IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* AND VARIANCE

> (Belair Road) 14th Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Council District

Carol & Edgar Lassahn and 7401 Belair Road, LLC.

Legal Owners

Petitioners

**BEFORE THE** 

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2014-0247-SPHA

## OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by John B. Gontrum, Esquire, on behalf of Carol & Edgar Lassahn and 7401 Belair Road, LLC, the legal owners ("Petitioners"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."): (1) seeking to establish that the funeral home existed at the site since at least 1970; and (2) to allow a crematorium as an accessory use to a funeral establishment. The variance petition seeks relief from B.C.Z.R. §§ 450 & 232: (1) to allow 2 freestanding signs on a premises in lieu of permitted 1 sign; (2) to allow a side yard setback of 4.8 ft. in lieu of requiring 10 ft. from the residential zone; and (3) to allow a rear yard setback of 1 ft. in lieu of requiring 20 ft. from the residential zone.

The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the revised site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1. Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Heather, Ed and Carol Lassahn. John B. Gontrum, Esquire, from Whiteford, Taylor & Preston appeared and represented the Petitioners. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no Protestants or interested citizens in attendance and the file does not contain any letters of protest.

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A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was submitted by the Department of Planning (DOP) dated June 9, 2014. That agency expressed support for the requests.

The subject property is approximately 2.43 acres and is zoned BL. The Petitioners have operated a funeral establishment at this location for over 150 years (5 generations of the Lassahn family). Given the growing popularity of cremation, the Petitioners would like to establish a crematory on site, so they will no longer have to "outsource" this function.

The side and rear yard setback requests concern long existing site conditions. The sign variance seeks to replace the two existing enterprise signs with more attractive new signs of roughly the same size.

According to the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual (ZCPM), crematories are not permitted as a principal use (by right or special exception) in Baltimore County. ZCPM, p.2-36. They are, however, permitted by special hearing as an accessory use to a funeral establishment principal use. <u>Id</u>. No new construction would be required for the crematory, and the Overlea Community Association expressed support for the proposal.

The second aspect of special hearing relief concerns BCZR § 230.3. In pertinent part, that regulation allows funeral establishments by special exception in the B.L. zone. But the regulation also states that any funeral establishment "which was a legal use immediately prior to ... [April 9, 1970] and which has since remained continuously in operation is a conforming use, permitted as of right." Id. As noted above, Petitioners testified (via proffer) that the Lassahn funeral home has been in continuous operation since long before 1970, and that the owners are state-licensed funeral directors.

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As such, I will grant the petition for special hearing allowing the crematory as an accessory use to the funeral establishment. The special hearing will also be granted with respect to BCZR § 230.3, and the Lassahn funeral home will be deemed a lawful, conforming use under that regulation.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will also grant the petition for variance. To obtain variance relief a petitioner must show:

(1) The property is unique; and

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

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

The Petitioners have met this test. The property is irregularly shaped and is therefore unique.

I also find that strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty, given that Petitioners would be compelled to move or raze certain structures on site. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the absence of Baltimore County and/or community opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>16<sup>th</sup></u> day of July, 2014, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R): (1) to establish that a funeral home has existed at this location (a BL zone) prior to 1970, and is therefore a lawful, conforming use; and (2) to allow a crematorium as an accessory use to a funeral establishment, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance pursuant to B.C.Z.R. §§ 450 & 232: (1) to allow 2 freestanding signs on a premises in lieu of permitted 1 sign; (2) to allow a side yard setback of 4.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. from the residential zone; and (3) to allow a rear yard setback of 1 ft. in lieu of the required 20 ft. from the residential zone, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. 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.

JEB/sln

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Date.

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

July 16, 2014

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP One W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Property: Belair Road

Case No.: 2014-0247-SPHA

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

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

## 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 7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road which is presently zoned B.L.

