MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 21, 2017

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2017-0312-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on July 20, 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





IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * (4205 Herrera Court)

2nd Election District

4th Council District

Justin I. Giwa and Chiedza A. Mgodi

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2017-0312-A

OPINION AND ORDER

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, Justin I. Giwa and Chiedza A. Mgodi ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to § 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit a side yard addition (garage) with a side setback of 40 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft. 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.

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

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on April 28, 2017, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

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 ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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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.

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 <u>20th</u> day of **June**, **2017**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from § 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit a side yard addition (garage) with a side setback of 40 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

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.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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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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Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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THE ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 4205 Herrera Ct., Randallstown, MD 21133

Beginning at a point on the South side of Herrera Ct. on which property fronts which is 40 feet wide at a distance of 2,400 feet West of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting Liberty Road which is 60 feet wide.

2017-0312-A

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 5/30/2017

Case Number: 2017-0312-A

Petitioner / Developer: JUSTIN GIWA

Date of Hearing (Closing): JUNE 12, 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:

4205 HERRERA COURT

The sign(s) were posted on: APRIL 28, 2017



(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES
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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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June 13, 2017

Justin Giwa & Chieoza Mgodi 4205 Herrera Court Randallstown MD 21133

RE: Case Number: 2017-0312 A, Address: 4205 Herrera Court

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing ONLY by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on May 19, 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





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:

June 6, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2017-0312-A

Address

4205 Herrera Court

(Giwa & Mgodi Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2017.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 6-6-2017

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



Pete K. Rahn, **Secretary** Gregory Slater, **Administrator**

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Date:

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. 2517 -0312 -4

Committee approval of Case No. 2017-0312-A

Administrative Variance

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4205 Herrera Court

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

Metropolitan District Engineer - District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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CHECKLIST

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IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING W/S Liberty Road, 2200' NW of centerline of Windy Hill Road 2nd Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

> (10301 Liberty Road) Beverly Kram & Brian Jaeger Owners/Developers

* BEFORE THE

* HEARING OFFICER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case Nos. II-591 & 99-447-SPH

* * * * * * :

HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION & DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County as a requested approval of a development plan prepared by W. Duvall & Associates, Inc. (Civil Engineers and Land Planners) for the proposed development of a parcel of property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Falls Run Road and Liberty Road in the Randallstown area of Baltimore County. In addition to the requested approval of the development plan, the Petitioners have also requested special hearing relief for a waiver pursuant to Sections 26-171, 26-172(b), 26-203(c)(8) and Section 26-278 to raze a historic structure.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitioner were: G. Dwight Little, professional engineer with W. Duvall & Associates, Inc.; David Gonzales and Richard Demmitt, on behalf of Chestnut Woods, LLC; Brian Jaeger, one of the current owners of the property; and, Howard Alderman, Jr., attorney at law, representing the Petitioners.

Appearing in opposition to the Petitioners' request were Michael Chapman, adjacent property owner; Elizabeth Wilhelm and H. Gerard Knoche, also adjacent property owners. Mr. Knoche and Ms. Wilhelm were represented by Rob Hoffman and Timmy Ruppersberger, attorneys at law. As is customary, representatives from the various Baltimore County reviewing agencies also attended the hearing, namely, Jun R. Fernando, (Zoning), Colleen M. Kelly (Land Acquisition), and Robert W. Bowling (Development Plans Review), all from the Office of Permits & Development Management; Jan Cook from the Department of Recreation & Parks; R. Bruce Seeley from the Department of

Environmental Protection and Resource Management; and Cynthia Pollock from Councilman Kevin Kamenetz's office.

As to the history of the development plan project, a concept plan conference was held February 16, 1999, followed by a community input meeting held at the Hernwood Elementary School on March 23, 1999. A development plan conference followed on June 23, 1999 and a Hearing Officer's Hearing was held on July 15, 1999 in Room 106 of the County Office Building.

At the preliminary stage of the development plan hearing, I attempted to determine what; if any, agency issues remained unresolved at the time of the hearing before me. In response to my inquiry, a couple of issues were identified by Mr. Alderman, on behalf of the developer, Mr. Hoffman and Ms. Ruppersberger on behalf of their clients, as well as Mr. Chapman. Furthermore, Bob Bowling, a representative of the Department of Permits & Development Management, also identified an issue. Those issues were unable to be resolved at the preliminary stage of the hearing and, therefore, testimony and evidence was taken on those particular topics.

