IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE (1913 Oakland Road)

(1913 Oakland Road)
6th Election District

3rd Council District Derek J. Van Duzer and

Kimberly Williams-Van Duzer

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2017-0097-A

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Derek J. Van Duzer and Kimberly Williams-Van Duzer ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to permit a proposed detached accessory structure (3-car garage) to be located in the front yard of the principal dwelling with a height of 22 ft. in lieu of the required rear yard and maximum allowed height of 15 ft. and to amend the Final Development Plan (FDP) of Bisker Property, Lot No. 2 only. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

OPINION AND ORDER

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on October 15, 2016, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

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The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of § 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the proposed garage's height and usage, I will impose conditions that the garage shall not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 4th day of November, 2016, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to permit a proposed detached accessory structure (3-car garage) to be located in the front yard of the principal dwelling with a height of 22 ft. in lieu of the required rear yard and maximum allowed height of 15 ft. and to amend the Final Development Plan (FDP) of Bisker Property, Lot No. 2 only, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- 2. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the garage into a dwelling unit or apartment. The garage shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.
- 3. The garage shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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:dlw

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ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE – OR – ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

Address /9/30 akland Road Freeland, MD.21053	for Baltimore County for the property located at: Currently zoned RC-8 (vested RC 4)
Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Derek J. Van Duzer / Kimberl	y Williams- Van Duzer
(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPR	OPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST)
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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regul	lations. and further agree to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of
	Owner(s)/Petitioner(s):
	Derek J. Van Duzer Name #1 Type of Print Signature #1 1913 Oakland Road Kimberly Williams- Van Duzer Name #2 – Type or Print Signature #2 Freeland, MD.
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A PUBLIC HEARING having been formally demanded and/or found to County, thisday of, that the subject required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County.	to be required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore ct matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, and re-posted as
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CASE NUMBER 2017-0097- A Filing Date 16	1/6 Estimated Posting Date 10/16/16 Reviewer

Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

(THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the information herein given is true and correct and that the undersigned is/are competent to testify in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto. In addition, the undersigned hereby affirms that the property is not the subject of an active Code Enforcement case and that the residential property described below is owned and occupied by the undersigned.

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Zoning property description for 1913 Oakland Road.

Tax I.D. #2400004668

Deed reference 32684/00223

Owners: Derek S. VanDuzer/Kimberly Williams-VanDuzer

Beginning at a point on the south side of Oakland Road which is 20' wide at a distance of 1735' East of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street (Keeney Mill Road) which is 20' wide.

Being Lot #2, Block Ø, Section Ø in the subdivision of (Bisker Property) as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #0079; Folio #0002, containing 1.470 acres. Located in the (6th) Election District and 3rd Council District.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Date: October 15, 2016

RE:	Project Name:	Administrative variance	
	Case Number /PAI Nu	mber: 2017-0097-A	
	Petitioner/Developer:	Derek / Kimberly Van Duzer	
	Date of Hearing/Closin	g: October 31, 2016	
	This is to certify under	the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) require	ed by lav
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	land, MD. 21053		

The sign(s) were posted on October 15, 2016

(Month, Day, Year)



(Signature of Sign Poster)

John M. Altmeyer

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

21722 Orwig Rd.

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Freeland, MD. 21053

(City, State, Zip Code of Sign Poster)

410-382-6580

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

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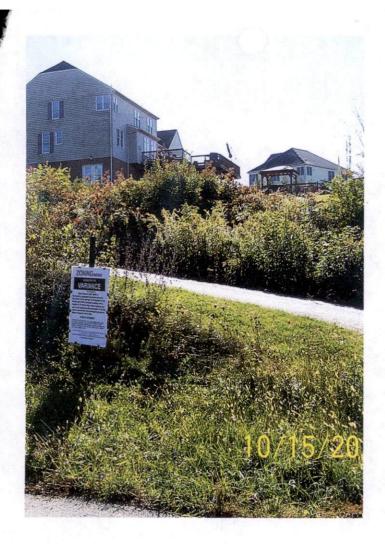
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Contact Person: David Davall Phone Number: 410-887-3391
Case Number 2017- 0097 -A Address 1913 Oakland Rd Contact Person: David David Planner, Please Print Your Name Filing Date: 15/6/14 Posting Date: 10/16/16 Closing Date: 10/31/16
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.
1. POSTING/COST: The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. Any reposting must be done only by one of the sign posters on the approved list and the petitioner is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closing date.
2. <u>DEADLINE:</u> The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification, usually within 10 days of the closing date if all County agencies' comments are received, as to whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.
4. POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING AND REPOSTING: In cases that must go to a public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner), notification will be forwarded to you. The sign on the property must be changed giving notice of the hearing date, time and location. As when the sign was originally posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded to this office.
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Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

