

September 10, 2020

W. Carl Richards, Zoning Supervisor Baltimore County Department Of Permits, Approval and Inspections Office of Zoning Review 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Request for Confirmation of Spirit and Intent

Merritt Manor Shopping Center 1115 – 1235 Merritt Boulevard

Dear Mr. Richards:

I am writing on behalf of Merritt Manor, LLC ("Merritt") regarding an intended subdivision of the above-referenced property. On August 25, 2020, the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections issued a letter (copy attached) granting a limited exemption under the Exemption "B-8" category for a minor development that does not exceed a total of three lots (DRC No. 082520A). Indeed, Merritt is seeking to subdivide the property into three separate lots. A site plan, labeled "Plan to Accompany DRC Request" and dated August 3, 2020, is also enclosed depicting the subdivision as it was presented to the DRC. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that this subdivision of the property is within the spirit and intent of a special exception granted and site plan approved in Case No. 2014-240-SPHX, and that no additional zoning relief and/or another public hearing will be required to record a plat consistent with the site plan filed with the Development Review Committee.

By way of brief history, in 2003, a special exception was granted for a community building (health club) in Case No. 2004-145-XA. In a subsequent zoning case, Case No. 2014-240-SPHX, Merritt sought to amend the special exception in Case No. 2004-145-XA in order to expand the area devoted to the existing health club and that relief was granted. Copies of the orders and site plans approved in these two cases are also enclosed for your convenience.

The existing development consists of a main shopping center, a fuel service station and a bank with a drive through facility. The existing fuel station will be located on a separate parcel, labeled "Lot 3" on the DRC plan, and the bank will also be on a separate parcel, labeled "Lot 1." The existing shopping center building will be on a single parcel as well (Lot 2).



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The site plan approved in Case No. 2014-240-SPHX indicates the specific special exception area within which the health club is permitted to operate. I spoke with Joseph Merrey of the Zoning Review Office, who expressed concern that the proposed subdivision would, in some manner, divide the approved special exception area into areas subject to different ownership. As shown and indicated on the enclosed DRC Plan and Plan to Accompany Spirit and Intent Letter ("S&I Plan"), the proposed subdivision lines do not cross into the special exception area, as I explained to Mr. Merrey by telephone following the DRC meeting for the project.

At this time, I am seeking confirmation from your office by countersignature below that the intended subdivision of the property, as shown and indicated on the enclosed DRC Plan and S&I Plan, is within the Spirit and Intent of Case No. 2014-240-SPHX, and that no additional zoning relief and/or another public hearing before the ALJ will be required to record a plat consistent with the site plan filed with the DRC and assigned DRC Number 082520A.

With this letter, I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland" to cover the administrative costs associated with your expedited review. If you require any additional information in order to complete your review, please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

David H. Karceski

REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED:

W. Carl Richards, Zoning Superviso

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JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

MICHAEL D. MALLINOFF, Director

Department of Permits,

Approvals & Inspections

August 25, 2020

Mr. Christopher W. Armstrong, P.E. Bohler Engineering VA, LLC 901 Dulaney Valley Road, Suite 801 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Merritt Manor Shopping Center 1115-1235 Merritt Boulevard Tracking Number: DRC-2020-00128 DRC Number: 082520A; Dist. 12C7

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Pursuant to Article 25A, Section 5 (U) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and as provided in Section 602 (d) of the Baltimore County Charter, and Sections 32-1-101, 32-3-401, and 32-3-517 of the Baltimore County Code, this letter constitutes an administrative order and decision on the request for issuance, renewal, or modification of a license, permit, approval, exemption, waiver, or other form of permission you filed with this department.

Your request has been submitted for careful review and consideration to the Development Review Committee (DRC), which is composed of representatives from each of those departments involved in land-use decisions so designated by their directors to represent their respective departments. The purpose of the DRC is to ensure compliance with Section 32-4-106 and Section 32-4-262 of the <u>Baltimore County Code</u> and to make recommendations to the Director, Department of Permits Approvals and Inspections (PAI).

The DRC met in an open meeting via WebEx on August 25, 2020 and has determined that your project meets the requirements of a **limited exemption under** Section 32-4-106(b)(8). I have reviewed the recommendations carefully and it is this 25th day of August 2020 ordered and decided that the recommendations of the DRC are hereby adopted. Prior to making plan submission to Baltimore County pursuant to the instructions that follow, applicant must provide written evidence that any and all concerns on the part of PAI/Zoning review pertaining to prior zoning histories are satisfied.

In order to further process your development plan, submit two check prints, of the plan, prepared in accordance with Sections 32-4-221 through 32-4-224 of the <u>Baltimore County Code</u>, one completed, signed and sealed copy of the **Development Plan Checklist**, and a copy of this letter to this office to the attention of Shawn Frankton. Be advised that in addition to development plan review fees, Phase 2 review fees will apply, depending on the amount of site disturbance, and/or the requirement of a Public Works Agreement.

Should you submit an application for any permits that may be required for this project, your application will be processed subject to the conditions set forth above and any plans, securities, or non-county permits that may be required in accordance with County, State or Federal regulations.