As to the project itself, testimony and evidence offered by the developer indicated that the property, which is the subject of this approval request, consists of 114 acres, zoned R.C.5. The subject property is located on the south side of Liberty Road in the Randallstown area of Baltimore County. The property at this time is currently being farmed by the current owners of the property, Brian Jaeger and Beverly Kram. The owners of the property and the developer, Chestnut Woods, LLC, are interested in developing the property with 37 single family residential lots. Those 37 lots are depicted on Developer's Exhibit No. 1, the development plan of the property. All lots will be serviced by private water and septic. Access to the lots is provided by a main entrance road which intersects Liberty Road.

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As stated previously, several issues were identified by the citizens in attendance. One issue involved the road improvements that are proposed to be made to Liberty Road at the intersection of the entrance road to this development. The developer, in accordance with State Highway requirements, is proposing to provide acceleration and deceleration lanes along Liberty Road at the entrance to this subdivision. In addition, a bypass lane will be constructed on the northeast side of Liberty Road, which would allow vehicles to bypass automobiles which turn into the subdivision. Furthermore, the State Highway Administration is requiring the developer to install curbs and gutters along Liberty Road. The developer and the citizens in attendance at the hearing objected to these road improvements, in that, in their opinion, these types of improvements take away from the rural character of the surrounding area. I indicated to the citizens in attendance that I do not have legal jurisdiction over this matter, in that Liberty Road is a State road which does not fall under my purview. However, the State Highway Administration has always taken into consideration the findings and facts and conclusions of law made by this Hearing Officer, as well as Hearing Officer Schmidt in our opinions and orders. Therefore, the findings made herein are advisory in nature and are not an attempt to supercede the judgment of the State Highway Administration.

However, after considering the testimony and evidence of the citizens, as well as my personal knowledge of the property and the surrounding community, I find that it would be more appropriate to not install curb and gutters along Liberty Road at this location. The installation of curbs and gutters do in fact, detract from the rural feel of a scenic road such as Liberty Road. Liberty Road addition, there are no other curbs, and gutters in this vicinity. Therefore, I believe a better design of the entrance to this proposed community would be to eliminate the installation of curbs and gutters. Along those same lines, I feel that the acceleration and deceleration lanes, as well as the bypass land would be appropriate, given the amount of traffic that utilizes Liberty Road on any given day. These are safety features that I do believe should be installed by the developer. In any event, my findings

are only advisory in nature and the ultimate decision on this issue shall be made by the State Highway Administration.

Another issue raised at the hearing before me involved two proposed panhandle driveways located within the subdivision. The first panhandle driveway at issue services Lots 32, 35 and 36, as shown on the development plan. Mr. Bowling, the representative of the Department of Public Works, objected to the design of the panhandle driveway, in that the developer has failed to provide a T-turnaround area at the end of the panhandle driveway. These turnaround areas are provided on panhandle driveways that exceed 300 ft. in length. The purpose of these T-turnaround areas is to afford emergency vehicles an area to turn their vehicles around and exit the panhandle driveway. Mr. Bowling testified that the panhandle that services Lots 32, 35 and 36 and also the panhandle that services Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 is actually longer than 300 feet and therefore, a T-turnaround area is mandated.

The developer disagrees with Mr. Bowling's position and argues that the actual portion of the panhandle driveway that is used in common by those lots in question is less than 300 feet. Additional testimony was provided by both the developer and Mr. Bowling as to the policy reasons for installing T-turnaround areas and why the length of 300 feet appears to be the determining factor. In addition to the testimony received, the developer indicated that the T-turnaround areas are unsightly to the homeowners who eventually purchase those lots, given that the large paved area would be situated in their front yards. The developer believes the installation of a T-turnaround at these two locations is unnecessary in that the use and common area of the driveway is less than 300 feet.

After considering the testimony and evidence of the developer, as well as Mr. Bowling, I find that the two panhandles in question do, in fact, exceed the 300 ft. use in common requirement and therefore, T-turnaround areas must be provided by the developer at the end of the panhandle that services Lots 32, 35 and 36 and also the panhandle that

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In addition to the issues previously raised, the adjacent property owners, Reverend H. Gerard Knoche, speaking on behalf of his family, who own 72 acres adjacent to this site, identified an issue of a landscape screen that is to be provided by the developer between the two properties. The developer has set aside a 30 ft. landscape area which is situated immediately adjacent to the property owned by Reverend Knoche's family. At issue between these neighbors is the amount and type of landscaping to be installed upon this berm. Reverend Knoche testified that a Class A landscape screen, plus an additional 25% of plantings would be an appropriate screen to buffer his family's property from the proposed development. On the other hand, the developer submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibits 3 & 4, schematic landscape drawings of the buffer they wish to provide between the two properties. The parties were unable to come to an agreement at the hearing before me as to the appropriate type of landscaping to be provided on this berm. Therefore, this issue must be resolved by way of this decision.

