IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING (19 Warren Park Dr)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District Milford Apartments I, LLC Petitioner BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2013-0193-SPH

### ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Protestants have filed on June 3, 2013 a motion to reconsider the May 6 Order in the above case. The first portion of the motion contends that the ALJ erred by granting the special hearing relief and confirming that a "zoning subdivision" existed. As noted at the hearing, and in the Order, it is unclear whether such a doctrine exists under Maryland or Baltimore County law. But the granting of the relief on this point was tantamount only to recognizing that the property is in fact split-zoned, as discussed on page 3 of the Opinion. Stated otherwise, the words "zoning subdivision" were coined by the Petitioner, and do not, in and of themselves, have legally operative significance. Thus, I think the Protestants are emphasizing semantics over substance.

As noted in the Opinion, I did not conclude that "Parcel 3" had been lawfully subdivided under the pertinent County subdivision regulations. Nor did I find that a "de facto" subdivision had occurred, although cases were cited from other jurisdictions where such a concept has been recognized. The Council's rezoning of "Parcel 3" in the last CZMP was a pivotal event, and legal consequences flow from that action. One of those is that "Parcel 3" has a different zoning classification from the remainder of the lot, a scenario that is often encountered since there is no requirement that lot lines and zoning boundary lines coincide. The special hearing relief on this aspect merely acknowledged this state of affairs.

The second issue raised by Protestants concerns the special hearing relief allowing all permitted uses on the M.L. zoned land. The Protestants fear that such inquiries (i.e., "what uses are allowed on this land?") will "open the floodgates." But it seems to me that Section 500.7 of the BCZR expressly permits such inquiries. Indeed, among other things, that regulation allows citizens to request a hearing "to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations." BCZR § 500.7.

The Protestants, as did Petitioner's engineer at the hearing, next discuss the permitted density of the overall parcel, and contend that "if parcel 3 had retained its previous DR5.5 zoning, residential development would not have been allowed, without a variance," since, according to Protestants, the apartment complex is already above allowed density. While that may be true, it is beside the point (since it would constitute a lawful nonconforming use in any event), and the property was rezoned. And under the ML zoning regulations, "density" is not provided and residential dwellings are not permitted in any event, so any discussion of density is inapposite in these circumstances.

Protestants' final argument on this point makes reference to Mr. Zimmerman's letter dated April 11, 2013, concerning whether or not "parcel 3" in the "original plan" had been designated or envisioned as a buffer area or open space. Any discussion in this regard is complicated by the fact that, as Protestants note, the Petitioner did not produce at the hearing a copy of the plan whereby the apartment complex was approved. But as I noted at the hearing, the zoning regulations at this time (1963 edition) provided local open space requirements for most "residence" zones (Sections 202, 205, 208 and 211 of 1963 BCZR) but not for apartments in the R.A. zone (although the regulations in Section 217.5 did provide setback requirements between the apartment buildings themselves). Even assuming for sake of argument that the land comprising "parcel 3" was shown ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

as a buffer or open space on the original plan approved in the 1960s, I believe the Petitioner would nonetheless be able to avail itself of the M.L zoning, which was enacted in 2012. This legislation—if not the intervening roadway improvements which in and of themselves radically altered the land use which would have been depicted on the original plan—was enacted only after adequate procedural due process safeguards, and would "amend" by operation of law any earlier plan that was inconsistent therewith.

In light of the foregoing, the Protestants' motion will be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> day of June, 2013 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Motion for Reconsideration be and is DENIED.

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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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive LAWRENCE M. STAHL
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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

June 11, 2013

Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P. Towson Commons, Suite 300 One West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - Petition for Special Hearing

Case No. 2013-0193-SPH

Property: Milford Apartments I, LLC

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered on the Motion for Reconsideration.

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. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: Alan P. Zukerberg, President, Pikesville Communities Corporation, 7919 Longmeadow Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 Mark Sapp, Vice President, Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, 4207 Old Milford Mill Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21208 Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
(19 Warren Park Dr)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District Milford Apartments I, LLC Petitioner **BEFORE THE** 

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

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BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2013-0193-SPH

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Special Hearing filed by Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire on behalf of Milford Apartments I, LLC, legal owner. The Petitioner is requesting Special Hearing relief pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), as follows: (1) to permit a zoning subdivision as created by road network; (2) to permit an amendment to a final development plan; (3) to allow all permitted uses on the ML zoned land, and (4) to allow such other and further relief as the nature of the cause may require. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan and amended site plan that were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was Richard E. Matz with Colbert, Matz & Rosenfelt, Inc., the engineering firm that prepared the site plan. Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire with Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, appeared and represented the Petitioner. Citizens who attended and opposed the petition were Alan P. Zukerberg, President, Pikesville Communities Corporation, Mark Sapp (Vice President) and Bill Kaplan (board member) with Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, and Mike Pierce. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted (in fact, three [3] signs were posted) as required by the

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Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. The Protestants complained that none of the signs was placed directly on the 1.3 acre parcel in question. But Maryland cases hold that when protestants are actually aware of and attend hearings on a disputed proposal, any alleged deficiencies in the notice will not negate the jurisdiction of the administrative tribunal. <u>Landover Books, Inc. v. Prince George's Co.</u>, 81 Md. App. 54 (1989).

No substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from any County agency.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is approximately 11.55 acres and is split-zoned DR 16, DR 5.5 and ML. A large apartment complex was constructed on the property in the 1960s, and Petitioner's counsel believes the project was reviewed under the then-applicable process. In any event, neither the Petitioner nor Baltimore County could locate a copy of the approved plan for the site, which creates part of the difficulty in resolving the matter. Baltimore County in the 1980s exercised its powers of eminent domain and acquired a portion of Petitioner's property for the re-routing and construction of Milford Mill Road. Petitioner's Exhibit 4. This construction project greatly changed the area, and bisected the Petitioner's property. In the process, it also isolated (or "orphaned," as suggested by Petitioner's counsel) a small 1.3 acre parcel (known herein as Parcel 3), which is the subject of this case. It is this parcel of land that was rezoned to ML during the most recent Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) process.

The first special hearing request is for a "zoning subdivision" created by the road network. I told the participants at the April 12, 2013 hearing that I was unfamiliar with this concept, and Petitioner submitted further briefing on the issue. <u>See</u> letter from John B. Gontrum, Esq., dated April 22, 2013. In that correspondence, Petitioner discusses the doctrine of "zoning merger," and

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seems to be seeking a determination that these lots or parcels have <u>not</u> merged for zoning purposes. After reviewing the exhibits, I do not believe there is anything here that could merge. The property never consisted of discreet, undersized parcels, and that is the primary goal of the merger doctrine: to eliminate undersized parcels. While the site plan in the case refers to "Parcel One," "Parcel Two" and "Parcel Three," those are merely descriptive terms used by Petitioner's engineer and it appears this 10+/- acre tract is comprised of just one parcel (for tax purposes, Parcel 409) which has never been subdivided. What exists is a split-zoned parcel, which means only that "one parcel of land is encumbered with two different zoning classifications." <u>Alviani v. Dixon</u>, 365 Md. 95 (2001).

In these circumstances, I believe the Petitioner is entitled to use Parcel 3 for any of the purposes set forth in B.C.Z.R. § 253.1, or could seek special exception relief for the uses in B.C.Z.R. § 253.2. As I noted at the hearing, this represents a determination on an issue of zoning law only, and should not be construed to exempt the Petitioner from any otherwise applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to the County's development and planning regulations. "Zoning dictates what one can build on, or how one may use his property while subdivision or planning determines how the land is divided." Remes v. Mont. Co., 387 Md. 52, 74 (2005). So on the portion zoned ML, the Petitioner can use the property for the purposes set forth in the ML regulations.

But this does not mean that the ML portion (approximately 1.3 acres) of the 10+/- acre overall tract is a separate "lot" for development or conveyancing purposes. As noted by the court of appeals, "subdivision regulations are utilized to create separate lots." Friends of the Ridge v. BGE, 352 Md. 645, 650-51 (1999). The development of "Lot Three" will therefore need to be in compliance with County development laws and procedure, as set forth in Article 32, Title 4 of the

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Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.), which is a matter entrusted to the County's Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI).

In researching the issues involved in this case, I discovered that courts in Pennsylvania and New York recognize what is known as a "de facto" subdivision. Riverwatch Condo. Ass'n. v. Restoration Dev. Corp., 980 A.2d 674 (Pa. 2009); Northern Dutchess Club v. Town of Rhinebeck, 814 N.Y.S. 2d 691 (2006). In Rhinebeck, the Town's policy was that when a public road divides a parcel of land, a de facto subdivision has occurred. Id. at 693. I was unable to locate a Maryland case recognizing this doctrine, although in its development regulations St. Mary's County specifies that county or state roads function as "parcel dividers," that create separate "parcels of record." St. Mary's Co. v. Potomac River Ass'n., 113 Md. App. 580, 585 n.5 (1997). In addition, the County Board of Appeals (CBA) recently deliberated in a case where the CBA will apparently hold that a BGE power line which bisects a property located at 21257 Baker School House Road effects a subdivision of the overall parcel. Thus, it is unclear at this juncture whether Maryland law would deem a "de facto subdivision" to have occurred when the County in the condemnation case took title to reconfigured Milford Mill Road.