Sincerely

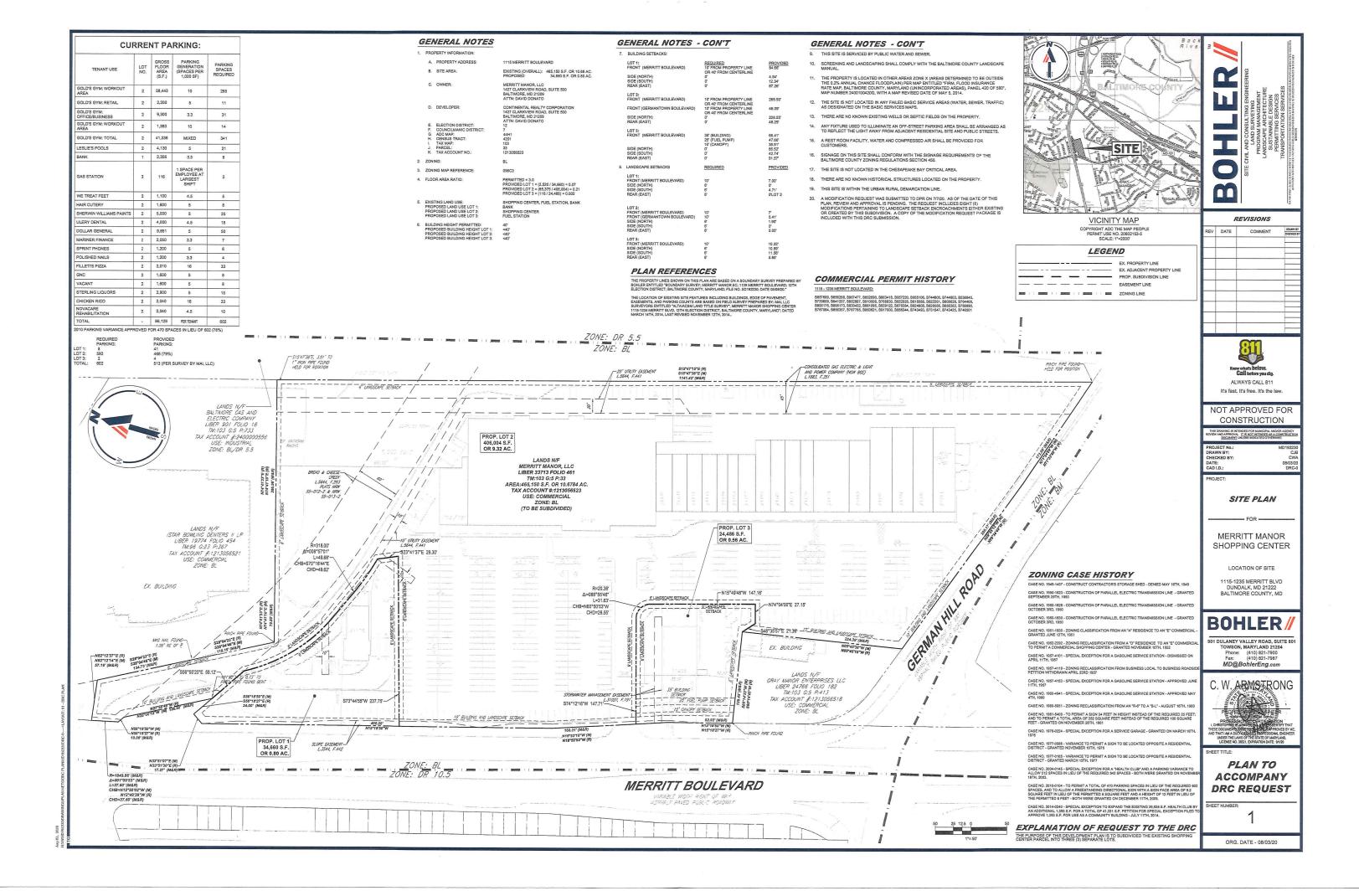
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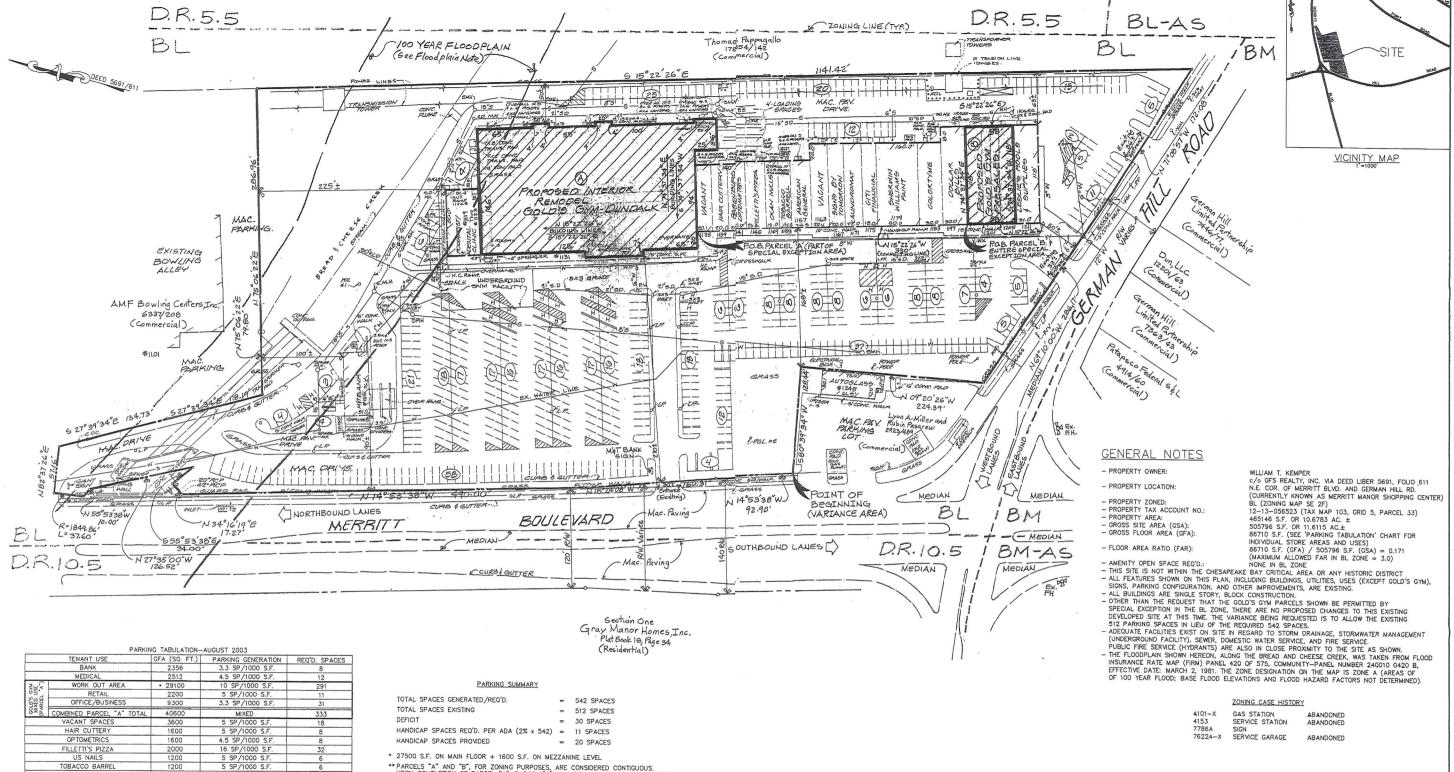
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C: Shawn Frankton

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DOLLAR BILL

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W. DUVALL & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERS . SURVEYORS . LAND PLANNERS

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3.3 SP/1000 S.F. 3.3 SP/1000 S.F.