As an alternative to requiring this developer to provide a landscape buffer, the Knoche family has offered to purchase Lots 1-9 from the developer which would not be built upon, thereby providing a very nice buffer between their property and those lots upon which houses would be built. This offer was made as an alternative to providing the landscape strip and screening. However, at the time of the hearing before me, the parties had not reached an agreement as to the purchase price for Lots 1-9. Therefore, it becomes necessary to rule upon the landscaping issue.

After considering the testimony and evidence offered by the developer, as well as Reverend Knoche, I find that the Developer shall be required to submit a landscape plan to Mr. Avery Harden, the landscape architect for Baltimore County, for his review and approval. Mr. Harden shall take into consideration, when reaching what he believes to be an appropriate screen between the properties, the landscape plans submitted by the developer marked as Developer's Exhibit No. 3, and the position of the Knoche Family who requested a Class A screen with planting units increased by 25%. It shall be Mr.

Harden's responsibility to ultimately decide on the amount and type of appropriate screening to be placed on this landscape berm.

One final matter was raised by Mr. Mike Chapman, adjacent property owner. Mr. Chapman raised a concern over the intensity of this development and the location of the wells and septic reserve areas located on the lots within this subdivision. Mr. R. Bruce Seeley, a representative of DEPRM, testified on this particular issue. Mr. Seeley stated that his office has reviewed this subdivision, the location of the lots, and the wells and septic areas as shown on the plan, and assured Mr. Chapman that given the recharge rate for lots of this size, that there would be no adverse affects on groundwater in the area or septic problems associated with this property. Mr. Seeley also based his testimony on the data maintained in his office as to the availability of groundwater in this area of Baltimore County and the fact that the soils are good soils for providing septic drain fields. After considering the testimony provided by Mr. Seeley, I find that Mr. Chapman's concerns over the amount of wells and septic areas on these lots is not sufficient to warrant a denial of this development plan.

No other issues were raised at the hearing before me. The issues that were raised at the hearing were resolved by way of this Order and were not sufficient to warrant a denial of the development plan. Therefore, the development plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby approved.

In addition to the requested approval of the development plan, the Developers also requested a waiver pursuant to Sections 26-171, 26-172(b), Section 26-203(c)(8), and Section 26-278 of the Baltimore County Code, requesting approval to raze a historic structure. The issue of whether to raze the historic structure which at one time served as a dwelling on the subject property was, in fact, reviewed by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. After reviewing the issue, the Commission ruled that they had no objection to the property owners tearing down the old structure on the property. Photographs showed the structure to be extremely deteriorated and a safety hazard. Based on the

testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested special hearing relief. The undisputed testimony and evidence presented demonstrated that the subject structure has little historic value and need not be preserved. Therefore, it shall be appropriate for the structure to be torn down and the special hearing shall be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement and posting of the property, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by all parties in attendance, I find that the development plan submitted as Developer's Exhibit No. 1, shall be approved and the special hearing request to raze a historic structure granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS 20 day of July, 1999, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County, that the developer's requested approval of the Development Plan submitted as Developer's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby APPROVED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the special hearing request for a waiver, pursuant to Sections 26-171, 26-172(b), Section 26-203(c)(8), and Section 26-278 of the Baltimore County Code, to raze a historic structure, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the relief granted herein is subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at his time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and the Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- The special hearing relief to raze a historic structure is contingent upon the Petitioners submitting photographic documentation of the subject structure prepared to National Register standards, as approved by the County historian.