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 legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/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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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

November 1, 2016

Derek J & Kimberly Williams Van Duzer 1913 Oakland Road Freeland MD 21053

RE: Case Number: 2017-0097 A, Address: 1913 Oakland Road

Dear Mr. & Ms. Van Duzer:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on October 6, 2016. 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
John M. Altmeyer, 21722 Orwig Road, Freeland MD 21053



Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Pete K. Rahn, Secretary

Date: 10/11/16

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the Case number referenced below. 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 Case No. 2017-0037-A

Administrative Variance Devek I. ikimberly Williams Von Duzeo-1903 Oakland Road-

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, PLA

Acting Metropolitan District Engineer – District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

WW/RAZ

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 17, 2016

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 17, 2016 Item No. 2017-0097

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have the following comment.

Landscape Plan is required to show screening of both sides and rear of proposed garage from Oakland Road.

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ZAC-ITEM NO 17-0097-10172016.doc

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: November 2, 2016

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 17-097

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

1913 Oakland Road

Petitioner:

Derek J. Van Duzer, Kimberly Williams-Van Duzer

Zoning:

RC8

Requested Action:

Administrative Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a variance to permit a proposed detached accessory structure (3-car garage) to be located in the front yard of the principal dwelling with a height of 22 feet in lieu of the required rear yard and maximum allowed height of 15 feet; and to amend the Final Development Plan of Bisker Property, Lot#2 only.

A site visit was conducted on October 20, 2016. Oakland Road is designated a Baltimore County Scenic Route.

It is the finding of the Department of Planning through the undersigned as designee on behalf of the Director that the petitioned variance is consistent with the purposes of the R.C. 8 zone and is warranted to provide for better site design. The Department has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief conditioned upon the petitioners submitting elevation drawings with materials and colors indicated for approval by the DOP prior to the issuance of a building permit.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Lloyd Moxley at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

Lloyd T. Moxley

AVA/KS/LTM/ka

c: Lloyd Moxley

John M. Altmeyer

Office of the Administrative Hearings

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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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:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

October 13, 2016

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2017-0097-A

Address

1903 Oakland Road

(Van Duzer Property)

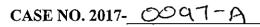
Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 17, 2016.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 10-13-2016



CHECKLIST

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Homestead Application Status: Approved 05/20/2008

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IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING
AND PETITION FOR VARIANCE
S/S Oakland Road, E Keeney Mill Road
6th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District
(Bisker Property)

Todd L. Morrill

Developer/Petitioner

- * BEFORE THE
- * HEARING OFFICER/
- ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case Nos. VI-247 & 03-420-A

HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County pursuant to Section 26-206.1 of the Baltimore County Code, which permits a single public hearing for consideration of a proposed Development Plan and associated zoning relief. The Developer/Petitioner herein, Todd L. Morrill, seeks approval of a Red Line Development Plan proposing a subdivision of the subject property with five (5) single-family dwellings, one of which is existing. Additionally, zoning variance relief is requested from Section 1A03.4.B.(2)(d), to permit a building face to be located 50 ft. from an adjacent R.C.2 zone line in lieu of the required 100 ft., and for such other relief as may be necessary for the approval of the proposed Development Plan. In open hearing, the Petition for Variance was amended, as will be addressed hereinafter.

A review of the subject Development Plan has been in accordance with the process set out for development review in Title 26 of the Baltimore County Code. A Concept Plan was originally filed and a Concept Plan Conference held between representatives of the Developer and reviewing County agencies on July 8, 2002. Thereafter, on August 1, 2002, a Community Input Meeting was conducted at the Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Department. The Community Input Meeting affords residents of the community an opportunity to review the Development Plan and offer questions and comment on the proposed Development Plan. Thereafter, a Development Plan was submitted by the applicant and a Development Plan Conference

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conducted between reviewing County agencies and the Developer's representatives on May 21, 2003. The Hearing Officer's Hearing was conducted on June 13, 2003.

