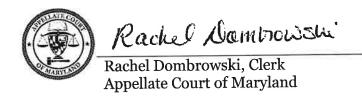
#### IN THE APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND

On the 17th day of September, 2024, it was ordered and adjudged by the Appellate Court of Maryland:

Voluntary Dismissal by Appellant. Appeal Dismissed.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Sct.:

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is truly taken from the records and proceedings of the said Appellate Court of Maryland. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk and affixed the seal of the Appellate Court of Maryland, this 18th day of September, 2024.





IN THE MATTER OF

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY

ASSOCIATION, et al.

\* IN THE

\* CIRCUIT COURT

\* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. C-03-CV-23-000955

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BALTIMORE COUNTY

BOARD OF APPEALS

#### MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court as an Administrative Record Appeal from the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County ("Board") by the Rosedale Community Association, James Earlbeck, Graceann Rehbein, and Paul King ("Petitioners"), based on the Board's decision to grant Fazal, LLC's ("Respondent") Petition for Variance.

On March 6, 2023, the Petitioners filed a Petition for Judicial Review of the Opinion of the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County dated February 7, 2023. On March 15, 2023, the Respondent filed a Response to the Petition for Judicial Review. On May 10, 2023, the Transcript and Record of Proceedings was filed. On June 5, 2023, the Petitioners filed a Memorandum of Law in Support of Judicial Review. On July 5, 2023, the Respondent filed a Response in Opposition to Petition for Judicial Review, along with three supporting exhibits. On August 3, 2023, the Petitioners filed a Reply Memorandum in Support of Judicial Review. On March 19, 2024, the parties appeared before this Court for the administrative appeal hearing. The Petitioners appeared *pro se*, and the Rosedale Community Association President, Russ Mirabile, spoke on behalf of the Petitioners.

#### I. Background

The Respondent is a used car dealer and is the owner of the property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway ("Property"). The Property is approximately 0.396 acres +/= and was improved

by a single-story commercial building. The Property was previously a fast-food restaurant. The Property is zoned Business, Roadside-Automotive, Service (BR-AS). The stretch of Pulaski Highway where the Property is located is improved by other commercial and industrial uses, including a golf cart sales and repair business, an equipment supply and repair business, and a liquor store.

In 2019, the Respondent filed a Petition for Special Exception and Variance for the Property. The Respondent also filed a request for variance seeking to permit a zero foot setback from the rear, side, and front property lines, instead of the required ten-foot rear, side, and front yard setbacks. The Respondent requested this variance so that he could display used vehicles for sale in the front area of the Property. On February 27, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), Judge Beverungen, granted the Petition for Variance, which permitted the zero foot setback and permitted Fazal, LLC to have no design, screening, and landscaping along the sides of the existing parking area and driveway. Judge Beverungen additionally found that the Property was unique.

In November 2021, the Respondent filed a request to amend the variance seeking to construct a one-story addition to the commercial building on the Property in order to repair cars for sale on the premise. Administrative Law Judge Murphy granted the respondent's request to amend the variance and also noted the Property was unique.

The Board conducted a two-day *de novo* hearing on March 16 and October 26, 2022, and a public deliberation was held on December 22, 2022.

On February 7, 2023, the Board filed an Opinion approving the proposed building addition to the Property. The Board granted Fazal, LLC's Petition which permitted the repair and sale of vehicles on the Property, and Fazal, LLC was granted a variance permitting a zero foot

setback from the rear and side property lines for an eighteen-foot-high building addition in lieu of the required thirty foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks. The relief granted was conditioned upon several conditions.

#### II. Legal Standard

Judicial review of an agency's factual findings is limited to ascertaining whether a reasoning mind could have reached the same factual conclusions reached by the agency on the record before it. See Stansbury v. Jones, 372 Md. 172, 182-85 (2002). The court, when reviewing a final decision of an administrative agency, determines only the legality of the decision and whether there was "substantial evidence" from the record as a whole to support the decision.

Board of Education v. Paynter, 303 Md. 22, 35 (1985). The test for whether there is substantial evidence is "whether a reasoning mind reasonably could have reached the factual conclusion the agency reached." Motor Vehicle Amin. v. Shea, 415 Md. 1, 18 (2010) (quoting Motor Vehicle Admin. v. Delawter, 403 Md. 243, 256-67 (2008)). In applying the substantial evidence test, the court should defer to the agency's responsibility to find facts and draw inferences there from.

Maryland State Police v. Lindsey, 318 Md. 325, 334 (1990).

For conclusions of law, courts will give significant weight to an agency's experience in interpreting a statute that the agency administers. *Anderson v. General Cas. Ins. Co.*, 402 Md. 236, 244-45 (2007). However, if the agency makes an erroneous conclusion of law, the court must correct that conclusion. *Id.* at 245.

The reviewing court must review the agency's decision in the light most favorable to the agency, since decisions of administrative agencies are *prima facie* correct. *Motor Vehicle Admin.* v. *Lindsey*, 309 Md. 557, 563 (1987). A reviewing court may not set aside an administrative

decision merely because it might weigh the evidence differently or assess credibility differently. *Jacocks v. Montgomery County*, 58 Md. App. 95, 110-11 (1984).

#### III. Discussion

The Petitioners contend that the Board erred during the *de novo* hearings on March 16, 2022 and October 26, 2022 by adopting, from Case No. 2019-0171-XA, the finding that the Property was unique. The Petitioners argue that *de novo* hearings are "wholly original" and thus the Board should not have adopted the previous findings of the ALJ.

The Respondent contends that the Property was properly determined to be unique on February 27, 2019 by Administrative Law Judge Beverungen, in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, and that no appeals were subsequently filed in response to that case. Since the Property was previously adjudicated to be unique, the Respondent argues that the Petitioner's argument is moot because of the doctrine of collateral estoppel. The Respondent supports this contention by stating that the same parties litigated the issue in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, and the finding of the uniqueness of the property was properly found by Judge Beverungen. The Respondent additionally argues that when Judge Murphy and the Board in the subsequent hearings applied collateral estoppel to the issue of whether the Property was unique, that practical difficulty of the variance was still reviewed, and the variance which was granted was fair.

The Petitioners responded to the Respondent's contention regarding the issue of collateral estoppel by arguing that the doctrine of collateral estoppel is inappropriate in this case because the Board had authority under § 501.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to determine whether the Property is unique under Maryland Law. This section of the Zoning Regulations states that "[a]ppeals from the Zoning Commissioner shall be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals *de novo*. At such hearing, all parties, including the Zoning Commissioner, shall have the

right to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses and to file and submit all proper oral or written evidence." BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD., ZONING REGUL. § 501.6 (2023).

This Court finds that collateral estoppel is appropriate in this case, and that the issue of whether the Property was unique was previously adjudicated. In order for a prior decision of an ALJ to have collateral estoppel in court it must be determined "(1) whether the ALJ was acting in a judicial capacity; (2) whether the issue presented to the Circuit Court...was actually litigated before the ALJ; and (3) whether its resolution was necessary to the ALJ's decision." Reid v. State, 119 Md. App. 129, 135 (1998). Here, the ALJ was acting in a judicial capacity as the matter came before Judge Beverungen as a Petition for Special Exceptions and Variance. Judge Beverungen issued an Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, and the Order informed the Petitioners that they had thirty days from the date of the Order to file an appeal. Additionally, the issue of whether the Property was unique was presented and litigated before the ALJ, and this finding was necessary to the ALJ's decision to grant the variance. Furthermore, substantial evidence and testimony were provided to the Board that would suggest the Property was unique. Thus, this Court finds that collateral estoppel applies to the issue of whether the Property is unique and therefore AFFIRMS the Judgment of the Board of Appeals.

#### IV. Final Ruling

WHEREFORE, it is by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County,

ORDERED, Judgment of the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County is AFFIRMED.

Judge Michael J. Finifter 05/08/2024 1:46:49 PM

Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Michael & Frington

Entered: Clerk, Circuit Court for Baltimore County, MD May 8, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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PETITION OF:

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSN, et al.

FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE OPINION \* CIVIL ACTION

OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
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Jefferson Building, Suite 203
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

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NO.: C-03-CV-23-000955

IN THE MATTER OF:

FAZAL, LLC AND QAISAR SHAHZAD,

PRESIDENT AND PETITIONERS

Petition for Special Hearing and Variance on the

Property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway

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15<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL DISTRICT

BOARD OF APPEALS CASE NO.: 21-201-SPHA\*

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# PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AND THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

## TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

And now comes the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County and, in answer to the Petition for Judicial Review directed against it in this case, herewith transmits the record of proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, consisting of the original papers on file in the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections and the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County:

# ENTRIES FROM THE DOCKET OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

July 12, 2021 Petition for Special Hearing and Variance filed by C. Edward Hartman, IV, Esquire on behalf of Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC,

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requesting Special Hearing to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA, and Variance to permit a 0 foot setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 foot high building addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks per Section 238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

July 20, 2020	People's Counsel for Ba	altimore County Entry of Appearance
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September 19, 2021 Letter to Code Enforcement of Baltimore County from Russ Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association.

September 23, 2021 Certificate of Posting

September 24, 2021 Certificate of Publication in newspaper

September 30, 2021 Letter from Russ Mirabile requesting a postponement until several issues have been resolved.

October 5, 2021 Letter to Administrative Law Judge from Bruce E. Doak objecting to postponement request.

October 5, 2021 Email from Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections denying postponement request.

October 6, 2021 ZAC Comments

October 8-12, 2021 Miscellaneous scheduling correspondence

November 3, 2021 Amended Certificate of Posting

November 4, 2021 Hearing held before the Administrative Law Judge

November 15, 2021 Opinion and Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR §500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA was GRANTED in accordance with the Redlined Site Plan with conditions, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and the Variance from BCZR §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear

and side yard setbacks was GRANTED.

December 14, 2021 Notice of Appeal filed by Russ Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association.

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Redline Site Plan submitted by Bruce Doak. November 22, 2021 December 14, 2021 Appeal received by the Board. Notice of Assignment issued by the Board. January 6, 2022 Board convened for a Hearing, Day 1. March 16, 2022 Letter to Board from Mr. Mirabile. March 16, 2022 Board convened for Public Deliberation on Motion for Continuance. March 29, 2022 April 6, 2022 Miscellaneous scheduling emails. Notice of Assignment – Day 2, issued by the Board. April 11, 2022 Subpoenas issued by the Board at the request of Russ Mirabile, April 22, 2022 President of Rosedale Community Association. Subpoenas issued by the Board at the request of Russ Mirabile, April 26, 2022 President of Rosedale Community Association. May 18, 2022 Affidavits of Service received by the Board. May 23, 2022 Letter to Board from Mr. Mirabile requesting a postponement. Notice of Postponement issued by the Board. May 25, 2022 Letter to Mr. Mirabile from the Board advising Board will not grant a May 25, 2022 postponement indefinitely. Letter to Board and Mr. Hartman from Mr. Mirabile regarding hearing August 30, 2022 dates. September 12, 2022 Notice of Assignment – Day 2, issued by the Board. Letter to Attorney Hartman from Russ Mirabile, President, Rosedale September 15, 2022 Community Association asking if his client, Qaisar Shahzad, would be interested in attempt to resolve the matter. Subpoenas issued by the Board at the request of Russ Mirabile, September 21, 2022 President, Rosedale Community Association. October 26, 2022 Board convened for a Hearing, Day 2.

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#### Exhibits submitted at Hearings before the Board of Appeals:

#### Petitioners' Exhibit No.

- 1 -Plan to Accompany a Zoning Petition
- 2 SDAT Report
- 3 GIS
- 4 GIS Photo
- 5 Boundary Survey Plat
- 6 Photos Key Sheet / Photos A-N
- 7 Adjoining neighbor letter of support
- 8 Aerial photograph marked 30 ft. Rd.
- 9 Boundary Survey Plat market 30 ft. Rd.
- 10A&B Street view photographs 30 ft. Rd.
- 11 GIS marked 30 ft. Rd.
- 12 Deed 3/16/2018 Leonard Martin to Fazal, LLC (L40210, p49) (Parcel 760)
- 13 Deed 10/4/2020 Albert C. Earlbeck to Earlbeck Family LLC (L14826, p187)
- 14 Deed 7/11/2005 Fine Dining, Inc. to Jieun, LLC (L22183, F555)
- 15 Deed 1/27/2006 LHB Lorraine LLC to Abbey M.
  Williams (L, SM23338, F121) (Parcel 715, Lots 11-14)
  16 Plat 12/41

#### Protestants' Exhibit No.

AAA #1-A – without Russ Mirabile signature (Rule 8 satisfied)

AAA #1-B – Signature Stamped (Rule 8 satisfied)

AAA #00 - Variance Request by Bruce Doak

AAA # 0 – Good Standing Deed – State of Maryland Good Standing of Rosedale Community Association

AAA #1A - Postponement 1/29/2019

AAA #4 – Map

- 2 Zoning petition Doak #2 Plan to accompany zoning petition decision of Judge Murphy
- 12 Fence Application
- 12 3-2-2022 Do Not Match
- 12-B False Application for fence S/A 10-12 wrong measurements for fence
- 17 Zoning / Russ 11-7 or 8, 2021 / First Notice HHH 4, 5, 6 Russ Mirabile, 1<sup>st</sup> notice
- 18 First notice Thursday, October 13 Earlbeck
- 18A Photo by EB / photo taken by Earlbeck, shows date and time
- 22 RM Zoning notice 11/7 or 8, 2021 taken by Russ Mirabile
- 28 Front of Root Beer stand Doak #6G S/A

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36 – Doak posting signed, penalty of perjury

36A – Front of 8202 Pulaski – posting (false posting)

36B – Same – different posting site (false posting "shadow Russ")

41 – "Doodle fence" Plenty of room – by Doak

44 – Paul King (letter of Paul King, dates were posted wrong March 11, 2022)

50 – BGE overhead wires – Pet. 6N Doak Photo (Doak never showed BGE requirements)

51 – Photo fence / Lot Doak Pt #6L (fence in common use right-of-way)

61 - Real Estate Compliance Road Closing

70 – BGE K-Guide Lines (important: Doak failed to investigate)

77 HHH6 – Affidavit of Paul King

104 – Drawing

105 – Zoning Checklist

November 28, 2022 Written Argument filed by Hartman, Attorneys at Law, and Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire on behalf of Fazal, LLC.

November 28, 2022 Memorandum filed by Russell R. Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, Protestants.

December 22, 2022 Board convened for Public Deliberation.

February 7, 2023

Opinion and Order issued by the Board wherein the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR §500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA was GRANTED with conditions, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and the Variance from BCZR §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks was GRANTED, with conditions.

March 6, 2023 Petition for Judicial Review filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by Russ Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, pro se; James Earlbeck, pro se; Graceann Rehbein, pro se; and Paul King, pro se.

March 6, 2023 Notice to Administrative Agency of Judicial Review

March 15, 2023 Copy of Petition for Judicial Review received from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County by the Board of Appeals, Case No.: C-03-CV-23-000955

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March 15, 2023 Response to Petition for Judicial Review filed by Hartman, Attorneys at Law, and Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire on behalf of Fazal, LLC.

March 16, 2023 Certificate of Compliance sent to all parties and interested persons.

May 10, 2023 Transcript of testimony filed.

May 10, 2023 Record of Proceedings filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

Record of Proceedings pursuant to which said Order was entered and upon which said Board acted are hereby forwarded to the Court, together with exhibits entered into evidence before the Board.

Tammy A. Zahner, Legal Assistant Board of Appeals for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Board of Appeals Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Circuit Court Civil Action No.: C-03-CV-23-000955

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of May, 2023 a copy of the foregoing was mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, or inter-office mail to the following:

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, MD 21041

Qaisar Shahzad, President Fazal, LLC 9243 Bellbeck Road Parkville, MD 21234

James Earlbeck 8204 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237 Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Assn. 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237

Graceann Rehbein 8011 Woodhaven Road Rosedale, MD 21237

Paul King 8226 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

Tammy A. Zahner

# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

May 10, 2023

Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire C. Edward Hartman, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, Maryland 21041 Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, Maryland 21237

RE

Petition for Judicial Review

Circuit Court Civil Action No.: C-03-CV-23-000955

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC and Qaisar Shahzad, President

Board of Appeals Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Messrs. Ketterer, Hartman and Mirabile:

Kindly note that the Proceedings before the Administrative Law Judge and the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County have been filed with the Circuit Court for Baltimore County via the Maryland Electronic Courts and E-filing system. Enclosed is a copy for your records.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tammy A. Zahner Legal Assistant

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Duplicate Original Cover Letter Enclosure

c:

Qaisar Shahzad, President/Fazal, LLC James Earlbeck Graceann Rehbein Paul King IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY PETITION OF: ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSN, et al. **CIVIL ACTION** FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE OPINION OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NO.: C-03-CV-23-000955 OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 IN THE MATTER OF: FAZAL, LLC AND QAISAR SHAHZAD, PRESIDENT AND PETITIONERS Petition for Special Hearing and Variance on the Property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway 15<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL DISTRICT

#### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

#### Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to the Provisions of Rule 7-202(d) of the *Maryland Rules*, the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County has given notice by mail of the filing of the Petition for Judicial Review to the representative of every party to the proceeding before it; namely:

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, MD 21041

BOARD OF APPEALS CASE NO.: 21-201-SPHA\*

Qaisar Shahzad, President Fazal, LLC 9243 Bellbeck Road Parkville, MD 21234 Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Assn. 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237

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Graceann Rehbein 8011 Woodhaven Road Rosedale, MD 21237 Paul King 8226 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

A copy of said Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part hereof.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2023, a copy of the foregoing was mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, to the individuals listed above.

Tammy A. Zahner, Legal Assistant Board of Appeals for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3180 appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov



# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

March 16, 2023

Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, Maryland 21237 C. Edward Hartman, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, Maryland 21041

RE:

Petition for Judicial Review

Circuit Court Civil Action No.: C-03-CV-23-000955

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC and Qaisar Shahzad, President and Petitioners

Board of Appeals Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Mr. Mirabile and Mr. Hartman:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Maryland Rules, that a Petition for Judicial Review was filed by Russ Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Assn., James Earlbeck, Graceann Rehbein, and Paul King, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Appeals rendered in the above matter. The County Board of Appeals received written notification of acceptance from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County on March 15, 2023. Any party wishing to oppose the petition must file a response with the Circuit Court for Baltimore County within 30 days after the date of this letter, pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

In accordance with the Maryland Rules, the Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the Petition for Judicial Review within 60 days. Rosedale Community Assn., *et al.* having taken the appeal, is responsible for the cost of the transcript of the record and the transcript must be paid for in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court within the 60 day timeframe as stated in the Maryland Rules.

The Board is in receipt of transcripts for both hearings and one public deliberation. However, there was a public deliberation on a Motion for Continuance held on March 29, 2022 that will need to be transcribed. Please let us know if we have your authority to order said transcript.

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WebEx was the official record of the hearings before the Board. The recording will be copied by this office and provided to you for transcription. The transcriptionist must meet the requirements set forth in the Maryland Rules which states: "a stenographer, court reporter, or transcription service designated by the court for the purpose of preparing an official transcript from the recording." The Board of Appeals can assist in obtaining a qualified transcriptionist upon request.

Please be advised that the ORIGINAL transcript must be provided to the Board of Appeals no later than MAY 5, 2023 so that it may be transmitted to the Circuit Court with the record of proceedings, pursuant to the Maryland Rules.

A copy of the Certificate of Compliance has been enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Tammy A. Zahner Legal Assistant

Sanny A. Jahren

Duplicate Original Cover Letter Enclosure

c: Fazal, LLC/Qaisar Shahzad, President James Earlbeck Graceann Rehbein Paul King

E-FILED; Baltimore County Circuit Court Docket: 3/15/2023 10:10 AM; Submission: 3/15/2023 10:10 AM

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSN. et al

Petitioners

Case No.: C-03-CV-23-000955

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#### RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Fazal, LLC, by and through Hartman, Attorneys at Law, and Nicholas L. Ketterer, its attorneys, hereby files its Response to Petition for Judicial Review pursuant to Md. Rule 7-204(a). Fazal, LLC intends to participate in the action for judicial review.