Deed References: (see attached) 10 Digit Tax Account # (see attached)
Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Edgar Lassahn, Carol Lassahn, 7401 Belair Road, 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:

and plan attached hereto and	made a part hereof, hereby petition for:
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Buildings have existed in the configuration on the site provential variances were not granted. 2 signs are needed becaused as to be presented at hearing.  Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regil, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for	plan for many decades and would have to be removed if setbacks cause of topography and entrance configuration and such other pulations.
Lessee:	Legal Owners (Petitioners): Carol & Edgar Lassahn/7401 Belair Road, LLC
Name - Type or Print  Signature  Mailing Address  City State	Name #1 - Type or Print  Name #2 - Type or Brint  Name #2 - Type or Brint  Signature #1  7401 Belair Road, Baltimore, Maryland
	Mailing Address City State 21.236 410.665.2000
Zip Code Date Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telephone # Email Address
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Attorney (1)	etitioner:	Representative to be contacted:			
John B. Gonti	rum, Esquire	John B. Gont	rum, Esquire		
Name- Type or Pri	nt At	Name — Type or P	rint		
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Mailing Address 21204	City State 410-832-2055 jgontrum@wtplaw.com	Mailing Address 21204	City State 410-832-2055 gontrum@wtplaw.com		

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Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone # Email Address

CASE NUMBER 2014-0247-584A Filling Date //\_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Schedule Dates:

## ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING

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7307 Belair Road	34670/00074	1412001407
7401 Belair Road	14848/00355 31164/00181	1412001405 2500008659

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30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 500 Timonium, Maryland 21093

410-560-1502, fax 443-901-1208

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR LASSAHN FUNERAL HOME 7305-7401 BELAIR ROAD 14<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 6<sup>TH</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the east side right-of-way of Belair Road (60 feet) wide at a distance of 150 feet south of the centerline intersection of Belair Road and Virginia Avenue which is (50 feet) wide, thence leaving the east side right-of-way of Belair Road the following courses and distances; (1) South 50 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East 201.15 feet, (2) North 40 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds East 6.63 feet, (3) South 49 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 13.00 feet, (4) North 40 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds East 103.12 feet, (5) South 50 degrees 24 minutes 06 seconds East 162.97 feet, (6) South 45 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds West 110.21 feet, (7) South 50 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East 144.92 feet, (8) South 44 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds West 110.41 feet, (9) North 50 degrees 22 minutes 56 seconds West 350.50 feet, (10) South 39 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds West 159.24 feet, (11) North 50 degrees 30 minutes 22 seconds West 156.41 feet to a point on the east side right-of-way of Belair Road, thence binding on Belair Road the following course and distance; (12) North 40 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds East 269.13 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing a net area of 97,616 square feet, or 2.24 acres of land, more or less.



# 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.

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

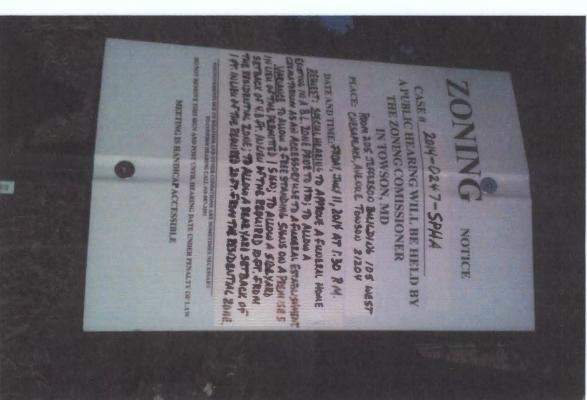
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PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:  Name: <u>E. F. Lassahn Funear Home, P.A.</u> Address: <u>746/ Beloin Rd.</u> BALTIMORE, Md 21236
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Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001

June 19, 2014

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on June 19, 2014

The Jeffersonian

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
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Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204. son 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND

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NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative

Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. 6/299 June 19

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

June 4, 2014

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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C: John Gontrum, 1 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Ste. 300, Towson 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Lassahn, 7401 Belair Road, Baltimore 21236

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014.

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

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

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Thursday, June 19, 2014 Issue - Jeffersonian

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

August 18, 2014

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2014-0247-SPHA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on August 15, 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 VARIANCE

7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road; SE/S Belair Rd,\*

150' S of intersection w/ Virginia Avenue 14th Election & 6th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Carol & Edgar Lassahn

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

2014-247-SPHA

## **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

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

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Peter Max Zimmerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Jefferson Building, Room 204

105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of May, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John Gontrum, Esquire, 1 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorny for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

# CASE NO. 2014-0247 - SPHA

## CHECKLIST

Comment Received	<u>Department</u>	Support/Oppose/ Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
6/2/14	DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW (if not received, date e-mail sent)	NIC
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

July 3, 2014

Carol & Edgar Lassahn 7401 Belair Road LLC 7401 Belair Road Baltimore MD 21236

RE: Case Number: 2014-0247 SPHA, Address: 7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road

Dear Mr. & Ms. Lassahn:

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

c: People's Counsel
John B. Gontrum, Esquire, One W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 300, Towson MD 21204



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 6/2/14

RE:

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

Baltimore County

Variance Special Hewing Carol & Edgar Lassahn 7401 Belair Road LLC

1305, 7307, 7401

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 5/28/14. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 45 | consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Variance Case Number 2014-0247-50HA.