- The developer shall submit a landscaping proposal to Mr. Avery Harden, Landscape Architect for Baltimore County, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Mr. Harden shall have ultimate authority to determine the amount, type and appropriateness of the screening that is to be provided on the 30 ft. landscape strip located between the property to be developed herein and the adjacent property owned by the Knoche Family.
- 4) The developer shall be required to install T-around areas at the end of the panhandle servicing Lots 14, 15 and 16 and the panhandle servicing Lots 32, 35 and 36.
- 5) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

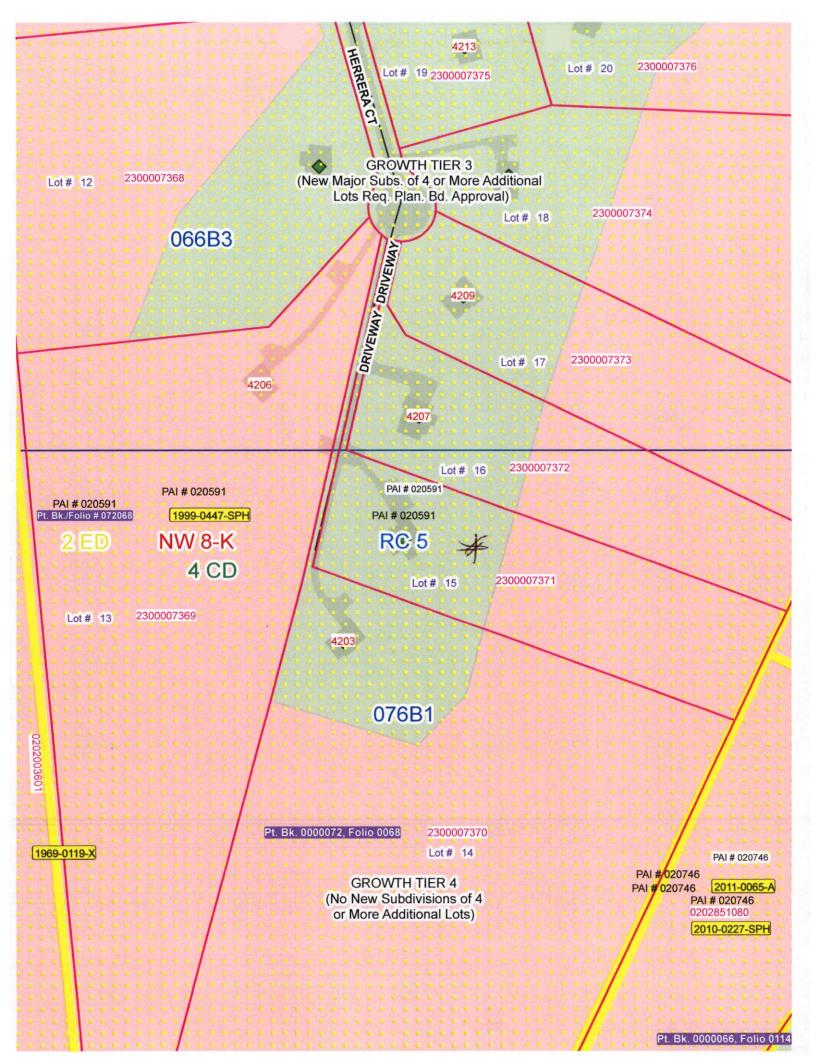
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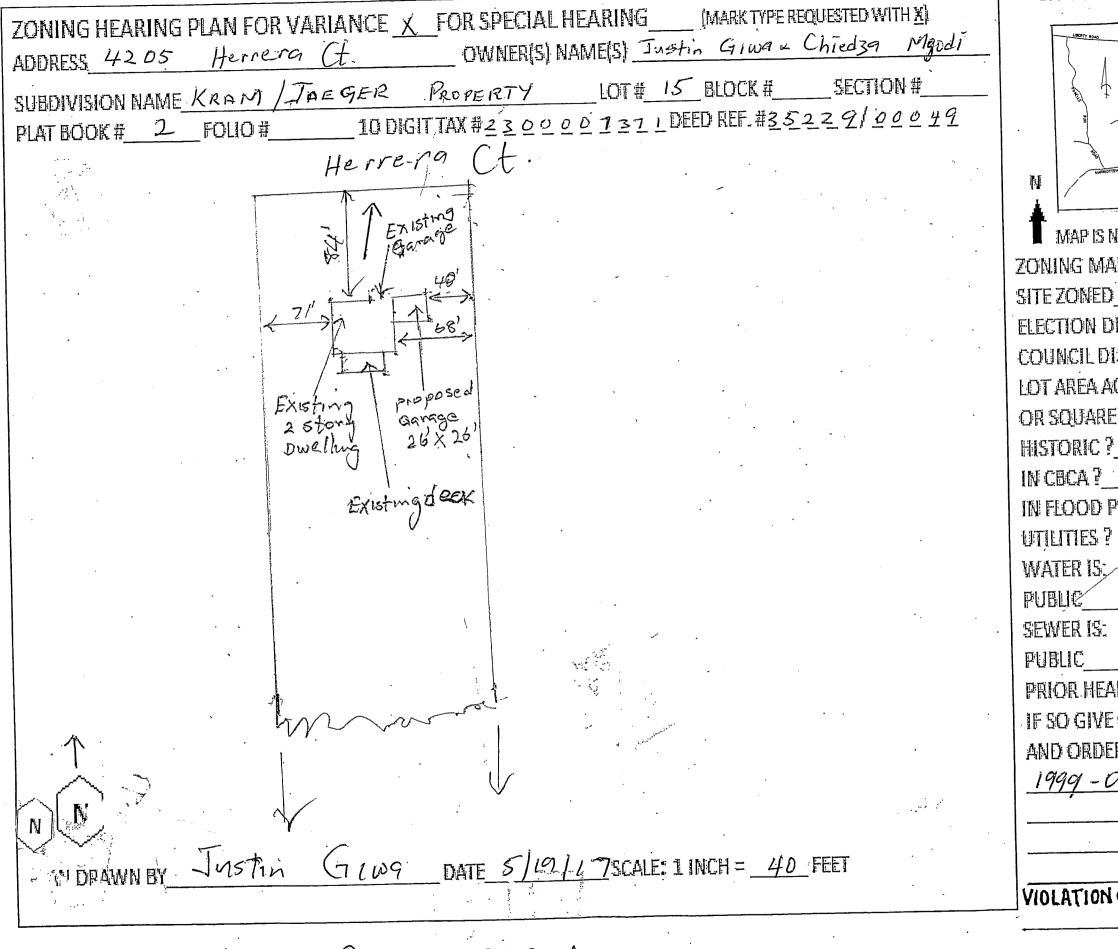
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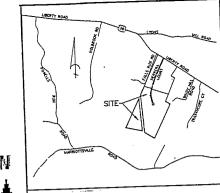