HARTMAN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

By: /s/ Nicholas L. Ketterer

Nicholas L. Ketterer CPF#2203100003

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Attorney for Fazal, LLC

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 15th day of March 2023, a copy of the foregoing document was mailed, first class, postage prepaid to:

Rosedale Community Assn C/O Russ Mirabile, President 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237

James Earlbeck 8204 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

Graceann Rehbein 8011 Woodhaven Road Rosedale, MD 21237

Paul King 8226 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

> /s/ Nicholas L. Ketterer Nicholas L. Ketterer

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALT

#### ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSN,

Russ Mirabile, President, President 7932 Oakdale Ave. Rosedale, MD 21237

#### JAMES EARLBECK

8204 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

#### **GRACEANN REHBEIN**

8011 Woodhaven Road Rosedale, MD 21237

#### PAUL KING

8226 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

#### FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DECISION OF:

**BOARD OF APPEALS** OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Suite 203

Towson, Maryland 21204 Case No. 21-201-SPHA

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC & Oaisar Shahzad, Legal Owners SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8202 Pulaski Highway

Civil Action No .: 21 - 2-7-5PHA

C-033-CV-23-000955

BALTIMORE COUNT

#### PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Appellants/Petitioners, Rosedale Community Association, by Russ Mirabile, President, 7932 Oakdale Ave., Rosedale, MD 21237; James Earlbeck, 8204 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, MD 21237; Graceann Rehbein, 8011 Woodhaven Road, Rosedale, MD 21237; and Paul King, 8226 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, MD 21237, all PRO SE and feeling aggrieved by the Opinion of the Board of Appeals dated February 7, 2023 and attached hereto appeal to the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

Filed concurrently with this Petition for Judicial Review is payment to cover the costs of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS MIRABILE, PRESIDENT

PRO SE

JAMES EARLBECK

PRO SE

GRACEANN REHBEIN V

**PRO SE** 

PAUL KING
PRO SE

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2023, a copy of the foregoing Petition for Judicial Review was either mailed first class, postage pre-paid or HAND DELIVERED To:

County Board of Appeals Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

People's Counsel for Baltimore County Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire / A# Free 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300
Annapolis, Maryland 21041

RUSS MIRABILE, PRESIDENT PRO SE

C:\Petitions 2019\Rosedale CA 3-3-2023

IN THE MATTER OF FAZAL, LLC AND QAISAR SHAHZAD, PRESIDENT AND PETITIONERS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8202 PULASKI HIGHWAY

15th ELECTION DISTRICT 7th COUNCIL DISTRICT BEFORE THE

BOARD OF APPEALS

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

OPINION

This matter comes before the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County on appeal filed by the Rosedale Community Association of an Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") dated November 15, 2021, wherein a Petition for Special Hearing to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by Petitioner, and a Petition for Variance to permit a zero ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for an 18 ft. high building additions, were granted subject to conditions.

The Board conducted two days of a *de novo* hearing on March 16 and October 26, 2022.

A public deliberation was held on December 22, 2022. Both the hearing and deliberation were held virtually as provided by the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Petitioner, Fazal, LLC, ("Fazal") was represented by C. Edward Hartman, Esquire and Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire of Hartman Attorneys at Law. Also appearing for Petitioner was Bruce Doak, a licensed surveyor, who qualified as an expert in Baltimore County zoning and subdivision matters. Appearing for Protestant, Rosedale Community Association was its President, Russell Mirabile. Also appearing for Protestant was Steven Broyles a licensed surveyor and engineer, who qualified as an expert.

Both parties introduced numerous exhibits, including photographs, and had witnesses who owned nearby property testify in their respective cases.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

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The Board notes the concerns regarding the Property's appearance raised by Protestants and comments offered by the Department of Planning and will address these by adopting the conditions imposed by the ALJ.

#### CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed herein, the Board of Appeals approves the proposed building addition at 8202 Pulaski Highway.

#### ORDER

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To: BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE SUITE 203 TOWSON, MD 21204

IN THE MATTER OF ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSN ET AL.

Date: 3/6/2023

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You are advised that a petition for judicial review was filed on 03/06/2023 and assigned Civil Action No. C-03-CV-23-000955.

Pursuant to Maryland Rule 7-202(d) (1), a copy of the petition is enclosed for the agency.

Julie L. Ensor

Clerk of the Circuit Court

cc:



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Filed concurrently with this Petition for Judicial Review is payment to cover the costs of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS MIRABILE, PRESIDENT

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2023, a copy of the foregoing Petition for Judicial Review was either mailed first class, postage pre-paid or HAND DELIVERED To:

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15th ELECTION DISTRICT 7th COUNCIL DISTRICT

- BEFORE THE
- \* BOARD OF APPEALS
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#### **OPINION**

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#### CONCLUSION

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#### ORDER

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February 7, 2023

Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, Maryland 21237 C. Edward Hartman, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, Maryland 21041

RE:

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC - Legal Owner

Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Mr. Mirabile and Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

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Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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Administrator

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c: Qaisar Shahzad, President/Fazal, LLC
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IN THE MATTER OF FAZAL, LLC AND QAISAR SHAHZAD, PRESIDENT AND PETITIONERS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8202 PULASKI HIGHWAY

15<sup>th</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 7<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL DISTRICT

- \* BEFORE THE
- BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

#### **OPINION**

This matter comes before the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County on appeal filed by the Rosedale Community Association of an Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") dated November 15, 2021, wherein a Petition for Special Hearing to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by Petitioner, and a Petition for Variance to permit a zero ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for an 18 ft. high building additions, were granted subject to conditions.

The Board conducted two days of a *de novo* hearing on March 16 and October 26, 2022. A public deliberation was held on December 22, 2022. Both the hearing and deliberation were held virtually as provided by the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Petitioner, Fazal, LLC, ("Fazal") was represented by C. Edward Hartman, Esquire and Nicholas L. Ketterer, Esquire of Hartman Attorneys at Law. Also appearing for Petitioner was Bruce Doak, a licensed surveyor, who qualified as an expert in Baltimore County zoning and subdivision matters. Appearing for Protestant, Rosedale Community Association was its President, Russell Mirabile. Also appearing for Protestant was Steven Broyles a licensed surveyor and engineer, who qualified as an expert.

Both parties introduced numerous exhibits, including photographs, and had witnesses who owned nearby property testify in their respective cases.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Property is approximately 0.396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, one-story block building of 1,600 square feet, in which a used automobile sales business is located, as was approved in Case. No. 2019-171-XA. The Property is zoned Business, Roadside – Automotive, Service (BR-AS). The business currently only sells vehicles, but performs no repairs on site. The stretch of Pulaski Highway is improved by other commercial and industrial uses, the nearest being a golf cart sales and repair business, an equipment supply and repair business, and liquor store.

Fazal's first witness was Bruce Doak. Mr. Doak testified that he prepared the plans and petition in the subject case. The Property is improved by a one-story block building, formerly used as a fast food restaurant, but now used for car sales, as is permitted in the zone and under the prior zoning case. The rear portion of the site is fenced. We note that Case No. 2019-0171-XA established the uniqueness of the site and improvements. Under that case, Fazal is permitted to have up to 50 cars for sale on the site, together with customer and employee parking. Under the current request, the number of cars for sale would be limited to no more than 30, together with associated parking. The building addition would be used to repair and service vehicles prior to sale.

Mr. Doak testified that though the property deed calls to the centerline of the alley (also known as Batavia Farm Road) as the property line, Fazal has agreed to leave that roadway open and relocate the fence away from the property line to allow unrestricted use of the road in common with others.

Pulaski Highway in the vicinity of the site is a four lane divided highway. There are no significant residential uses and the area is heavily commercial and industrial in nature. There is a traffic signal at the intersection of Pulaski Highway and Batavia Farm Road. To the extent there is any residential use in the area, a group of mobile homes are located on Batavia Farm Road behind the businesses that flank the rear of the Property. No one appeared at the hearing from those residences.

The proposal would extend two sides of the existing building by an L-shaped addition extending to the rear property line on the north and to the east property line on the side. The addition would be 18' high to accommodate a lift for vehicle repairs.

Upon cross-examination by Mr. Mirabile, Mr. Doak explained that the Property shares an address with its neighbor to the east and that the Petitioner would relocate the fence within ninety days of a final approval.

Mr. Mirabile led the Protestant's case, calling several witnesses, including Steve Broyles, a licensed engineer who was accepted as an expert. Mr. Mirabile also testified as President of the Rosedale Community Association, having presented the requisite Rule 8 submission. He put forth several issues: inadequate posting, errors in the site plan, lack of uniqueness, self-created hardship, and failure to meet the special exception criteria of BCZR §502.1, and a concern that the site would take on the appearance of a junk yard.

Mr. Mirabile called Paul King of King's Liquors, located at 8226 Pulaski Highway. Mr. King raised concerns regarding the appearance of the site and the need for grass to be mowed. Also testifying in opposition was James Earlbeck who owns the property at 8204 Pulaski Highway immediately to the rear of the subject site. Mr. Earlbeck explained that his business is not an auto repair business, but one that does metal working and that he provides parts and

distribution for industry of compressed cryogenic gas and hazardous materials for industrial customers. He raised safety concerns and concerns over ingress and egress along Batavia Farm Road to his property. He also is concerned that the site will become a junkyard.

Mr. Mirabile then called Steve Broyles. Mr. Broyles testified to a number of issues where the site plan did not provide the detail enumerated in the zoning office checklist. Most concerning of these is the omission on the site plan of the location of high voltage power lines at the rear of the Property and appropriate setbacks from these. Other technical issues raised by Mr. Broyles included how parking was calculated and shown. Mr. Broyles also questioned the uniqueness of the Property.

Mr. Mirabile also called Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC to testify regarding his use of the site. Mr. Shahzad stated that he only sells cars from the Property, but has to transport them off-site if repairs are needed prior to sale. He wishes to be able to make those repairs at the site.

Mr. Mirabile re-called Mr. Doak to question him about Mr. Broyles' testimony. Mr. Doak distinguished the checklist issues raised by Mr. Broyles as guidelines rather than legal requirements. Further, Mr. Doak noted that Case No. 2019-0171-XA, addressed other issues raised by Mr. Broyles. More significantly, Mr. Doak addressed the issue regarding setbacks from the power lines as one that would be looked at by BGE and Baltimore County prior to permits being issued, rather than at the zoning approval stage, and that the approval process has many steps, including utility review, building design, D.R.C. (subdivision approval), final site plan review and submission of permit plans. At any stage, a negative comment would require Petitioner to modify the site design.

#### APPLICABLE LAW

#### **Baltimore County Zoning Regulations**

§ 101 Definitions: GARAGE, SERVICE — A garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration, hire or sale.

§ 307.1. - Authority to grant variances; procedures and restrictions.

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

#### § 500.7. - Petitions for public hearing; notice.

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

A Special Hearing Petition is effectively a request for declaratory judgment. BCZR § 500.7, Antwerpen v. Baltimore County, 163 Md. App. 194, 209 (2005). While the BCZR provides no specific criteria for the granting of a Petition for Special Hearing, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing relief requested would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." Kiesling v. Long, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. Ct. Spec. App. (Sept. Term 2016). The Petitioner bears the burden of presenting evidence on which the Board can assess whether a zoning request pursuant to the BCZR may be approved.

#### DISCUSSION

The Board finds that the Petition for Special Hearing and Variance should be granted.

The Board also finds that the relief requested is compatible with the community and consistent with the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The use of a used car facility is permitted in the B.R.-A.S. zone by Special Exception, which was granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. As noted in that case, there are unsightly aspects to the use and inherently detrimental impacts associated with the use is not a basis for denial. This remains true today. In the 2019 case, the ALJ also found the existence and physical location of the building are characteristics of the Property that are unique and consistent with the language of B.C.Z.R. § 307.1. We note that Fazal, LLC has adapted an abandoned building and site to a use that is presumptively correct and similar in character to nearby and adjoining uses.

Fazal proposes to reduce the number of cars stored outside from 50 to 30, thus mitigating an acknowledged inherently detrimental impact. Mr. Shahzad testified that the

addition would allow him to make repairs to cars to be sold from this location, so he would not have to transport vehicles to other facilities for repair as he currently must. We note that a service garage is a use permitted by right in the Business-Major (B.M.) zone under BCZR, §233.1, and therefore under BCZR, §236.1.A, is permitted by right on this Property. Indeed, the Automotive Service District Overlay provides BCZR, §259.2.B is applied to "certain parcels of land zoned B.L., B.M. or B.R., which are appropriate for uses dominated by the parking and servicing of automobiles or characterized by frequent parking turnover..." To avoid the Property's principal use becoming a service garage, we will impose a condition limiting the servicing of vehicles to only those being offered for sale. Mr. Shahzad testified that he would service only those cars being offered for sale, and would not be changing the principal use of the Property.

As to the allegation of the adequacy of the notice, the attendance of Protestants at the hearing below and before this Board attests to the sufficiency of the notice. We concur with dicta in *Cassidy v. County Board of Appeals*, 218 Md. 418 (1958) to the effect that the lack of notice is waived by a party's appearance and participation in the proceedings. Protestants did have notice, and then requested a postponement of the original hearing from the date posted. When that postponement was granted, Protestants then complained that the sign did not reflect the re-scheduled hearing date. It is difficult to find that the signage was inadequate when it was the Protestants who initiated a postponement (based on the date on the sign), and that the date changed as a result of their request.

In regard to Batavia Farm Road, the Petitioner has moved the eight foot high chain-link fence from Batavia Farm Road so that the travel way remains unobstructed and used in

common by all properties adjoining the road, despite the fact that the property line runs to the center line of the road.

The site plan that accompanied the Petitions may not have ticked all the boxes of technical details on the Office of Zoning checklist, but there is no question that the plan sufficiently illustrates what use is intended and where it is intended to occur.

As to the serious issue of the proximity of the building addition to the power lines, BGE will weigh in on the issue as the applicant moves through the approval and permit process.

The Board notes the concerns regarding the Property's appearance raised by Protestants and comments offered by the Department of Planning and will address these by adopting the conditions imposed by the ALJ.

#### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed herein, the Board of Appeals approves the proposed building addition at 8202 Pulaski Highway.

#### **ORDER**

**THEREFORE, IT IS** this 7th day of February, 2023, by the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

ORDERED, that the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR § 500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA is hereby GRANTED as conditioned herein, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Variance from BCZR § 238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks is hereby **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following conditions:

- Only damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles being offered for sale may be repaired at the Property;
- 2. All damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles shall be parked and repaired inside the proposed addition until such vehicles are in operable and saleable condition at which point they may be parked on the outdoor sales area.
- 3. Petitioner may not display, park and/or store more than 30 vehicles at any one time, whether for sale or repair.
- Petitioner shall stripe all customer and employee parking spaces pursuant to BCZR §409.
- 5. Within 15 days of the date hereof, Petitioner shall submit to Baltimore County a redlined site plan indicating where on the Property vehicle inventory will be displayed and the location of all customer and employee parking.
- 6. Petitioner shall not extend its business operation, including but not limited to any fence, into Batavia Farm Road or in any manner obstruct or close off Batavia Farm Road until such paper road, or portion of paper road abutting the Property, is legally closed pursuant to a Road Closing Petition.
- 7. A formal Landscape Plan is not required to be filed. However, Petitioner shall plant and continue to maintain while under its ownership, bushes, shrubs and/or other landscaping in the two (2) grass areas fronting along Pulaski Highway, which, in the Petitioner's discretion, can reasonable fit within those areas.
- 8. No temporary banners, signs or advertising flags shall be permitted on the subject property.

Any change to the principal use of the Property will require Petitioner to submit a
revised site plan and be subject to a public hearing before the Administrative Law
Judge.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules.

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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#### Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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November 29, 2022

#### NOTICE OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fazal, LLC - LO

Qaisar Shahzad, President

21-201-SPHA

8202 Pulaski Highway

15th Election District; 7th Council District

Re:

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11/15/21 Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA was GRANTED in accordance with a Redlined Site Plan as conditioned, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and the Variance from BCZR §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks was GRANTED, with conditions.

This matter having been heard March 16, 2022 and concluded on October 26, 2022, a public deliberation has been

## ASSIGNED FOR: DECEMBER 22, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.

The above scheduled public deliberation will be held remotely using WebEx for audio and video participation. Call-in information and a link to the public deliberation will be posted on our web calendar the night before at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/appeals.html.

NOTE: PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ARE OPEN WORK SESSIONS WHICH ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO WITNESS THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. A WRITTEN OPINION AND ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME AFTER DELIBERATION AND A COPY SENT TO ALL PARTIES.

NOTE: Closing briefs were due on November 28, 2022 no later than 3:00 p.m.

(<u>Electronic copy emailed to:</u> <u>appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>) Notice of Deliberation In the matter of: Fazal, LLC – LO Case number: 21-201-SPHA November 29, 2022 Page 2

If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, please contact our office for the call-in information the day before the scheduled deliberation.

#### Krysundra Cannington, Administrator

Counsel for Legal Owner/Petitioner c. Legal Owner/Petitioners

: C. Edward Hartman, Esquire

: Fazal, LLC/Qaisar Shahzad, President

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410-887-3180 for the	e call-in inform	nation the day before the scheduled hearing.
	Witness:	Qaisar Shahzad, President, Fazal, LLC
9	Address:	9243 Bellbeck Road
8	896	Parkville, MD 21234
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₩ =	Name:	Russ Mirabile, President, Rosedale Community Assn.
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	Address:	Rosedale, MD 21237
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Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

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	Witness:	Bruce Doak t/a Bruce E. Doak Consulting						
	Address:	3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road						
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	Name:	Russ Mirabile, President, Rosedale Community Assn						
×	Firm:	P.O. Box 70285						
	Address:	Rosedale, MD 21237						

The witness named above is hereby ORDERED to so appear before the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County. The Board requests (\_\_\_\_) the Sheriff, (\_X\_\_) Private Process Server, to issue the summons set forth herein.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS Board of Appeals for Baltimore County



P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, Maryland 21237

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC 8202 Pulaski Hwy Rosedale, MD 21237

Case # 21-201 SPHA 15th Election District 7th Council District



September 15, 2022

Dear Attorney Hartman,

In the best interest of all parties and to avoid further litigation with the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, Maryland, Circuit Court and Annapolis, I am contacting you to find out if your client, Qaisar Shahzad, would be interested in an attempt to resolve the matter mentioned above.

Please inform me by Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Thank You,

Russ Mirabile President, Rosedale Community Assn. 443-846-5399 7932 Oakdale Ave. Rosedale, MD 21237 (no email)



cc (via email only)

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire (edward@hartman.law Qaisar Shahzad, President/Fazal, LLC (ringotowing1@gmail.com) Appeals Board (appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov)

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September 12, 2022

#### **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT - DAY 2**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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The Board convened for hearing in this matter on March 16, 2022. The Board held a public deliberation and granted a request for continuance requested by Protestant. This matter has been

## ASSIGNED FOR: OCTOBER 26, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M. — Day 2

The above scheduled hearing will be held remotely using WebEx for audio and video participation. Call-in information and a link to the hearing will be posted on our web calendar at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/appeals the night before.

A complete set of exhibits must be emailed at least 48 hours before the hearing to appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov in a format that complies with MDEC (Maryland Electronic Court) standards.

#### NOTICE:

This appeal is an evidentiary hearing. Parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

Notice of Assignment – Da., 2 In the matter of: Fazal, LLC – LO Case number: 21-201-SPHA September 12, 2022 Page 2

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

 No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).

If you require special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, please contact our office for the call-in information the day before the scheduled hearing.

#### Krysundra Cannington, Administrator

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August 30, 2022

Baltimore County Board of Appeals 105 West Chesapeake Ave. Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Attn: Krysundra Carrington, Administrator C. Edward Hadman, Esquire In the Matter of : Fazal, LLC 8202 Pulaski Hwy Rosedale, MD 21237

Case # 21-201 SPHA 15th Election District 7th Council District



Yesterday, August 31, 2022, I notified all as to "starter or whatever" dates. The submitted dates are all tentative dates.

Due to the Labor Day weekend "tizzy", I have not been able to contact all of my witnesses.

I just want to clarify the mentioned dates. I am positive we all can find agreeable dates.

Thank you all, again for your cooperation,



Russ Mirabile President, Rosedale Community Assn.

cc (via email only)

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## Board of Appeals of Baltimore County



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May 25, 2022

Russell Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association P.O. Box 70285 Rosedale, MD 21237 BY PICK UP ONLY

Re:

In the matter of: Fazal, LLC

Case No: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Mr. Mirabile:

The Board has agreed to grant your request for postponement of the hearing on May 31, 2022. Enclosed please find the Postponement Notice.

The Board will not grant this postponement indefinitely. Therefore we ask for specific dates when Mr. Broyles will be available for rescheduling of this matter. You may have Mr. Broyles contact me directly with regard to rescheduling this matter. If Mr. Broyles is unable to provide possible dates for rescheduling, the Board has suggested that you may want to look for an alternate witness.

I kindly request your and Mr. Broyles's availability no later than June 3, 2022 so that I may coordinate with Mr. Doak and Mr. Hartman to reschedule this matter.