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

\$\\ 7-11-14 1:30PM

The Honorable John E. Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204 June 30, 2014

Judge Beverungen,

As president of the Overlea Community Association (OCA) I am writing in support of the variance request submitted by the Lassahn Funeral home located at 7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road, Case No. 2014-0247 SPHA. The OCA is in full support of the variance requested by this longstanding family business operating within the Overlea community. Lassahn's Funeral Home is a well respected business but more importantly a respected and supportive neighbor within our community. The property is such that it adds to both the character of the community and is one of the very few buildings on Belair Road that actually enhances the appearance of the corridor. The requested two signs will not detract from the desired appearance of the property and will facilitate greater ease in identifying the specific building. Additionally, the OCA has no objection to allowing a crematorium as an accessory to the funeral establishment. As a person who appreciates history I would add that the presence of the Lassahn business and family name on the two signs reflects a history that we as a community are proud to project along the Belair Road corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Dennis M. Robinson Sr.

6709 Everall Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21206

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** June 2, 2014

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

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

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

**DATE:** June 9, 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:

7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road

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INFORMATION:

Item Number:

14-247

Petitioner:

Carol & Edgar Lassahn, 7401 Belair Road, LLC

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Variance

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The Department of Planning supports the petitioners request for special hearing to allow an existing funeral home and additional use as a crematorium in a BL Zone. The petitioner is not increasing square footage to add the crematorium use. Everything is existing on the site. The department also supports the variances requested regarding the existing two free-standing signs, as well as setbacks for the side and rear yard of the property.

The Lassahn Funeral Home recently celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The business is very active in the Overlea Community Association and the revitalization efforts along Belair Road and is a prominent part of the Overlea Commercial Revitalization District.

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

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**Division Chief:** 

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## **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**Inter-Office Correspondence** 

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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

