IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(5705 Kenwood Avenue)

14<sup>th</sup> Election District
6<sup>th</sup> Council District
S.F.B., LLC
Legal Owner

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioner

\* CASE NO. 2017-0255-A

**OPINION AND ORDER** 

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by S.F.B., LLC, owner of the subject property ("Petitioner"). Petitioner is requesting variance relief from §1B01.1.B.1.e(5) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R") to permit the height of Unit 1 to be 42.2 ft.; Unit 2-40.7 ft.; Unit 3-40.7 ft.; Unit 4-41.4 ft.; Unit 5-41.5 ft.; and Unit 6-42.1. ft., as depicted on the attached plan, in lieu of the required 35 ft. maximum within the one hundred foot Residential Transition Area (RTA), and to amend the Final Development Plan for Lot Nos. 1-6. A site plan was marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Thomas Farr and landscape architect Brian Collins appeared in support of the petition. Joseph R. Woolman, III, Esq., represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP) and the State Highway Administration (SHA). Neither agency opposed the requests.

The site is approximately 5.21 acres in size and zoned DR 5.5. The property was previously the subject of a development hearing wherein 26 townhouse units were approved for the site. At

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is a "practical difficulty" or "unnecessary hardship" resulting from the disproportionate impact of the BCZR, caused by the uniqueness.

The plans submitted in this petition depict a unique property. The property is unique in shape and size as it consists of a split zoned tract including various grade changes resulting in the necessity for a Variance. Were the strict height requirement of the BCZR imposed, the practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship of changing a previously approved plan would occur. Furthermore, the garages in these units would need to be removed if the Variance were not granted.

## **CONCLUSION**

The petitioner asserts there is substantial evidence in the record to support a finding of fact that the required tests under the BCZR and Maryland Case Law have been met and the request for Variance should be granted as a matter of law.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph R. Woolman, III

J.R. Woolman, LLC

111 S. Calvert Street, Suite 2700 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

410-385-5328



## 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 5705 Kenwood Avenue DR 5.5 which is presently zoned 10 Digit Tax Account # 14-6060425/14-600008600 Deed References: L/F 21652/76 and L/F 21656/653 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST) The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for: a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for a Variance from Section(s) 1B01.1B1.e to permit the height of Unit 1 to be 42.2'; Unit 2, 40.7' Unit 3, 40.7'; Unit 4, 41.4'; Unit 5, 41.5' and Unit 6, 42.1', as depicted on the attached plan, in lieu of the required 35' maximum LAND AMEND THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LOTS 1-6 of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition) TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County. Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that \( \text{We are the legal owner(s) of the property} \) which is the subject of this / these Petition(s). S.F. B. ((C) Legal Owners (Petitioners): Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Mid State Community Bank, Nancy Gerling Name- Type or Print Name #1 - Type or Print Name #2 - Type or Print Signature #1 Signature # 2 Signature 6801 York Rd MD **Baltimore** Mailing Address Mailing Address State City State City 410-377-4330 nlgerling@midstatecb.com 21212 Zip Code Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Telephone # Email Address Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: Same as Attorney for Petitioner Joseph R. Woolman, III and J.R. Woolman, LLC DER RECEIVED FO Name - Type or Print Name- Type or Print Signature 111 S. Calvert St. Suite 2700 Baltimore MD State City State Mailing Address 21202 410-385-5328 ,joe@jrwoolman.com Email Address Zip Cod Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone # CASE NUMBER 2017-0255-A Filing Date 3 231 2017 Do Not Schedule Dates: Reviewer

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## Description to Accompany

## Petition for Special Exception and Special Hearing

5.2123 Acre Parcel

#### 5705 Kenwood Avenue

#### Southwest Side of Kenwood Avenue

## Northwest Side of Interstate Route 95

## Fourteenth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning at a point in the center of Kenwood Avenue (Maryland Route 588) at a distance of 382 feet more or less measured in a southeasterly direction from the intersection of Kenwood Avenue with North Avenue, thence leaving the point of beginning and said road and running for the four following courses and distances, viz: 1) South 89 degrees 12 minutes 04 seconds West 360.84 feet, thence 2) North 00 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds West 308.25 feet, thence 3) South 82 degrees 26 minutes 36 seconds West 358.14 feet, thence 4) South 11 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds East 698.54 feet to the northwest right-of-way line of Interstate Route 95, thence running with said right-of-way 5) North 56 degrees 54 minutes 10 seconds East 260.32 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way and running for the two following courses and distances, viz: 6) North 00 degrees 47 minutes 56 seconds West 184.80 feet, thence 7) North 89 degrees 12 minutes 04 seconds East 428.08 feet to the centerline of Kenwood Avenue, thence running with said centerline 8) North 36 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds West 117.01 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.2123 acres of land, more or less.