The second request is to amend the "final development plan." As I noted at the hearing, this nomenclature was adopted after the construction of this apartment project; and even if the terminology was applicable, a "final" plan for the project has not been located or introduced at the hearing. As such, I cannot permit an amendment to a plan I have not seen, and to that extent this aspect of the request is denied. The Petitioner did submit a zoning site plan (Petitioner's Exhibit 1) and a redlined site plan (Petitioner's Exhibit 2) showing existing site conditions, and those plans were admitted as exhibits and are included within the record of this case. Those plans were

prepared by a licensed engineer (Richard Matz) and can therefore serve as the basis for the relief ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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Mr. Zimmerman's letter also asks whether the rezoning of Parcel 3 "renders inapplicable ... BCZR Section 1B01.3," pertaining to amendment of residential development plans. Article 1B of the B.C.Z.R concerns "density residential zones," and Parcel 3 is no longer a residential zone. The regulations pertaining to amendment of residential development plans (§1B01.3) are designed to encourage disclosure of development plans to prospective residents and to prevent developers from making "inappropriate changes" to such plans. B.C.Z.R. §1B01.3.A.1. For example, these regulations are designed to protect existing residents who purchased a single-family dwelling in a community of such homes from a developer later changing plans and constructing townhouses in that same community. That concern is simply not present here, and I therefore do not believe the process set forth in B.C.Z.R. § 1B01.3 is applicable. Parcel 3 was rezoned in 2012 through a legislative process and it is that recently-enacted legislation that controls the use of this parcel.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioner's Special Hearing request should be GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 6th day of May, 2013 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to: (1) permit a zoning subdivision as created by road network, and to (2) allow all permitted uses on the ML zoned land; be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to § 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R., to permit an amendment to a final development plan, be and is hereby DENIED.

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

May 6, 2013

Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P. Towson Commons, Suite 300 One West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Petition for Special Hearing

Case No. 2013-0193-SPH

Property: 19 Warren Park Drive

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

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

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Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087





### 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:

which is presently zoned DR 16, DR 5.5, ML Address 19 Warren Park Drive Deed References: 28993 / 00181 10 Digit Tax Account # 0307051951 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Milford Apartments I, LLC (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING  $\underline{X}$  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: X a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve SEE ATTACHED a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for a Variance from Section(s) 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) TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING 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): N/A Jonathan Ehrenfeld, Milford Apartments I, LLC Mailing Aress ECEIVED FOR FILING Name #1 - Type or Print lame #2 - Type or Print Signature Signature # 2 6609 Reisterstown Rd, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD State Mailing Address State jonathan@blueoceanrealty.net 21215 4A3-278-9302 Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: m, Whiteford Taylor Preston Richard E. Matz, Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc. Name - Type or Print Signature Signature Towson Commons, Suite 300, One Pennsylvania Ave 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD Mailing Address State Mailing Address City State Towson, MD jgontrum@wtplaw.com 410-653-3838 dmatz@cmrengineers.com 21204 /410-832-2055 21209 Email Address **Email Address** Telephone # Zip Code Telephone #

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### PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING:

- 1) To permit a zoning subdivision as created by road network;
- 2) To permit an amendment to a final development plan;
- 3) To allow all permitted uses on the M.L. zoned land: and
- 4) To allow such other and further relief as the nature of the cause may require.

### Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

Civil Engineers • Surveyors • Planners



#### **PARCEL ONE**

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a rebar found on the southeast side of Slade Avenue (40 feet wide), which is 148.49 feet from the centerline of Roland Road, said rebar being at the end of the first or South 53° 23' 30" West 75 foot line of a deed dated August 26, 1963 from Gorn Brothers Inc., Harry S. Miller, Irvin Miller and Harold Miller to Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 4192, folio 258; thence binding on said Slade Avenue and binding reversely on the first, fourteenth and part of the thirteenth lines of said deed, referring all courses of this description to the Grid Meridian established in the Maryland Coordinate System NAD '83 (1991), as now surveyed for the following courses and distances, viz:

- 1. North 53° 02' 16" East 75.08 feet to a point; thence leaving said Slade Avenue
- 2. South 37° 09' 28" East 282.22 feet to a rebar found; thence
- 3. South 38° 21' 52" East 188.96 feet to a point on the westernmost right of way line of Relocated Milford Mill Road as shown on Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Drawing No. RW 83-395-2, which drawing is recorded among the aforementioned Land Records in the deed dated May 29, 1985, from Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller to Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 6974 Folio 759; thence binding on the right of way of said Relocated Milford Mill Road the following three courses and distances,
- 4. Southeasterly by a line curving to the left, having a radius of 635.00 feet for a distance of 64.49 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15° 26' 26" East 64.46 feet) to a point of reverse curve; thence
- 5. Southerly by a line curving to the right, having a radius of 595.00 feet for a distance of 340.42 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing bearing of South 01° 57′ 34″ East 335.79 feet); thence
- 6. South 22° 09' 06" West 16.58 feet to a point on the right of way line of Relocated Milford Mill Road as referred to in a deed dated January 25, 1988 from the State of Maryland and the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation to Baltimore County, Maryland and recorded among the aforementioned Land Records in Liber 7786, folio 769, said right of way line being shown on State Roads Commission of Maryland Right of Way Plat No. 28770, thence continuing to bind on said right of way line as shown on said plat and as referred to in said deed the five following courses and distances;
- 7. South 28° 29' 57" West 93.90 feet to a point; thence
- 8. South 38° 46' 13" West 93.29 feet to a point; thence
- 9. South 49° 41' 31" West 250.13 feet to a point; thence
- 10. South 50° 55' 21" West 76.52 feet to a point; thence

- 11. South 63° 59' 44" West 5.36 feet to a point on the northeast right of way line of The Western Maryland Railroad (being part of CSX Transportation), said right of way being 66' wide as shown on Valuation Map V.1 1/4; thence leaving the right of way line of Relocated Milford Mill Road, and binding on the northeast right of way line of the Western Maryland Railroad and binding reversely on part of the fifth and all of the fourth, lines of the firstmentioned deed the following two courses and distances,
- 12. Northwesterly by a line curving to the left having a radius of 1943.08 feet for a distance of 302.87 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of North 38° 38' 00" West 302.56 feet) to a point of tangency; thence
- 13. North 43° 05' 58" West 142.65 feet to a point at the end of the third or South 41° 06' 32" West 697.25 feet line of the firstmentioned deed; thence leaving the Western Maryland Railroad right of way, and binding reversely on the third and second lines of the firstmentioned deed, the following courses and distances,
- 14. North 40° 33′ 09" East, passing over a 1 inch diameter pipe found at 1.21 feet, a total distance of 698.70 feet to a 1 inch diameter pipe found; thence
- 15. North 37° 09' 28" West a distance of 297.72 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 357,658 square feet or 8.2107 acres of land, more or less, and located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.

Professional Certification. I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No 13203

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### **PARCEL TWO**

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point at the end of the eleventh or North 55° 27' 10" East 110.00 foot line of a deed dated August 26, 1963 from Gorn Bros., Inc., Harry S. Miller, Irvin Miller and Harold Miller to Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller, which is 145.28 feet from the centerline of Deerfield Road, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in the Liber 4192, folio 258; thence binding reversely on said eleventh line, referring all courses of this description to the Grid Meridian established in the Maryland Coordinate System NAD '83 (1991), as now surveyed:

- 1. South 55° 15' 27" West 63.34 feet to a point on the northeasternmost right of way line of Deerfield Road, said right of way referred to in a deed dated January 25, 1988 from the State of Maryland and the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation to Baltimore County, Maryland and recorded among the Land Records in Liber 7786, folio 769, said right of way line being shown on State Roads Commission of Maryland Right of Way Plats Nos. 20842 and 28770; thence binding on said right of way line as shown on said plat and as referred to in said deed the following courses and distances;
- 2. Northwesterly by a line curving to the left having a radius of 475.20 feet for a distance of 289.09 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 51° 35' 10" West 284.66 feet) to a point; thence
- 3. North 70° 43' 39" West 7.68 feet to a point on the easternmost right of way line of Relocated Milford Mill Road as shown Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Drawing No. RW 83-395-1, which drawing is recorded among the aforementioned Land Records in the deed dated May 29, 1985, from Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller to Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 6974 Folio 759; thence binding on said right of way
- 4. Northerly by a line curving to the left having a radius of 665.00 feet for a distance of 274.86 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of North 01° 57' 44" East 272.91 feet) to a point on the thirteenth or North 38° 04' 17" West 407.23 feet line of the firstmentioned deed; thence binding reversely on part of the thirteenth and all of the twelfth line, the following courses and distances:
- 5. South 38° 28' 16" East 46.20 feet to a point; thence
- 6. South 32° 44' 22" East 451.63 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 41,943 square feet or 0.9629 acres of land, more or less, and located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.