Sincerely,

Krysundra Cannington

Sunny Cannington

Administrator

**Enclosure** 

cc (via email only):

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May 25, 2022

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This matter was assigned for hearing on May 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and has been postponed by request of the parties. This matter will be reassigned to a later date.

#### NOTICE:

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Krysundra Cannington, Administrator

Notice of Postponement In the matter of: Fazal, LLC – LO Case number: 21-201-SPHA May 25, 2022 Page 2

c. Counsel for Legal Owner/Petitioner Legal Owner/Petitioners : C. Edward Hartman, Esquire : Fazal, LLC/Qaisar Shahzad, President

Protestants, pro se

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James R. Benjamin, Jr., County Attorney/Office of Law



To: AppealsBoard@BaltimoreCountyMd.gov

May 23, 2022

I received a phone call from my expert witness, Steve Broyles, on Sunday evening, May 22, 2022. He advised me that he was released from GBMC Hospital on Saturday, May 21, 2022 and he was still very weak after being hospitalized for over a week.

He also stated that he will have to resume chemo treatments starting May 31, 2022 at GBMC, thus he will not be able to attend the May 31st hearing.

If the Board wants a Doctor's or Medical report, he is willing to accommodate any requests. Subsequently, I am requesting a postponement of the May 31, 2022 Hearing. I need his work product and testimony.

If need be, please contact me at 443-846-5399. No e-mail please. I will keep the Board apprised.

(This memo is sent by a commercial business for sending <u>only</u>, not to receive information for me.)

Thank you,

Russ Mirabile Rosedale Community Association

cc: Steven K. Broyles

#### In the

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY**

#### IN THE MATTER OF QAISAR SHAHZAD, PRESIDENT OF 7A2AI, LLC

Trial Date: 05/31/22 10:00 AM

Case Number: 21-201-SPHA

#### Affidavit of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

- 1. That I am a competent individual over eighteen (18) years of age and not a party to the above action.
- 2. That on **04/27/22 07:41 AM**, I served *Subpoena* upon **QAISAR SHAHZAD**, **PRESIDENT OF 7A2AI**, **LLC**, **by personal service**, description as follows:

Race Middle Eastern Sex Male **Age** 50 - 54 **Hair** Mixed Height 5ft 6in - 5ft 9in **Weight** 166 - 180 lbs

- 3. That service was effected at his/her usual place of abode located at 9243 Bellbeck Road Parkville, MD 21234.
- 4. That the facts, upon which I concluded that the individual served is of suitable age and discretion, are personal observation and the recipient's statement.
- 5. That, in accordance with MD Rule 20-201(f), this affidavit does not contain any restricted information.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the matters and facts set forth herein are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Stephen Folcher, Agent For Monumental Process Servers, Inc. 823 M. L. K. Jr. Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21201 Monumentalpsphotos@gmail.com

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### BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

### IN THE MATTER OF BRUCE DOAK T/A BRUCE E DOAK CONSULTING

Trial Date: 05/31/22 10:00 AM

Case Number: 21-201-SPHA

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**Hair** Brown Height 5ft 6in - 5ft 9in **Weight** 166 - 180 lbs

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

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# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

April 11, 2022

# **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT - DAY 2**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fazal, LLC – LO

Qaisar Shahzad, President

21-201-SPHA

8202 Pulaski Highway

15th Election District; 7th Council District

Re:

Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to BCZR §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in

Case No. 2019-0171-XA; and

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# ASSIGNED FOR: MAY 31, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M.

The above scheduled hearing will be held remotely using WebEx for audio and video participation. Call-in information and a link to the hearing will be posted on our web calendar at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/appeals the night before.

A complete set of exhibits must be emailed at least 48 hours before the hearing to appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov in a format that complies with MDEC (Maryland Electronic Court) standards.

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Notice of Assignment – Day  $\angle$ In the matter of: Fazal, LLC – LO Case number: 21-201-SPHA

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# **Krysundra Cannington**

From:

Edward Hartman IV <edward@hartman.law>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 1:42 PM Bruce Doak; Krysundra Cannington

To: Cc:

russell3947@gmail.com

Subject:

RE: Fazal, LLC 21-201-SPHA

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I am available for May 5,17, 26, and 31.

Thank you,

Edward Hartman IV



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Edward@Hartman.law; Phone: (410)266-3232; Fax: (410)266-5561

From: Bruce Doak <bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:43 PM

**To:** Krysundra Cannington <a href="kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov">kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov</a> **Cc:** Edward Hartman IV <a href="kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov">kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov</a>

Subject: Re: Fazal, LLC 21-201-SPHA

I am available the following dates for the 2nd day:

May 5,17, 26, 31, June 1 & 9.

Bruce Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906

bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com

4/8/22 9:39am Spoke with Russ Mirabile

5/31 ok 5/5 probably not

Received message from Mirabile - no 5/5 9:56am 4/8/22 - Says he didn't get email

Good afternoon.

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Confidentiality Statement



March 16, 2022

Baltimore County Board of Appeals Jefferson Building, Suite 203 105 N. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Reference: 8202 Pulaski Highway

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P.O. Box 70285 Rosedale, MD 21237



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15th Election District; 7th Council District

Re:

Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to BCZR §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA; and

Variance relief from BCZR §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

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Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA was GRANTED in accordance with a Redlined Site Plan as conditioned, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and the Variance from BCZR §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks was GRANTED, with conditions.

# ASSIGNED FOR: MARCH 16, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M.

The above scheduled hearing will be held remotely using WebEx for audio and video participation. Call-in information and a link to the hearing will be posted on our web calendar at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/appeals the night before.

A complete set of exhibits must be emailed at least 48 hours before the hearing to appealsboard@baltimorecountymd.gov in a format that complies with MDEC (Maryland Electronic Court) standards.

#### NOTICE:

- This appeal is an evidentiary hearing. Parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.
- Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

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- No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).
- If you require special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, please contact our office for the call-in information the day before the scheduled hearing.

# Krysundra Cannington, Administrator

c. Counsel for Legal Owner/Petitioner Legal Owner/Petitioners

Protestants, pro se

: C. Edward Hartman, Esquire : Fazal, LLC/Qaisar Shahzad, President

: Rosedale Community Association Russell Mirabile, President

Bruce E. Doak/Bruce E. Doak Consulting
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James R. Benjamin, Jr., County Attorney/Office of Law



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PAUL M. MAYHEW
Managing Administrative Law Judge
MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Administrative Law Judge

December 14, 2021

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire – edward@hartman.law 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, MD 21041

RE:

APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS

Petitions for Special Hearing & Variance

Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA Property: 8202 Pulaski Highway DEC 1'4 2021

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on December 14, 2021. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely,

Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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c: Baltimore County Board of Appeals
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Qaisar Shahzad – President of Fazal, LLC – <u>ringotowing1@gmail.com</u>
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Russ Mirabile, Rosedale Community Assoc. – P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, MD 21237

#### APPEAL

# Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance Case No.: 2020-0201-SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway

15<sup>th</sup> Election District, 2nd Council District

Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance – 7/12/21

Zoning Description of Property (1 page)

Notice of Zoning Hearing - 9/15/2021

Certification of Publication - The Daily Record newspaper - published on September 24, 2021

Certification of Posting by Bruce E. Doak - September 23, 2021 and November 3, 2021

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel – 7/20/21

Attendance/Panelist List (5- sheets)

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments: Department of Planning – 10/6/21 State Highway Administration – 8/12/2021 Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability – 7/22/21 Bureau of Development Plans Review – 8/25/21

### Petitioner's Exhibits: (Bruce Doak)

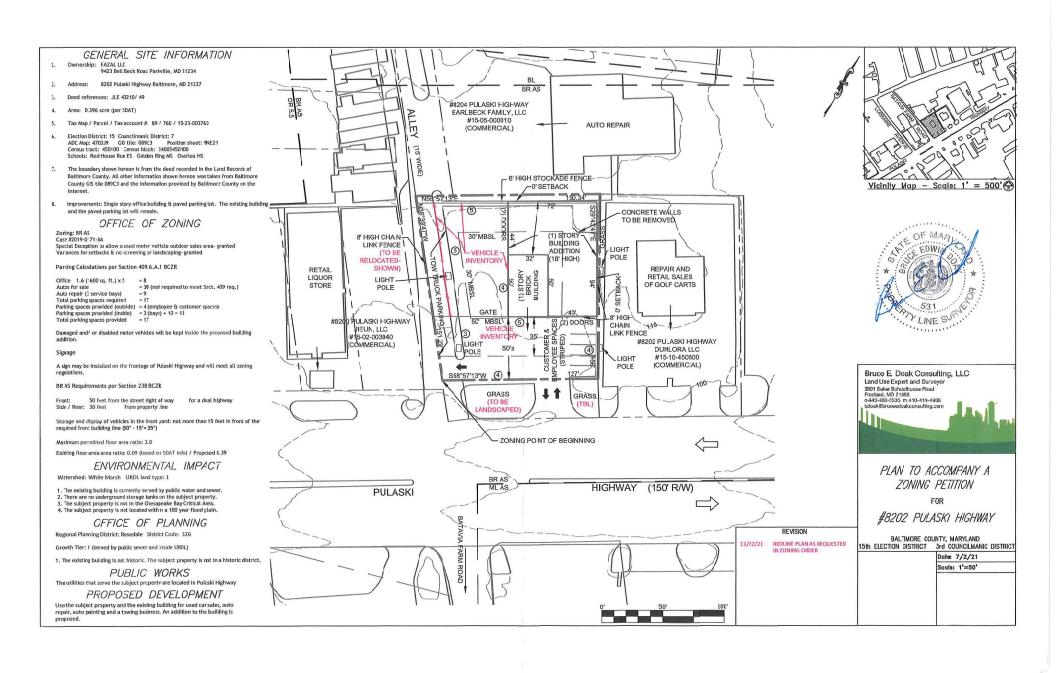
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### Miscellaneous-

Cover Letter and Administrative Law Judge's Order Decision – Special Hearing & Variance-Granted – November 15, 2021

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS that the variance is within the spirit and intent of the BCZR and that it will not harm the public health, safety or welfare, particularly in light of the support from adjacent business B-more Buggies 4 Less and lack of opposition from any surrounding property owner.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of November 2021, by this Administrative Law Judge that the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR, §500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA is hereby **GRANTED** in accordance with a Redlined Site Plan as conditioned herein, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner.

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November 14, 2021

To: Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Ave. Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Dear Sir / Madam;

Reference: Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

Property: 8202 Pulaski Hwy, Rosedale, MD

The above request an appeal from the decision on November 15, 2021, by Honorable Judge Maureen E. Murphy, Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, Maryland.

The above referencing case and stated is case No. 2021-0201 SPHA, Property: 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, MD 21237

Also enclosed is a certified check for appeals

Thank You

Russ Mirabile, President

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RE: Petitions for Special Hearing & Variance

Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA Property: 8202 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to Baltimore County Code § 32-3-401(a), "a person aggrieved or feeling aggrieved" by this Decision and Order 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,

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: Bruce E. Doak — <u>bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</u>
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Russell Mirabile — russell3947@gmail.com

BEFORE THE IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* AND VARIANCE OFFICE OF (8202 Pulaski Highway) 15<sup>th</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Qaisar Shahzad, FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY Legal Owner Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

### OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Fazal, LLC, legal owner ("Petitioner") for the property located at 8202 Pulaski Hwy., Rosedale (the "Property"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. Variance relief was also filed from BCZR, §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Qaisar Shahzad, a member of the Petitioner, appeared at the hearing along with Bruce E. Doak, licensed surveyor, who prepared and sealed a site plan (the "Site Plan"). (Pet. Ex. 1). C. Edward Hartman IV, Esquire represented the Petitioner. Russell Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, who initially requested a postponement of the hearing, did not appear.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from Department of Planning ("DOP") which agency opposed the requested relief. Department of Environmental

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Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") also submitted a comment but did not oppose the requested relief.

The Property is approximately .396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, 1-story brick building (1,600 sf), housing the operation of a used automobile sales business known as "N. A. Motors" in accordance with the relief granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. (Pet. Ex. 3). The Property is zoned Business, Roadside — Automotive, Service (BR-AS). Mr. Shahzad is the operator of the business and currently only sells, but does not repair, vehicles which he purchases. Aerial and street view photographs reveal that the Property faces south on Pulaski Hwy., and is surrounded by other commercial uses including a golf cart business ("B-more Buggies 4 Less") to the east, an auto repair business to the north (the "Earlbeck Family Auto Repair"), and a liquor store to the west. (Pet. Ex. 4; 6A-N). It was noted that both B-more Buggies 4 Less and the Property use the address 8202 Pulaski Hwy.

A boundary survey and location drawing dated April 19, 2021, was submitted showing the Property boundaries and site area layout for the Petitioner's business (the "Boundary Survey"). (Pet. Ex. 5). It shows the commercial building, an 8 ft. tall chain link fence surrounding part of the Property, a 6 ft. tall wooden fence along the northern boundary line, as well as paved parking and storage yards. Importantly, as revealed on a plat identified as "Property of R.D. Hesse, Rosedale, MD" (L 12, F 41), there is a 30 ft. +/- wide paper road named Batavia Farm Rd. between the Property and the liquor store. (Pet. Ex. 16).

Mr. Doak marked up a copy of the aerial photograph to show the current use of Batavia Farm Rd. It depicts that the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business to the north of the Property uses the paper road to park vehicles. (Pet. Exs. 8, 10B). Mr. Shahzad testified that the owners/operators of the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business have closed off Batavia Farm Rd.

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at their property line by installing a chain link fence across the width of the paper road. (Pet. Ex. 10-B). According to Mr. Doak, a Road Closing case has not been filed and the paper road has never been dedicated to the County. That aerial photograph also reveals that beyond the Eastbeck Auto Repair business are single family homes which use the portion of the paper road abutting those properties as part of their yards/driveways.

Mr. Doak also marked up a copy of the Boundary Survey. (Pet. Ex. 9). That Exhibit, in combination with the street view photographs of Batavia Farm Rd., appear to show that the Petitioner's chain link fence does not currently extend into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Exs. 9, 10-A and 10-B). Street view photographs also show that vehicles which do not belong to the Petitioner (as indicated on the photograph) are parked along Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 10-A). However, as Mr. Doak explained, Petitioner is proposing to extend the existing chain link fence 15 ft. into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 8) and to use that portion of land.

In addition to extending the chain link fence into Batavia Farm Rd., Petitioner is proposing to construct a 1-story addition (6,768 sf) as depicted on the Site Plan. (Pet. Ex. 1). Due to the size of the Property, the addition would extend to the side and rear Property lines with zero setbacks. A letter of support was provided by B-more Buggies 4 Less for the proposed addition. (Pet. Ex. 7). The Petitioner is also proposing to repair the vehicles which he purchases within the new addition. Mr. Doak emphasized that a service garage is permitted by right in the BR-AS zone. Petitioner is proposing that the maximum number of vehicles on the Property either for sale or for repair at one time would be 30. In order to prevent the appearance of a junkyard, all damaged, disabled or inoperable vehicles will be stored and repaired inside the new addition. A lift(s) will also be installed. The addition will be accessed via 2 doors on its southern end, as well as 2 doors on its western end. (Pet. Ex. 1).

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In regard to parking, as adjudicated in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, BCZR, §409 is not applicable to inventory of used vehicles which are for-sale, but is applicable to customer and employee parking. As identified on the Site Plan, the total number of parking spaces required is 17 and the total number of parking spaces which will be provided is 17.

# SPECIAL HEARING

A hearing to request special zoning relief is proper under BCZR, §500.7 as follows:

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

"A request for special hearing is, in legal effect, a request for a declaratory judgment." *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 877 A.2d 1166, 1175 (2005). And, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." *Kiesling v. Long*, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. App. (Sept. Term 2016).

In the instant case, I find that the Petition to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA to permit the repair of vehicles, in addition to the sale of vehicles, is within the spirit and intent of the BCZR. I agree with the Petitioner that the proposal here which is for a service garage is not for a change in use; rather it is in addition to the sale of vehicles. A service garage is a use permitted by right in the Business-Major (BM) zone under BCZR, §233.1, and therefore under BCZR, §236.1.A, is permitted by right on this Property. Indeed, the Automotive ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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Service District Overlay provides BCZR, §259.2.B is applied to "certain parcels of land zoned B.L., B.M. or B.R., which are appropriate for uses dominated by the parking and servicing of automobiles or characterized by frequent parking turnover..."

The proposal here is that the addition would house the damaged, disabled and inoperable vehicles which are in need of repair prior to parking the vehicles for sale on the outdoor sales area. I find this proposal is appropriate for the Property and is consistent with the similar auto and golf cart repair businesses surrounding the Property. The proposed addition will be constructed on top of the existing paved surface and therefore no additional impervious surface will be added. Petitioner is proposing to reduce the number of vehicles for sale from 50 (as permitted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA) to 30 vehicles. I note that BCZR, §238.4 permits the storage and display of vehicles in the front yard provided that those vehicles are not parked more than 15 ft. in front of the required front building line.

In regard to Batavia Farm Rd., I cannot grant the Petitioner's request to move the 8 ft. high chain link fence into Batavia Farm Rd. unless that paper road is legally closed pursuant to a Road Closing Petition. The deeds for the Property and the other properties which abut Batavia Farm Rd., indicate that it is a road to be used "in common." While this case is not a Road Closing Petition, and while I am not deciding whether or not that paper road should be closed as I do not have all of the evidence on that issue before me, it appears that the Petitioner and adjacent property owners would be served by filing a joint Road Closing Petition in order that each abutting property could then legally use whatever roadbed is provided to each abutting owner pursuant to their respective deeds. The file reflects that the closing of this paper road was an issue which was also raised by the Rosedale Community Association. Finally, given that there was no comment by Development Plans Review ("DPR") that a formal Landscaping Plan is

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required here, and notwithstanding DOP's comment to the contrary, I find that it would be interests of the general welfare and spirit of the BCZR for the Petitioner to plant some bushes, shrubs and/or landscaping in the two (2) grass areas fronting along Pulaski Hwy. I find that a Landscaping Plan is not required to be filed in this case.

### VARIANCE

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

As noted above, this Property was previously adjudicated to be unique in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. The Property and existing building have not changed since that case. As a result, that factual finding is applicable to this case under the doctrine of collateral estoppel. *Garrity v. Maryland State Bd. of Plumbing*, 447 Md. 359, 368 (2016). (See also *Colandrea v. Wilde Lake Community Ass'n, Inc.*, 361 Md. 391 (2000); *Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission v. TKU Associates*, 281 Md. 1, 18-19 (1977)).

I find that the Petitioner would suffer practical difficulty and hardship if the variance relief was denied because the size of the Property limits the extent of an addition which is needed in order to house disabled, damaged and/or inoperable vehicles from view, thus eliminating the appearance of a junk yard. The size of the proposed addition will enable a lift(s) to be installed in order to repair vehicles indoors. While I am cognizant of DOP's proposed condition to permit 10 ft. side and rear yard setbacks in lieu of the proposed zero foot setbacks, I find no legal requirement for a 10 ft. setback, and granting the same would eliminate a useable service garage. I further find

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MAUREEN E. MURPHY Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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CORRECTED EMAIL / OPINION AND ORDER - Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA - 8202 Pulaski

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Have a great day

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MY APOLOGIES.

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# **Donna Mignon**

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:58 PM

To: Cc: Kristen L Lewis Debra Wiley

Subject:

2021-0201-SPHA - 8202 Pulaski Highway

Hi Kristen,

I spoke to Bruce Doak and he is going to let me know if the attorney and his client can make it on the November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please hold that until I hear back. Thank you.

Donna Mignon, Legal Assistant
Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3868



P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, Maryland 21237

October 8, 2021

Reference: 8202 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237

Reference: #2021-0201-x

Rescheduling of Hearing,

Please note, Russ Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, will not be available on the following dates:

October 14, 18, 20, 25

November 2, 3, 5, 15

December 7, 15

These dates were pre-set before any notice of 2021-0201-x case hearing was set in. These dates include two eye surgeries which were pre-scheduled and other medical related appointments, pre-dating the 2021-0201-x issue.

Thank you,

Russ Mirabile President, Rosedale Community Association 443-846-5399

JAN'22 IBA, on Dec. '21

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. Pete Gutwald

**DATE:** 10/6/2021

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OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2021-0201-X

INFORMATION:

**Property Address:** 

8202 Pulaski Highway

Petitioner:

Qaisar Shahzad, FAZAL LLC

Zoning:

**BRAS** 

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA to build an addition to the building, reduce the number of display vehicle from 50 to 30, and to be able to repair cars within the building; and a Variance to permit a 0 foot setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 foot tall building addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks per Section 238.2 BCZR.