# 2014-0247-SPHA

Address

7305, 7307, 7401 Belair Road

(Lassahn 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

## Real Property Data Search (w4)

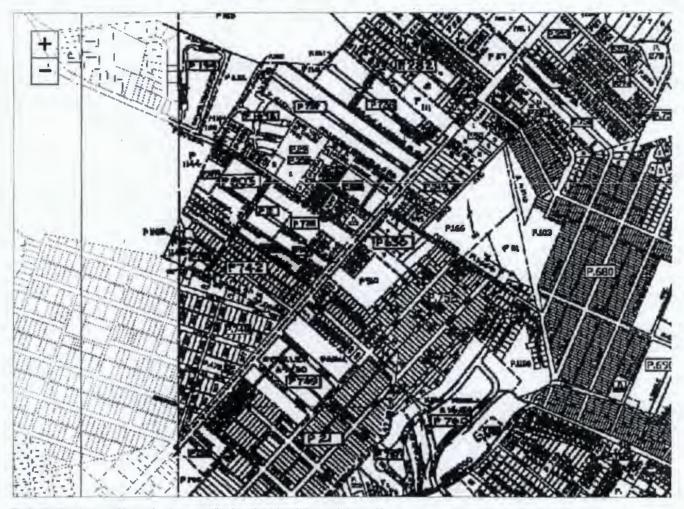
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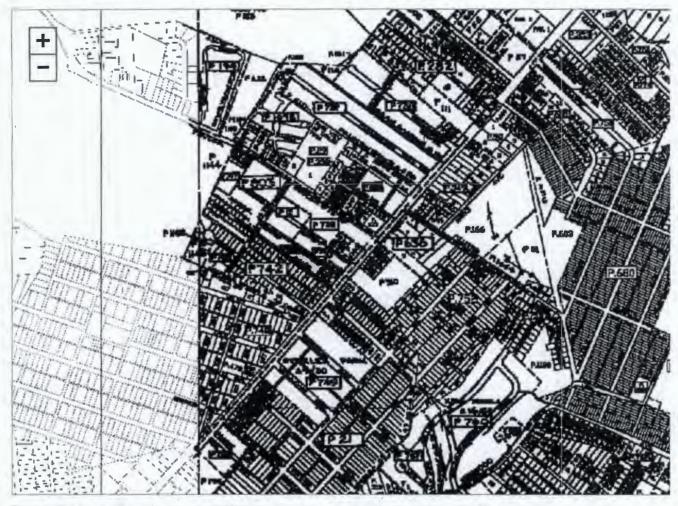
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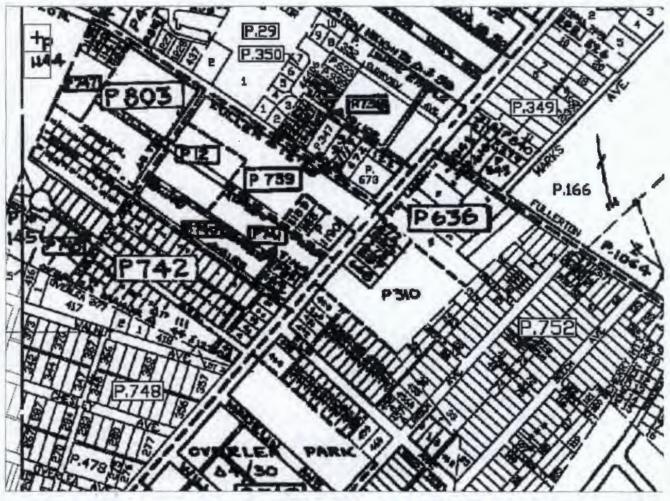
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Improvements	90,90		139,700	261.1	67	277,4
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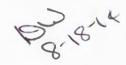
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**Exhibit Sheet** 