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Professional Certification. I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No 3 203, Expiration Date: 11-2-14

### PARCEL THREE

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the southwest right of way line of Relocated Deerfield Road, and 25.3 feet from the centerline of Deerfield Road, as shown on Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Drawing No. RW 81-122-2, which drawing is attached to and made a part of the Inquisition dated April 27, 1987, between Baltimore County, Maryland vs. Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 7511, folio 614, said point also being the northeast corner of the land which by deed dated October 19, 2004 was granted and conveyed from Baltimore County, Maryland to Shalem Holdings II, LLC and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber 20971, folio 256; thence leaving said right of way and binding on said deed, and running and binding reversely with the seventh and part of the sixth lines of the deed dated August 26, 1961 from Gorn Bros., Inc., Harry S. Miller, Irvin Miller and Harold Miller to Samuel G. Gorn and Irvin Miller and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 4192, folio 258 referring all courses of this description in the Gridd Meridian established in the Maryland Coordinate System NAD '83 (1991)

- 1. South 55° 16' 58" West of 267.29 feet to a 2 inch diameter pipe found; thence
- 2. South 51° 29' 46" West 203.44 feet to a point on the southeast right of way line of Relocated Milford Mill Road, said right of way referred to in a deed dated January 25, 1988 from the State of Maryland and the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation to Baltimore County, Maryland and recorded among the aforementioned Land Records in Liber 7786, folio 769 said right of way line being shown on State Roads Commission of Maryland Plat No. 28770; thence binding on said right of way line as shown on said Plat and as referred to in said deed the seven following courses and distances;
- 3. North 29° 52' 51" West 5.78 feet to a point; thence
- 4. North 43° 04' 04" West 82.00 feet to a point; thence
- 5. Northeasterly by a line curving to the left having a radius of 1678.02 feet for a distance of 34.85 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of North 46° 20' 14" East 34.85 feet to a point; thence
- 6. Northeasterly by a line curving to the left having a radius of 1156.00 feet for a distance of 254.29 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 39° 26' 17" East 253.77 feet) to a point; thence
- 7. Northeasterly by a line curving to the right having a radius of 165.00 feet for a distance of 144.85 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of North 59° 08' 28" East 140.24 feet) to a point; thence
- 8. South 86° 05' 05" East 47.93 feet to a point; thence
- 9. South 60° 50' 49" East 20.81 feet to a point on the aforementioned southwest right of way line of Relocated Deerfield Road; thence binding on said right of way line
- 10. Southeasterly by a line curving to the right having a radius of 395.20 feet for a distance of 87.82 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing of South 42° 29' 56" East 87.64 feet) to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 56,326 square feet or 1.2931 acres of land, more or less, and located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.

Professional Certification. I hereby certify that these decuments were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No. 13203 Expiration Date: 11-2-14.

## 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: 2013-0193-SPH Petitioner: Timothy Kotroco			
Address or Location: 7227 Deer Field RD			
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:			
Name: Jonathan Ehrenfeld			
Address: Milford Apartments I, LLC/C/O Blue Ocean Realty			
6609 Reisterstown Rd., Suite 100			
Baltimore, MD 21215			
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Case Number: 2013-0193-SPH

Petitioner / Developer: COLBERT, MATZ & ROSENFELT, INC.

TIMOTHY KOTROCO, ESQ.~JOHNATHAN EHRENFIELD

Date of Hearing (Closing): APRIL 12, 2013

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Case: #2013-0193-SPH
19 Warren Park Drive
SE/s Slade Avenue, 148.49 sq. ft (+/-) from the centerline of Roland Road
3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

March 12, 2013

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C: Timothy Kotroco, One Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 300, Towson 21204 Jonathan Ehrenfeld, 6609 Reisterstown Road, Ste. 100, Baltimore 21215 Richard Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Ste. G., Baltimore 21209

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ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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April 4, 2013

Jonathan Ehrenfeld Milford Apartments I, LLC 6609 Reisterstown Road Suite 100 Baltimore MD 21215

RE: Case Number: 2013-0193 SPH, Address: 19 Warren Park Drive

Dear Mr. Ehrenfeld:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on February 20, 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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaf

**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel Richard E. Matz, Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc., 2835 Smith Avenue, Baltimore MD 21209 Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire, Whiteford Taylor Preston, Towson Commons, Suite 300 One Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson MD 21204

### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



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:

March 14, 2013

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2013-0193-SPH

Address

19 Warren Park Drive

(Milford Apartments 1, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 25, 2012.

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

Reviewer:

Jeff Livingston – Development Coordination

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

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

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 2-26-13

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

RE: **Baltimore County** 

Item No 2013-0193-

Special Heaving Forathon Ehrenfeld.
Milford Apartments 1, LLC.
19 Warrow Parth Drive

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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. 2013-0193-SPA.

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).

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 27, 2013

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 March 4, 2013

Item Nos. 2013-0189,0192, 0193 and 0195.

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

DAK:CEN Cc: file RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
19 Warren Park Drive; SE/S Slade Avenue,
148.4 sq ft from c/line Roland Road
3<sup>rd</sup> Election & 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic Districts
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Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE OFFICE
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- \* HEARINGS FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* 2013-193-SPH

### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7th day of March, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Richard Matz, P.E., Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209 and John Gontrum, Esquire, 1 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

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Deputy People's Counsel

April 11, 2013

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John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge/Hearing Officer The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

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Re:

Milford Apartments I, LLC

19 Warren Park Drive Case No.: 2013-193-SPH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Dear Judge Beverungen,

Upon inquiry from Mark Sapp, Vice President of the adjacent Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, we reviewed this unusual case.

The main request is to amend a final development plan (FDP) to utilize Parcel 3 for any use permitted in the M.L. Zone. The site plan does not identify the date and reference to the original plan. However, the existing use is for the Warren Park Apartment buildings on Parcels 1 and 2 (mainly on Parcel 1) and an apparent original buffer area on Parcel 3, labeled on the site plan as "vacant/industrial."

When the original final development plan was approved, the entire property was zoned residential, all parcels. We understand the apartment development has been there a long time, but do not have a copy of the approved final development plan.

There is an industrial area and park to the south. This gives rise to the probable or reasonable inference that Parcel 3 provided a buffer, a transition area to protect both onsite residents and the adjacent Colonial Village residents. It will be important for the analysis that Petitioner submit a copy of the approved Final Development Plan and any minutes or other documentation pertinent to the original approval.

The apparent background for the present petition is that in 2012, the County Council rezoned Parcel 3 from D.R. 5.5 (residential) to M.L. (manufacturing-light) as part of Issue 2-014, spanning 2.31 acres (Blue Ocean Realty, Petitioner, Southwest

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Corner of Milford Mill Rd and Deerfield Rd). This rezoning precipitates the following very interesting questions:

- 1. Does the rezoning render inapplicable the basic law applicable to amendment of final development plans in Article 1B, Density Residential Zones, to wit, BCZR Section 1B01.3?
  - 2. If the answer to the first question is yes, the inquiry ends.
- 3. If the answer to the first question is no, then the next question is whether the proposed amendment here satisfies the relevant standards for such amendments?

The zoning law governing development plans is BCZR Section 1B01.3. So far as we can tell, it originated with Bill 100, 1970 and has remained to this day, with modest amendments from time to time. The subsection dealing with amendments of development plans is Section 1B01.3.A.7. As enacted in 1970, it applied as a practical matter, to new developments residential developments in D.R. Zones and to amendments of previously approved FDPs. Upon the subsequent establishment of the Resource Conservation Zones, the County Council incorporated this provision for the R.C. Zones. Bill 98-75, BCZR Section 1A00.4.

Whether or not originally developed before 1970, the subject property was until 2012 zoned entirely residential for many years. Although the procedures for approval of development and subdivision plans have changed through the years, there is no doubt that a development plan exists for the subject property. The site plan does not refer to the zoning or development history. While this will be good to know, it does not affect the answer to the first question.

While we are accustomed to see amendments to final development plans relating to properties which have been and remain zoned entirely for residential uses within Article 1B, does the law on amendments change or disappear when a part of the property is rezoned to other than a residential zone, such as the manufacturing zone here?

We can find no explicit reference to such an eventuality in the language of BCZR Section 1B01.3. Nor can we find any explicit linguistic exclusion or modification in the subsection controlling amendments to final development plans. BCZR Section 1B01.3.A.7. While it is sometimes said it is hard to prove a negative, we see no reason to conclude that the law on amendments to final development plans is implicitly negated or repealed when there is a partial rezoning of the property.

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It should be underlined that the majority of the approximately 11-acre property is still zoned Density-Residential, mostly D.R. 16. It should also be kept in mind that residential development controls function in some ways analogous to special exception review. In holding that residential developments must comply with the master plan as well as the underlying zoning classification controls, the Court of Appeals said in <u>Board of County Comm'rs v. Gaster</u> 285 Md. 233, 249-50 (1985),

"Subdivision regulations perhaps have a certain analogy to special exceptions to which the floating zone concept has been liked in this Court's discussion in such cases as <u>Bigenho v. Montgomery County</u> 248 Md.. 386, 391 (1948) ....(other citations omitted).

The bottom line is that proposed residential developments, and amendments thereto, must comply with all of the panoply of land use laws, the "... three integral parts of adequate land planning, the master plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations."

It should also be kept in mind that the parties interested in development plans, FDP amendments, special exception review, and the other criteria include the nearby citizens and community associations as well as the residents of the particular development. See BCZR Section 1B01.3.A.7.

So, in the context of the amendment of an approved integral final development plan, it still must comply with the specific law pertinent to such amendments. Therefore, we submit the answer to the first question is no.

We proceed then to the ultimate question of whether the petition here either meets or conflicts with the standards applicable to amendment of final development plans. Among other things, the amendment must comply with the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies. In hearing situations, perhaps most important here, the amendment is subject to BCZR Section 502.1 special exception review for particular adverse impact on the neighborhood and, in addition, must "...be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan and of this article." Section 1B01.3.A.7.b.(3). There is a corresponding prerequisite for certain situations where the amendment may proceed without a hearing,

"The Zoning Commissioner and Director of Planning must certify that the amendment is in keeping with the spirit and intent of this article and other Baltimore County land use and development regulations administered by them, and both must certify that the amendment does not violate the spirit and intent of the original plan." BCZR Section 1B01.1.B.7.c.(4).