Being the same property comprised of the following three parcels:

- 1) That parcel of land which by deed dated March 28, 2005, recorded among the land records of Baltimore County, Maryland, in Liber 21652, Folio 76, was conveyed by Mary C. Koelbel to Patrick S. Craig, containing 4.3489 acres of land, more or less.
- 2) That parcel of land which by deed dated March 28, 2005, recorded among the land records of Baltimore County, Maryland, in Liber 21656, Folio 653, was conveyed by John D. Koelbel and Carol L. Koelbel to Patrick S. Craig, containing 0.8096 acres of land, more or less.

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3) A portion of Kenwood Avenue, twenty feet wide, running parallel to and being situated southwest of the last or North 36 degrees 18 minutes 36 seconds West 117.01 feet line of the above-described parcel, containing 0.0538 acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE

July 09, 2010

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Was published in "Jeffersonian", "Bi-Weekly", a newspaper printed and published in Baltimore County on the following dates:

Apr 25, 2017

#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Case: # 2017-0255-A

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Hearing: Monday, May 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Room
205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue,
Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

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## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

**ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS** 

**DATE:** 4/25/2017

Case Number: 2017-0255-A

Petitioner / Developer: JOSEPH WOOLMAN, III, ~ BRIAN COLLINS of

DEVELOPMENT DESIGN CONSULTANTS, INC. S.F.B., LLC, NANCY

**GERLING** 

Date of Hearing (Closing): MAY 15, 2017

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 5705 KENWOOD AVENUE

The sign(s) were posted on: APRIL 25, 2017



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Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

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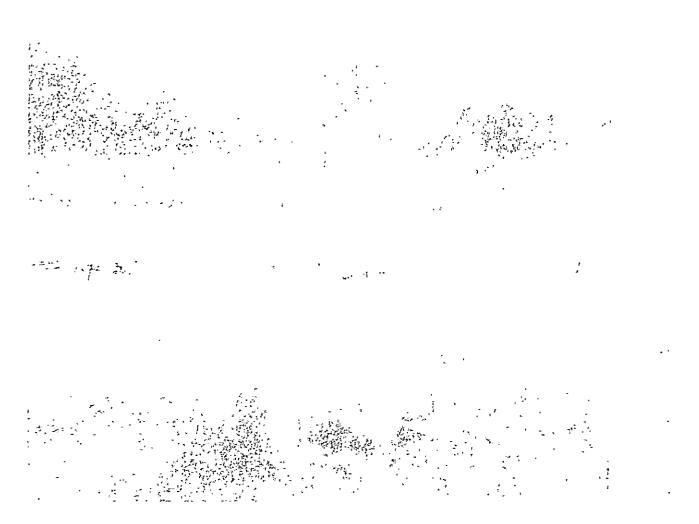
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BACKGROUND PHOTO OF 5705 KENWOOD AVENUE CASE # 2017-0255-A

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Please forward billing to:

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

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C: Joseph Woolman, III, 111 S. Calvert Street, Ste. 2700, Baltimore 21202 S.F.B., LLC, Nancy Gerling, 6801 York Road, Baltimore 21212

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017.

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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.



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

May 10, 2017

S F B LLC Mid State Community Bank Nancy Gerling 6801 York Road Baltimore MD 21212

RE: Case Number: 2017-0255 A, Address: 5705 Kenwood Avenue

Dear Ms. Gerling:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on March 23, 2017. 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

Joseph R Woolman III, Esquire, J R Wollman, Esquire, LLC, 111 S Calvert Street, Suite 2700 Baltimore MD 21202





Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Date: 3/27/17

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the Case number referenced below, which was received on 3/27/17. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto MSSE consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is required. As a condition of approval for Variance, Case Number 2017=0255-A

Variance 5. F. B. LLC Mid State Community Bould Nancy Berling Avenue MD 588

The applicant must contact the State Highway Administration to obtain an entrance permit. Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact 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,

<sup>2</sup>Wendy Wolcott, PLA

Metropolitan District Engineer Baltimore & Harford Counties

WW/RAZ

cc: Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

DATE: 4/14/2017

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

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: 17-255

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 5705 Kenwood Avenue

Petitioner:

Mid State Community Bank, Nancy Gerling

Zoning:

DR 5.5

Requested Action:

Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a variance to permit the height of unit 1 through 6 to be respectively 42.2', 40.7', 40.7', 41.4', 41.5' and 42.1' in lieu of the required 35' maximum within the Residential Transition Area and to amend the Final Development Plan for lots 1-6 of the Patrick S. Craig Property (a.k.a 5705 Kenwood Ave.).