Petitioner/Developer



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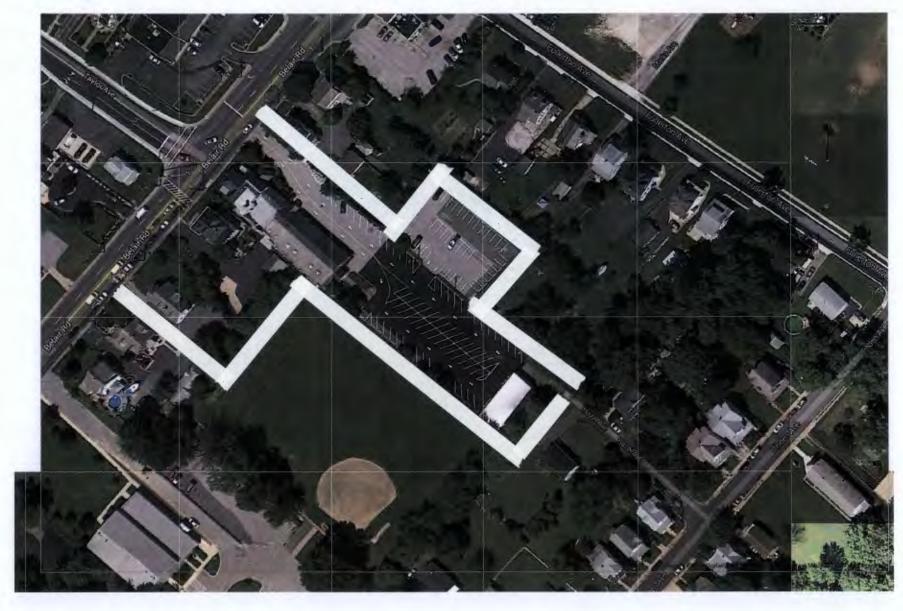
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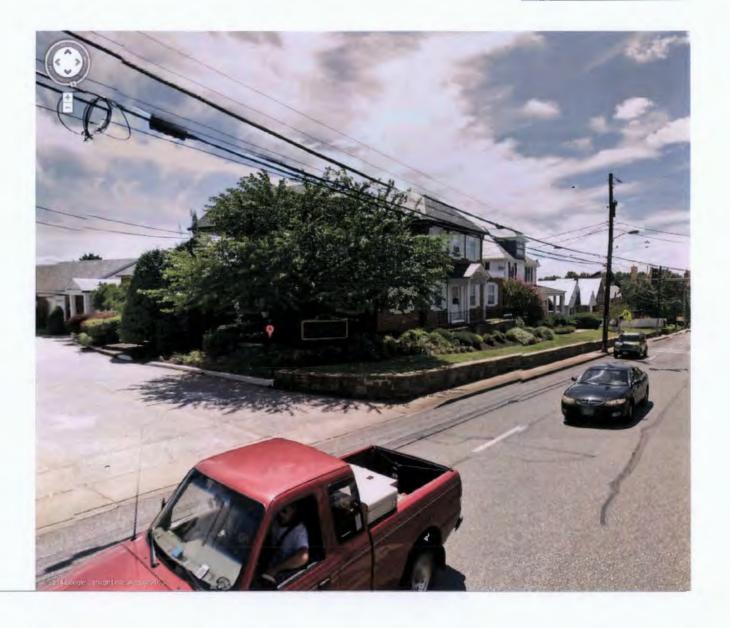
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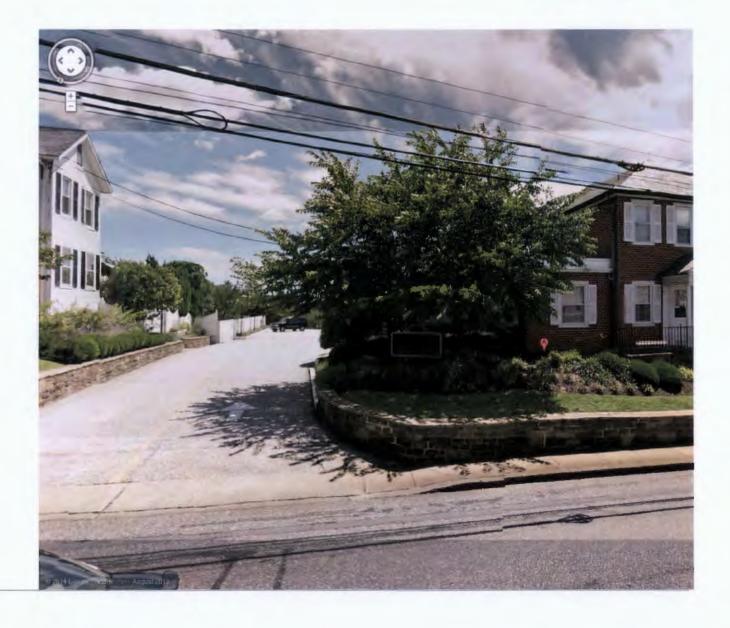