Appearing at the Hearing Officer's Hearing was Todd Morrill, Developer/Petitioner. Also present was Guy Ward, the consultant from McKee & Associates, Inc., the preparers of the site plan. The Petitioner was represented by Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire. Appearing from the agencies of Baltimore County, which reviewed the Development Plan, were Don Stires and Ron Goodwin (Bureau of Land Acquisition), Phil Martin (Development Plans Review), and Donna Thompson (Zoning Review), all from the Department of Permits & Development Management. Also present was Jan Cook from the Department of Recreation & Parks; Anne Roane from the Office of Planning; and R. Bruce Seeley from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM). Chris Rorke, the Project Manager also appeared. Also appearing were several residents of the community. They included Richard Marconi and John G. Bowman, III. Also present were Ben and Debbie Radebaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Radebaugh were represented by Michael R. McCann, Esquire.

The subject property under consideration is an irregularly shaped parcel, approximately 27.2 acres in area, split-zoned R.C.2 (12.18 acres) and R.C.4 (15.01 acres). The property is located with frontage on Oakland Road, near Keeney Mill Road, just south of the Pennsylvania/Maryland line in northern Baltimore County. The property is presently improved with an existing single-family dwelling which will remain on Lot No. 1. Much of the parcel is presently in agricultural use.

The format and conduct of the Hearing Officer's hearing is governed by Section 26-206 of the Baltimore County Code. That section requires the Hearing Officer to first identify any open and unresolved issues. If issues are identified, then testimony and evidence is to be received to address each issue.

At the onset of the hearing, counsel for the Developer indicated that most of the issues regarding the proposal had been resolved. In this regard, the Development Plan features a series

of Red Line amendments which have been inserted to address Development Plan comments offered by the reviewing agencies of Baltimore County.

Counsel for the Developer's representation that there were no open issues was corroborated by the County representatives present. Ms. Thompson indicated that there were no outstanding zoning issues, Mr. Cook stated that there were no open issues from the Department of Recreation & Parks, and Messrs. Goodwin and Stires indicated that there were no unresolved issues on behalf of the Bureau of Land Acquisition. Additionally, on behalf of the Department of Public Works and the Development Plans Review Division of the Department of Permits & Development Management, Mr. Martin indicated that there were no outstanding issues.

An outstanding issue was raised by Bruce Seeley on behalf of DEPRM. This plan had been reviewed by Wally Lippincott of that office. Mr. Lippincott's comments were regarding the siting of the lots, in view of the agricultural nature of the property. This issue was related to an issue raised by the neighbors.

Although most County issues had been resolved, a number of issues were identified by the residents who appeared at the hearing. The issues generally related to landscaping, the location of the proposed dwellings, and the visibility of same from adjacent properties and vehicular access to the site.

The Hearing Officer's Hearing was adjourned in order to give counsel for the parties an opportunity to discuss the Development Plan in an effort to solve these issues. When the hearing was reconvened, the parties advised that their issues had been resolved and that amended notations and language were added to the Development Plan. These amendments were reflected not only in the typical red line changes, but also in yellow and orange coded changes. As more particularly shown on the Development Plan, the changes essentially relate to increased landscaping and the relocation of the proposed dwellings. As more particularly shown on the Development Plan, enhanced landscaping has been added to the northern side of the property to buffer the houses on the R.C.4 portion of the tract from the Bowman and Marconi properties.

Additionally, those houses have been slightly shifted in location. That shift has resulted in an amendment to the variance relief requested. As has been noted above, a Petition for Variance was filed to permit the two proposed houses in the R.C.4 zoned portion of the tract to be located 50 ft. from the R.C.2 zone line in lieu of the required 100 ft. Due to the relocation of the dwellings, this variance has been amended so that lesser relief is requested. Specifically, the houses have been moved in a westerly direction so that same will be 75 ft. (in lieu of 100 ft.) from the R.C.2 zone line. This relocation will make the houses less visible to adjacent properties. A note was also added to the plan stating that the existing dwelling on the R.C.4 zoned portion of the tract will remain as is. However, if that dwelling is razed or destroyed, approval will be sought to relocate a replacement dwelling to a less visible location.

The houses in the R.C.2 portion of the tract have also been relocated. Additionally, the driveway providing access to these two lots is reoriented so that it is located entirely upon the subject property. Presently, a part of that driveway is situated on Mr. Bowman's lot.