A site visit was conducted on 8/13/2021. The land uses in the area are primarily auto services and other commercial, manufacturing and industrial uses on Pulaski Highway. There are residential uses to the rear of the subject site. The subject site is currently a used outdoor motor vehicle sales area. The Special Exception under case #2019-0171-XA was granted to allow a used motor vehicle outdoor sales area.

On September 19, 2021, a letter was submitted from the Rosedale Community Association to express concerns about the blocked access between Pulaski Highway and Old Philadelphia Road. Observations from the recent site visit indicate that a fence has been installed and tow trucks are parked on the "30 foot road for use in common" as referenced under property Deed JLE 40210, p. 0049. Based on deed language, the common road services several properties, and should remain free of obstacles that obstruct access through the "30 foot road for use in common", referred to as "15-foot Alley" in the subject plan.

The Department of Planning has reviewed the request. Upon review, it has been determined that the request does not meet the spirit and intent of the BCZR, would be incompatible with the surrounding area, and there is an absence of an adequate unique land based hardship to warrant a 0 foot building setback in lieu of a 30 foot setback.

The Department is not in support of the requested Special Hearing and Variance as presented. The department would be in support of the request upon meeting the following criteria:

- A 10 foot minimum setback on the rear and right side property lines for the proposed addition
- The fence and vehicle storage is moved outside of the "road to be used in common" per deed, labeled "Alley" on said plans, to be used for shared access between abutting properties.

- Investigate with the SHA opportunities to provide landscaping meeting the approval of the Baltimore County Landscape Architect within the grassed areas along the Pulaski Highway frontage.
- Stripe the parking lot to reflect the change of use pursuant to the requirements of BCZR§ 409. Indicate specifically what areas are dedicated to inventory display, employees and clientele.
- There shall be no working on nor storage of damaged and disabled vehicles on the site.
- There shall be no temporary signage, banners or advertising flags displayed on the property or on the grass area. All signage shall confirm with Section 450 of the BCZR.

Division Chief:

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

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

SL/JGN/KP/

c: Mark Landolina.
Bruce E. Doak, Bruce E. Doak Consulting LLC.

C. Edward Hartman IV, Esquire

Office of the Administrative Hearings

People's Counsel for Baltimore County



## STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Gregory Slater Secretary Tim Smith, P.E. Administrator

August 12, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany the petition for Special Hearing variance on the subject of the Case number referenced below, which was received on August 12, 2021. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto Pulaski Highway (US 40) is consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines. Based on that evaluation entrance improvements are not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Special Hearing, Case Number 2021-0201-XA.

Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC 8202 Pulaski Hwy

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Autry at 410-229-2335, or toll free (in Maryland only) at 1-800-735-2258 (x2335), or via email at <a href="mailto:sautry@mdot.maryland.gov">sautry@mdot.maryland.gov</a>

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, P.L.A.

Metropolitan District Engineer

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

District 4 - Baltimore and Harford Counties

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



TO:

Hon. Paul M. Mayhew; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

July 22, 2021

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2021-0201-XA

8202 Pulaski Highway

Address

(Fazal, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 26, 2021.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

**DATE:** August 25, 2021

Department of Permits, Approvals

EFC for VKD

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 26, 2021

Item No. 2021-0200-A, 0201-XA, 0202-A, 0203-A, 0206-A, 0207-A

& 0208-A

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

VKD: cen cc: file

#### **Donna Mignon**

From:

Peter Gutwald

Sent:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 5:15 PM

To:

Jeffrey N Perlow; Paul Mayhew; Donna Mignon

Cc:

Debra Wiley; Kristen L Lewis

Subject:

RE: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

After careful consideration, I am respectfully denying the request for postponement. Please advise all applicable parties of this decision.

C. Pete Gutwald, Director

Permits, Approvals and Inspections

From: Jeffrey N Perlow < JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:57 AM

To: Paul Mayhew <pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Peter

Gutwald <cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Shouldn't be long

Jeff

From: Paul Mayhew

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 10:21 AM

To: Jeffrey N Perlow < JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Donna Mignon < dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Peter

Gutwald <cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Please inform us ASAP as to whether the postponement request is granted or not.

Paul M. Mayhew Managing Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Ave., Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3868

pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov

From: Jeffrey N Perlow < JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:13 AM

To: Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov</pre>; Peter Gutwald cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov

Cc: Debra Wiley < dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Paul Mayhew < pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Subject: RE: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Thank you Donna!

From: Donna Mignon

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 8:49 AM

To: Jeffrey N Perlow < JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Peter Gutwald < cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Cc: Debra Wiley < dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Paul Mayhew < pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Subject: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Importance: High

Hi Jeff,

I just received a message that Kristen is on vacation. Please see the attached. Thank you.

From: Donna Mignon

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:40 AM

To: Kristen L Lewis < klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Peter Gutwald < cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov > Cc: Paul Mayhew < pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Debra Wiley < dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Subject: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Importance: High

Good Morning Kristen,

Please find attached the Request for Postponement in regard to the above-referenced matter.

Since this is outside of the 5 days, I am deferring to you. Thank you.

Donna Mignon, Legal Assistant
Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3868



October 5, 2021

Paul Mayhew, Baltimore County Administrative Law Judge 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case 2021-0201-SPHA Hearing Postponement

Dear Mr. Mayhew,

for both access and parking.

I have read the letter written by Russ Mirabile and I find it heavy on accusations and light on evidence to justify a postponement of our hearing.

The 30' road (known to some as Batavia Farm Road) was shown on the subdivision plat "Property of R.D. Hesse" in Plat Book 12/41(copy enclosed).

It was never conveyed to Baltimore County because the in fee ownership was left in all of the adjoining deeds (our property back to 1947).

The use of this road for access has dried up over the years. It is now used as a function of the businesses and the residences along it (see aerial photo) and has been for decades. I have also provided photos taken in 2018 and 2021 that shows unrestricted use of the remainder

The 30' road has never been maintained by Baltimore County and is currently not on their maintenance list. You can also see in the aerial photo that almost all of the road is gone or grown

The road does not effect what my client is petitioning for, the same as in 2018, and hopefully that will be considered in your decision not to postpone this hearing.

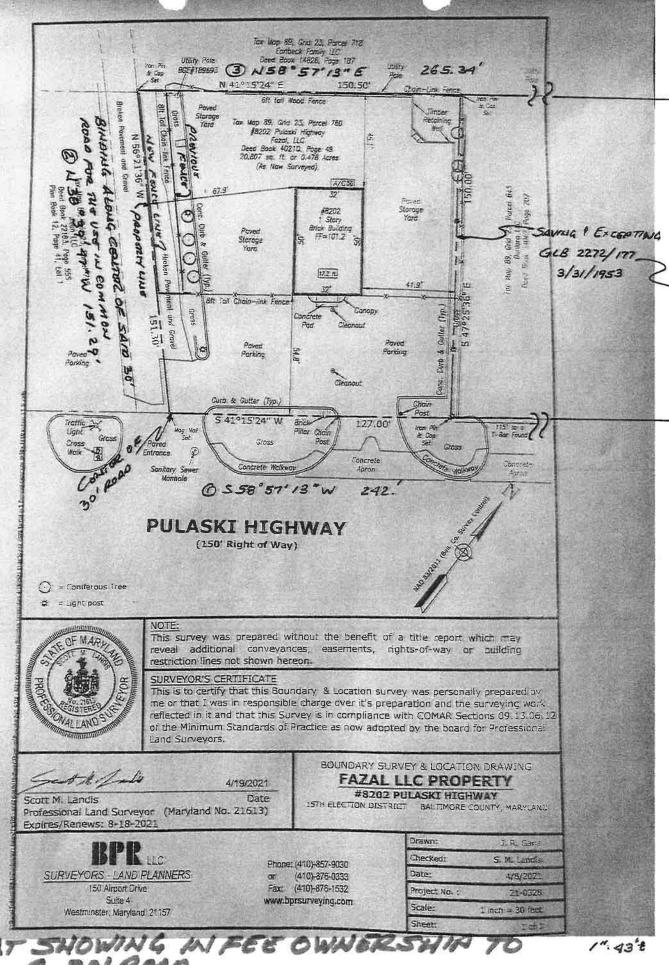
As in 2018, Mr. Mirabile is fishing for any way to stop this business for what ever personal reason he has.

Sincerely,

over.

Bruce E. Doak

Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com

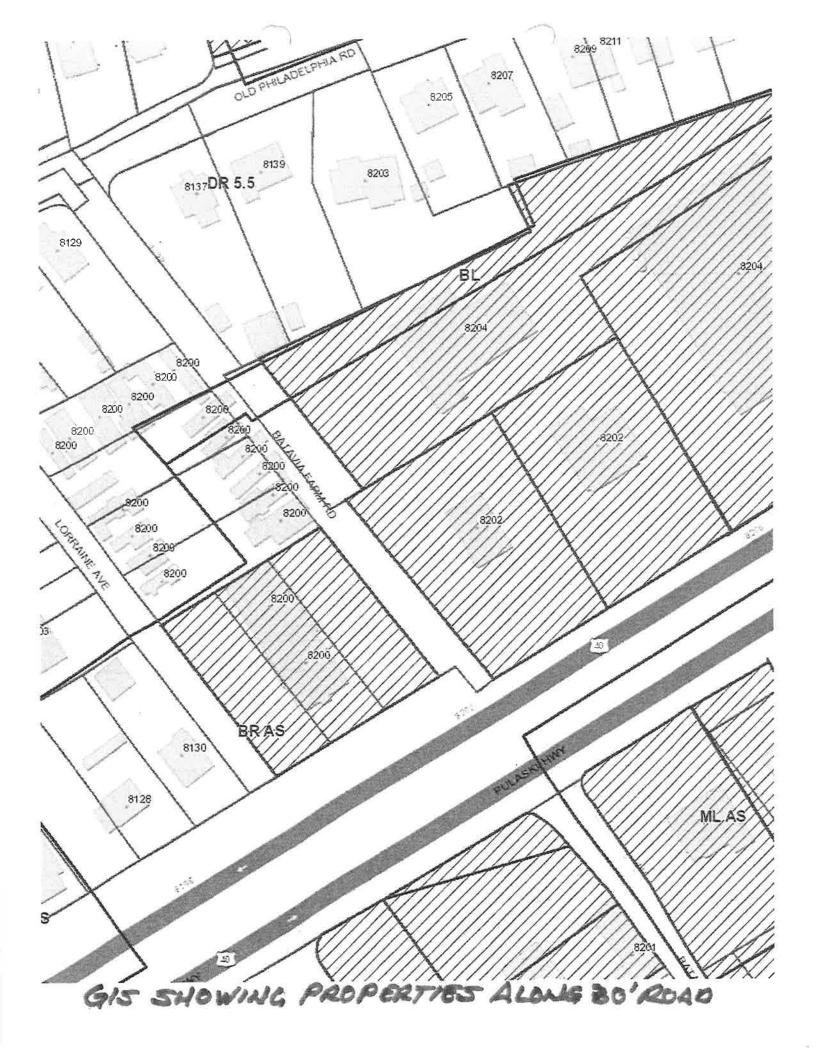


PLAT SHOWING IN FEE OWNERSHING & 30' ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (Plats) Plat Back EWB, Jr. 12, p. 41, MSA\_C2136\_1929, Date available 1939/06/12. Printed 19/05/2021.



PHOTO SHOWING EXISTING USE IN 30' ROAD



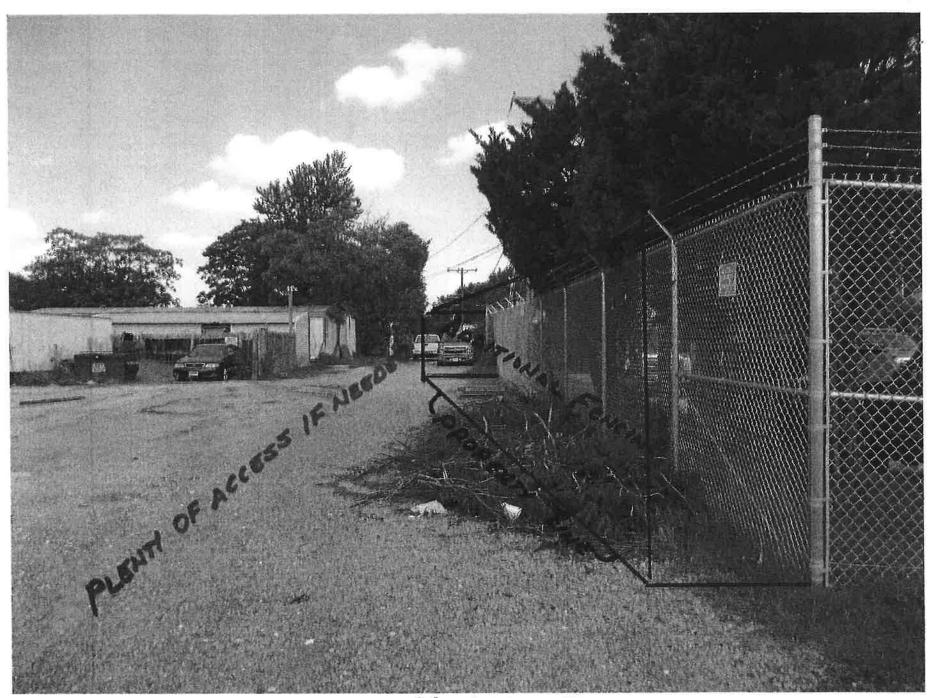


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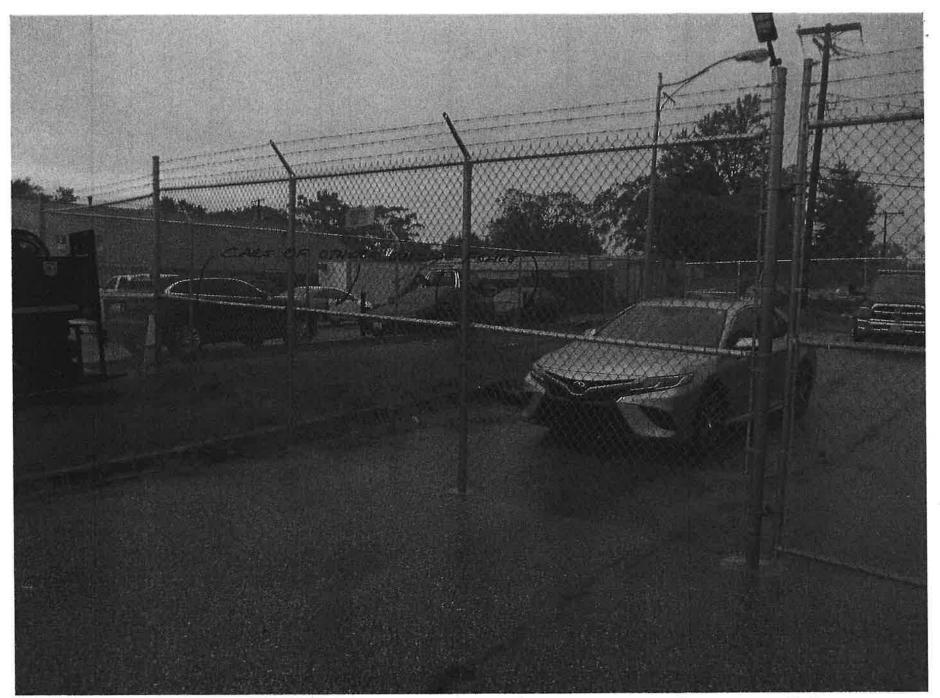


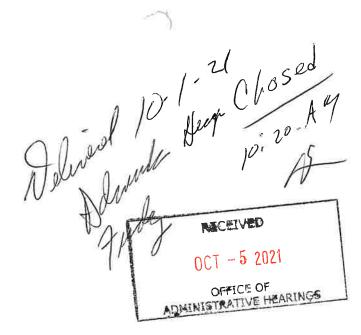
PHOTO SHOWING USE OF EXISTING ACCESS BY OTHERS



P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, Maryland 21237

September 30, 2021

Reference #Case 2021-0201 SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway Rosedale, MD 21237



On behalf of the Rosedale Community Association and Russ MIrabile, I am requesting that the hearing scheduled for October 14, 2021 be postponed until 3 issues are resolved: A) This complaint to unmask the self closing of Batavia Farm Road, B) a hearing has been held on the placing of a fence in the right-of-way of Batavia Farm Road and, C) a hearing has been held on the "self closing of the right-of-way of Batavia Farm Road, by Petitioner(s) and "B&G Auto Repair." et al.

This request for postponement will eliminate any more confusion of Permits granted. Any more granting of permits will only cause more "confusion" and add to the "build first / I'm sorry second / Permit last" process.

Lastly, I brought the "closing of Batavia Farm Road" to the attention of the hearing Judge at the original hearing, over a year ago.

Thank You

Russ Mischie President, Rosedale Community Association 443-846-5399

#### CC:

- Councilman Crandell's Office
- Baltimore County People's Council
- Managing Administrative Judge Paul Mayhear, for Baltimore County, MD
- Baltimore County Permits and Licenses
- Baltimore County Code Enforcement

Copies of previous correspondence attached.  $\rho rock$ 

### The Daily Record

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We hereby certify that the annexed advertisement was published in The Daily Record, a daily newspaper published in the State of Maryland 1 times on the following dates:

9/24/2021

Order #: Case #:

12037889

2021-0201-SPHA

Description:

Baltimore County. NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a virtual hearing on the property identified herein as follows: CASE NUMBER: 2021-0

Baltimore County
NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

Darlene Miller, Public Notice Coordinator (Representative Signature)

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a virtual hearing on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 2021-0201-SPHA

8202 Pulaski Highway

Southeast side of Pulaski Highway, 105 ft. southeast of Batavia Farm Road 15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Qaisar Shahzad, Fazal, LLC

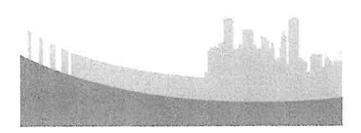
Special Hearing to amend Case 2019-0171-XA Variance to permit a 0 ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for an 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks

Hearing: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

For information on how to participate in the hearings please go to www.baltimorecountynd/gow/adminhearings no later than 48 hours prior to the hearing. You will be asked to provide your contact information and the case number provided above. You may also call 410-887-3868, ext. 0.

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

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## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

September 25, 2021 (amended)
Re: Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA Legal Owner: Fazal LLC, Qaisar Shahzad, President Hearing date: October 14, 2021
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204
Attention: Jeff Perlow
Ladies and Gentlemen,
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the two necessary signs required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway.
The signs were posted on September 23, 2021.
The signs were inspected again on
Sincerely,  Bruce E. Doak  MD Property Line Surveyor #531

See the attached sheet(s) for the photos of the posted sign(s)

Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com



CASE NO. 2021-0201-SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, BY AUTHORITY OF THE ZONING ACT AND REGULATIONS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL HEARING ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED.

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY OCTOBER 14, 2021 1:30 PM

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARINGS PLEASE GO TO WWW.BALTIMORECOUNTYMD/GOV/ADMINHEARINGS. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND THE CASE NUMBER PROVIDED ABOVE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL 410-887-3868, EXT. 0,

REQUESTS:

SPECIAL HEARING TO AMEND CASE 2019-0171-XA.

VARIANCE TO PERMIT A 0 FOOT SETBACK FROM THE REAR AND SIDE PROPERTY LINES FOR AN 18 FEET HIGH BUILDING ADDITION IN LITU OF THE REQUIRED 30 FOOT MINIMUM REAR AND SIDE YARD SETBACKS.



CASE NO. 2021-0201-SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway

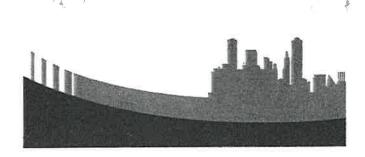
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#### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

September 23, 2021 (amended November 3, 2021)

Re:

Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

Legal Owner: Fazal LLC, Qaisar Shahzad, President

Hearing date: October 14, 2021 (postponed to November 4, 2021)

Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Jeff Perlow

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The signs were inspected again on November 3, 2021.