5 SP/1000 S.F.

530 EAST JOPPA ROAD TOWSON, MARYLAND 21286 Phone: 410.583.9571 E-mail: wduvall2@qwest.net



** PARCELS "A" AND "B", FOR ZONING PURPOSES, ARE CONSIDERED CONTIGUOUS.

UPON COMPLETION OF PARCEL "A", PARCEL "B" WILL BE VACATED BY GOLD'S GYM AND REVERT TO OFFICE SPACE.

PREPARED FOR: J.R. BERNLOHR ARCHITECTS 613 3RD STREET ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21403 ATTN: JIM BERNLOHR PHONE: 410–990–9409

OWNER WILLIAM T. KEMPER C/O GFS REALTY INC. DEPT. 672 6300 SHERIFF RD. LANDOVER, MD. 20785-4303

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

GOLD'S GYM-DUNDALK (STORE #146)

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 7

ELECTION DISTRICT 12 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND SCALE: 1"=50' DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT

GENERAL NOTES

I. CURRENT OUNER: Dundalk Acquisition, LLC III5-1235 Merritt Boulevard Dundalk, Maryland Tax Account No.: 1213056523 Tax Map:0103, Parcel 0033
Deed Reference: Liber27126, Folio 286
Land Use: Commercial

2. GOLD'S SITE AREA: PLD'S SITE AREA: 39,938± Square Feet Proposed Expansion Area: 1,393± Acres sq.ft. Gold's Gym Total Area: 41,331± Acres sq.ft.

3. ENTIRE SITE BUILDING AREA: Existing (3 Buildings) 86,011 Sq. Ft.

Proposed Additions - NONE Public Water

4. UTILITIES: Public Sewer

5. ZONING: BL (Business Local)

6. PROPOSED USE: COMMUNITY BUILDING/HEALTH CLUB (Gold's Gym). T. PROPOSED SPACES TO BE PROVIDED:

8. EXISTING GOLD'S GYM PARKING SPACES: Regular Parking Spaces: Handicap Parking Spaces: Total Parking Spaces:

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9. HEIGHT OF STRUCTURE:

Max. Height Permitted: 40'

Max. Height Provided: 262'

10. REQUIRED ZONING SETBACKS:

Front:

Strest Side: 10'

Side: None
Rear: None

11. COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:

12. CONSTRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

13. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: 14. ELECTION DISTRICT:

15. CENSUS TRACT: 420100 16. WATERSHED: BACK RIVER

IT. THE SITE DOES NOT LIE WITHIN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA.

18. THERE ARE NO HISTORIC FEATURES ON SITE NOR IS THE SITE ITSELF HISTORIC.

CURRENT PARKING

	TENANT USE	GFA (SF)	PARKING GENERATION	REQUIRED SPACES
	Workout Area	28,443	10 57/1000	285
Gym	Retail	2,200	5 SP/1000	11
Gold's	Office/Business	9,300	3.3 SP/1000	31
Gol	Proposed Workout Area	1,393	10 SP/1000	14
	Gold's Gym Total	41,331	MIXED	341
Leslie's Pools		3,658	5 57/1000	19
	Bank	2,356	3.3 5P/1000	8
	Gas Station	116	1 57 Per Employee At Largest Shift	2
	Doctor's Office	1,790	4.5 SP/1000	9
	Hair Cuttery	1,600	5 SP/1000	8
5	herwin Williams Paints	5,000	5 57/1000	25
Ulrey Dental		4,000	4.5 SP/1000	18
	Dollar General	5,000	3.3 SP/1000	17
	Manner Finance	2,050	3.3 SP/1000	7
	Sprint Phones	1,200	5 57/1000	6
	Polished Nails	1,200	3.3 SP/1000	4
	Filleti Pizza	2,010	16 SP/1000	33
	Comfort Pharmacy	1,600	5 SP/1000	δ
Edible Arrangements		1,600	5 57/1000	8
Vacant Space		2,900	5 57/1000	15
	Vacant Space	2,040	5 SP/1000	11
	Vacant Space	2,040	5 SP/1000	11
	TOTAL	72,153	PER TENANT	550

PROPOSED LEASE AREA

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- 3.North 15 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West a distance 40.0 feet; thence
- 4.North 74 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 34.8 feet to the Place of Beginning.

CONTAINING 1,393 square feet, more or less.

COMBINED LEASE AREA DESCRIPTION

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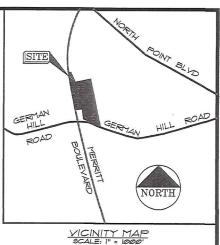
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EXISTING ZONING: BL

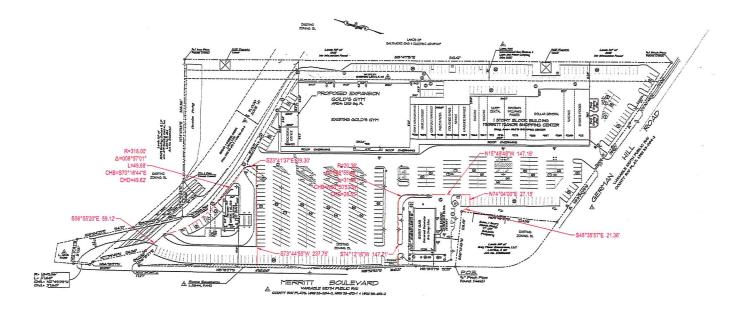
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EXISTING ZONING: BL

CONTAINING 41,331 square feet, more or less of Lease Area.



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LOCATION MAP

GRAPHIC SCALE

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(IN FEET)

16951 YORK ROAD MONKTON, MD 2111

P (410) 357-8839 F (410) 357-8727

FLOOD CERTIFICATION

THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE 'X', HE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY LESS WITHIN FLOOD ZONE XY, AREAS DETERTINED TO BE CUTSIDE THE 02% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN. A SMALL PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE 'A', NO BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS DETERMINED. THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF FLOOD ZONE 'A' IS THE AREA WITHIN THE 60 FOOT WIDE EAST-ENT FOR BREAD AND CHEESE CREEK AS SHOUN ON FIRM THAY NO. 240010 0420 F WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2008



MAI, LLC SURVEYORS HANDICAP PARKING

ğ UTILITY POLE BH= CONC. BUILDING HEIGH CONCRETE

MINUTE SYMBOL
SECOND SYMBOL
P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING PROPERTY LINE(S) - EASEMENT LINE(S)

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY SPIRIT AND INTENT LETTER

FOR 1ST REVISION ONLY C. W. ARMSTRONG

901 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD, SUITE 801 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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SURVEYOR'S NOTES

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> SITE MAP for GOLD'S GYM GRAPHIC SCALE 25 (IN FEET) 1 inch = 50 ft.

PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO.

2014-0240-SPHX

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SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS FIRE HYDRANT RIGHT OF WAY DEGREE SYMBOL PARKING SPACES

NORTH SOUTH EAST WEST

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *
AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION

(1131 Merritt Blvd.)

12th Election District 7th Council District

Merritt Manor, LLC

Legal Owner

DMD Gyms, LLC d/b/a Gold's Gym

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BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2014-0240-SPHX

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception filed by Gregory E. Rapisarda, Esquire, on behalf of the legal owner, Merritt Manor, LLC and DMD Gyms, lessee ("Petitioners"). The Petition for Special Hearing was filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to amend Special Exception Case No. 04-145-XA and expand the existing 39,938 sq. ft. health club (Gold's Gym) by an additional 1,393 sq. ft. for a total of 41,331 sq. ft. In addition, a Petition for Special Exception was filed to approve 1,393 sq. ft. for use as a community building (health club).

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Gregory E. Rapisarda, Esquire, from Saul Ewing, LLP. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. No Protestants or interested citizens attended the hearing, and the file does not contain any letters of opposition. No substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received.

Special Hearing

The subject property is zoned BL, and is improved with a strip center known as Merritt Manor Shopping Center. Gold's Gym has operated a fitness facility at the location since 2003,

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pursuant to a special exception granted in Case No. 2004-145-XA. The petition for special hearing seeks to amend the special exception granted in that earlier case, to reflect the addition of 1,393 sf. of leased area to the "special exception area." Counsel explained a dentist is vacating his office at the shopping center, and Gold's Gym will expand its "workout area" to include that space, as shown on the plan marked as Exhibit 1.

Special Exception Standards

Special exception uses are presumptively valid and consistent with the comprehensive zoning plan, People's Counsel v. Loyola College, 406 Md. 54, 77 n. 23 (2008), and no evidence was offered here to rebut the presumption. As noted, the gym has been operating as a special exception use at the location for over 10 years, and the Department of Planning indicated in its zoning comment that the "acquisition of the additional square footage will not adversely impact the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding community." Thus, the petition will be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>11th</u> day of July, 2014, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing to amend Special Exception Case No. 04-145-XA and expand the existing 39,938 sq. ft. health club (Gold's Gym) by an additional 1,393 sq. ft. for a total of 41,331 sq. ft., be and is hereby APPROVED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to approve 1,393 sq. ft. for use as a community building (health club) at 1131 Merritt Boulevard, Dundalk, Maryland 21222 (as shown on the site plan marked and admitted as Exhibit 1), be and is hereby GRANTED.

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The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

 Petitioners may apply for appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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

JOHN E BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB/sln

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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

July 11, 2014

Gregory E. Rapisarda, Esquire Saul Ewing, LLP 500 E. Pratt Street Suite 800 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception

Property: 1131 Merritt Blvd. Case No.: 2014-0240-SPHX

Dear Mr. Rapisarda:

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. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure



Signature

21061

Zip Code

PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S) To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at: Address 1131 Merritt Blvd., Dundalk, MD which is presently zoned Deed References: 33713 / 00461 10 Digit Tax Account # 1 2 1 3 0 5 6 5 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) ___ Merritt Manor 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: 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 X a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for See attached 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) 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): DMD Gyms, LLC d/b/a Gold's Gym Merritt Manor LLC Name #2 - Type or Print Gene Parker, Jr., President of Continental Realty Corp., Agent Signature #1 c/o Continental Realty 1427 Clarkview Rd., Su Signature # 2 Corp. 6324 Ritchie Hwy., Glen Burnie, MD Balto., MD Mailing Address Mailing Address 703-926-8649 21209 410-296-4800 / bruce@fourthstreet.us genep@crcrealty.com Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Telephone # Representative to be contacted: Gregory E. Rapisarda

Attorney for Petitioner: Gregory E. Rapisarda Name? Type or Print Name - Type or Print Stonature Saul Ew 800 Mailing Address Mailing Address

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CASE NUMBER 2014-0240-5PHX Filling Date 5,15, 14

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REV. 10/4/11 Date

Attachment to Petition For Zoning Hearing In re: 1131 Merritt Blvd., Dundalk, MD

A Petition for Special Exception to approve 1,393 sq. ft. for use as a community building (health club) at 1131 Merritt Boulevard, Dundalk Maryland 21222

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Veteran Owned Small Business (SBE No: SB11-4811)

PROPOSED LEASE AREA GOLD'S GYM 1131 MERRITT BOULEVARD 12TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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This description was prepared by the undersigned. OF MA PARTIES OF

License Renewal: 12 April 2014

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- 12. Southwesterly a distance of 35.7 feet±; thence
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. <u>For those petitions which require a public hearing</u>, 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.

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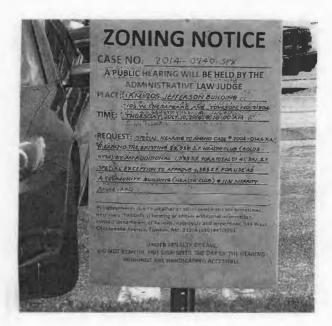
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June 19, 2014

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The Jeffersonian

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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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: # 2014-0240-SPHX

1131 Merritt Blvd. E/s Merritt Blvd., 515 ft. NW of intersection with German Hill Road

German Hill Road
12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Merritt Manor, LLC
Contract Purchaser/Lessee: DMD Gyms, LLC
d/b/a Gold's Gym
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ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

June 2, 2014

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C: Gregory Rapisarda, 500 E. Pratt Street, Ste. 800, Baltimore 21202 DMD Gyms, 6324 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie 21061 Continental Realty Corp., Gene Parker, Jr., 1427 Clarkview Rd., Ste. 500, Baltimore 21209

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, June 19, 2014 Issue - Jeffersonian

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500 E. Pratt Street, Ste. 800

Baltimore, MD 21202

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

August 13, 2014

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2014-0240-SPHX - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on August 11, 2014. 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

- RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
 AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION
 1131 Merritt Boulevard; E/S Merritt Blvd,
 515' NW c/line with German Hill Road
 12th Election & 7th Councilmanic Districts
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 d/b/a Gold's Gym
 - Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE OFFICE
- * OF ADMINSTRATIVE
- * HEARINGS FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * 2014-240-SPHX