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Indeed, at this juncture, it is hard to imagine any rational basis for anyone to conclude that an industrial use would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original residential plan, which likely was to keep Parcel 3 as a buffer area, and in fact has done so for many years. This is especially true for a petition which asks for any use permitted in the zone. Despite the name "Manufacturing-Light," there are many fairly heavy and potentially offensive uses enumerated as permitted by right and special exception in the M.L. Zone. BCZR Section 253.

It may at first glance seem perplexing and paradoxical that despite the legislative rezoning of Parcel 3 to M.L., the FDP law precludes such use in the present context. If it is argued that the legislative intent was for this parcel to be used industrially, the answer is that if the apartments were razed and the developers started from scratch, they could perhaps request an entirely new development scheme, subject to the current zoning and development restrictions applicable to the various parcels. If the property were vacant, the situation would be different. The existence of the FDP and the actual apartment development and configuration are the controlling factors.

As a footnote, we have not yet said anything about whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Baltimore County Master Plan. At this juncture, given our answers to the above questions, we need not reach that issue.

We trust this letter will assist as you review these unusually problematic issues.

Sincerely,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

cc: John Gontrum, Esquire (sent via email and first class mail)
Timothy Kotroco, Esquire (sent via email and first class mail)
Richard E. Matz (sent via email and first class mail)
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April 22, 2013

John Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

Re: Milford Mill Apartments I, LLC Case No. 2013-193-SPH

Dear Judge Beverungen:

The Milford Mill Apartment property was developed in the 1960's prior to the enactment of County Council Bill 100-1970. It was this piece of legislation which developed the procedure of a special hearing to amend development plans after development of a subdivision had occurred.

The Bill becomes relevant because it speaks of subdivisions and a different use of property and because it appears to apply prospectively to development plans filed after enactment. As you know, it appears that no development plan is on record with the county, and there was never any record plat.

As a precaution and to give appropriate notice the Special Hearing was filed as a precaution in the event that someone would deem a special hearing as necessary to amend a previous filing for the apartments even though a development plan as such for a property in single ownership may not have been required. The 1960's development regulations only speak to subdivisions. Amending a non-existent plan, for a development existing prior to the impact of Bill 100 in a non-subdivision context would appear to be inappropriate. Consequently, the issue of spirit and intent need not be reached.

A special hearing, however, to determine that the ML use of the now orphaned property is, however, probably appropriate pursuant to the *Remes* case. In *Remes v. Montgomery County*, 384 Md. 581, 865 A. 2d 589 (2005) the Court applied the doctrine of zoning merger to two separate lots to state that although the properties had not merged for development purposes their joint use had merged them for zoning purposes and until they were separated for zoning purposes they could not be separately used. The Court upheld the denial of a building permit for a lot saying that it existed in support of an existing dwelling on the adjacent lot.

John Beverungen, Esquire April 22, 2013 Page 2

In this case the subject property was originally part of a large tract zoned for high density residential use on which apartments were placed. Over the years a significant county road separated the parcel from the main tract, and the parcel was twice rezoned: once to a lower density of D.R. 5.5 and then to industrial zoning, which prohibits all residential use. We believe that even if the placement of the road did not separate the uses, then the enactment of the subsequent rezonings of the property certainly did. Accordingly, we requested that the property be allowed to be used for the ML zoning uses in accord with its current zoning and that it be deemed separate for zoning purposes from the residential apartments.

We believe that the current zoning for the property enacted by the county council is presumptively in conformance with the Master Plan and accords to the changes in the community over the last 45 years. So much has changed with this site over the decades not only with respect to zoning but also with respect to grading and location that it no longer serves any purpose in support of the apartment project of which it was once a part. The buffer for which it may have been intended, if that was the case, has now been provided by Milford Mill Road, which did not exist at the time of the original development. Consequently, that purpose has now been met by the county's use of eminent domain.

Very truly yours,

John B. Gontrum

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cc: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esq.

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### Debra Wiley - Fwd: Milford Apartments I, LLC Case No.: 2013-193-SPH

From:

John Beverungen

To:

Debra Wiley; Sherry Nuffer

Date:

5/8/2013 12:08 PM

Subject:

Fwd: Milford Apartments I, LLC Case No.: 2013-193-SPH

Attachments: Letter - Case No 2013-193-SPH - 2013 05 08-003 final001.pdf; s1625\_020842-0001.pdf

Can you please make sure this email and the 2 attachments get put in this case file. I think the Order was sent out on Monday of this week? Thanks, John.

>>> "Mark Sapp" <mark.m.sapp@msn.com> 05/08/13 11:26 AM >>> Dear Judge Beverungen,

Enclosed you will find an e-mail copy of our hardcopy letter dated May 8, 2013, which has been mailed via U.S. Post Office to the Administrative Law Judge's Office regarding the above-mentioned case.

Please let us know if you have any problems viewing the document.

Regards,

Mark M. Sapp, First Vice President Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc. mark.m.sapp@msn.com 410-487-4720

Alan P. Zukerberg, President Pikesville Communities Corporation apzuk@msn.com 410-484-5047

Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc.

C/O 4207 Old Milford Mill Road
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

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7919 Long Meadow Rd
Pikesville, MD 21208

May 8, 2013 Transmitted U.S. mail and via email to John Beverungen at jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov

John Beverungen, Esquire

John Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

Re: Milford Mill Apartments I, LLC Case No. 2013-193-SPH

Dear Administrative Law Judge Beverungen,

The main request in this matter is to amend a final development plan (FDP) to utilize Parcel 3 for any use permitted in the M.L. Zone. Mr. Gontrum's letter dated April 22, 2013 states, in part: "As you know, it appears that no development plan is on record with the county, and there was never any record plat." At the hearing on April 12, 2013 the petitioner could not provide any evidence that a final development plan existed. He did not subpoena Colleen Kelly of the Department of Permits, Applications and Inspections to attend to testify regarding a search of the County Archives. You must certainly be aware that Ms Kelly is the go to person in that Department who is charged with investigating and obtaining archival information of prior subdivisions and other land matters. She, or someone else, is therefore, a "missing witness" whom the petitioner could have subpoenaed to testify about any failure to find a prior development plan. Furthermore, petitioner failed to introduce any evidence regarding what would be disclosed by a professional title examination of the property. This would be additional evidence to show that there is not prior evidence of an applicable development plan as well as any restrictions on the parcel at issue. It is not the respondent's burden to bring these matters before you when the petitioner claims there is not development plan. Therefore, we believe you would be remiss to hold for an amendment to a final development plan.

In this case the petitioner is also asking Baltimore County to permit a zoning subdivision as created by a road network. However, no one seems to know what a "zoning subdivision" is per Baltimore County Law and regulations. During the hearing, the petitioner could not specify which section of the Baltimore County law/regulations defined or allowed a "zoning subdivision". Therefore, it seems that you cannot to permit such a "zoning subdivision." Since no one seems to know what it is, Mr. Gontrum's letter

seems to support this conclusion as it states, in part: "The 1960's development regulations only speak to subdivisions. Amending a non-existing plan, for a development existing prior to Bill 100 in a non-subdivision context would appear to be inappropriate. Consequently, the issue of spirit and intent need not be reached." You will recall there was discussion concerning approval methods at the time of the possible development plan. We do not recall any evidence as to which method a development plan would have been subjected to at the time. Again, it is petitioner's obligation to bring that information before you to flesh out the law and the facts applicable to this situation. For example, if the JSPC applied, we would think that petitioner would have brought in Lynn Lanham, who we understand is still a member of the JSPC to testify about the applicable procedures and what, if any files the JSPC may have on this matter.

This may beyond the scope of a remedy for you to provide, not to mention it is vague. Once the zoning was changed from DR5.5 to M.L., theoretically the petitioner is allowed all "permitted" uses the land, subject to many other factors. However, permitted uses in an M.L. zone are set forth in applicable law and regulations. Further, as noted above, the petitioner did not submit a professional title examination at the hearing to show what, if any limitations or restrictive covenants may appear on the property regardless of zoning classification. The petitioner also failed to produce the original final development plan for the property, so we do not know what, if any limitations or restrictive covenants where specified in the plan.

During the hearing, the petitioner presented evidence stating the apartment complex has 184 density units. The evidence also showed, using the existing zoning on parcels 1 and 2, that the acreage on the parcels support only density of only 142.24 density units. The petitioner's evidence also showed that if parcel 3 was still zoned DR5.5, an additional 9 density units would be allowed, bringing the total number to 152. The math shows what additional density units would be supported if parcel 3 was zoned DR16. From the petitioners' evidence, parcel 3 has gross area of 1.71 which we multiply by 16 equaling 27.36. If we add this 27.36 to the 142.24 units currently allowed on parcels 1 and 2, the yield would be 169 density units. Creating a separate deed for parcel 3, separate from parcels 1 & 2, does not appear to meet the true intent of the Baltimore County code limiting the zoning density of residential developments.

The petitioner's evidence (the sheet of paper showing the zoning density calculations) states the original construction of the apartments is *circa* 1963.

On page 2 of Mr. Gontrum's letter, he states "In this case the subject property was originally part of a large tract zoned for high density residential use on which apartments were placed." He than states "Over the years a significant road separated the parcel from the main tract ..." While this is true, this statement does not tell the whole story. While researching the Baltimore County and Maryland State records, since the date of the April 12, 2013 hearing, we have discovered a copy of Plat No. 20842 issued October 10, 1961 on the Maryland State Archives website, a copy of this plat is attached to this letter. We suggest it was the petitioner's obligation to make a search and produce this plat. Plat No.