Sincerely,

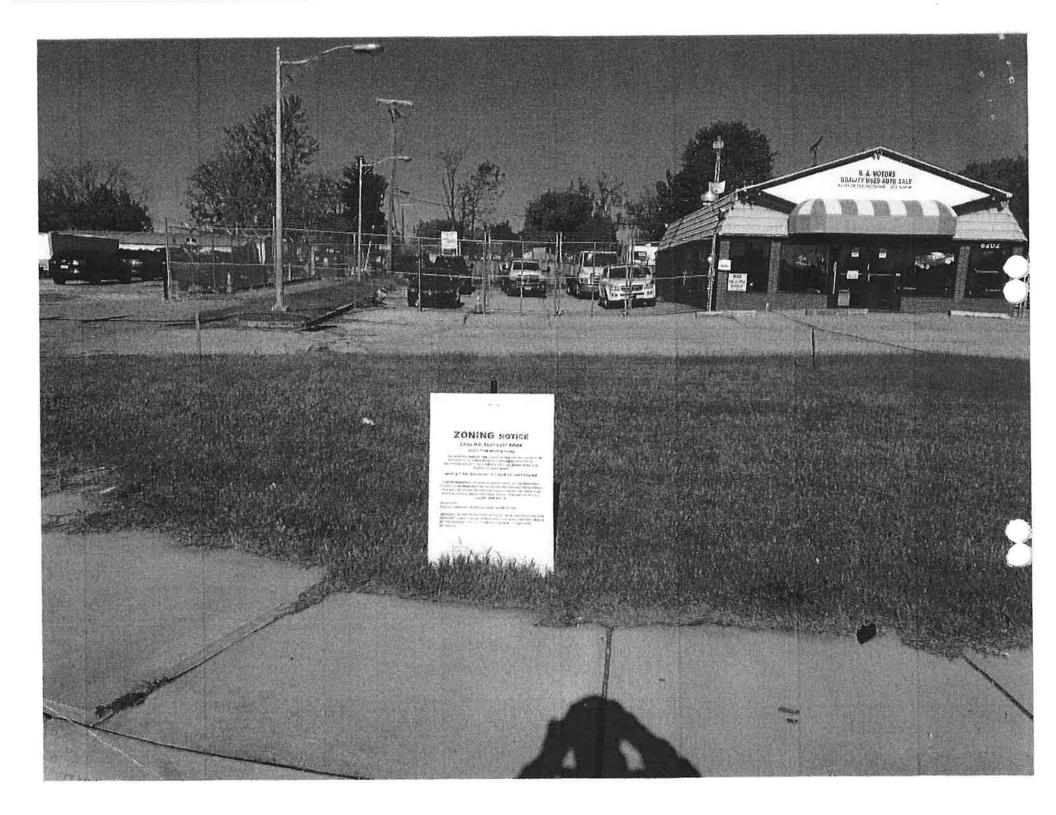
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P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, Maryland 21237

9/19/2021

Code Enforcement of Baltimore County

(A) Attached are photos of 8202 Pulaski Highway, 21237 and a copy of a fence permit, dated,

PLEASE NOTE: NO INDICATION OF ALLEY BY APPLICANT, THUS "POSSIBLE DECEPTION" OF THE PERMIT OFFICE!

The photos indicate an erection of a sizable height of fencing, located in a public right-of-way and a Closed Gated Sign for the public right-of-way.

The permitting by Baltimore County of each fence may have been deceiving to the permit office, due to the infringement of and in the public right-of-way, Batavia Farm Rd.

There have been complaints prior by the Mobile Park residents of no access to the rear of their homes due to the claim of cutting off of this right-of-way from Pulaski Highway to Old Philadelphia Rd., 21237, named Batavia Farm Road.

This right-of-way has been in existence for over seventy years. As a child, many of us used this access to the Stewarts Root Beer stand to avoid traffic on Pulaski Highway.

There seems to be a policy of (1) Build first (2) If caught, declare hardship (3) Continue operation while the legal process takes place for months or years (4) Then issue permit. I do not believe this is the proper way for the process to work, to benefit one individual for self business.

(B) There is also, now, a storage yard of vehicles that has closed the alley or right-of-way as well, hidden by a fence. You may contact me at 443-846-5399.

Thank You

Russ Mira

President, Rosedale Community Association

cc:

- Councilman Crandell's Office
- People's Council
- Attorney Paul Mayhear, Managing Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, MD



## APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS & INSPECTIONS

111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MD 21204

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Owner's Agent	Phone No443-794-0669
COMPLETE SKETCH BELOW OR ATTACH A PLAN THAT	CLEARLY SHOWS: Corner Lot: Yes No O
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Proposed fence, total length 203, height 8 Feet Property line setbacks: front 91, sides 96, and	/A , and rear covorce
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SITE PLAN	FENCE REGULATIONS
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EX T	expense, if required.
Sign of the sign o	Building Code, Part 122: 122.1 - Residential Fences Maximum height of 42 inches in
14/4	front yard as determined by BCZR and 6 feet in side and
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	6 feet, 9 inches high.
	Zoning Code (BCZR) (access easements cannot be fenced) 102.5 - Corner Lot No fence or other obstruction to vision
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Road Name 8202 Pulash i Huny xose	residential front yard (setback and maximum height) -
	fence may not exceed 42" if situated within 10 feet of the adjoining front yard property line, with the exception of
×	48" pool fence and houses more than 200 feet apart.
Special Fence Regulations: Exist for Historic Properties, the He	oneygo Overlay District, RC5, RC6, RC7 and RC8 Zones.
	and don't be front word must be submitted to the building Edgineer.
Waiver requests require posting and may require a public hear	ing if height is contested. Contested front yard waiver hearings are
held before the Building Engineer. If a zoning variance and les	ing it neight is contested. Contested the serings shall be before the Zoning acceptance waiver are required, both hearings shall be before the Zoning
Commissioner.	intersection.
County Code, Section 18-2-601, Obstruction of Drivers' View at 1	intersection.  Triner lot to obstruct the vision of drivers as they reach an intersection.  To be safe, contact Traffic Engineering at
If a sight problem is noted later, the property owner will be r	equired to move the fence. To be safe, contact Traffic Engineering at fence. An issued permit does <u>NOT</u> certify that the fence will be in
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APPLICANT - KEEP THIS COPY FOR YOUR PERMANENT RECORDS

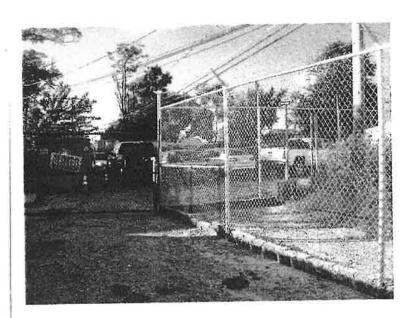
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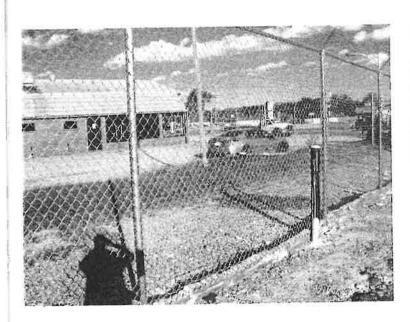










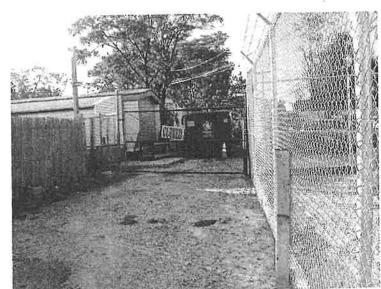












RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION
AND VARIANCE

8202 Pulaski Highway; SE/S of Pulaski Highway, 105' SE of Batavia Farm Road 15<sup>th</sup> Election & 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): Fazal LLC

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

\* OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

\* 2021-201-XA

#### 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 Zimmerman/rmw

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of July, 2020, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Bruce Doak, 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road, Freeland, Maryland 21053, <a href="mailto:BDoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com">BDoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</a> and C. Edward Hartman, IV, Esquire, 116 Defense Hwy, Suite 300, Annapolis, MD 21401, <a href="mailto:Edward@Hartman.Law">Edward@Hartman.Law</a>, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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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 fifteen (15) 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.

For Newspaper Adv	vertising:
Case Number:	2021-0201-XA
Property Address: _	8202 PULSEN HIGHWAY
Property Description	NORTH SIDE OF PURSUS HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE
	OF BATAVIA FARM ROAD
Legal Owners (Petiti	oners): FAZAL LLC
Contract Purchaser/I	_essee: N/A
Name: Bruce	Plicable): Bauce E. Doak Consulting UC
	BANON SUDDICHOUSE ROSA 1440 Mo 21053
Telephone Number:	410-419-4906

#### **ZAC AGENDA**

Case Number: 2021-0201-XA Reviewer: Gary Hucik
Existing Use: COMMERCIAL Proposed Use: COMMERCIAL

Type: SPECIAL HEARING, VARIANCE

**Legal Owner:** Qaisar Shahzad, President oo Fazal, LLC **Contract Purchaser:** No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No Election Dist: 15 Council Dist: 7

Property Address: 8202 PULASKI HWY

Location: Property located on the Southeast side of Pulaski Highway, 105 FT Southeast of Batavia Farm Rd.

Existing Zoning: BR-AS Area: .396 ACRES

**Proposed Zoning:** SPECIAL HEARING:

To amend Case # 2019-0171-XA.

**VARIANCE:** 

BCZR 238.2 To permit a 0 FT setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 FT high building addition in lieu of

the required 30 FT minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

Attorney: C. Edward Hartman, IV, Esq.

**Prior Zoning Cases:** None **Concurrent Cases:** None **Violation Cases:** None

**Closing Date:** 

Miscellaneous Notes:



#### 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 8202 \*\*\* HIGHWAY Which is presently zoned \*\*BR-A5\*\*
Deed References: 402/0 / 49 10 Digit Tax Account # 1523003760
Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) FAZAL LCC

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING  $\underline{X}$  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:

1. X a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

#### SEE ATTACHED PAGE

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for

3.\_\_X a Variance from Section(s)

#### SEE ATTACHED PAGE

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 THE 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 I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property

which is the subject of this / these Petition(s	5).		
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## Petitions Requested

#### Case # 2021-0201-XA

Special Hearing To amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA

Variance

1) To permit a 0 foot setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 foot high building addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks per Section 238.2 BCZR



#### Zoning Description

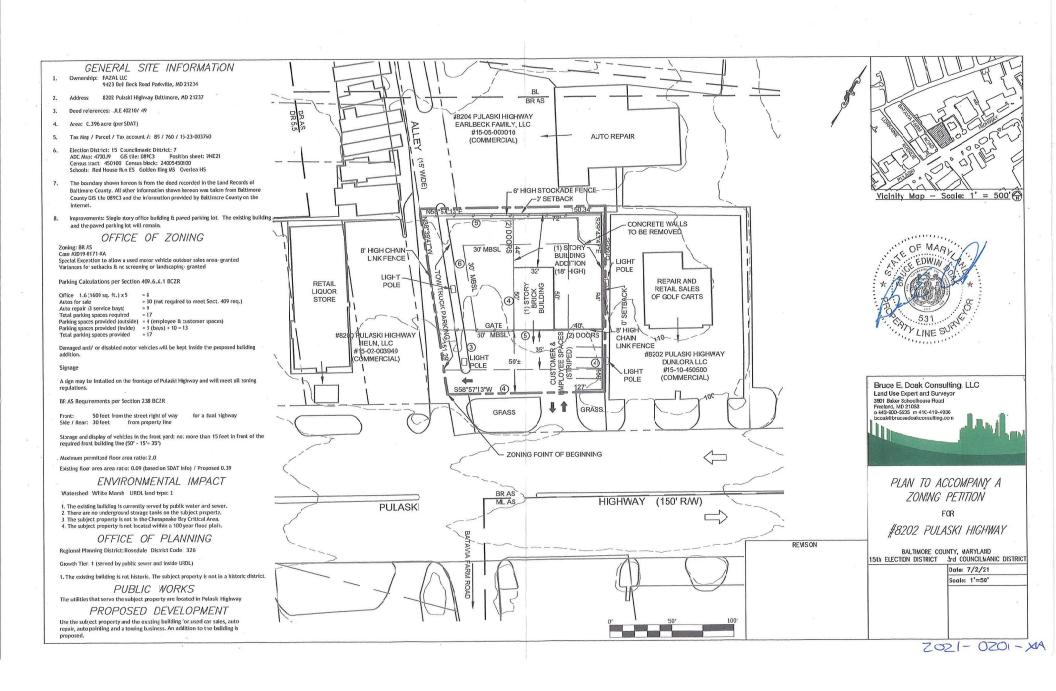
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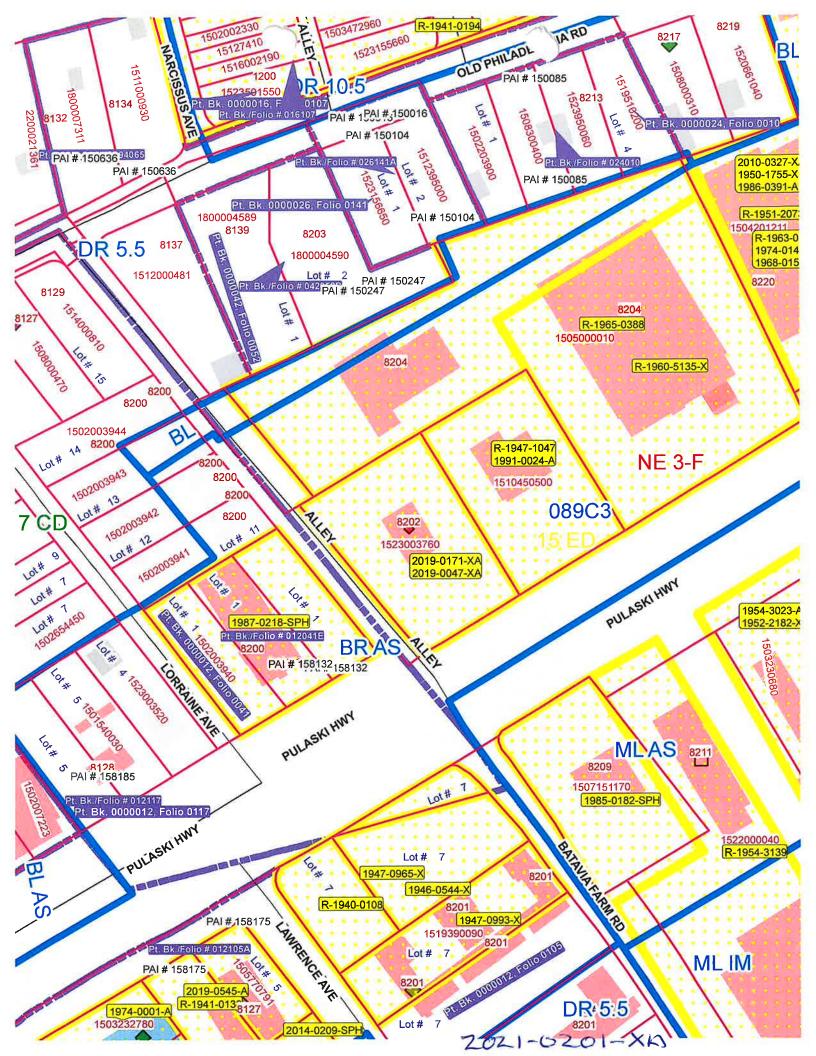
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Containing 0.396 of an acre of land, more or less.

This description is part of a zoning petition and is not intended for any conveyance purposes.

Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com





## Real Property Data Search (w2)

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# FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Property is approximately 0.396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, one-story block building of 1,600 square feet, in which a used automobile sales business is located, as was approved in Case. No. 2019-171-XA. The Property is zoned Business, Roadside – Automotive, Service (BR-AS). The business currently only sells vehicles, but performs no repairs on site. The stretch of Pulaski Highway is improved by other commercial and industrial uses, the nearest being a golf cart sales and repair business, an equipment supply and repair business, and liquor store.

Fazal's first witness was Bruce Doak. Mr. Doak testified that he prepared the plans and petition in the subject case. The Property is improved by a one-story block building, formerly used as a fast food restaurant, but now used for car sales, as is permitted in the zone and under the prior zoning case. The rear portion of the site is fenced. We note that Case No. 2019-0171-XA established the uniqueness of the site and improvements. Under that case, Fazal is permitted to have up to 50 cars for sale on the site, together with customer and employee parking. Under the current request, the number of cars for sale would be limited to no more than 30, together with associated parking. The building addition would be used to repair and service vehicles prior to sale.

Mr. Doak testified that though the property deed calls to the centerline of the alley (also known as Batavia Farm Road) as the property line, Fazal has agreed to leave that roadway open and relocate the fence away from the property line to allow unrestricted use of the road in common with others.

Pulaski Highway in the vicinity of the site is a four lane divided highway. There are no significant residential uses and the area is heavily commercial and industrial in nature. There is a traffic signal at the intersection of Pulaski Highway and Batavia Farm Road. To the extent there is any residential use in the area, a group of mobile homes are located on Batavia Farm Road behind the businesses that flank the rear of the Property. No one appeared at the hearing from those residences.

The proposal would extend two sides of the existing building by an L-shaped addition extending to the rear property line on the north and to the east property line on the side. The addition would be 18' high to accommodate a lift for vehicle repairs.

Upon cross-examination by Mr. Mirabile, Mr. Doak explained that the Property shares an address with its neighbor to the east and that the Petitioner would relocate the fence within ninety days of a final approval.

Mr. Mirabile led the Protestant's case, calling several witnesses, including Steve Broyles, a licensed engineer who was accepted as an expert. Mr. Mirabile also testified as President of the Rosedale Community Association, having presented the requisite Rule 8 submission. He put forth several issues: inadequate posting, errors in the site plan, lack of uniqueness, self-created hardship, and failure to meet the special exception criteria of BCZR §502.1, and a concern that the site would take on the appearance of a junk yard.

Mr. Mirabile called Paul King of King's Liquors, located at 8226 Pulaski Highway. Mr. King raised concerns regarding the appearance of the site and the need for grass to be mowed. Also testifying in opposition was James Earlbeck who owns the property at 8204 Pulaski Highway immediately to the rear of the subject site. Mr. Earlbeck explained that his business is not an auto repair business, but one that does metal working and that he provides parts and

distribution for industry of compressed cryogenic gas and hazardous materials for industrial customers. He raised safety concerns and concerns over ingress and egress along Batavia Farm Road to his property. He also is concerned that the site will become a junkyard.

Mr. Mirabile then called Steve Broyles. Mr. Broyles testified to a number of issues where the site plan did not provide the detail enumerated in the zoning office checklist. Most concerning of these is the omission on the site plan of the location of high voltage power lines at the rear of the Property and appropriate setbacks from these. Other technical issues raised by Mr. Broyles included how parking was calculated and shown. Mr. Broyles also questioned the uniqueness of the Property.

Mr. Mirabile also called Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC to testify regarding his use of the site. Mr. Shahzad stated that he only sells cars from the Property, but has to transport them off-site if repairs are needed prior to sale. He wishes to be able to make those repairs at the site.

Mr. Mirabile re-called Mr. Doak to question him about Mr. Broyles' testimony. Mr. Doak distinguished the checklist issues raised by Mr. Broyles as guidelines rather than legal requirements. Further, Mr. Doak noted that Case No. 2019-0171-XA, addressed other issues raised by Mr. Broyles. More significantly, Mr. Doak addressed the issue regarding setbacks from the power lines as one that would be looked at by BGE and Baltimore County prior to permits being issued, rather than at the zoning approval stage, and that the approval process has many steps, including utility review, building design, D.R.C. (subdivision approval), final site plan review and submission of permit plans. At any stage, a negative comment would require Petitioner to modify the site design.

#### APPLICABLE LAW

# **Baltimore County Zoning Regulations**

§ 101 Definitions: GARAGE, SERVICE — A garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration, hire or sale.

§ 307.1. - Authority to grant variances; procedures and restrictions.

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

# § 500.7. - Petitions for public hearing; notice.

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

A Special Hearing Petition is effectively a request for declaratory judgment. BCZR § 500.7, *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 209 (2005). While the BCZR provides no specific criteria for the granting of a Petition for Special Hearing, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing relief requested would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." *Kiesling v. Long*, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. Ct. Spec. App. (Sept. Term 2016). The Petitioner bears the burden of presenting evidence on which the Board can assess whether a zoning request pursuant to the BCZR may be approved.

### DISCUSSION

The Board finds that the Petition for Special Hearing and Variance should be granted.

The Board also finds that the relief requested is compatible with the community and consistent with the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The use of a used car facility is permitted in the B.R.-A.S. zone by Special Exception, which was granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. As noted in that case, there are unsightly aspects to the use and inherently detrimental impacts associated with the use is not a basis for denial. This remains true today. In the 2019 case, the ALJ also found the existence and physical location of the building are characteristics of the Property that are unique and consistent with the language of B.C.Z.R. § 307.1. We note that Fazal, LLC has adapted an abandoned building and site to a use that is presumptively correct and similar in character to nearby and adjoining uses.