The Department has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief conditioned upon the 50' RTA Landscaped Buffer remaining undisturbed.

Please be advised that the plan "purpose note" is incorrect. The request should read "to allow for a height of more than 35' within the 100 Foot Residential Transition Area" not, "within 50' of the residential transition area limit line".

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Ngone Seye Diop at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

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**Division Chief:** 

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c: Ngone Seve Diop

Joseph R. Woolman, III and J.R. Woolman, LLC

Office of the Administrative Hearings

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

## 20BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** April 5, 2017

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 03, 2017

Item No. 2017-0244, 0245, 0249, 0251, 0254 and 0255

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

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## **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

## **Inter-Office Correspondence**



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

Address

DATE:

March 30, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2017-0255-A

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5705 Kenwood Avenue

(S.F.B., LLC, Mid State Community

Bank Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 3, 2017.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 3-30-2017

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- BEFORE THE OFFICE
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- \* HEARINGS FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* 2017-255-A

## ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

Peter Max Zummerman

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of March, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John R. Woolman, Esquire, 111 S. Calvert Street, Suite 2700, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2017

TO: Zoning Review Office

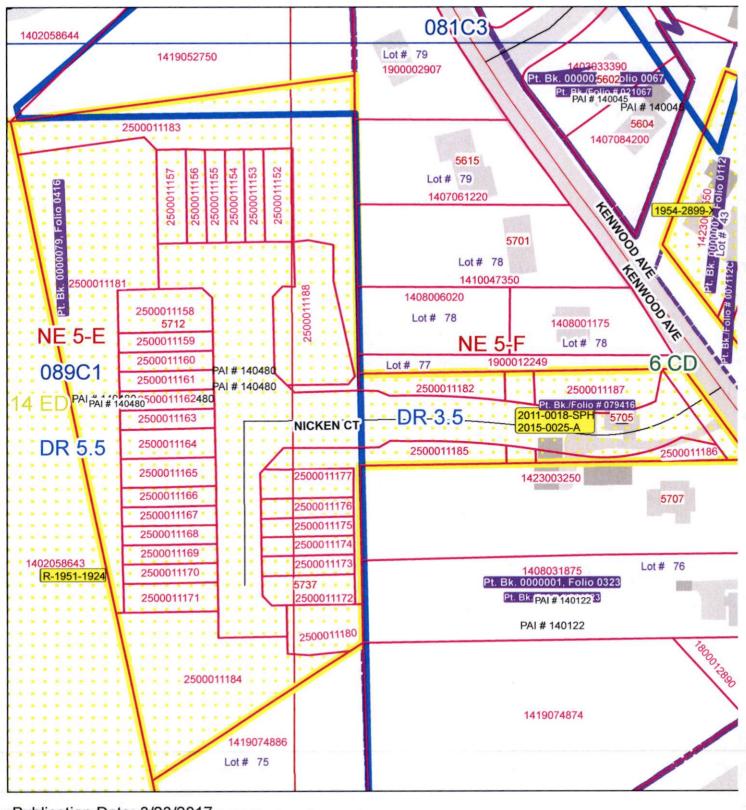
FROM: Office of Administrative Hearings

RE: Case No. 2017-0255-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on June 15, 2017. 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

## 5705 Kenwood Avenue Lots 1-6 2017-0255-A

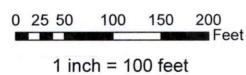


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HEARINGS FOR

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CASE NO. 2015-0025-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) §1B01.1.B.e(5) to permit the height of Units 1,2 and 6 as depicted on the attached plan, to be 39 ft, 4.8 in. in lieu of the required 35 ft. maximum within the RTA (Lot 1-5700 Nicken Ct., Lot 2-5702 Nicken Ct., and Lot 6-5710 Nicken Ct.). The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the request was Michael McCann, Andrew Stine, and Joseph R. Woolman, III, Esquire, appearing on behalf of the Petitioners. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the State Highway Administration (SHA) a copy of their comment is attached hereto and made a part of this Opinion and Order. They indicated that they approve of the variance but as a condition of approval, Petitioner must contact the State Highway Administration to obtain an entrance permit.