## Maryland State Archives Digital Imaging Management for State Highway Administration

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### Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc.

C/O 4207 Old Milford Mill Road Pikesville, Maryland 21208

### **Pikesville Communities Corporation**

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June 3, 2013

Transmitted by hand delivery and *via* email to John Beverungen at <u>jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>

John Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 RECEIVED

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re: Milford Mill Apartments I, LLC Case No. 2013-193-SPH Motion for Reconsideration

Dear Administrative Law Judge Beverungen,

This letter is a Motion for Reconsideration of your decision rendered in Case No. 2013-193-SPH dated May 6, 2013. This Motion for Reconsideration is pursuant to the Code of Baltimore County Regulations, Appendix G, Rule 4K.

We are asking for reconsideration of the two items granted the petitioner in your opinion and order dated May 6, 2013.

- 1. There is no "Zoning Subdivision" allowed by law, and therefore you should not have ordered same to exist.
  - a. In this case, the petitioners are asking Baltimore County to permit a zoning subdivision as created by a road network. However, no one seems to know what a "zoning subdivision" is per Baltimore County Law and regulations. During the hearing, the petitioner could not specify which section of the Baltimore County law/regulations defined or allowed a "zoning subdivision". Therefore, it seems that you cannot grant such a "zoning subdivision." Mr. Gontrum's letter dated April 22, 2013 seems to support this conclusion wherein he states, in part:

"The 1960's development regulations only speak to subdivisions. Amending a non-existing plan, for a development existing prior to Bill 100 in a non-subdivision context would appear to be inappropriate. Consequently, the issue of spirit and intent need not be reached."

- b. You will recall there was discussion concerning approval methods at the time of the possible development plan. We do not recall any evidence as to which method a development plan would have been subjected to at the time. Again, it is petitioner's obligation to bring that information before you to flesh out the law and the facts applicable to this situation. For example, if the JSPC applied, we would think that petitioner would have brought in Lynn Lanham a known employee of the Department of Planning, who we understand is still a member of the JSPC to testify about the applicable procedures and what, if any files the JSPC may have on this matter. Also, Petitioner could have subpoenaed Colleen Kelly of the Department of Permits, Applications and Inspections to testify as to whether a search of County records disclosed any files on this matter. Further, the Petitioner could have presented a witness to testify to any title examination of the property that would have disclosed any relevant, covenants, easements, filed plats of record, etc., and matters generally affecting title. The adverse inference/presumption as to "missing witnesses" should be held against the Petitioner.
- 2. In this case the petitioner is asking Baltimore County "to allow all permitted uses on the M.L. zoned land." This may be beyond the scope of a remedy for you to provide. This request opens the floodgates if it became a normal procedure to ask the Administrative Law Judge to issue confirmations of zoning uses. The request is also vague. Once the zoning was changed from DR5.5 to M.L., theoretically the petitioner is allowed all "permitted" uses on the land, subject to many other factors. However, permitted uses in an M.L. zone are set forth in applicable law and regulations. The petitioner also failed to produce the original final development plan for the property, so we do not know what, if any limitations or restrictive covenants where specified in the plan. Mr. Gontrum's letter dated April 22, 2013 states, in part:

"As you know, it appears that no development plan is on record with the county, and there was never any record plat."

During the hearing, the petitioner presented evidence stating the apartment complex has 184 density units. The evidence also showed, using the existing zoning on parcels 1 and 2, that the acreage on the 2 parcels supports a density of only 142.24 density units. The petitioner's evidence also showed that if parcel 3 was still zoned DR5.5, an additional 9 density units would be allowed, bringing the total number to 152. The math shows what additional density units would be supported if parcel 3 was zoned DR16. From the petitioners' evidence, parcel 3 has gross area of 1.71 which we multiply by 16 equaling 27.36. If we add this 27.36 to the 142.24 units currently allowed on parcels 1 and 2, the yield would be 169 density units. Creating a separate deed for parcel 3, separate from parcels 1 & 2, does not appear to meet the true intent of the Baltimore County code limiting the zoning density of residential developments.

The petitioner's evidence (the sheet of paper showing the zoning density calculations) states the original construction of the apartments is *circa* 1963.

On page 2 of Mr. Gontrum's letter, he states;

"In this case the subject property was originally part of a large tract zoned for high density residential use on which apartments were placed."

He than states:

"Over the years a significant road separated the parcel from the main tract ..."

While this is true, this statement does not tell the whole story. While researching the Baltimore County and Maryland State records, since the date of the April 12, 2013 hearing, we have discovered copies of SHA Plat numbers 20842 & 28770 on the Maryland State Archives website, both originally issued October 10, 1961. Copies of these plats are attached to this letter. We suggest it was the petitioner's obligation to make a search and produce these plats. Plat numbers 20842 & 28770 clearly shows the two roads bisecting this parcel were planed in 1961, a time prior to the construction of the apartments that took place 1963. During the hearing, the petitioner presented evidence consisting of a County Highway Deed documenting the transfer of land for the planned roads in 1985. We believe you can conclude from Plat numbers 20842 & 28770 and the evidence presented at the hearing that the apartment buildings were placed on the original large parcel in their existing locations, purposely knowing, in advance that the bisecting roads were to soon come. Splitting off parcel 3 from parcels 1 & 2, so that parcel 3 can be sold and developed (whether for manufacturing or residential use), will increase the overall development density. It seems clear that if parcel 3 had retained its previous DR5.5 zoning, residential development would not have been allowed, without a variance, as the apartment complex built on the petitioners' property including parcels 1, 2 and 3 is already above its allowed density. Plat numbers 20842 & 28770 indicate that the original developers of the apartment complex had advance knowledge of the roads to be developed through their property and purposely located their buildings appropriately.

In this matter, the applicant or its predecessors were in the best position to know what previously transpired with its subdivision that would cause the splitting off of the current property from the major development. The applicant has not met any initial showing as to the reasons therefore. The burden is on the applicant. The Administrative Law Judge failed to recognize this aspect. It is settled law that when an applicant, for engineering, subdivision compliance, economic reasons, or some other reasons in laying out a subdivision, reserves an "outlot" (undeveloped portion) for some residential, commercial or industrial ground, the use of the particular ground is restricted because the applicant chose to develop it as it did. The bottom line is that the alleged hardship, where self-inflicted by the applicant prevents the applicant from obtaining the sought after relief. Randolf Hills v. Mont Cty. Council, 264 Md. 78; 285 A.2d 620 (1972)

As Peter Max Zimmerman, Esq., People's Counsel for Baltimore County said in his April 11, 2013 letter to you:

"Indeed, at this juncture, it is hard to imagine any rational basis for anyone to conclude that an industrial use would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan, which likely was to keep parcel 3 as a buffer area, and in fact has done so for so many years. This is especially true for a petition that asks for any use permitted in the zone. Despite the name "Manufacturing-Light" there are many heavy and potentially offensive uses enumerated as permitted by right and special exception in the M.L. zone. BCZR Section 253."

For the above stated reasons and those espoused at the hearing, we believe your orders to: (1) permit a zoning subdivision as created by a road network, and (2) allow all permitted uses on the ML zoned land should be reversed / and Petitioner's relief sought should be DENIED.

Sincerely,

mark M. Sapp.

Individually, and First Vice President Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement

Association, Inc.

Alan P. Zukerberg,

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cc: John Gontrum, Esq.

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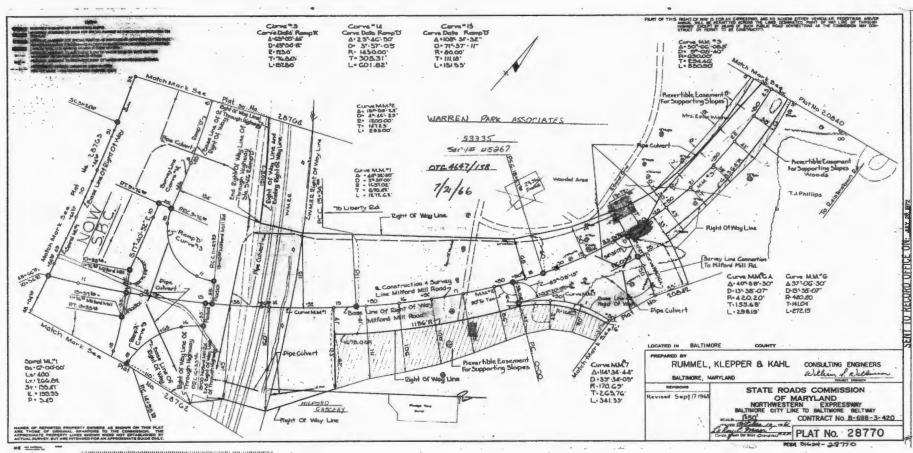
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#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 12, 2013

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2013-0193-SPH - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on July 11, 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

#### RESUME

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Petitioner/Developer

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Historical Review

#### **EXISTING APARTMENTS:**

200 Individual Units (16 Studio, 64 One Bedroom, 104 Two Bedroom, 16 Three Plus Bedroom)

Density:

Studio =  $16 \times 0.5 = 8$  Density Units One Bedroom =  $64 \times 0.75 = 48$  Density Units Two Bedroom =  $104 \times 1 = 104$  Density Units Three Plus Bedroom =  $16 \times 1.5 = 24$  Density Units