Fazal proposes to reduce the number of cars stored outside from 50 to 30, thus mitigating an acknowledged inherently detrimental impact. Mr. Shahzad testified that the

addition would allow him to make repairs to cars to be sold from this location, so he would not have to transport vehicles to other facilities for repair as he currently must. We note that a service garage is a use permitted by right in the Business-Major (B.M.) zone under BCZR, §233.1, and therefore under BCZR, §236.1.A, is permitted by right on this Property. Indeed, the Automotive Service District Overlay provides BCZR, §259.2.B is applied to "certain parcels of land zoned B.L., B.M. or B.R., which are appropriate for uses dominated by the parking and servicing of automobiles or characterized by frequent parking turnover..." To avoid the Property's principal use becoming a service garage, we will impose a condition limiting the servicing of vehicles to only those being offered for sale. Mr. Shahzad testified that he would service only those cars being offered for sale, and would not be changing the principal use of the Property.

As to the allegation of the adequacy of the notice, the attendance of Protestants at the hearing below and before this Board attests to the sufficiency of the notice. We concur with dicta in Cassidy v. County Board of Appeals, 218 Md. 418 (1958) to the effect that the lack of notice is waived by a party's appearance and participation in the proceedings. Protestants did have notice, and then requested a postponement of the original hearing from the date posted. When that postponement was granted, Protestants then complained that the sign did not reflect the re-scheduled hearing date. It is difficult to find that the signage was inadequate when it was the Protestants who initiated a postponement (based on the date on the sign), and that the date changed as a result of their request.

In regard to Batavia Farm Road, the Petitioner has moved the eight foot high chain-link fence from Batavia Farm Road so that the travel way remains unobstructed and used in

common by all properties adjoining the road, despite the fact that the property line runs to the center line of the road.

The site plan that accompanied the Petitions may not have ticked all the boxes of technical details on the Office of Zoning checklist, but there is no question that the plan sufficiently illustrates what use is intended and where it is intended to occur.

As to the serious issue of the proximity of the building addition to the power lines, BGE will weigh in on the issue as the applicant moves through the approval and permit process.

The Board notes the concerns regarding the Property's appearance raised by Protestants and comments offered by the Department of Planning and will address these by adopting the conditions imposed by the ALJ.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed herein, the Board of Appeals approves the proposed building addition at 8202 Pulaski Highway.

#### **ORDER**

**THEREFORE, IT IS** this 7th day of February, 2023, by the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

ORDERED, that the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR § 500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA is hereby GRANTED as conditioned herein, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Variance from BCZR § 238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks is hereby **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following conditions:

- Only damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles being offered for sale may be repaired at the Property;
- 2. All damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles shall be parked and repaired inside the proposed addition until such vehicles are in operable and saleable condition at which point they may be parked on the outdoor sales area.
- 3. Petitioner may not display, park and/or store more than 30 vehicles at any one time, whether for sale or repair.
- Petitioner shall stripe all customer and employee parking spaces pursuant to BCZR §409.
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- 6. Petitioner shall not extend its business operation, including but not limited to any fence, into Batavia Farm Road or in any manner obstruct or close off Batavia Farm Road until such paper road, or portion of paper road abutting the Property, is legally closed pursuant to a Road Closing Petition.
- 7. A formal Landscape Plan is not required to be filed. However, Petitioner shall plant and continue to maintain while under its ownership, bushes, shrubs and/or other landscaping in the two (2) grass areas fronting along Pulaski Highway, which, in the Petitioner's discretion, can reasonable fit within those areas.
- 8. No temporary banners, signs or advertising flags shall be permitted on the subject property.

Any change to the principal use of the Property will require Petitioner to submit a
revised site plan and be subject to a public hearing before the Administrative Law
Judge.

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BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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February 7, 2023

Russ Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association 7932 Oakdale Avenue Rosedale, Maryland 21237 C. Edward Hartman, Esquire 116 Defense Highway, Suite 300 Annapolis, Maryland 21041

RE:

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC - Legal Owner

Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Mr. Mirabile and Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules, WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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Administrator

KLC/taz Enclosure Duplicate Original Cover Letter

c: Qaisar Shahzad, President/Fazal, LLC
James Earlbeck
Office of People's Counsel
Paul M. Mayhew, Managing Administrative Law Judge
Stephen Lafferty, Director/Department of Planning
C. Pete Gutwald, Director/PAI
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Both parties introduced numerous exhibits, including photographs, and had witnesses who owned nearby property testify in their respective cases.

# FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Property is approximately 0.396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, one-story block building of 1,600 square feet, in which a used automobile sales business is located, as was approved in Case. No. 2019-171-XA. The Property is zoned Business, Roadside – Automotive, Service (BR-AS). The business currently only sells vehicles, but performs no repairs on site. The stretch of Pulaski Highway is improved by other commercial and industrial uses, the nearest being a golf cart sales and repair business, an equipment supply and repair business, and liquor store.

Fazal's first witness was Bruce Doak. Mr. Doak testified that he prepared the plans and petition in the subject case. The Property is improved by a one-story block building, formerly used as a fast food restaurant, but now used for car sales, as is permitted in the zone and under the prior zoning case. The rear portion of the site is fenced. We note that Case No. 2019-0171-XA established the uniqueness of the site and improvements. Under that case, Fazal is permitted to have up to 50 cars for sale on the site, together with customer and employee parking. Under the current request, the number of cars for sale would be limited to no more than 30, together with associated parking. The building addition would be used to repair and service vehicles prior to sale.

Mr. Doak testified that though the property deed calls to the centerline of the alley (also known as Batavia Farm Road) as the property line, Fazal has agreed to leave that roadway open and relocate the fence away from the property line to allow unrestricted use of the road in common with others.

Pulaski Highway in the vicinity of the site is a four lane divided highway. There are no significant residential uses and the area is heavily commercial and industrial in nature. There is a traffic signal at the intersection of Pulaski Highway and Batavia Farm Road. To the extent there is any residential use in the area, a group of mobile homes are located on Batavia Farm Road behind the businesses that flank the rear of the Property. No one appeared at the hearing from those residences.

The proposal would extend two sides of the existing building by an L-shaped addition extending to the rear property line on the north and to the east property line on the side. The addition would be 18' high to accommodate a lift for vehicle repairs.

Upon cross-examination by Mr. Mirabile, Mr. Doak explained that the Property shares an address with its neighbor to the east and that the Petitioner would relocate the fence within ninety days of a final approval.

Mr. Mirabile led the Protestant's case, calling several witnesses, including Steve Broyles, a licensed engineer who was accepted as an expert. Mr. Mirabile also testified as President of the Rosedale Community Association, having presented the requisite Rule 8 submission. He put forth several issues: inadequate posting, errors in the site plan, lack of uniqueness, self-created hardship, and failure to meet the special exception criteria of BCZR §502.1, and a concern that the site would take on the appearance of a junk yard.

Mr. Mirabile called Paul King of King's Liquors, located at 8226 Pulaski Highway. Mr. King raised concerns regarding the appearance of the site and the need for grass to be mowed. Also testifying in opposition was James Earlbeck who owns the property at 8204 Pulaski Highway immediately to the rear of the subject site. Mr. Earlbeck explained that his business is not an auto repair business, but one that does metal working and that he provides parts and

distribution for industry of compressed cryogenic gas and hazardous materials for industrial customers. He raised safety concerns and concerns over ingress and egress along Batavia Farm Road to his property. He also is concerned that the site will become a junkyard.

Mr. Mirabile then called Steve Broyles. Mr. Broyles testified to a number of issues where the site plan did not provide the detail enumerated in the zoning office checklist. Most concerning of these is the omission on the site plan of the location of high voltage power lines at the rear of the Property and appropriate setbacks from these. Other technical issues raised by Mr. Broyles included how parking was calculated and shown. Mr. Broyles also questioned the uniqueness of the Property.

Mr. Mirabile also called Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC to testify regarding his use of the site. Mr. Shahzad stated that he only sells cars from the Property, but has to transport them off-site if repairs are needed prior to sale. He wishes to be able to make those repairs at the site.

Mr. Mirabile re-called Mr. Doak to question him about Mr. Broyles' testimony. Mr. Doak distinguished the checklist issues raised by Mr. Broyles as guidelines rather than legal requirements. Further, Mr. Doak noted that Case No. 2019-0171-XA, addressed other issues raised by Mr. Broyles. More significantly, Mr. Doak addressed the issue regarding setbacks from the power lines as one that would be looked at by BGE and Baltimore County prior to permits being issued, rather than at the zoning approval stage, and that the approval process has many steps, including utility review, building design, D.R.C. (subdivision approval), final site plan review and submission of permit plans. At any stage, a negative comment would require Petitioner to modify the site design.

#### APPLICABLE LAW

# **Baltimore County Zoning Regulations**

§ 101 Definitions: GARAGE, SERVICE — A garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration, hire or sale.

§ 307.1. - Authority to grant variances; procedures and restrictions.

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

# § 500.7. - Petitions for public hearing; notice.

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

A Special Hearing Petition is effectively a request for declaratory judgment. BCZR § 500.7, Antwerpen v. Baltimore County, 163 Md. App. 194, 209 (2005). While the BCZR provides no specific criteria for the granting of a Petition for Special Hearing, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing relief requested would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." Kiesling v. Long, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. Ct. Spec. App. (Sept. Term 2016). The Petitioner bears the burden of presenting evidence on which the Board can assess whether a zoning request pursuant to the BCZR may be approved.

### DISCUSSION

The Board finds that the Petition for Special Hearing and Variance should be granted.

The Board also finds that the relief requested is compatible with the community and consistent with the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

The use of a used car facility is permitted in the B.R.-A.S. zone by Special Exception, which was granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. As noted in that case, there are unsightly aspects to the use and inherently detrimental impacts associated with the use is not a basis for denial. This remains true today. In the 2019 case, the ALJ also found the existence and physical location of the building are characteristics of the Property that are unique and consistent with the language of B.C.Z.R. § 307.1. We note that Fazal, LLC has adapted an abandoned building and site to a use that is presumptively correct and similar in character to nearby and adjoining uses.

Fazal proposes to reduce the number of cars stored outside from 50 to 30, thus mitigating an acknowledged inherently detrimental impact. Mr. Shahzad testified that the

addition would allow him to make repairs to cars to be sold from this location, so he would not have to transport vehicles to other facilities for repair as he currently must. We note that a service garage is a use permitted by right in the Business-Major (B.M.) zone under BCZR, §233.1, and therefore under BCZR, §236.1.A, is permitted by right on this Property. Indeed, the Automotive Service District Overlay provides BCZR, §259.2.B is applied to "certain parcels of land zoned B.L., B.M. or B.R., which are appropriate for uses dominated by the parking and servicing of automobiles or characterized by frequent parking turnover..." To avoid the Property's principal use becoming a service garage, we will impose a condition limiting the servicing of vehicles to only those being offered for sale. Mr. Shahzad testified that he would service only those cars being offered for sale, and would not be changing the principal use of the Property.

As to the allegation of the adequacy of the notice, the attendance of Protestants at the hearing below and before this Board attests to the sufficiency of the notice. We concur with dicta in *Cassidy v. County Board of Appeals*, 218 Md. 418 (1958) to the effect that the lack of notice is waived by a party's appearance and participation in the proceedings. Protestants did have notice, and then requested a postponement of the original hearing from the date posted. When that postponement was granted, Protestants then complained that the sign did not reflect the re-scheduled hearing date. It is difficult to find that the signage was inadequate when it was the Protestants who initiated a postponement (based on the date on the sign), and that the date changed as a result of their request.

In regard to Batavia Farm Road, the Petitioner has moved the eight foot high chain-link fence from Batavia Farm Road so that the travel way remains unobstructed and used in

common by all properties adjoining the road, despite the fact that the property line runs to the center line of the road.

The site plan that accompanied the Petitions may not have ticked all the boxes of technical details on the Office of Zoning checklist, but there is no question that the plan sufficiently illustrates what use is intended and where it is intended to occur.

As to the serious issue of the proximity of the building addition to the power lines, BGE will weigh in on the issue as the applicant moves through the approval and permit process.

The Board notes the concerns regarding the Property's appearance raised by Protestants and comments offered by the Department of Planning and will address these by adopting the conditions imposed by the ALJ.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed herein, the Board of Appeals approves the proposed building addition at 8202 Pulaski Highway.

#### **ORDER**

**THEREFORE, IT IS** this 7th day of February, 2023, by the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

ORDERED, that the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR § 500.7 to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA is hereby GRANTED as conditioned herein, to permit the repair and sale of vehicles purchased by the Petitioner; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Variance from BCZR § 238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks is hereby **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following conditions:

- Only damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles being offered for sale may be repaired at the Property;
- 2. All damaged, disabled and/or inoperative vehicles shall be parked and repaired inside the proposed addition until such vehicles are in operable and saleable condition at which point they may be parked on the outdoor sales area.
- 3. Petitioner may not display, park and/or store more than 30 vehicles at any one time, whether for sale or repair.
- Petitioner shall stripe all customer and employee parking spaces pursuant to BCZR §409.
- 5. Within 15 days of the date hereof, Petitioner shall submit to Baltimore County a redlined site plan indicating where on the Property vehicle inventory will be displayed and the location of all customer and employee parking.
- 6. Petitioner shall not extend its business operation, including but not limited to any fence, into Batavia Farm Road or in any manner obstruct or close off Batavia Farm Road until such paper road, or portion of paper road abutting the Property, is legally closed pursuant to a Road Closing Petition.
- 7. A formal Landscape Plan is not required to be filed. However, Petitioner shall plant and continue to maintain while under its ownership, bushes, shrubs and/or other landscaping in the two (2) grass areas fronting along Pulaski Highway, which, in the Petitioner's discretion, can reasonable fit within those areas.
- 8. No temporary banners, signs or advertising flags shall be permitted on the subject property.

Any change to the principal use of the Property will require Petitioner to submit a
revised site plan and be subject to a public hearing before the Administrative Law
Judge.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules.

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February 7, 2023

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RE:

In the Matter of: Fazal, LLC - Legal Owner

Case No.: 21-201-SPHA

Dear Mr. Mirabile and Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules, WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

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Administrator

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Good Afternoon Appeals Board,

Please find attached the Written Argument we are submitting on behalf of our client, Qaisar Shahzad in the matter of Case No. 21-201-SPHA.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Caitlin

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
TO AMEND THE OPINION AND ORDER
IN CASE NUMBER 2019-0171-XA
8202 Pulaski Highwayl SE/S of Pulaski
Highway, 105' SE of Batavia Farm Road
15<sup>th</sup> Election & 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Fazal, LLC

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

\* OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

### **WRITTEN ARGUMENT**

Fazal, LLC, Petitioner, by and through Hartman, Attorneys at Law, and Nicholas Ketterer, its attorneys, hereby files this Written Argument supporting this Board's affirming of the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA, and in support thereof states:

Fazal, LLC is the legal owner of the property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale (the "Property"). The two-day hearing, which occurred over a span of six (6) months, was a result of Rosedale Community Association's appeal from the Opinion and Order of Administrative Law Judge Maureen E. Murphy, in which the Judge partially granted Petitioner's request to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, granting variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulation ("BCZR") §238.2, permitting a zero (0) foot setback from the rear and side property lines allowing for an eighteen (18) foot high building in lieu of the required thirty (30) foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

Qaisar Shahzad appeared as a representative of Petitioner and Bruce E. Doak, licensed surveyor, appeared to give expert testimony as to why a variance to the side and rear property lines is appropriate under the BCZR. Appellant, Russell Mirabile, President of the Rosedale Community Association and Steven Broyles, licensed surveyor, appeared along with several members of the community in opposition to the variance relief requested.

Mr. Shahzad has been using the Property for used automobile sales under a special exception granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. Mr. Shahzad has been permitted to sell used cars, but not repair them, mainly due to concerns over the appearance of a junkyard that may result from such repairs. Mr. Shahzad stated that he purchases the vehicles at auction and brings them to the lot to sell. If repairs are needed, he must tow the vehicles to an offsite location to make repairs. Mr. Shahzad seeks this variance to permit him to construct a service garage to repair the vehicles at the Property, eliminating the needless burden of towing the vehicles off site while also alleviating the fears of the appearance of a junkyard.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR VARIANCE RELIEF

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown that the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief: and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

The Property was previously adjudicated to be unique in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. The Property and existing structures have not changed, and Petitioner argues that the factual finding in Case No. 2019-0171-XA applies here under the doctrine of collateral estoppel. *Garrity v. Maryland State Bd. of Plumbing*, 447 Md. 359, 368 (2016). (See also *Colandrea v. Wilde Lake Community Ass'n, Inc*, 361 Md. 391 (2000); *Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission v. TKU Associates*, 281 Md. 1, 18-19 (1977)). Petitioner argues that conflicting findings of uniqueness will result in confusion and potential adverse zoning action against Petitioner. Should the Board disagree, Petitioner argues that the property, as it stands, is improved with a commercial, 1-story building that used to operate as a fast-food restaurant. The location of the building, directly in the

center of the approximately .396-acre lot, makes it almost impossible to expand the building in any direction without running afoul of the BCZR property line setback requirements. Mr. Doak opined that variance relief to the property line setback requirements is quite common for similar businesses along that stretch of Pulaski Highway and that there are many similar automobile repair shops along the highway. The stretch of Pulaski Highway on which the Property is located is zoned BR-AS, and Mr. Doak emphasized that service garages are permitted by right within the BR-AS zone.

Mr. Shahzad argues that the addition to the Property of a service garage does not change the use from used car sales, but instead adds to it. Used cars are often in need of a tune up before they can be sold and adding a service garage to enable those repairs is both an appropriate addition to used car sales and serves to prevent any appearance of a junkyard. Such a service garage likewise serve to reduce the noise and traffic congestion related to towing the vehicles to other locations to effectuate repairs. Mr. Shahzad even offered to reduce the number of vehicles being offered for sale from the fifty (50) currently permitted to thirty (30), to further alleviate any concern with the physical appearance of the lot as a junkyard. The Property's unique layout with the building in the center of the lot prevents construction of a functional service garage, a use permitted by right in the BR-AS zone, absent variance relief from property line setback requirements.

Mr. Shahzad will suffer practical difficulty and hardship if the variance request is denied. Mr. Shahzad must tow used vehicles off site to effectuate repairs which he could easily complete on site within the confines of a service garage. Absent variance relief, no service garage to house damaged, disabled, and/or inoperable vehicles from view could feasibly fit on the lot and Mr. Shahzad will continue to suffer practical difficulties and hardship in the operation of his business. Variance relief in this manner services the spirit and intent of the BCZR, in that it will not harm

the public health, safety, or welfare, and serves to eliminate the concerns over the physical appearance of the Property.

Appellant, Rosedale Community Association, raised several concerns in its opposition to Mr. Shahzad's request for variance relief, none of which are relevant to the variance relief requested. Mr. Mirabile and several of his witnesses took issue with the notice posted on the Property and the timing of the hearing back in 2021. Mr. Doak opined he properly posted the notices on the Property, filed certificates of posting, and the reason for the inaccurate date of hearing on the sign was a result of Mr. Mirabile's own request for a postponement of the hearing. Mr. Doak further stated that the County itself informed him he did not need to update the dates on the postings because the postponement was a direct result of Mr. Mirabile's request. As such, any concern of Mr. Mirabile or the Rosedale Community Association over the posting on the Property is moot.

Mr. Broyles testified that there are high voltage Baltimore Gas and Electric ("BGE") lines that run along the rear of the Property and that construction of a service garage underneath those lines would be a major hazard. While the location of the BGE lines is certainly something that must be addressed with BGE prior to breaking ground, it is not something that must be addressed and fleshed out prior to the granting of variance relief. Such a requirement would inflict a heavy burden on any petitioner seeking variance relief, essentially requiring them to fully complete the entire process of permitting for construction before even getting zoning approval to build anything. Mr. Broyle's other opinions largely relate to non-mandatory guidelines for site plans, which do not need to be addressed here for the Board to grant variance relief.

Finally, BCZR §409 does not apply to vehicles displayed for sale and they are not calculated into the number of parking spots required for customers and staff parking. To the extent

that Mr. Mirabile argues about Batavia Farm Road, Mr. Shahzad acknowledges that a formal Road

Closing Petition must be granted in order to proceed with incorporating the part of the Property

located within the road into his operations. As such, any of Mr. Mirabile's arguments about the

road are moot.