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of May, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Gregory Rapisarda, Esquire, Saul Ewing, LLP, 500 East Pratt Street, Suite 800, Baltimore, MD 21202, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CASE NO. 2014 0240-5DHX

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

July 3, 2014

Merritt Manor LLC Gene Parker, Jr., President C/O Continental Realty Corp 1427 Clarkview Road, Suite 500 Baltimore MD 21209

RE: Case Number: 2014-0240 SPHX, Address: 1131 Merritt Boulevard

Dear Mr. Parker:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on May 15, 2014. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

People's Counsel
 DMD Gyms, LLC, d/b/a Gold's Gym, 6324 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie MD 21061
 Gregory E. Rapisarda, Esquire, Saul Ewing LLP, 500 E. Pratt Street, Suite 800, Baltimore MD 21202

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Date: 6/2/14

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2014-8240-5PHX Decial Heaving Special Exception with Monor LLC GenePaylor

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James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary

Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

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 5/26/14 A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 1/157 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Special Exception Case Number 2014-0240 -SDHX.

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/

Development Manager

Access Management Division

SDF/raz



Gregory E. Rapisarda

Phone: (410) 332-8963

Fax: (410) 332-8155

grapisarda@saul.com

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May 14, 2014

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Balto. County Zoning Review Chief 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Re: DMD Gyms, LLC d/b/a Gold's Gym (Dundalk)

Dear Mr. Richards:

I represent DMD Gyms, LLC d/b/a Gold's Gym, (Gold's Gym) a lessee at 1131 Merritt Blvd., Dundalk, MD 21222 (the "Property").

Gold's Gym is seeking to expand its existing 40,000 + - sq. ft. health club by an additional 1,393 sq. ft.

The existing 40,000 +/- sq. ft. health club was approved in 2003 under Case No. 04-145-XA.

Gold's Gym is seeking special exception approval for a 1,393 sq. ft. community building/health club. Gold's Gym is also seeking special hearing relief to add the new 1,393 sq. ft. to the existing Gold's Gym, for a total health club of 41,331 sq. ft.

Attached to this letter please find the following:

- (1) Three (3) original petition forms;
- (2) Twelve (12) plats/site plans;
- (3) Three (3) sealed property descriptions of proposed expansion;
- (4) Three (3) sealed property descriptions of total special exception area;
- (5) One (1) copy of the zoning map;
- (6) A \$500 check for special exception;
- (7) A \$500 check for special hearing; and
- (8) One (1) advertising form.

I am available if you have any questions and look forward to a hearing in the near future.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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 June 2, 2014

Item Nos. 2014-0240, 0241, 0242, 0243, 0244, 0246,0247, 0248

DATE: June 2, 2014

and 0249

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

June 26, 2014

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2014-0240-SPHX

Address

1131 Merritt Boulevard

(Merritt Manor, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 26, 2014.

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

Reviewer:

Jeff Livingston – Development Coordination

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: June 24, 2014

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SUBJECT:

1131 Merritt Boulevard

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Item Number:

1131 WEITH Boulevard

INFORMATION:

14-240

Petitioner:

Merritt Manor, LLC

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Special Exception

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The requests are for a special exception to approve 1,393 SF for use as a community health building and a special hearing to amend special exception case No. 04-145-XA and expand existing 39, 938 SF health club by an additional 1,393 SF for a total of 41, 331 SF.

This department does not oppose the requests. Gold's Gym is acquiring an adjoining vacant office and expanding into that space. The proposed acquisition of the additional square footage will not adversely impact the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding community. There will be no exterior alterations to the building. Case 04-145-XA granted Gold's Gym a parking variance on the 18th of November, 2003, stating, "I find that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship".

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

Division Chief:

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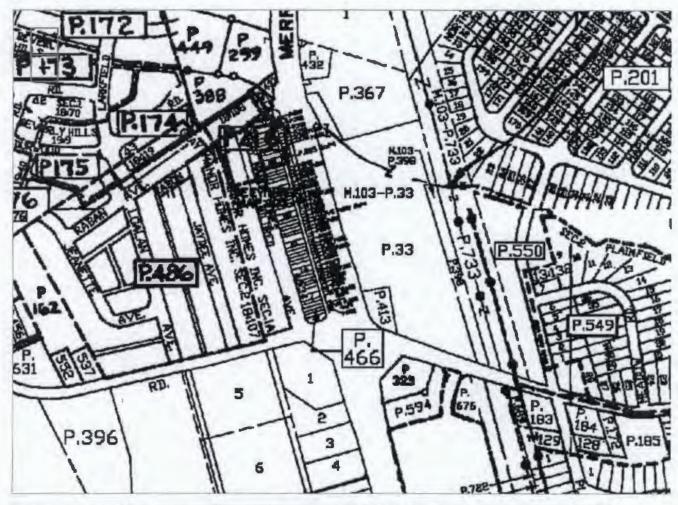
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If a plat for a property is needed, contact the local Land Records office where the property is located. Plats are also available online through the Maryland State Archives at www.plats.net (http://www.plats.net).

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Case No.: 2014 - 240 - 5PHX

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

No. 12

81314

7-11-12 Respondent

No. 1 Plan No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5 No. 6 No. 7 No. 8 No. 9 No. 10 No. 11

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
AND VARIANCE
NE/Corner of German Hill Road
and Merritt Boulevard
12th Election District
7th Councilmanic District
(1131, 1201, 1205 Merritt Blvd.)
GFS Realty, Inc., Agent of Owner

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District
Merritt Blvd.) * CASE NO. 04-145-XA

Agent of Owner *

BEFORE THE

W. Howard Gaskill, II, VP, Legal Owner and DMD Gyms, LLC, Contract Purchaser Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Exception and Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, GFS Realty, Inc., Agent of Owner W. Howard Gaskill, II, VP, Legal Owner and DMD Gyms, LLC, Contract Purchaser. The Petitioners are requesting special exception and variance relief for property located at 1201, 1205, 1131 Merritt Boulevard in the eastern area of Baltimore County. The special exception request is for a community building (health club) on parcel "A" and on parcel "B" in the B.L. zone. In addition, a variance is requested to allow 512 parking spaces in lieu of the required 542 parking spaces.

The property was posted with Notice of Hearing on October 25, 2003, for 15 days prior to the hearing, in order to notify all interested citizens of the requested zoning relief. In addition, a Notice of Zoning hearing was published in "The Jeffersonian" newspaper on October 23, 2003 to notify any interested persons of the scheduled hearing date.