TOTAL = 8 + 48 + 104 + 24 = 184 Density Units

EXISTING ZONING					
	ZONE	NET AREA	GROSS AREA	DENSITY MULTIPLIER	DWELLING/DENSITY UNITS
PARCEL ONE	OR-1	0.43	0.53	5.5	2.92
	D.R. 5.5	0.32	0.33	5.5	1.82
	D.R. 16	7.46	8.06	16	128.96
PARCEL TWO	D.R. 5.5	0.91	1.29	5.5	7.1
	D.R. 16	0.06	0.09	16	1.44
PARCEL THREE	M.L.	1.29	1.71	0	0
TOTAL (	(ACRES):	10.47	12.01	TOTAL:	142.24

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT UNITS: (CIRCA 1963)

One parcel, 13.61 ac +/-, zoned R.A. (18 Density Units per acre) Allowable Density Units = 13.61 x 18 = 244.98 = 244 Density Units

SCENARIO 1: (CIRCA 1972)

Entire original site area (13.61 ac +/-) zoned D.R. 16 (16 Density Units per acre) Allowable Density Units =  $13.61 \times 16 = 217.76 = 217$  Density Units

SCENARIO 2: (CIRCA 1972 - LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TAKING)

Using Parcels One, Two, and Three for gross site area (12.01 ac +/-) zoned D.R. 16 (16 Density Units per acre)

Allowable Density Units =  $12.01 \times 16 = 192.16 = 192$  Density Units

SCENARIO 3: (CIRCA 1988)

Using Density units from Existing Zoning plus D.R. 5.5 density units for the gross site area of Parcel Three (1.71 ac +/-)

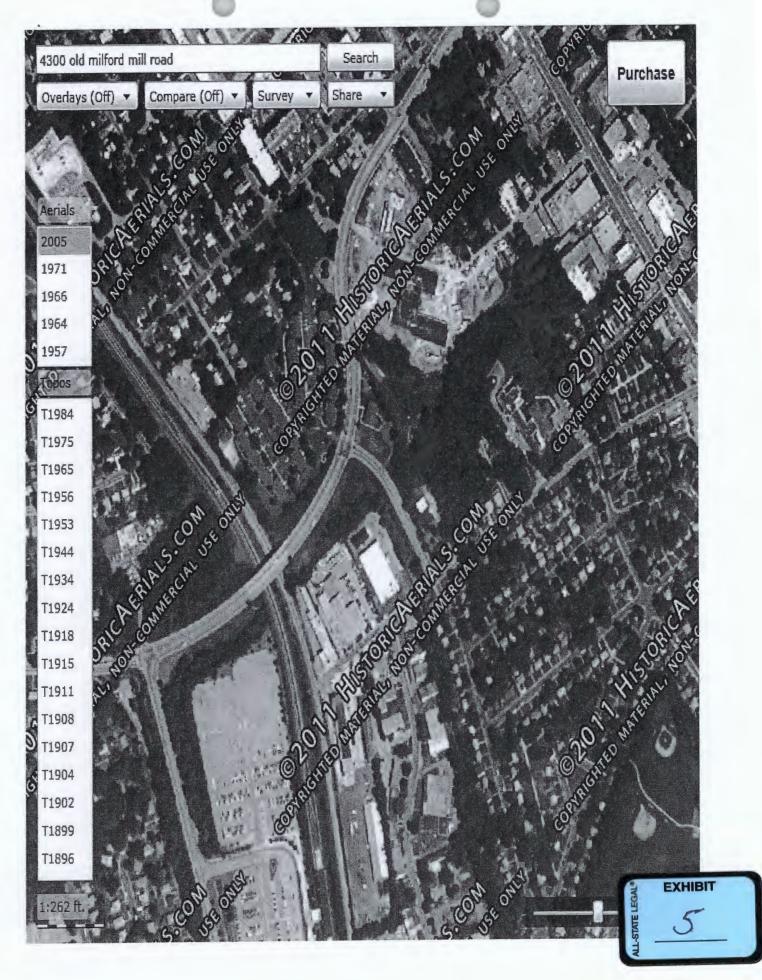
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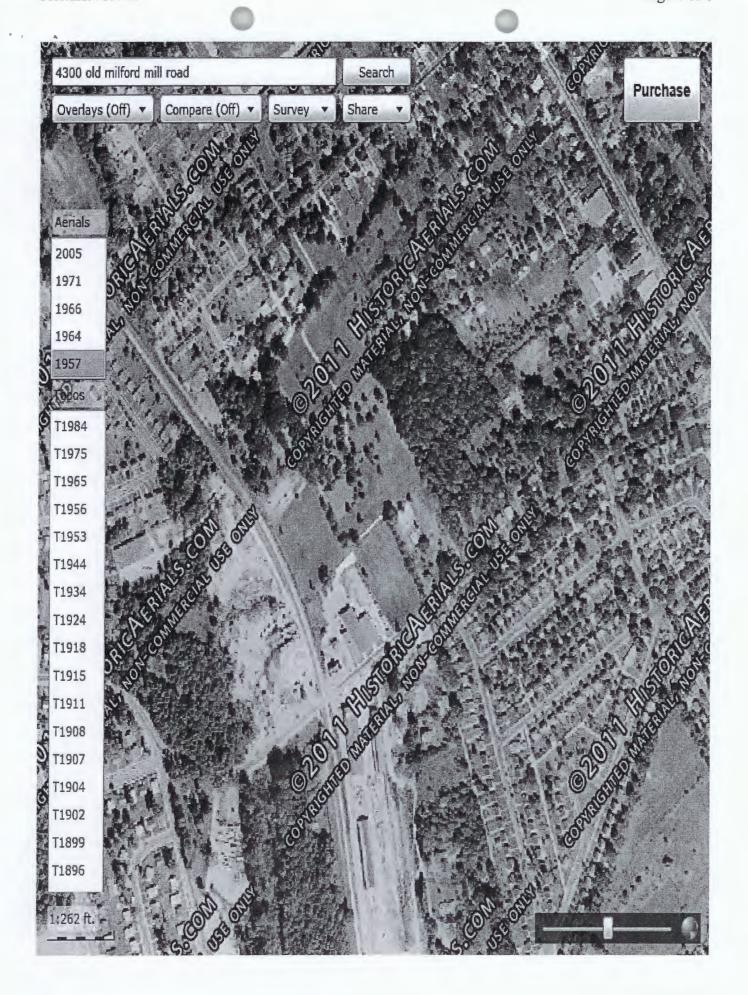
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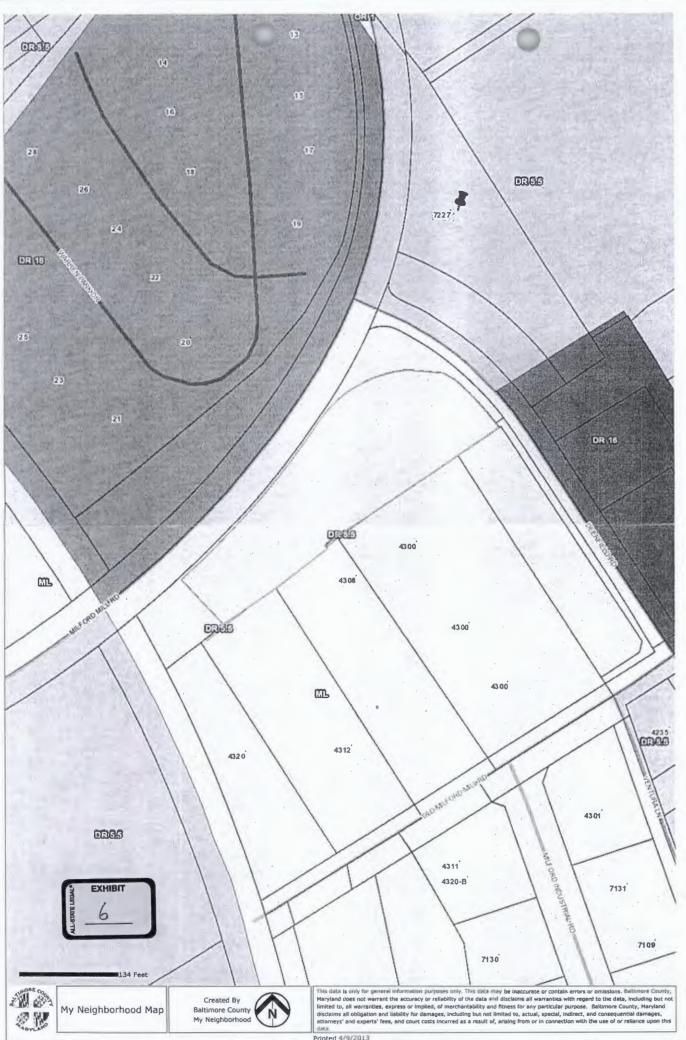
+ Parcel Three =  $1.71 \times 5.5 = 9.41$ 