For all the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests this Board grant its requested

variance relief from the setbacks from the side and rear property lines and permit it to go forward

to the next steps of the still lengthy process before any ground can be broken on a service garage

at the Property.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Memorandum for Case Number: 2021-0201-SPHA

Address: 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, Maryland 21237

Owner/Petitioner: FAZAL, LLC

Special Hearing to amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA, and

Variance to permit a 0 ft. setback from the side and rear property lines for a 18' high building addition in lieu of the required 30' minimum rear and side yard setbacks per

Section 238.2 BCZR.

### Abbreviations:

**BCBA Baltimore County Board of Appeals** 

**BCZR Baltimore County Zoning Regulations** 

BGE Baltimore Gas and Electric

**COMAR Code of Maryland Regulations** 

DLLR Maryland Department of Licensing and Regulation

EX Exhibit

RCA Rosedale Community Association

PET Petitioner FAZAL LLC for 8202 Pulaski Highway

The Rosedale Community Association, (RCA) opposes granting of Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA for 8202 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21207 and requests the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (BCBA), deny the petition for the following concerns and reasons:

- 1. Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA for 8202 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21207 was not properly posted and listed the incorrect hearing date of 10/14/2021 as the rescheduled date was 11/4/2021.
- 2. 8' fence in Center of Batavia Farm Road Redlined Site Plan indicates the 8' fence is to be relocated to the east edge of Batavia Farm Private road 30' right-of-way. Said 8' fence has been relocated as shown on the amended Redlined Site Plan. RCA requests that no permission be granted to return fence and storage use to the center of Batavia Farm Road.
- 3. Petitioners (PET) site plan is not accurate, has multiple errors and omissions.
- 4. Variance Petition, the property is not unique or unusual and different in nature from the surrounding properties and any alleged practical difficulty or undue hardship would have been due to a change of existing use which was a result of the applicants' own actions.
- 5. Special Hearing, the amended Red Lined Site Plan for Case# 2021-0201-SPHA which amends Case# 2019-0171-XA includes a new structure addition with a 0' setback on the rear and east side property line cannot be granted without being detrimental to, the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved.

#### Case Issues:

- 1. Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA for 8202 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21207 was not properly posted and listed the incorrect hearing date of 10/14/2021 as the rescheduled date was 11/4/2021 and should have been reposted with the correct date 20 days prior to the hearing. RCA requests the case be denied since the community at large did not have proper notice to participate.
  - Mr. J. M. Earlbeck, owner of the adjacent commercial properties at 8202 and 8204 Pulaski highway testified that he saw the zoning sign with the incorrect date and would have attended the hearing on 11/4/2021 had he been informed of the correct date. See RCA Exhibit (EX)18 correspondence from J.M. Earlbeck dated 3/3/2022 noting on 11/3/2021 the posting sign indicated hearing date of 10/14/2021 and RCA EX18A photo of posting sign with hearing date of 10/14/2022 taken by JM Earlbeck on 11/5/2022. Mr. Earlbeck also requested that the Special Hearing and Variance be denied.
  - Mr. Paul King, owner of several nearby commercial properties located on Pulaski Highway, testified that he saw the zoning sign with the incorrect date and would have attended the hearing on 11/4/2021 had he been informed of the correct date. See RCA EX 77HHH Paul King affidavit and RCA EX 44 Paul King letter. Mr. King also requested that the petition for Special Hearing and Variance be denied.
  - Mr. Bruce Doak, MD licensed property line surveyor and expert witness for the PET, testified that he posted the zoning notice sign on 9/23/2021 and inspected the sign on 11/3/2021 for the 11/4/2021 hearing date to make sure the sign was still there, however the sign had the incorrect date of 10/14/2021. See RCA EX 36 Certificate of Posting. Mr. Doak alleged he was told by the zoning office that he did not need to post a new sign, See Transcript of BCBA Case# 2021-0201-SPHA page 142. Why would Mr. Doak reinspect the Zoning Notice Sign the day prior to the hearing and not revise the correct date of 11/4/2021 on the sign?
- 2. PET illegally installed an 8' fence in the center of Batavia Farm Road. Said 8' fence had two Baltimore County Code Enforcement violations, one on 9/15/2021 for failure to obtain a building permit and the second one on 3/2/2022 for fence measurements not matching site plan see RCA EX 12. The 8' fence has been relocated to the east side of the private road 30' right-of-way as per the amended Redlined Site Plan dated 11/22/2021. The Opinion and Order by Office of Administrative Hearings Case# 2021-0201-SPHA was granted subject to Condition/Restriction 6. "Petitioner shall not extend its business operation, including but not limited to any fence, into Batavia Farm Rd. or in any obstruct or close off Batavia Farm Rd. until such paper road or portion of paper road abutting the Property, is legally closed."

Although the 8' of chain link fence has recently been removed RCA opposes the future extension of said fence, use and storage of vehicles on the east 15' to the center of Batavia Farm Road 30' wide private roadway used by the public and all property owners bounding thereon. RCA requests the Board deny any request for fencing, parking or any use except ingress and egress to the site for PET to encroach into the 30' wide right-of-way for the private Batavia Farm Road.

Mr. Steven Broyles licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer and RCA Expert Witness testified that the PET site plan had multiple errors and omissions.

- a. The amended Redlined Site Plan submitted for Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA is in error showing only 4 parking spaces provided when the site plan requires 17 parking spaces as there was no variance request for a reduced number of parking spaces or a modified parking plan. Mr. Broyles also testified the parking calculation on the PET's amended Redlined Site Plan was inaccurate and the required number of parking spaces was 26.
- b. Amended Redlined Site Plan is missing items on the Zoning Checklist Part II Zoning Public Hearing Applications RCA EX 105 The first page of the Zoning Checklist clearly states, "To avoid time-consuming and costly delays, all checklist information must be included on the plan and/or in the hearing application."

Zoning Checklist: RCA EX105 Page 1-3

Item 3 net & gross area not shown,

Item 14 entrance width missing,

Item 16 utilities, no utilities shown,

Item 23 parking calc page 4 shows 17 parking spaces is incorrect 26 parking spaces are required see calculation in e. below,

Item 24 Special use requirements site plan must show compliance with Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) 405 damaged vehicle storage, damaged and inoperable vehicles must be stored inside and not on exterior parking areas.

Off-Street Parking Requirements; RCA EX105 Page 6

Item 1 Paving: shows tow truck parking on grassed island no durable dustless surface site plan does not indicate paving limits, type and all grassed or landscaped areas.

Item 2 Landscape: Case# 2021-0201-SPHA Order 11-15-2021
Condition/Restriction 7. Requires landscaping bushes, and shrubs in the 2 grassed areas fronting Pulaski Hwy. The site plan does not identify the two landscaped areas fronting Pulaski Hwy and had the site plan accurately shown the grassed islands on the west side and rear of the property the ALJ may have required landscaping there also.

Item 3 Curb: not called out and type.

Item 6 Entrance: width not shown,

Item 10 Loading Zone: none indicated,

Item 11 Handicapped Parking: none indicated.

- c. Vehicle storage can only fit 13 with double overhead door access on front and rear left side of proposed structure, see RCA EX104 parking layout by Steve Broyles enlarged site plan 1"=20' scale
- d. Inside parking RCA EX104 parking layout by Steve Broyles interior parking can only fit 12 parking spaces with 2 compact not 13 with as per BCZR 409 Standards no room for office or work area
- e. Parking Calcs incorrect RCA EX105 Page 4 Zoning Checklist
  Existing Building Area 1600sf
  Proposed Building Area 6768sf
  6768sf [(1600sf/1000sf)X5/1000sf + (5168sf/1000sf)X3.3/1000sf]=26 parking spaces
  Auto Sales Display/Offices/Parts 5 spaces/1000sf; Service 3 spaces/1000sf

State of Maryland DLLR Professional Land Surveyor Business Practices:

f. RCA EX103 COMAR 09.13.06.12. Maryland Department of Labor, Board for Professional Land Surveyors, Minimum Standards of Practice, Business Practices COMAR 09.13.06.12.G. By signing and sealing surveying documents, a licensee assumes full responsibility for the preparation of the surveying documents described in this chapter and for the accuracy and adequacy of the surveying work reflected in the documents

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COMAR 09.13.06.12.H. When signing and sealing surveying documents, a licensee shall indicate the license expiration date on the documents before submitting them in accordance with requirements set forth in Business Occupations and Professions Article, §15-502 (a), Annotated Code of Maryland. Bruce E. Doak Professional Property Line Surveyor does not indicate an expiration date.

Site Plan is not accurate and contains many errors and omissions PET should be denied until an accurate site plan is submitted.

4. Variance Petition 2021-0201-SPHA

Type 2: VARIANCE

Petition Request 2:

To permit a 0 ft. setback from the side and rear property lines for an 18' high building addition in lieu of the required 30'minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

- a. Even though this property was previously adjudicated to be unique in Case No.2019-0171-XA Page BCZA 2021-0201-SPHA Order and the property and existing building have not changed this is a new variance for a structure setback variance and expanded primary structure not a car parking or vehicle inventory storage setback variance. As the appeal is a de novo hearing uniqueness and unusualness need to be re-evaluated and not just granted under the doctrine of collateral estoppel.
- b. Mr. Broyles RCA Expert testified that the property is not unique or unusual and no different in nature from the surrounding properties. He testified that many surrounding properties are small lots with small centrally located buildings and circular traffic patterns for service and restaurant commercial uses.

RM Cromwell vs Ward MD Court of Special Appeals.

Cromwell vs Ward Court of Special Appeals Page 2 Excerpt:

"Although somewhat indirectly, appellant has pointed out an important aspect of the variance process is at least a two-step process. The first step requires a finding that the property whereon structures are to be placed (or uses conducted is — in of itself -unique and unusual in a manner different from the nature of surrounding properties such that the uniqueness and peculiarity of the subject property causes the zoning provision to impact disproportionately upon that property. Unless there is a finding that the property is unique, unusual, or different the process stops here and the variance is denied without any consideration of practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. If that first step results in a supportable finding of uniqueness or unusualness, then a second step is taken in the process, i.e. a determination of whether practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship resulting from disproportionate impact of the ordinance caused by the property's uniqueness,"

The variance process should have stopped here and been denied.

c. Mr. Broyles testified in his professional opinion that if BCZR were strictly interpreted the PET would not suffer a practical difficulty or undue hardship. The PET, Fazal LLC, would be able to make a reasonable use that is compatible with the small site size, to use the property for a used car dealership but only store 13 vehicles for inventory. If Fazal LLC need a larger operation they should have purchased a larger site and building. Any alleged practical difficulty or undue hardship would have been due to a change of existing use which was a result of the applicants' own actions.

- d. Mr. Broyles testified in his Professional Opinion that this relief is not in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of height, area, off-street parking, or sign regulations.
- e. Mr. Broyles testified in his Professional Opinion granting this variance relief would cause substantial injury to public health, safety, and general welfare. The 0' Building setback overcrowds Mr. Earlbeck's property to the rear or North and BMore Buggies to the right or East, interfering with adequate light and air.
- f. Mr. Broyles testified that there are Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) overhead powerlines along the Rear or North property line that is a 13,200 volt 3 phase primary feeder supplying transformers to Earl Becks Property and 2 buildings at 8204 Pulaski Highway. BGE Construction Setbacks RCA EX 70+ require 10' setback plus one half of the 8' cross arm on top of the utility pole for a total 14' setback from BGE and property line. This building cannot be constructed with a 0' rear yard setback! That is why the zoning checklist requires utilities to be shown, had Mr. Doak realized there was an ommision showing the BGE primary high voltage feeders along the rear property line he would have never designed the building with a 0' setback.

The variance approval placing the proposed building against the rear property line with BGE overhead 13,200 volt primary feeder power lines creates multiple safety, electrocution and fire hazards; furthermore the 0' rear yard setback violates building, fire and life safety codes currently in effect. This project needs to pump the brakes, hit the reset button, go back to the planning stage, involve a Professional Engineer familiar with public utilities and submit an accurate site plan; Therfore, BCBA should deny this PET for Special Hearing and Variance.

# 5. Special Hearing 2021-0201-SPHA

Petition Type 1: SPECIAL HEARING to amend opinion and order in Case No. 2019-171-XA Petition Request 1: To amend opinion and order in Case No. 2019-171-XA, and to construct a 1 story 6,768sf addition with 0' setback on side and rear property lines.

The amended Redlined Site Plan site plan for Case# 2021-0201-SPHA which amends Case# 2019-0171-XA includes a new structure addition with a 0' setback on the rear and east side property line. The amended Redlined Site Plan is inaccurate, this PET should be denied.

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

- a. Be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved; the 0' rear structure setback under the BGE 13,200 volt 3 phase primary electric feeders create an electrocution, safety and fire hazard.
- b. Tend to create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein; Closing half of Batavia Farm Road would create congestion therein.
- c. Create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other danger; the granting of this special exception with a 0' set back on the rear property line creates a fire danger. As Mr. Earlbeck testified, he regularly transports hazardous and flammable materials including compressed gasses by truck on driveways adjacent to the PET's property line
- d. Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population; A building this size on this small of a lot clearly overcrowds the land.
- e. Interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvements; This 0' setback structure at the rear property line clearly interferes with Public Electricity transmission to adjacent properties.

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- f. Interfere with adequate light and air; this proposed 0' setback building on the rear and east side interferes with adequate light and air for the two adjacent neighbors at 8202 and 8204 Pulaski highway.
- g. Be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these Zoning Regulations; this proposed amended site plan is inconsistent with area setbacks and Sec 409 off street parking requirements and no parking standard variance or modified parking plan has been requested. BCZR Section 238.4. Storage and display of materials and vehicles. Storage and display of materials, vehicles and equipment are permitted in the front yard, but not more than 15 feet in front of the required front building line for BR Zones. The PET amended Redlined Site Plan shows tow truck parking 35' in front of the required front building line which is not allowed and there was no variance request for this set back requirement for storage of inventory vehicles or service tow trucks.

This inaccurate amended Redlined Site Plan has multiple errors, omissions and BCZR violations and the PET for special hearing and variance should be denied.

Sincerely,

Russell R. Mirabile, President Rosedale Community Association

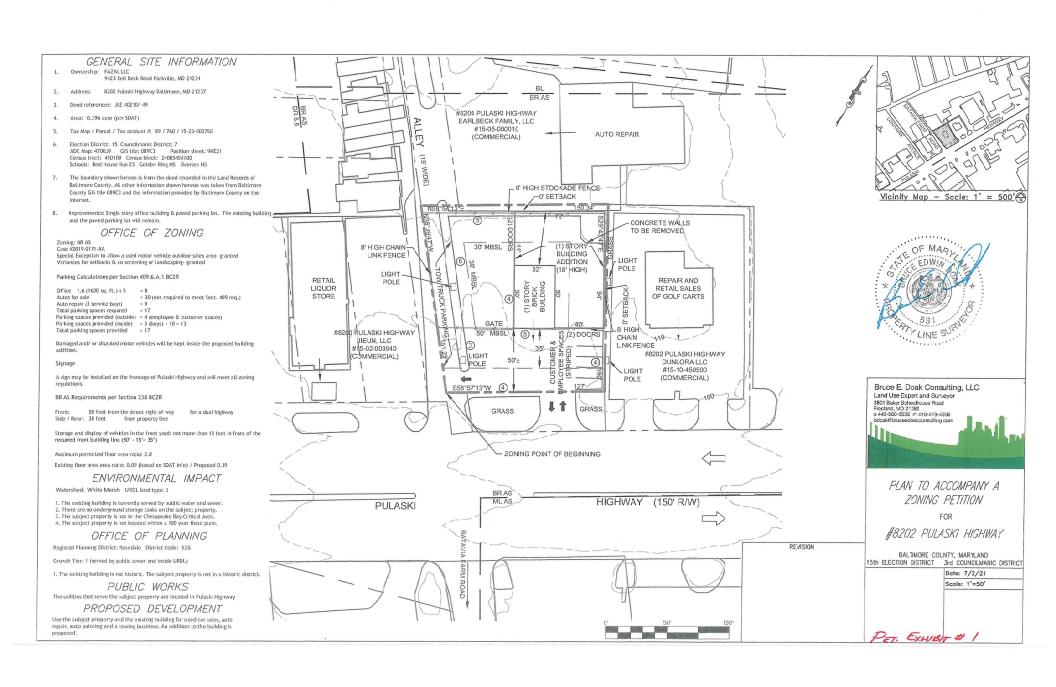


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1) Plan to Accompany a Zoning Petition
2) SDAT Report
(3) GIS
4) GIS photo
5) Boundary Survey Plat
6) Photos Key Sheet / photos A-N
Adjoining neighbor letter of support
(8) Aerial Photograph marked - 30 ft. Rd.
9) Boundary Survey Plat marked - 30 ft. Rd.
- 10A+10B) Street View Protographs - 30ft. Rd.
(11) GIS - marked -30 ft. Rd.
12) Deed - 3/16/18 Leonard Mourtin to Fazal, LLC (\$40210, P49) (Parcel 760)
13) Deed - 10/4/2000 Albert C. Earlbeck to Earlbeck family LC (L14826
Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC  3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road  Freeland, MD 21053  410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com
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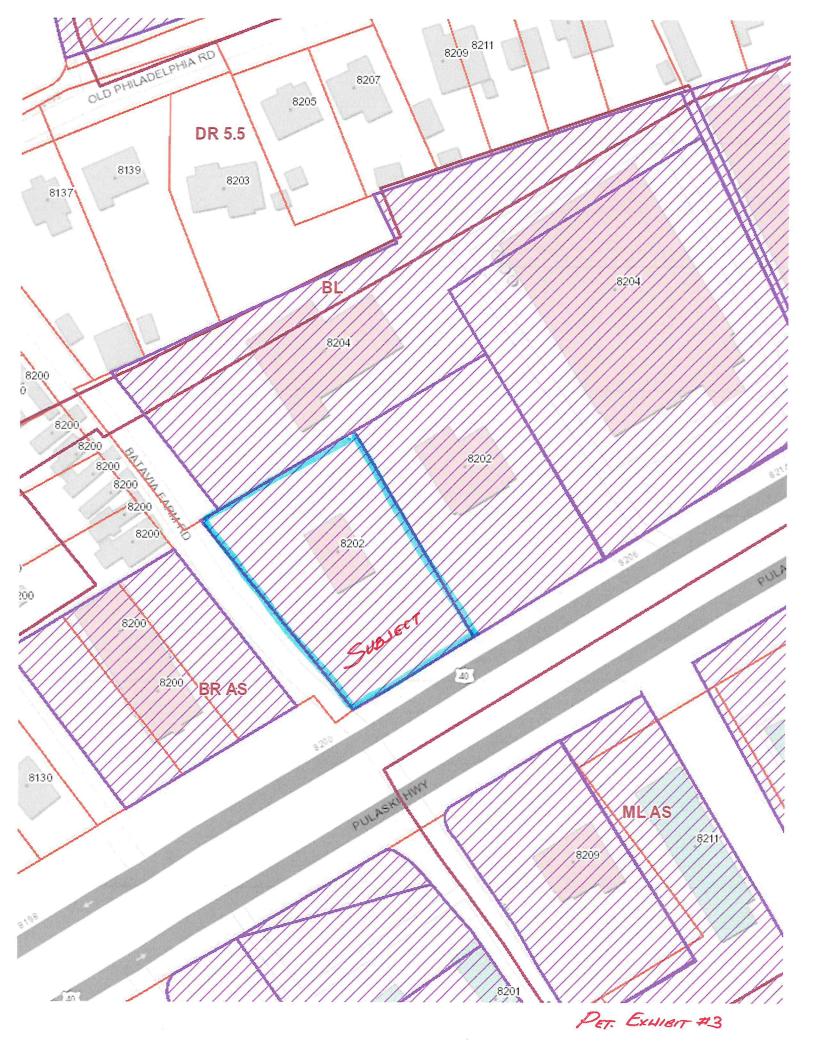
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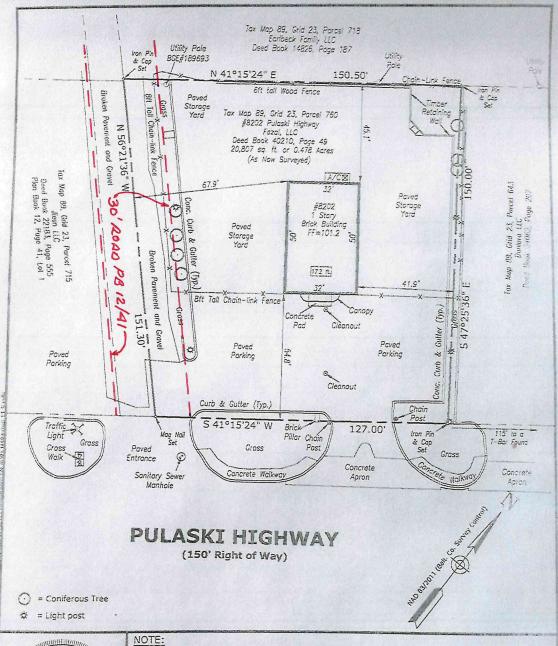
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### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that this Boundary & Location survey was personally prepared by me or that I was in responsible charge over it's preparation and the surveying work reflected in it and that this Survey is in compliance with COMAR Sections 09.13.05 12 of the Minimum Standards of Practice as now adopted by the board for Professional Land Surveyors.