Applicable Law

Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. - Special Exceptions

Before any special exception may be granted, it must appear that the use for which the special exception is requested will not:

A. Be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved;

- B. Tend to create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein;
- C. Create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other danger;
- D. Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population;
- E. Interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvements;
- F. Interfere with adequate light and air; [Bill No. 45-1982]
- G. Be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification nor in any other way inconsistent with the sprit and intent of these Zoning Regulations; [Bill No. 45-1982]
- H. Be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of these Zoning Regulations; nor [Bill No. 45-1982]
- I. Be detrimental to the environmental and natural resources of the site and vicinity including forests, streams, wetlands, aquifers and floodplains in an R.C.2, R.C.4, R.C.5 or R.C.7 zone. [Bill No. 74-2000]

Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. - Variances.

"The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance."

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: None.

Interested Persons

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance and special exception requests were Bruce Ebel, representing Gold's Gym and Wilbur Duvall, appearing on behalf of W. Duvall & Associates, Inc., the engineering firm that prepared the site plan of the property. Stanley Fine, 'Esquire represented the Petitioners. Several interested persons attended the hearing, all of which

signed in on the Citizen's Sign-In Sheet. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, entered the appearance of his office in this case.

Findings of fact and conclusions of law

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of 11.6 acres, more or less, zoned BL. The subject property is improved by an existing shopping center known as Merritt Manor Shopping Center whose anchor store, Giant Food, moved out some time ago. The proposal is to have the space formerly occupied by Giant refurbished as Gold's Gym. This would be a 40,000 sq. ft facility, which from a zoning standpoint is granted by special exception as a "community building". This is depicted as Parcel A in Petitioner's Exhibit #1.

The proposal is made in two phases. The first is for a small sales office for Gold's Gym, which is now located in Parcel B, to expand allowing some limited health club activities as well as the sales office for the gym. This will allow prospective members to have some view and access on a limited scale to what the full gym proposed in Parcel A holds in store for them. The renovation of the Giant Store would be completed next spring after which the sales office and limited health facilities located in Parcel B would be transferred to Parcel A. Parcel B would then be available to lease as any shopping center space. The special exception would then also operate in phases applying first to both Parcel A and Parcel B and then only to Parcel B. Testimony indicated that there was a real need for an anchor tenant in the center which is located in a revitalization area of the County. The Giant store has been vacant for some time, which causes the community and County concern. There are two other vacant stores in the center. The new gym is proffered to supply the need for an anchor, which will not only attract customer to itself but revitalize the shopping center businesses. The proposed gym will have 75 employees and generate a \$2.5 million investment. The Petitioner submitted numerous letters of support

from area businesses and prospective customers. The Greater Dundalk Alliance sent a letter of support for the project as a positive step in the revitalization of Dundalk.

Petitioner's Exhibit #1 shows the very irregular shape of the shopping center property with cut outs for an existing bowling alley and auto glass store. The center is surrounding by commercial uses except on the east side, which is the rear of the existing center. The shopping center has 512 existing parking spaces and under the B.C.Z.R. is required to have 542 spaces with this use. However, proffered testimony indicated that there were no properties for sale adjacent to the site, which could be acquired to avoid the need for a parking variance. Proffered testimony also indicated that the project would not adversely affect the health safety or welfare of the community as delineated in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. In fact the health and welfare of the community would increase with the exercise programs available and employment of local residents.

Special Exception

I find that the Petitioner has demonstrated that the project proposed will not be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the community pursuant to each factor of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Therefore, I will grant the special exception for a community building (health club).

Variances

I find that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations was requested. Furthermore, I find that this variance can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and can be made in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the Petitioners, I find that the Petitioners' variance request and request for special exception should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 18 day of November, 2003, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a community building (health club) on Parcel A (known as 1201 and 1205 Merritt Boulevard) be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the condition that such special exception shall terminate thirty (30) days after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for a health club at 1131 Merritt Boulevard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a community building (health club) on Parcel B (known as 1131 Merritt Boulevard, be and is hereby GRANTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition for Variance to allow 512 parking spaces in lieu of the required 542 parking spaces at the Merritt Manor Shopping Center located at the northeast corner of Merritt Boulevard and German Hill Road and consisting of 11.6115 acres, he and is hereby GRANTED;

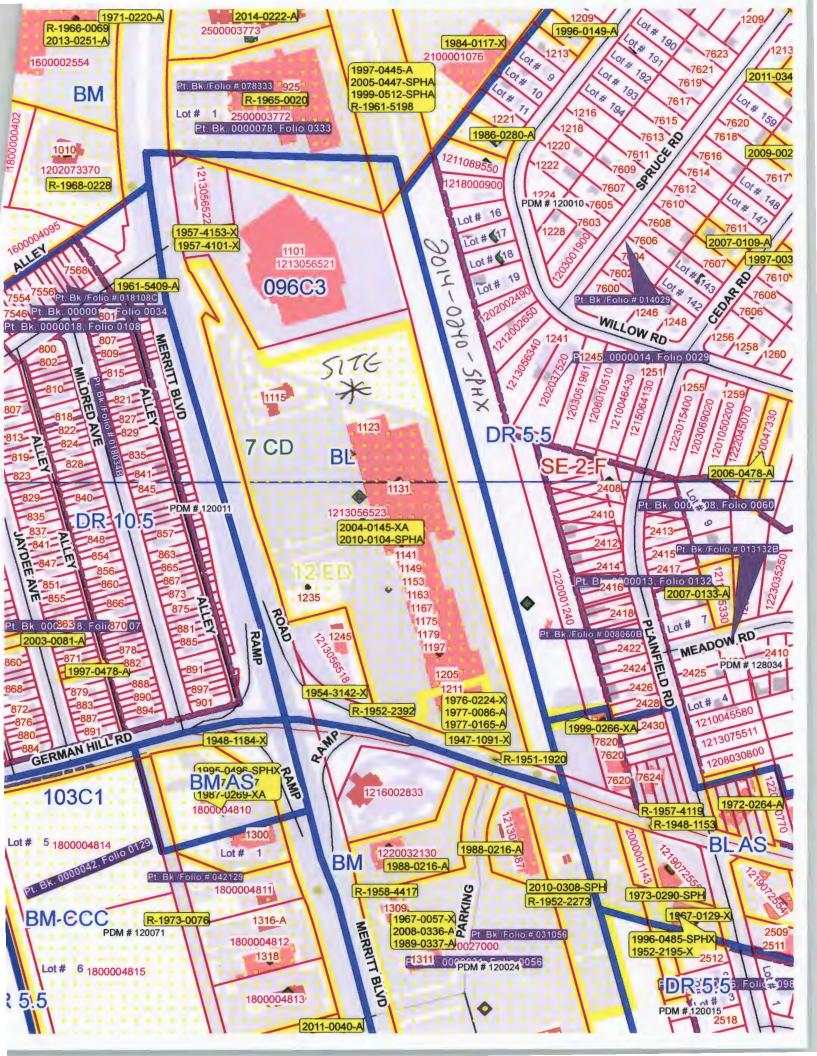
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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GENERAL NOTES