The subject properties are three (3) of twenty six (26) units of an approved first amended

Final Development Plan dated May 11, 2011.

Counsel proffered on behalf of the Petitioners that once construction actually began, it was discovered that due to a dip in the topography, the three (3) units in question could not be constructed as planned and previously approved. Unless the variance was granted, allowing the three (3) subject units to be slightly higher than the other twenty-three (23) units, those units could not be constructed as previously planned and would not include a garage. The Plat to Accompany this variance request supports the proffer. He noted that, other than the height variance requested, no other changes to the plan were necessary or being requested.

I find that the three (3) units in question are unique in comparison to the other twenty-three (23) in this development; and that the uniqueness is due to the topography of those three (3) units when compared to the other twenty-three (23) in the previously approved development.

To obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

- (1) The property is unique; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

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

Accordingly, I find that Petitioner has met the above test.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>23rd</u> day of September, 2014, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."): (1) 1B01.1.B.e(5) to permit the height of Units 1,2 and 6 as depicted on the attached plan, to be 39 ft, 4.8 in. in lieu of the required 35 ft. maximum within the RTA (Lot 1-5700 Nicken Ct., Lot 2-5702 Nicken Ct., and Lot 6-5710 Nicken Ct.); (2) to amend the first amended final development plan of lots 1,2 and 6

# 7-29-10

# IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING & PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

W side of Kenwood Avenue; 382 feet S of North Avenue (5705 Kenwood Avenue) 14<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (5705 Kenwood Avenue Property)

Stonewall Development
Applicant/Developer

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* HEARING OFFICER
- \* FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY

HOH Case No. 14-480 \* Zoning Case No. 2011-0018-SPH

# HEARING OFFICER'S COMBINED ZONING RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OPINION ORDER

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County for a public hearing on a development proposal submitted in accordance with the development review and approval process contained in Article 32, Title 4, of the Baltimore County Code ("B.C.C.") and a related zoning Petition for Special Hearing. Stonewall Capital, LLC, the developer of the subject property (hereinafter "the Developer"), submitted for approval a redlined Development Plan prepared by DeMario Design Consultants, known as the "5705 Kenwood Avenue Property" and Plan to Accompany Petition for Special Hearing (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "redlined Development Plan") for property located on the west side of Kenwood Avenue, 382 feet south of North Avenue in the Overlea area of Baltimore County. The Developer proposes to develop 26 single-family attached townhomes on 5.1 acres, more or less, zoned DR 3.5 (0.8 acre) and DR 5.5 (4.3 acres).

The Developer is also requesting certain zoning relief and has filed a Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The property was previously known as the "Patrick S. Craig Property" with the same property address as above; however, subsequent to filing the development proposal, the property was foreclosed on by the lending bank, Mid State Federal S&L Assn., and is now owned by that entity.

approve the accrual of density on a tract split zoned D.R.3.5 and D.R.5.5 in order to permit the development of 26 townshomes, not withstanding B.C.Z.R. Section 1B01.2.A.2 and the restrictions contained therein.

The property was posted with the Notice of Hearing Officer's Hearing on August 1, 2010 for 20 working days prior to the hearing, in order to inform all interested citizens of the date and location of the hearing. In addition, notice of the zoning hearing was timely posted on the property on August 1, 2010 and was timely published in *The Jeffersonian* in accordance with the County Code.

Pursuant to this process, a concept plan of the proposed development was prepared and a Concept Plan Conference ("CPC") was held on December 12, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the County Office Building. As the name suggests, the concept plan is a schematic representation of the proposed development and was initially reviewed by representatives of the Developer and the reviewing County Agencies at the CPC. Thereafter, as was also required in the development review process, notice of a Community Input Meeting ("CIM") was posted and scheduled during evening hours at a location near the proposed development. The CIM would provide residents of the area an opportunity to review and comment firsthand on the Concept Plan. In this case, the CIM was held on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Kenwood High School located at 501 Stemmers Run Road, and a second CIM was held on March 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Overlea High School located on Kenwood Avenue, where representatives of the Developer and the County attended, as well as a number of interested persons from the community. Subsequently, a Development Plan was prepared based upon the comments received at the CPC and the CIM, and the Development Plan was submitted for further review at a Development Plan Conference ("DPC"). At the DPC, the Developer's consultants and County agency representatives further

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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant 5-16-17

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No. 2	exhibit showing RTA 100' line	
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