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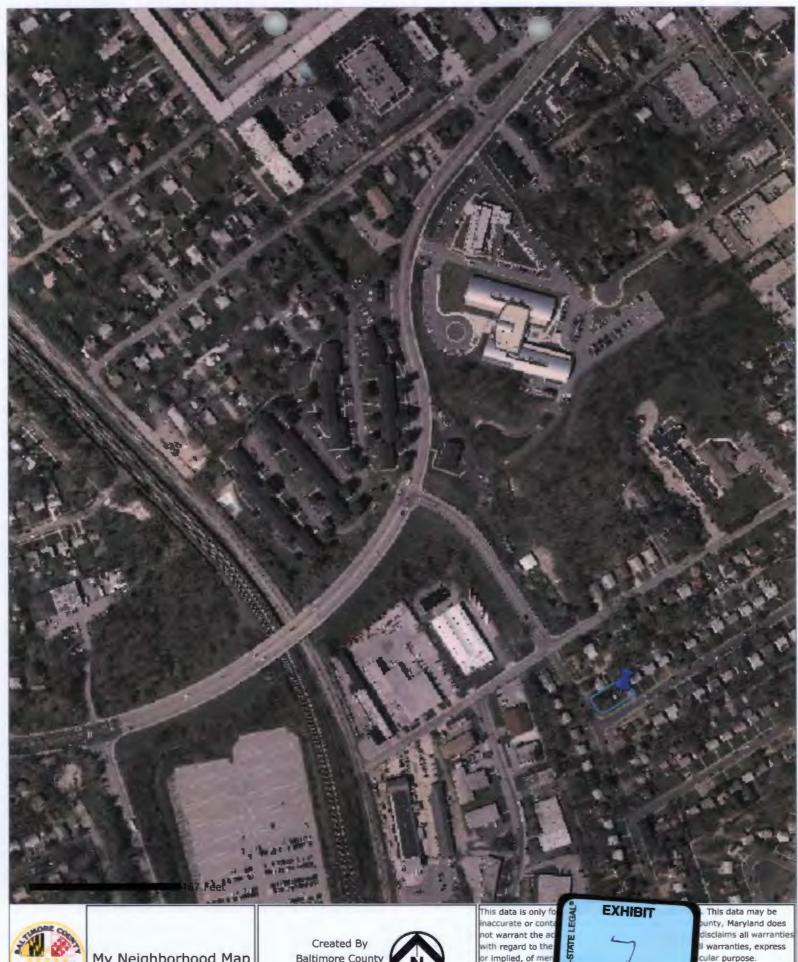








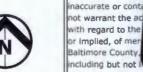
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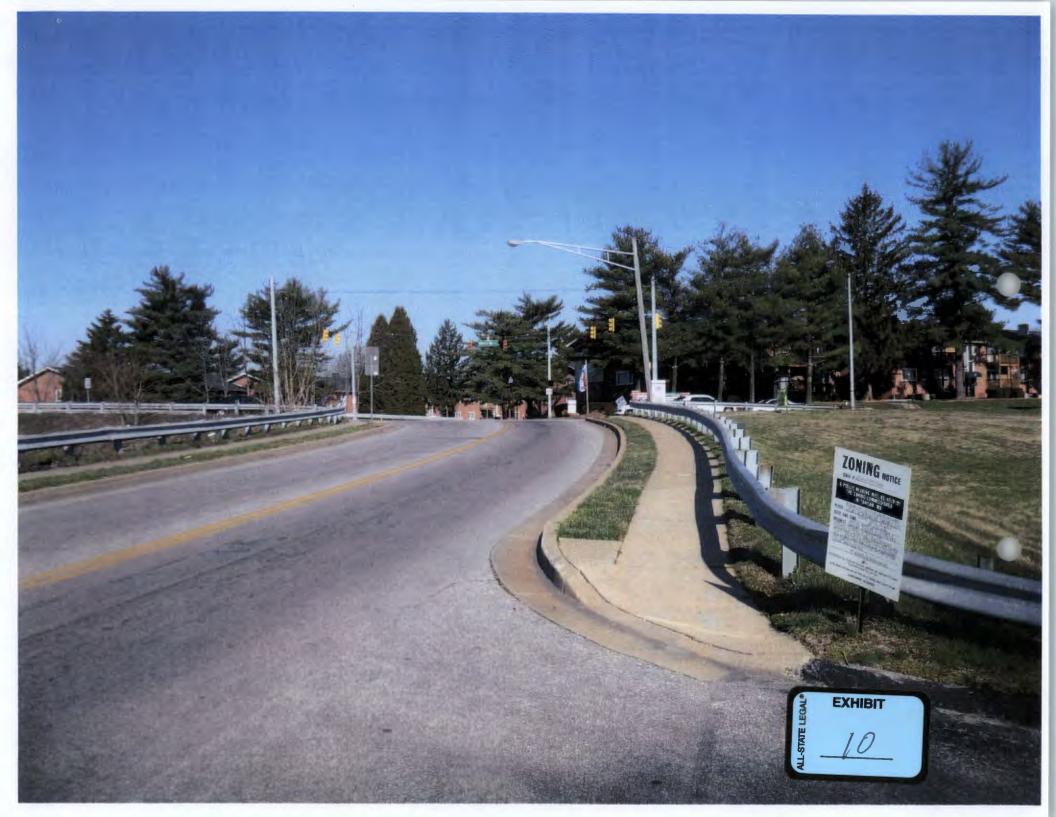
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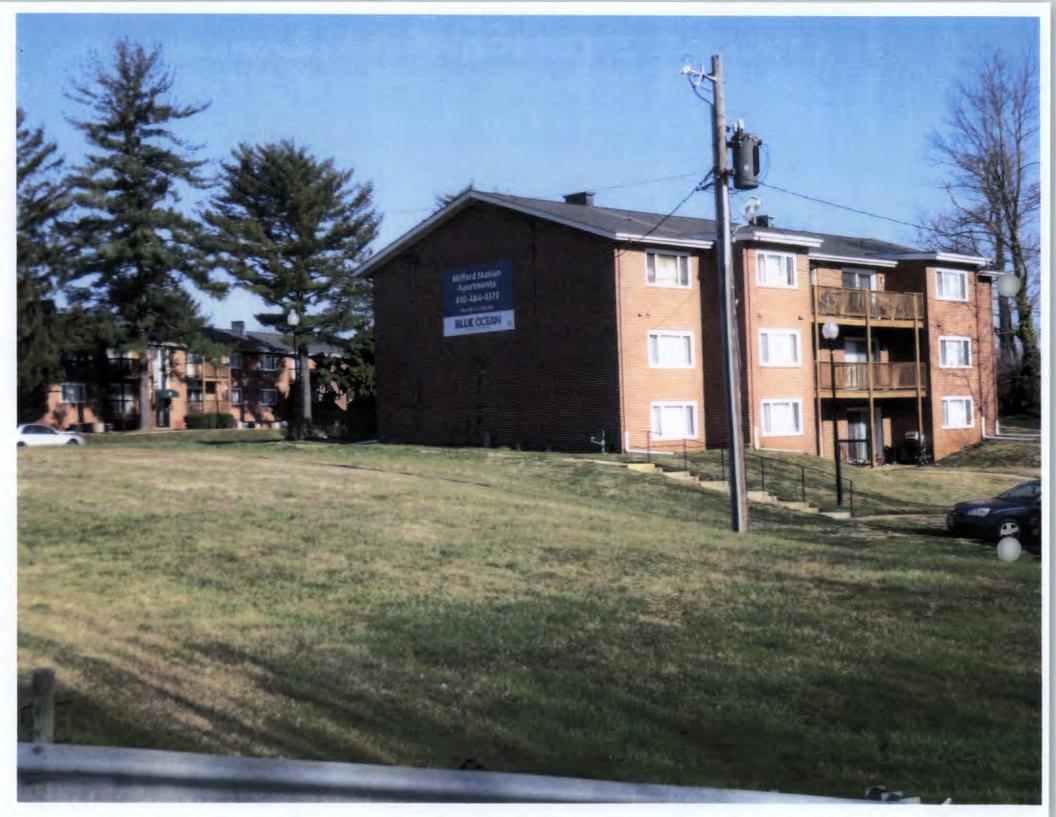
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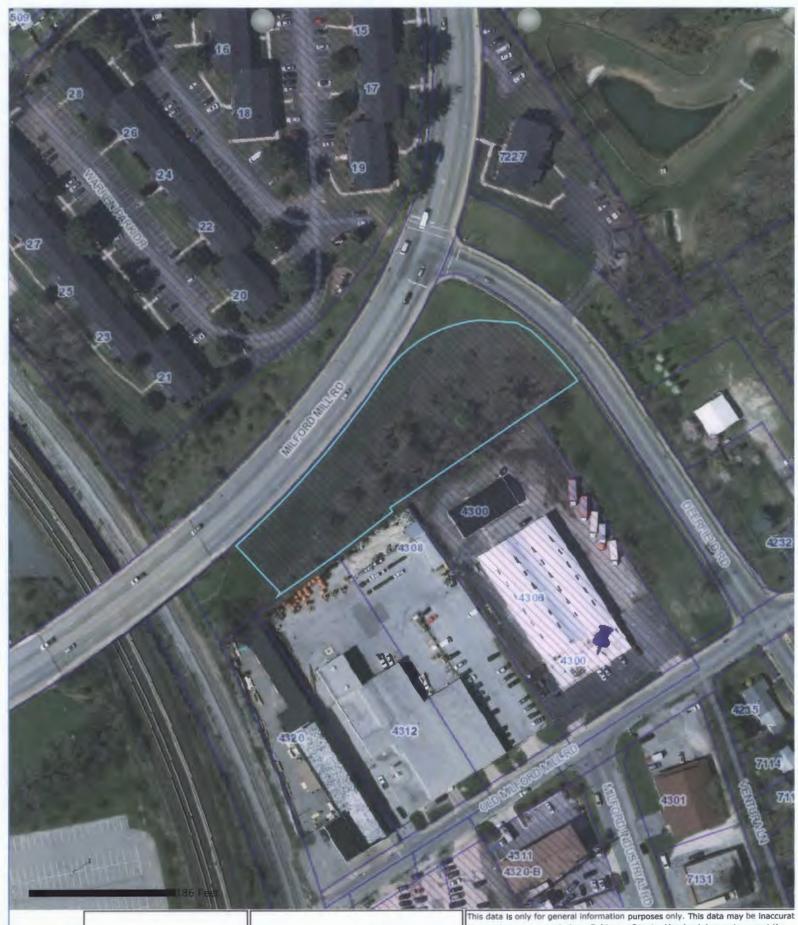
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Exhibit No. 2

> CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel

April 11, 2013

HAND DELIVERED

John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge/Hearing Officer The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Milford Apartments I, LLC

19 Warren Park Drive Case No.: 2013-193-SPH

Dear Judge Beverungen,

Upon inquiry from Mark Sapp, Vice President of the adjacent Colonial Village Neighborhood Improvement Association, we reviewed this unusual case.