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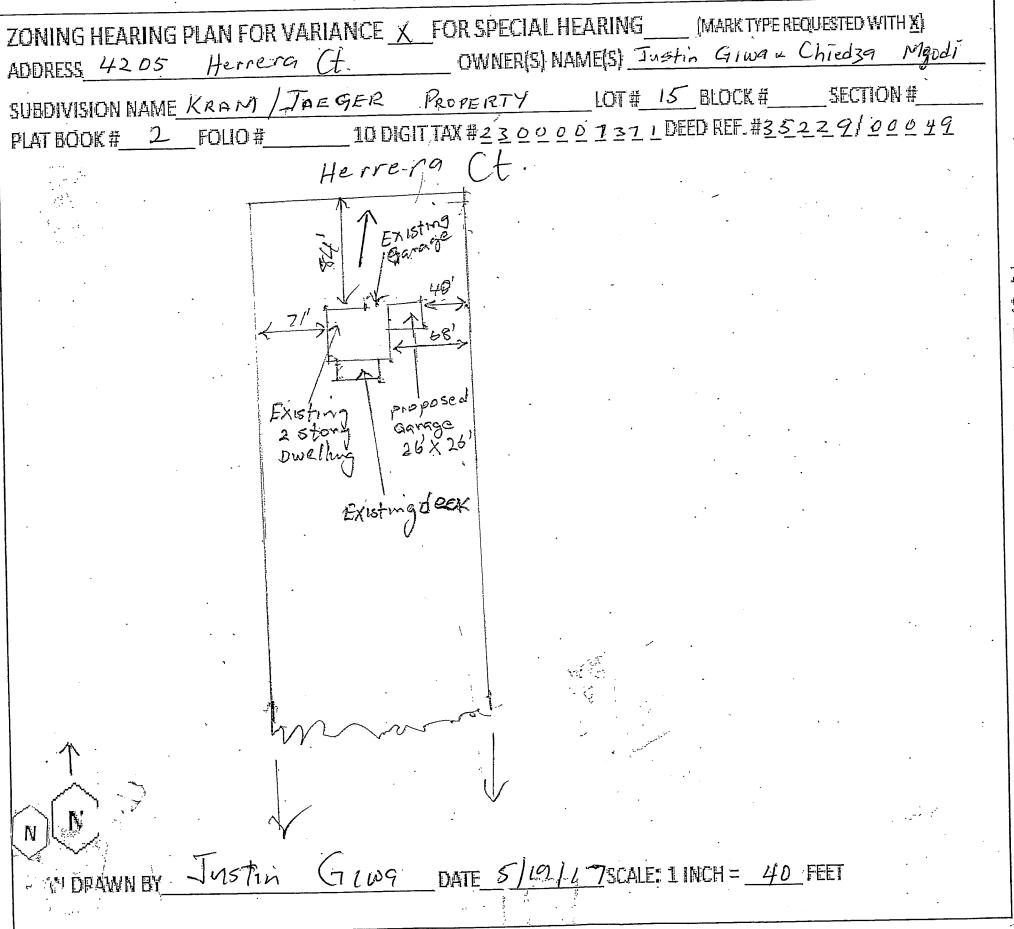
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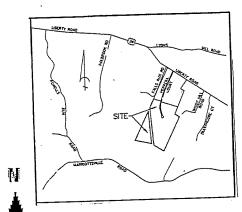
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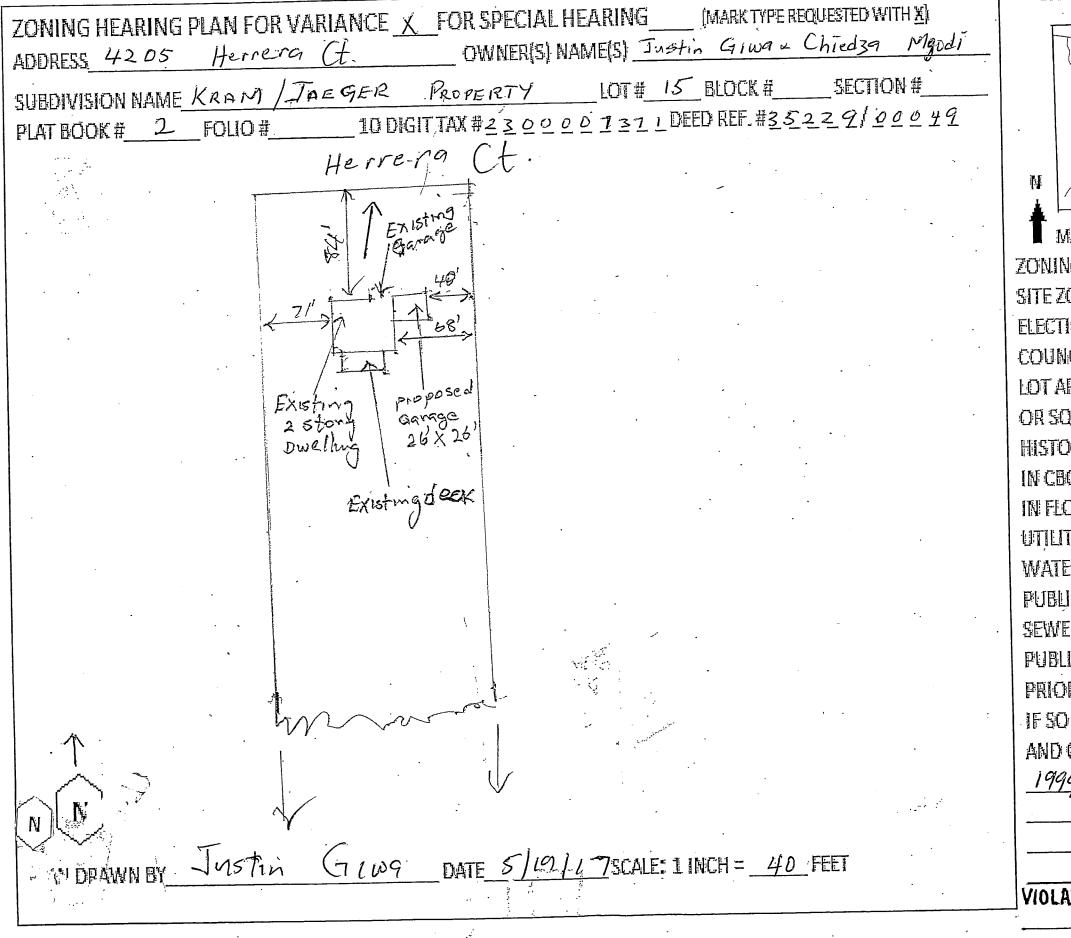
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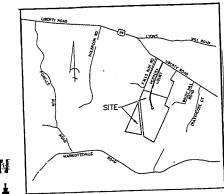
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