1. CURRENT OWNER: Dundalk Acquisition, LLC 1115-1235 Merritt Boulevard Dundalk, Maryland Tax Account No.: 1213056523 Tax Map:0103, Parcel 0033 Deed Reference: Liber27126, Folio 286

2. GOLD'S SITE AREA: 39,938± Square Feet Proposed Expansion Area: 1,393 + Acres 59, A. Gold's Gym Total Area: 41,331 + Acres 59. Ft.

Land Use: Commercial

3. ENTIRE SITE BUILDING AREA: Existing (3 Buildings) 86,011 Sq. Ft.

Proposed Additions - NONE

4. UTILITIES: Public Water Public Sewer 5. ZONING: BL (Business Local)

6. PROPOSED USE: COMMUNITY BUILDING/HEALTH CLUB (Gold's Gym).

T. PROPOSED SPACES TO BE PROVIDED: 8. EXISTING GOLD'S GYM PARKING SPACES:

Regular Parking Spaces: 327 Total Parking Spaces:

9. HEIGHT OF STRUCTURE:

Max. Height Permitted: 40' Max. Height Provided: 26.2'

10. REQUIRED ZONING SETBACKS:

Street Side: 10' Side: None

Rear: None

11. COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

13. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: 14. ELECTION DISTRICT:

15. CENSUS TRACT: 420100

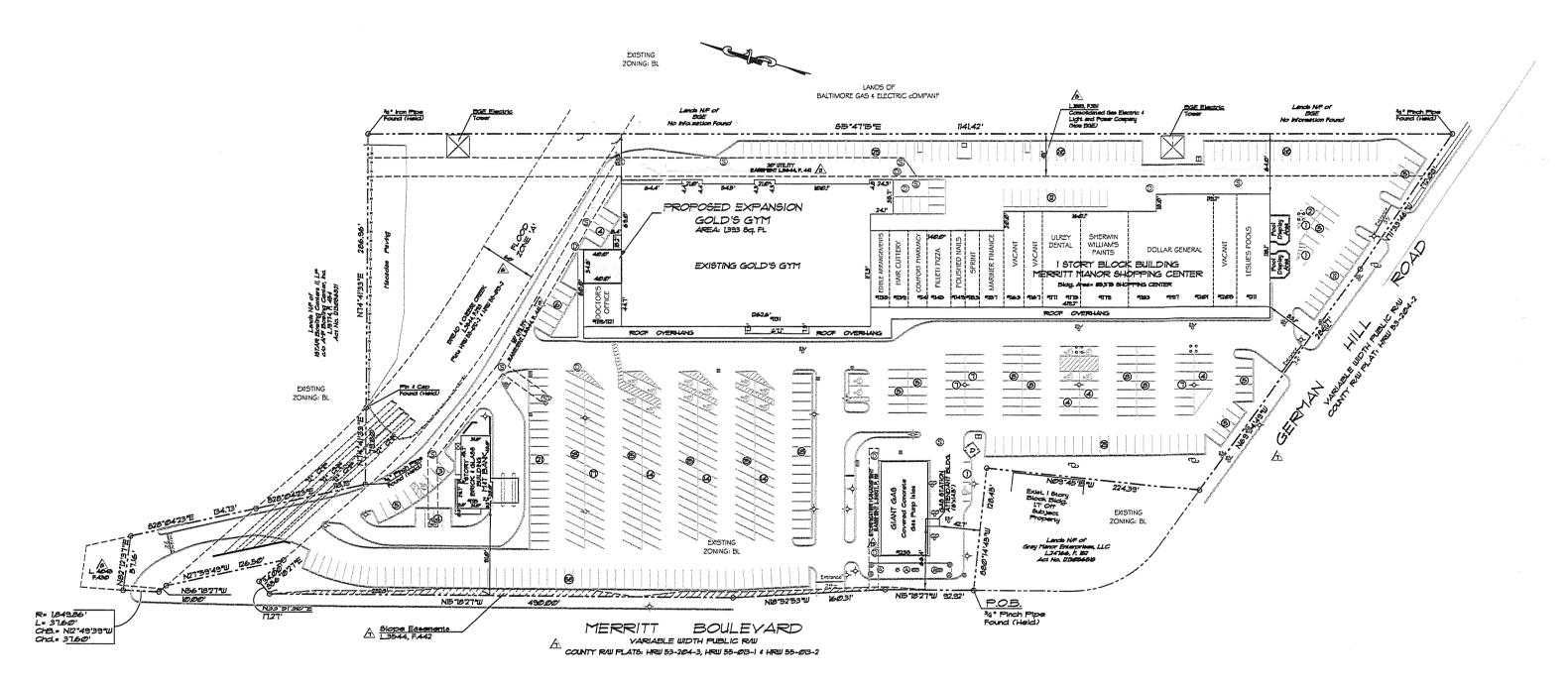
16. WATERSHED: BACK RIVER

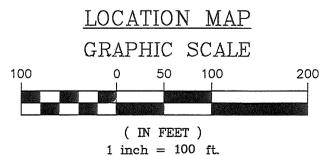
17. THE SITE DOES NOT LIE WITHIN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA.