The main request is to amend a final development plan (FDP) to utilize Parcel 3 for any use permitted in the M.L. Zone. The site plan does not identify the date and reference to the original plan. However, the existing use is for the Warren Park Apartment buildings on Parcels 1 and 2 (mainly on Parcel 1) and an apparent original buffer area on Parcel 3, labeled on the site plan as "vacant/industrial."

When the original final development plan was approved, the entire property was zoned residential, all parcels. We understand the apartment development has been there a long time, but do not have a copy of the approved final development plan.

There is an industrial area and park to the south. This gives rise to the probable or reasonable inference that Parcel 3 provided a buffer, a transition area to protect both onsite residents and the adjacent Colonial Village residents. It will be important for the analysis that Petitioner submit a copy of the approved Final Development Plan and any minutes or other documentation pertinent to the original approval.

The apparent background for the present petition is that in 2012, the County Council rezoned Parcel 3 from D.R. 5.5 (residential) to M.L. (manufacturing-light) as part of Issue 2-014, spanning 2.31 acres (Blue Ocean Realty, Petitioner, Southwest

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Corner of Milford Mill Rd and Deerfield Rd). This rezoning precipitates the following very interesting questions:

- 1. Does the rezoning render inapplicable the basic law applicable to amendment of final development plans in Article 1B, Density Residential Zones, to wit, BCZR Section 1B01.3?
  - 2. If the answer to the first question is yes, the inquiry ends.
- 3. If the answer to the first question is no, then the next question is whether the proposed amendment here satisfies the relevant standards for such amendments?

The zoning law governing development plans is BCZR Section 1B01.3. So far as we can tell, it originated with Bill 100, 1970 and has remained to this day, with modest amendments from time to time. The subsection dealing with amendments of development plans is Section 1B01.3.A.7. As enacted in 1970, it applied as a practical matter, to new developments residential developments in D.R. Zones and to amendments of previously approved FDPs. Upon the subsequent establishment of the Resource Conservation Zones, the County Council incorporated this provision for the R.C. Zones. Bill 98-75, BCZR Section 1A00.4.

Whether or not originally developed before 1970, the subject property was until 2012 zoned entirely residential for many years. Although the procedures for approval of development and subdivision plans have changed through the years, there is no doubt that a development plan exists for the subject property. The site plan does not refer to the zoning or development history. While this will be good to know, it does not affect the answer to the first question.

While we are accustomed to see amendments to final development plans relating to properties which have been and remain zoned entirely for residential uses within Article 1B, does the law on amendments change or disappear when a part of the property is rezoned to other than a residential zone, such as the manufacturing zone here?

We can find no explicit reference to such an eventuality in the language of BCZR Section 1B01.3. Nor can we find any explicit linguistic exclusion or modification in the subsection controlling amendments to final development plans. BCZR Section 1B01.3.A.7. While it is sometimes said it is hard to prove a negative, we see no reason to conclude that the law on amendments to final development plans is implicitly negated or repealed when there is a partial rezoning of the property.

John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge/Hearing Officer April 11, 2013 Page 3

It should be underlined that the majority of the approximately 11-acre property is still zoned Density-Residential, mostly D.R. 16. It should also be kept in mind that residential development controls function in some ways analogous to special exception review. In holding that residential developments must comply with the master plan as well as the underlying zoning classification controls, the Court of Appeals said in Board of County Comm'rs v. Gaster 285 Md. 233, 249-50 (1985),

"Subdivision regulations perhaps have a certain analogy to special exceptions to which the floating zone concept has been liked in this Court's discussion in such cases as <u>Bigenho v. Montgomery County</u> 248 Md.. 386, 391 (1948) ....(other citations omitted).

The bottom line is that proposed residential developments, and amendments thereto, must comply with all of the panoply of land use laws, the "... three integral parts of adequate land planning, the master plan, zoning, and subdivision regulations."

It should also be kept in mind that the parties interested in development plans, FDP amendments, special exception review, and the other criteria include the nearby citizens and community associations as well as the residents of the particular development. See BCZR Section 1B01.3.A.7.

So, in the context of the amendment of an approved integral final development plan, it still must comply with the specific law pertinent to such amendments. Therefore, we submit the answer to the first question is no.

We proceed then to the ultimate question of whether the petition here either meets or conflicts with the standards applicable to amendment of final development plans. Among other things, the amendment must comply with the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies. In hearing situations, perhaps most important here, the amendment is subject to BCZR Section 502.1 special exception review for particular adverse impact on the neighborhood and, in addition, must "...be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original plan and of this article." Section 1B01.3.A.7.b.(3). There is a corresponding prerequisite for certain situations where the amendment may proceed without a hearing,

"The Zoning Commissioner and Director of Planning must certify that the amendment is in keeping with the spirit and intent of this article and other Baltimore County land use and development regulations administered by them, and both must certify that the amendment does not violate the spirit and intent of the original plan." BCZR Section 1B01.1.B.7.c.(4).

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Indeed, at this juncture, it is hard to imagine any rational basis for anyone to conclude that an industrial use would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the original residential plan, which likely was to keep Parcel 3 as a buffer area, and in fact has done so for many years. This is especially true for a petition which asks for any use permitted in the zone. Despite the name "Manufacturing-Light," there are many fairly heavy and potentially offensive uses enumerated as permitted by right and special exception in the M.L. Zone. BCZR Section 253.

It may at first glance seem perplexing and paradoxical that despite the legislative rezoning of Parcel 3 to M.L., the FDP law precludes such use in the present context. If it is argued that the legislative intent was for this parcel to be used industrially, the answer is that if the apartments were razed and the developers started from scratch, they could perhaps request an entirely new development scheme, subject to the current zoning and development restrictions applicable to the various parcels. If the property were vacant, the situation would be different. The existence of the FDP and the actual apartment development and configuration are the controlling factors.

As a footnote, we have not yet said anything about whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Baltimore County Master Plan. At this juncture, given our answers to the above questions, we need not reach that issue.

We trust this letter will assist as you review these unusually problematic issues.

Sincerely,

Peter Max Zimmerman

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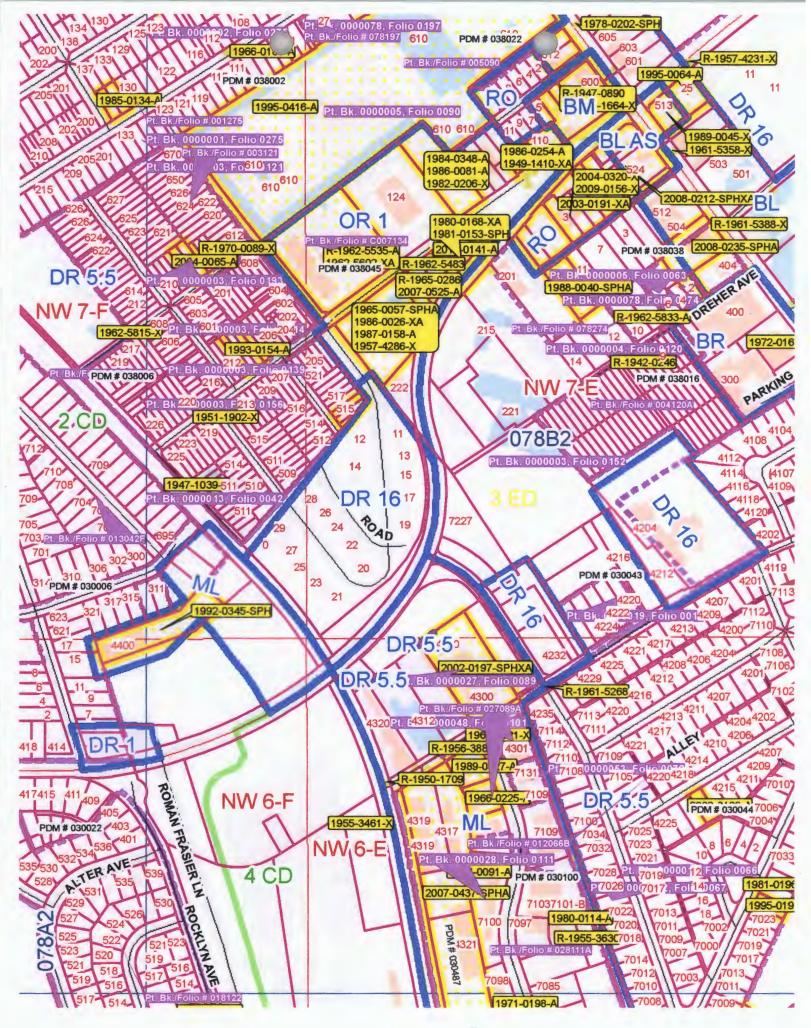
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