, Maryland
- · Target, Pikesville, Maryland
- Sam's Club-Catonsville, Baltimore County, Maryland
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building HUB, Baltimore County, Maryland
- Cross and Chapel Subdivision, Perry Hall, Maryland
- · Cillian's Crossing, Perry Hall, Maryland
- Catonsville Plaza Sign Variance, Catonsville, Maryland



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 1, 2013

TO:

Amold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits Inspections & Approvals

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

INFORMATION:

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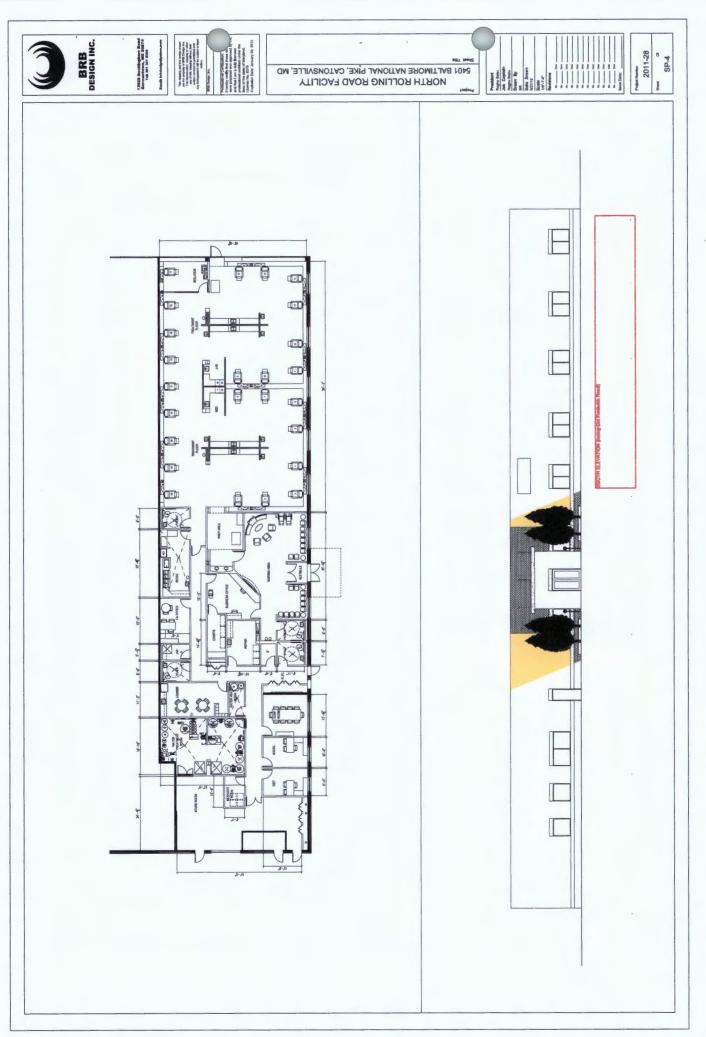
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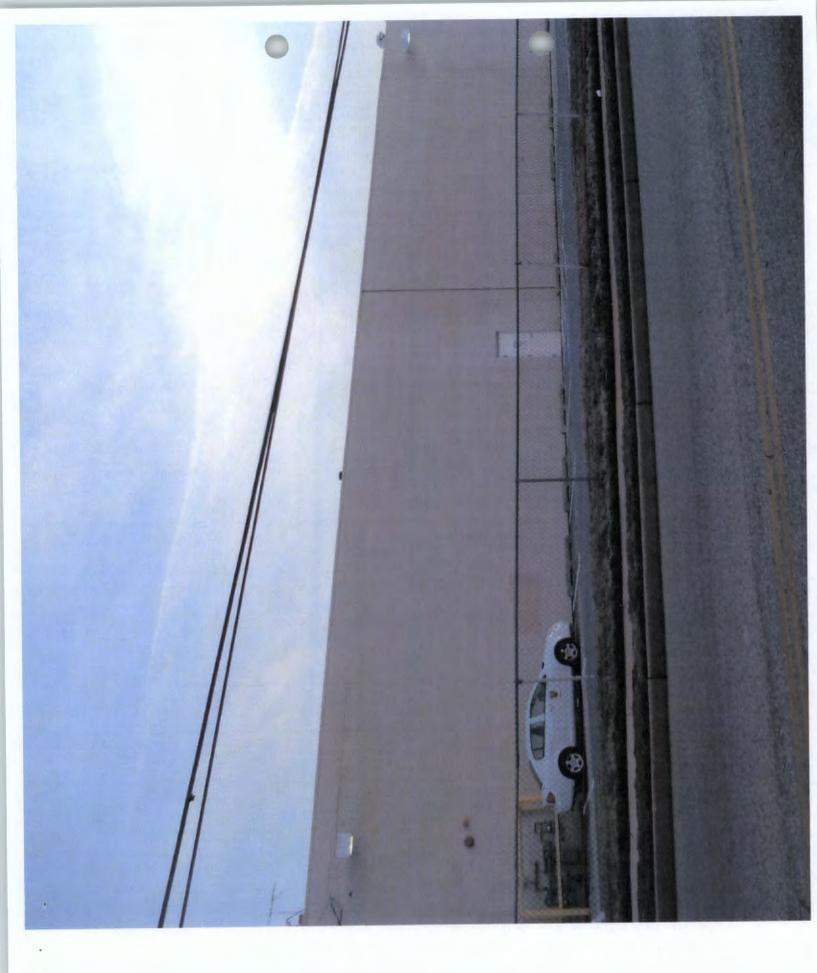
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* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Catonsville Plaza Ltd. Part.

Case No. 89-385-A

FINDINGS OF FACE AND CONCLUSIONS OF DAN

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