As noted above, these changes were primarily requested by the surrounding residents. However, the changes were reviewed by Mr. Seeley on behalf of DEPRM and Ms. Roane on behalf of the Office of Planning. These representatives indicated that the changes were acceptable to their respective departments.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded to approve the Development Plan. I believe that the Development Plan, as amended, is appropriate and conforms to all applicable regulations and standards of Baltimore County. In accordance with the Baltimore County Code, future detailed plans, which are required in Phase II of the review process, shall be in compliance with the amended Development Plan approved herein. The proposed houses shall be constructed in the location shown and landscaping shall be installed and maintained accordingly.

Finally, I am persuaded that variance relief should be granted. In this regard, I find that the Developer/Petitioner has met the requirements of Section 307 of the Baltimore County

Zoning Regulations and the case law.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition and Development Plan held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the Developer/Petitioner, I find that the Developer/Petitioner's requests should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of June, 2003, that the amended Development Plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit No. 1, for the project known as "The Bisker Property", be and is hereby APPROVED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the variance relief requested from Section 1A03.4.B.(2)(d), to permit a building face to be located 50 ft. from an adjacent R.C.2 zone line in lieu of the required 100 ft. has been amended to reflect 75 ft. in lieu of the required 100 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

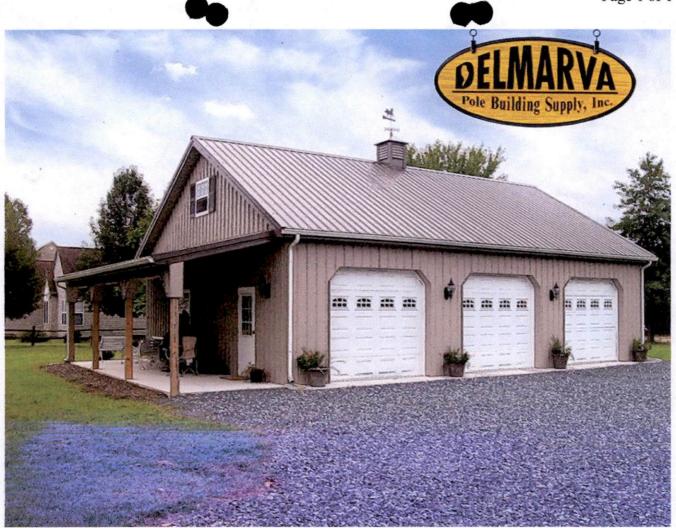
Any appeal from this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 26-209 of the Baltimore County Code.

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HEARING OFFICER/ZONING COMMISSIONER

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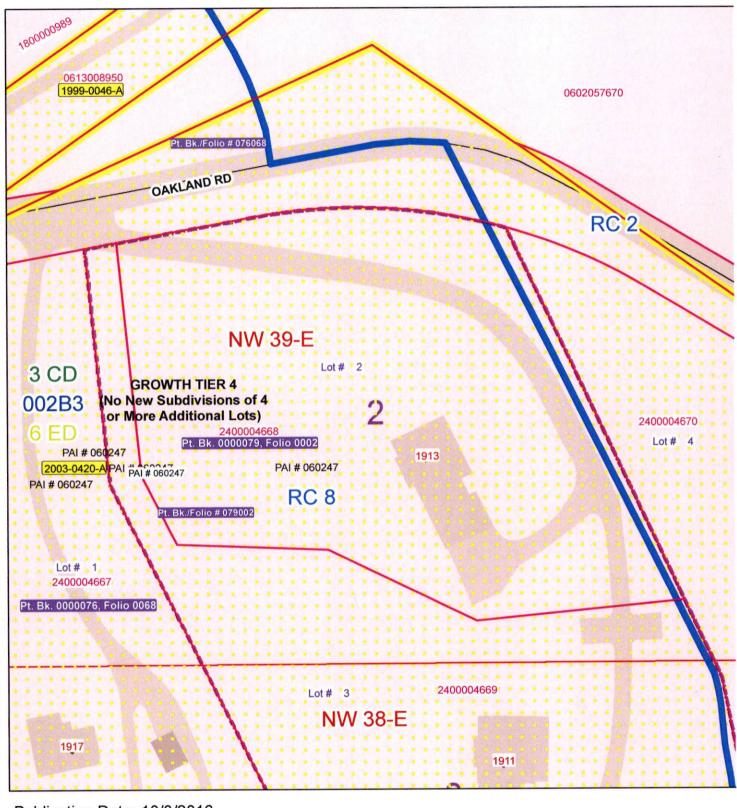
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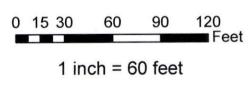


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