18. THERE ARE NO HISTORIC FEATURES ON SITE NOR IS THE SITE ITSELF HISTORIC.

CURRENT PARKING

	TENANT USE	GFA (SF)	PARKING GENERATION	REQUIRED SPACES
	Workout Area	28,443	10 SP/1000	285
Gym	Retail	2,200	5 SP/1000	11
7'5 (Office/Business	9,300	3.3 SP/1000	31
Gold's	Proposed Workout Area	1,393	10 57/1000	14
	Gold's Gym Total	41,331	MIXED	341
	Leslie's Pools	3,658	5 SP/1000	19
	Bank	2,356	3.3 SP/1000	8
	Gas Station	116	I SP Per Employee At Largest Shift	2
	Doctor's Office	1,790	4.5 SP/1000	9
	Hair Cuttery	1,600	5 SP/1000	8
5	herwin Williams Paints	5,000	5 SP/1000	25
	Ulrey Dental	4,000	4.5 SP/1000	18
	Dollar General	5,000	3.3 SP/1000	17
	Mariner Finance	2,050	3.3 SP/1000	7
	Sprint Phones	1,200	5 SP/1000	6
	Polished Nails	1,200	3.3 SP/1000	4
	Filleti Pizza	2,010	16 SP/1000	33
	Comfort Pharmacy	1,600	5 SP/1000	8
	Edible Arrangements	1,600	5 SP/1000	8
	Vacant Space	2,900	5 SP/1000	15
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	TOTAL	72,153	PER TENANT	550





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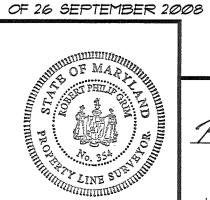
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FLOOD CERTIFICATION

THE MAJOR PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE 'X' AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOODPLAIN. A SMALL PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE 'A', NO BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS DETERMINED. THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF FLOOD ZONE 'A' IS THE AREA WITHIN THE 60 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR BREAD AND CHEESE CREEK AS SHOWN ON F.I.RM. MAP No. 240010 0420 F WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE



REGISTERED PROPERTY LINE SURVEYOR MARYLAND REGISTRATION No. 354 DATE OF SURVEY: 16 MAY 2013 LICENSE EXPIRATION: 18 OCTOBER 2014 SURVEYORS

PREPARED BY

SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS RW RIGHT OF WAY

FIRE HYDRANT LIGHT POLE HANDICAP PARKING PARKING SPACES

SECOND SYMBOL P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING UTILITY POLE PROPERTY LINE(S) BH= BUILDING HEIGHT _____ EASEMENT LINE(S) CONC. CONCRETE

DEGREE SYMBOL

· MINUTE SYMBOL

NORTH SOUTH EAST

SURVEYOR'S NOTES

SOME FEATURES SHOWN HEREON MAY BE DRAWN OUT OF SCALE FOR CLARITY.
 DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT ARE EXPRESSED IN FEET AND DECIMAL

3. BEARINGS AND COORDINATES ARE REFERENCED TO PB NLP #149/15
4. THE LOCATION OF UTILITIES SHOWN HEREON ARE FROM OBSERVED EVIDENCE OF ABOVE GROUND APPURTENANCES ONLY.

NO. DATE

DESCRIPTION

5. THE SURVEYOR WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH UNDERGROUND PLANS OR SURFACE GROUND MARKINGS TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF ANY SUBTERRANEAN USES. 6. THERE IS NO SURFACE EVIDENCE OF CEMETERIES OR BURIAL GROUNDS ON THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON.

PROPOSED LEASE AREA

COMMENCING from the beginning of the fourteenth (14th) line of the deed of Merritt Manor Shopping Center, which deed is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 27 I 26 Folio 286; thence running with and binding on a portion of said 14th line South 15 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 227.53 feet: thence leaving the outline of said Merritt Manor Shopping Center and running North 74 degrees 12 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 121.98 feet to the corner of an existing block building, said comer being the PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence running

1. South 15 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 40.0' feet; thence

2. South 74 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 34.8 feet; thence

3. North 15 degrees 47 minutes 05 seconds West a distance 40.0 feet; thence

4. North 74 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 34.8 feet to the Place of Beginning.

CONTAINING 1,393 square feet, more or less.

COMBINED LEASE AREA DESCRIPTION

COMMENCING from the beginning of the fourteenth (14th) line of the deed of Merritt Manor Shopping Center, which deed is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber 27126, Folio 286; thence running with and biriding on a portion of said 14th line South 15 degrees 47 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 267.4 feet±; thence leaving the outline of said Merritt Manor Shopping Center and running North 74 degrees 12 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 53.3' feet ± to the corner on an existing block building, said corner being the PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence running

1. Southeasterly a distance of 64.4 feet±; thence 2. Northeasterly a distance of 4.4 feet±; thence 3. Southeasterly a distance of 21.0 feet±; thence 4. Southwesterly a distance of 4.4 feet±; thence 5. Southeasterly a distance of 55.4 feet±; thence 6. Northeasterly a distance of 4.3 feet±; thence 7. Southeasterly a distance of 21.0 feet±; thence 8. Southwesterly a distance of 4.3 feet±; thence 9. Southeasterly a distance of 100.1 feet±; thence

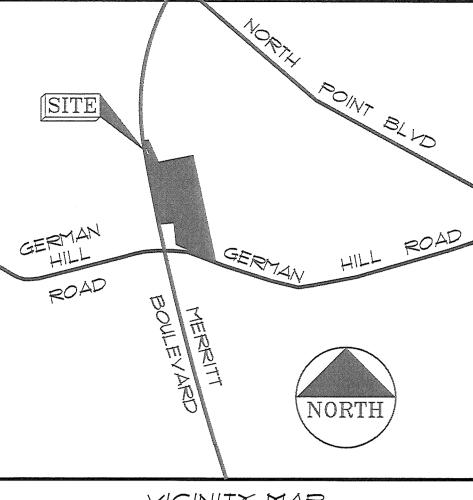
10. Northeasterly a distance of 4.8 feet±; thence 11. Southeasterly a distance of 24.3 feet±; thence 12. Southwesterly a distance of 35.7 feet±; thence

14. Southwesterly a distance of 117.3 feet±; thence 15. Northwesterly a distance of 262.6 feet±; thence 16. Northeasterly a distance of 44.7 feet ±: thence 17. Northwesterly a distance of 39.7 feet±; thence

13. Northwesterly a distance of 24.1 feet±; thence

18. Northeasterly a distance of 34.6 feet±; thence 19. Southeasterly a distance of 39.8 feet±; thence 20. Northeasterly a distance of 69.0 feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 41,331 square feet, more or less of Lease Area.



VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1" = 1000'

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST

GOLD'S GYM - MERRITT MANOR SHOPPING CENTER

#1131 MERRITT BOULEVARD

12th. ELECTION DISTRICT

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

JOB NO. SURVEYED BY DRAWN BY CHECKED SCALE

T.L.H. | R.P.G. | M.D.A. | AS SHOWN | 3/26/14