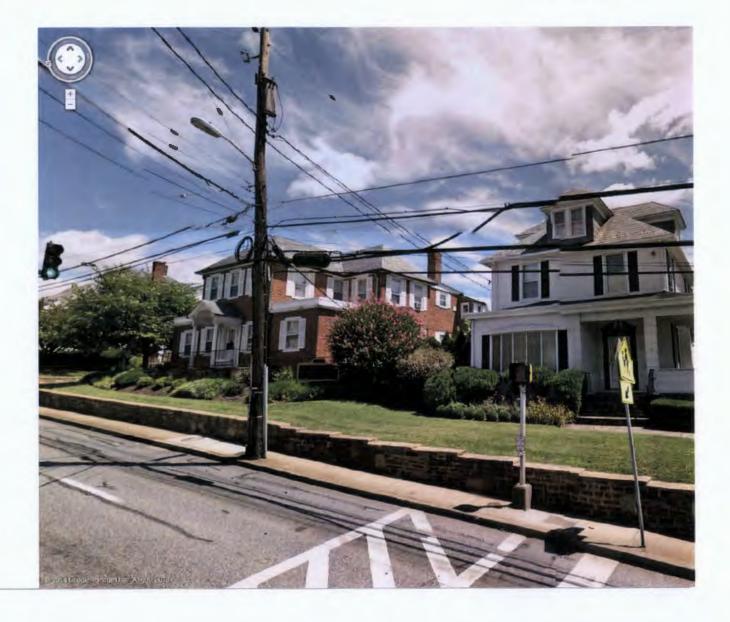


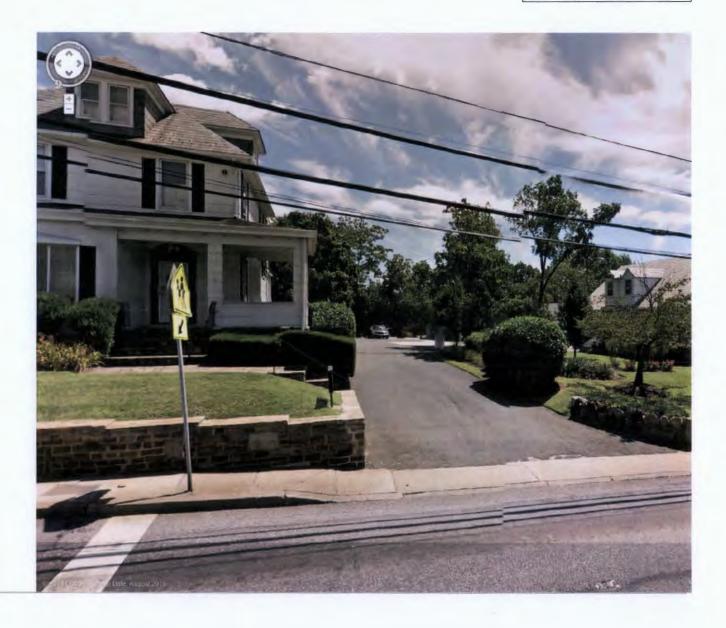
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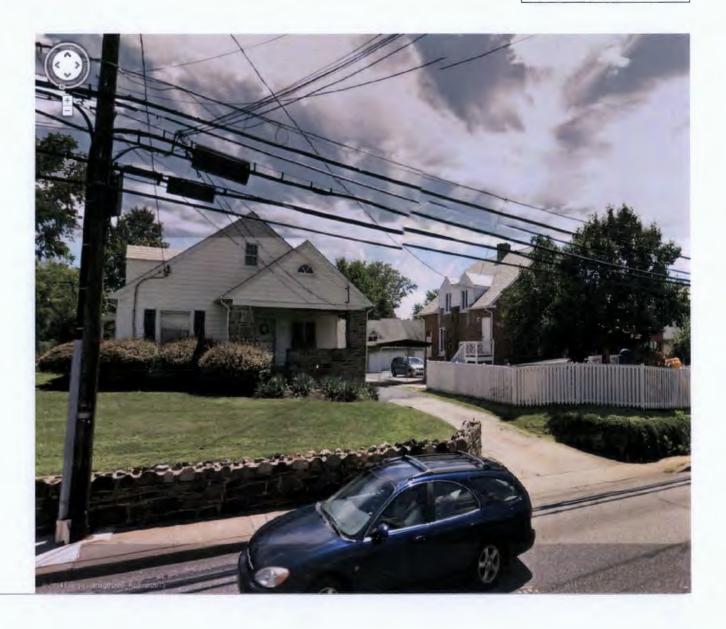


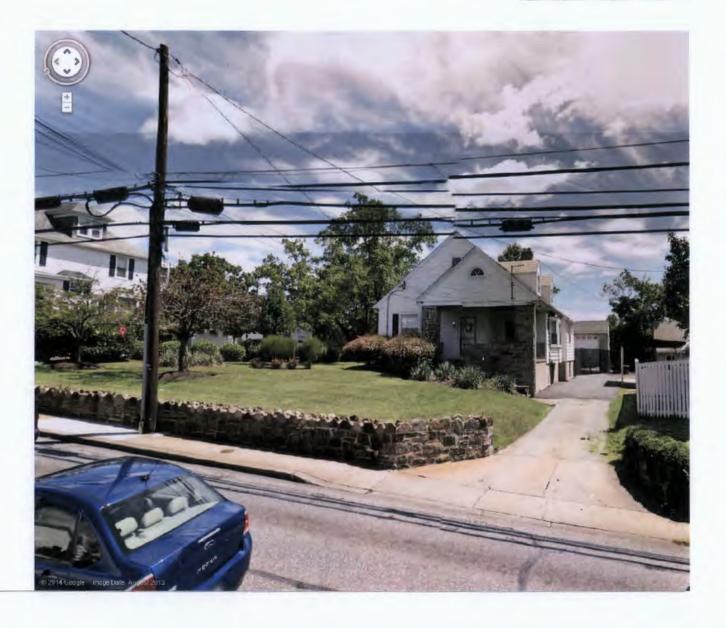


















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