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ET. EXHIBIT # 5A

Professional Land Surveyor (Maryland No. 21613) Expires/Renews: 8-18-2021 BOUNDARY SURVEY & LOCATION DRAWING FAZAL LLC PROPERTY

#8202 PULASKI HIGHWAY

15TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BPRUG

SURVEYORS - LAND PLANNERS

150 Airport Drive Suite 4

Westminster, Maryland 21157

Phone: (410)-857-9030 or (410)-876-0333 Fax: (410)-876-1532 www.bprsurveying.com

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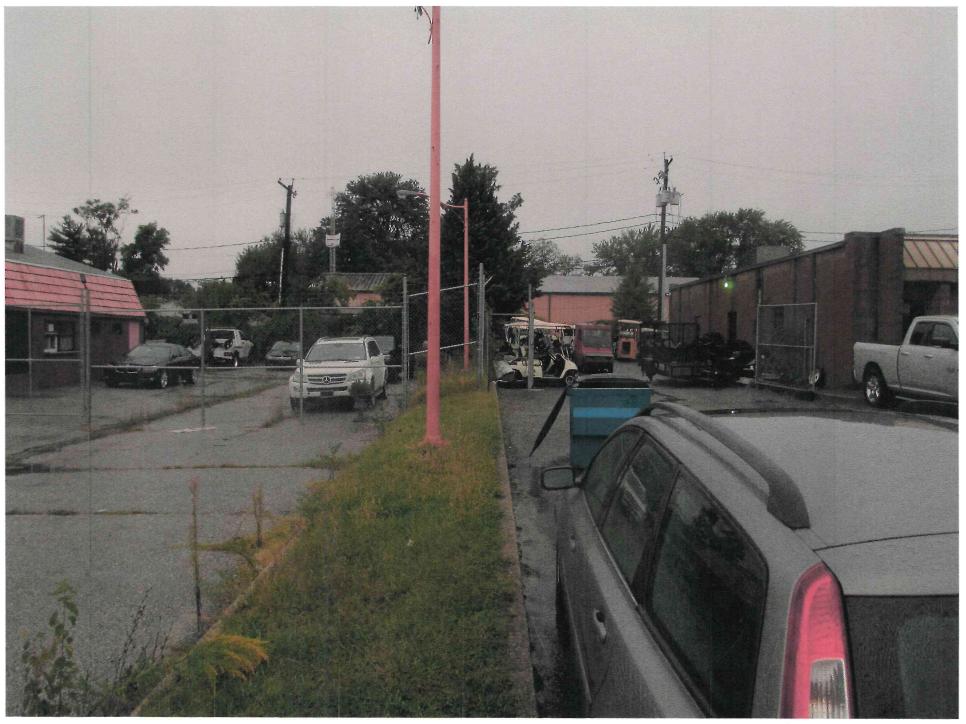
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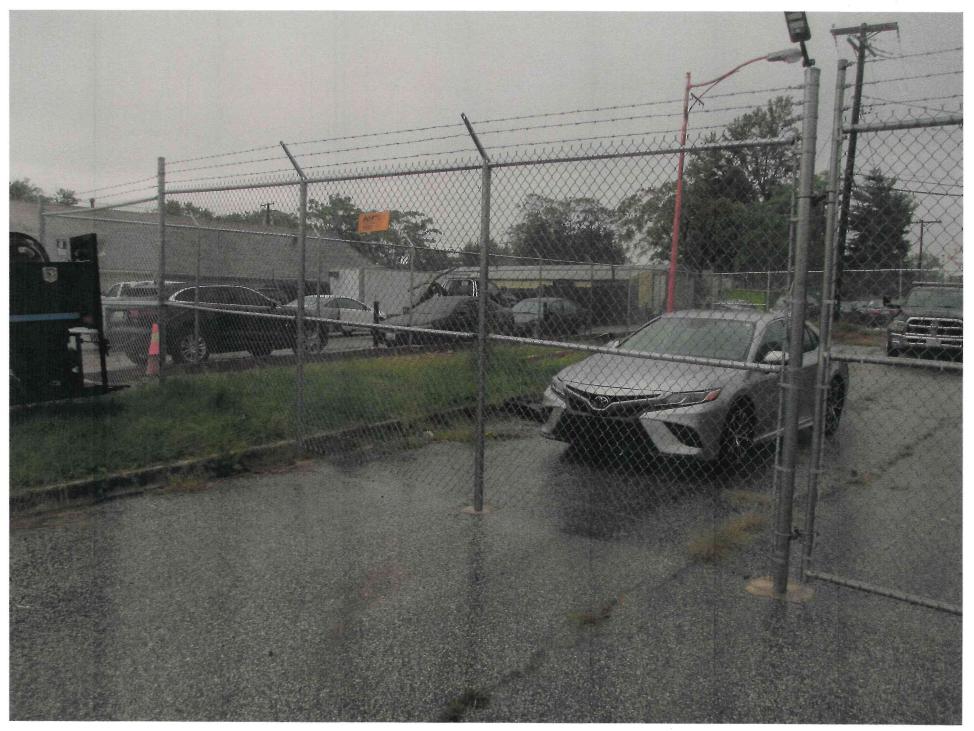
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Jerry Zellner

7813 Daniels Ave

Parkville, MD 21234

Phone. 410-804-1125

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir,

I am the business owner of B-more Buggies 4 Less next door to 8202 pulaski hwy roasdale md 21237. I understand my neighbour apply for varience with a Zero foot setback for new building. I have absolutely no isse with this new zoning and fully support him.

If you have any question please call me.

Thank you

Sincerely.

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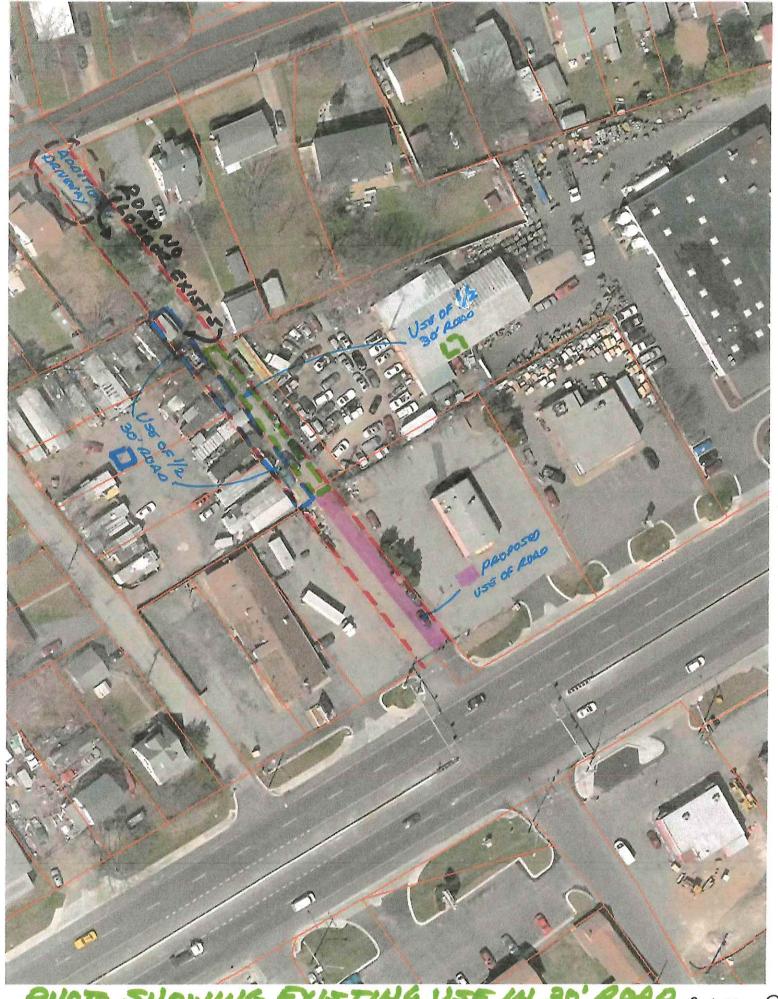
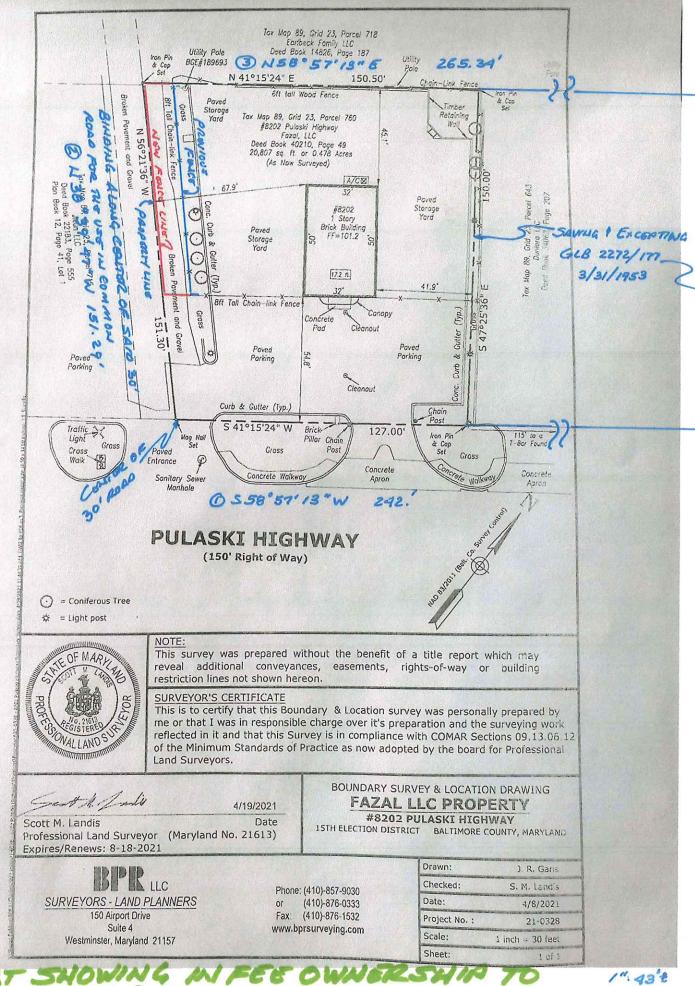


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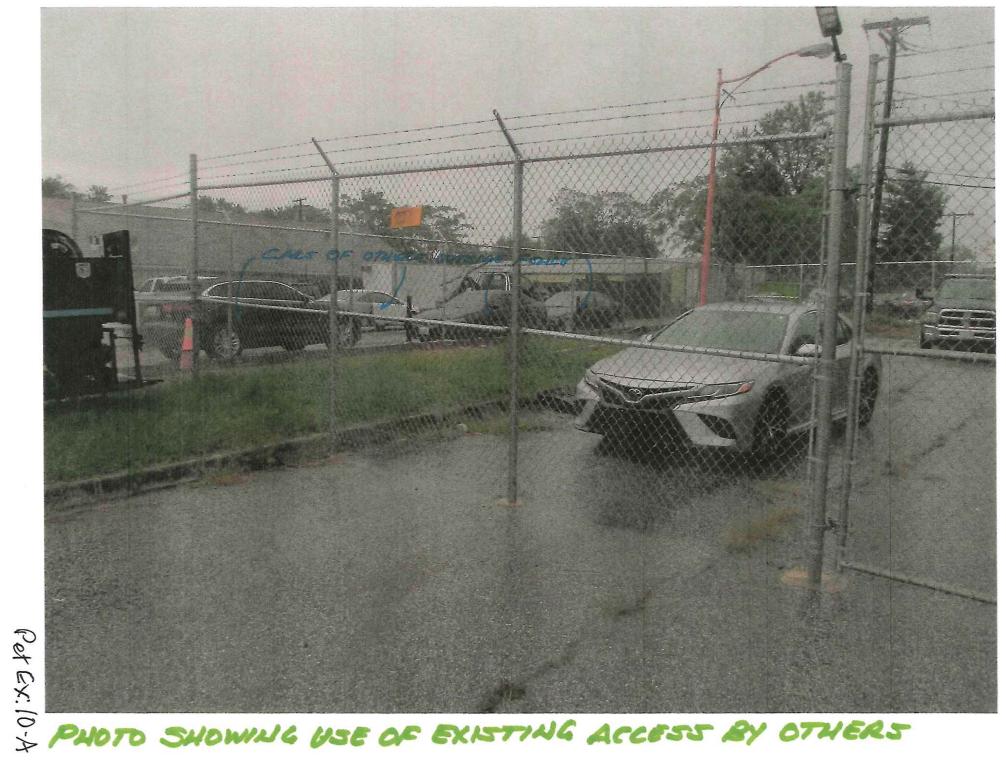


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PARCEL 760 FARAL LLC

RECORD & RETURN TO: POWERHOUSE TITLE GROUP C/O 11585 CHAPEL ROAD CORDOVA MD 21625-2233

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File No. 18-14399 Tax ID # (15) 15-23-003760

This Deed is made this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2018, by and between LEONARD C. MARTIN, GRANTOR, and FAZAL, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company, GRANTEE.

## ~Witnesseth~

That for and in consideration of the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$450,000.00), which includes the amount of any outstanding Mortgage or Deed of Trust, if any, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor does hereby grant and convey unto the said FAZAL, LLC, its successors and assigns, in Fee Simple, all that lot of ground situate in the County of Baltimore, State of Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PULASKI HIGHWAY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS GOVERNOR NICE HIGHWAY, SAID POINT BEING SITUATED SOUTH 58 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 209 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF LSAID DE (W Taxes HIGHWAY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH SIDE OF ING ONLY STEW. MA PULASKI HIGHWAY WITH THE NORTH 22.5 DEGREES WEST, 66 PERCHES LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED EROMER (With Taxes) MARGARETHA H. HEIMBUCH, WIDOW, TO HENRY HEIMBUCH AND DE WIFE DATED JUNE 12, 1913, AND RECORDED AMONG THE LANDER TAX 2,250.00 RECORDS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN LIBER WPC 412, FOLIO 1428 TOX -) kđ 7,500.00 AND RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING AND BINDING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PULASKI HIGHWAY 150 FEET 1: 9,810.00 WIDE, REFERRING ALL COURSES TO THE TRUE MERIDIAN, SOUTH-58... 9.925.00 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 242 FEET TO THE CENTER OF A 30 FOOT ROAD AND TO THE EASTERNMOST OUTLINE OF THE CCØ3-AN PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY RAPHAEL HESSE AND 18 CC0301 -WIFE AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMOREDIC COUNTY IN LIBER WPC 631, FOLIO 197; THENCE, LEAVING ESCATO 01 HIGHWAY AND BINDING ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID 30 FOOT ROAD FOR THE USE IN COMMON AND ALONG THE EASTERNMOST **OUTLINE ABOVE REFERRED TO, NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 47** SECONDS WEST 151.29 FEET; THENCE, RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE PULASKI HIGHWAY, NORTH 58 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 13

SECONDS EAST 265.34 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 29 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 150 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH BY DEED DATED MARCH 31, 1953, AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN LIBER GLB 2272, FOLIO 177, WAS GRANTED AND CONVEYED BY NICHOLAS SENNETT AND WIFE UNTO GARNET E. JONES AND WIFE.

THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON NOW BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS 8202 PULASKI HIGHWAY, ROSEDALE, MARYLAND 21237.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY WHICH BY DEED DATED AUGUST 25, 2017 AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, STATE OF MARYLAND, IN LIBER JLE 39561, FOLIO 142, WAS GRANTED AND CONVEYED BY CAROLYN J. NELSON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT F. BONOMOLO UNTO LEONARD C. MARTIN.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Grantee, FAZAL, LLC, its successors and assigns, in Fee Simple, forever.

And the Grantor hereby covenants that he has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that he will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that he will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

As Witness the hand and seal of said Grantor, the day and year first above written.

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Lemp C. Martin (Sea)

STATE OF MARYLAND COUNTY OF BALTIMORE } ss

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16th day of March, 2018, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the County of Talbot, appeared Leonard C. Martin, the Grantor herein, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the same for the purposes therein contained, and further acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be his act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same, giving oath under penalties of perjury that the consideration recited herein is correct.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF THE PROPERTY HAND and official seal.

01/04/2019

Notary Public

My commission expires 1.4.2019

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within Deed was prepared by, or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Charlow Law Group, LLC

Jeffrey A Charlow, Esquire

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EXEMPT FROM TRANSFER TAXES
PURSUANT TO MD. TAX PROP. ART.,
TITLE 12, SECTION 108 (y) (v) CODE ANN.
TRANSFER FROM SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP
TO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

THIS DEED, Made this Haday of October, in the year two thousand by and between ALBERT C. EARLBECK, of Baltimore County, State of Maryland, party of the first part, Grantor, and EARLBECK FAMILY LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company, party of the second part, Grantee.

WITNESSETH, That for valuable consideration but no monetary consideration the said ALBERT C. EARLBECK does grant and convey unto the said EARLBECK FAMILY LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, all that property, lying, and being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

### SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

BEING a portion of the same properety which by deed dated December 28, 1967 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber O.T.G. no. 4836 folio 541 was granted and conveyed by A. C. Earlbeck, Inc., a body corporate unto the within grantor, in fee simple.

TOGETHER WITH the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made, or being and all and every the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances, and advantages to the same belonging or anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said lot of ground and premises, above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances,

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EARLBECK FAMILY LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said party of the first part hereby covenants that he has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever to encumber the property hereby conveyed, that he will warrant specially the property granted, and that he will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

AS WITNESS the signature of the said Grantor.

WITNESS:

STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this Aday of September, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, personally appeared ALBERT C. EARLBECK, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, who signed the same in my presence, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained; and further made oath that the consideration hereinabove set forth is true and correct.

ALBERT C. EARLBECK

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

**Notary Public** 

mary L. Weller

WENT Commission Expires Quil 1. 2003

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATION

THE SAID ALBERT C. EARLBECK CERTIFIES THAT THIS CONVEYANCE IS A CONVERSION OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO WHICH SAID SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP IS BEING CONVERTED FROM A SOLE

PROPRIETORSHIP TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. THE ASSETS OF THE PROPRIETORSHIP ARE BECOMING ASSETS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. THE REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED IN THIS DEED IS MANAGED AND ACCOUNTED FOR AS PART OF THE ASSETS OF THE CONVERTING SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP.

THE MEMBER OF THE SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ARE IDENTICAL TO THE MEMBER OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND THE MEMBER'S ALLOCATION OF PROFITS AND LOSSES WITHIN THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ARE IDENTICAL TO THE MEMBERS' ALLOCATION OF PROFITS AND LOSSES OF THE CONVERTING PREDECESSOR ENTITY/SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE TAX PROPERTY ARTICLE AT SECTIONS 14-1002 AND 1003 STATE THAT A PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY WITHHOLDS INFORMATION TO EVADE THE PAYMENT OR PREVENT THE IMPROPER COLLECTION OF TAXES OR NEGLIGENTLY PROVIDES FALSE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH A TAX RELATED INQUIRY IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION, MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED.

ALBERT C. EARLBECK

### ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the within instrument was prepared by or under the supervision of the undersigned, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

WILLIAM A. HAHN, JR.

Return to: William A. Hahn, Jr., Esquire Suite 700, Nottingham Centre 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

#### EXHIBIT "A"

Beginning for the same at a point in the northernmost right-of-way line of Pulaski Highway (150 feet wide) at the beginning of the third or North 22½ degrees West 398 foot line of the land which by deed dated May 12, 1953 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber G.L.B. No. 2290, folio 325, was conveyed by Cassie Heinbuch, divorced, to August Heinbuch and Kathryn Heinbuch, his wife, running thence on the northernmost right-of-way line of Pulaski Highway and binding reversely on a part of the second line in the aforesaid deed, as now surveyed, South 59 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds West 209.00 feet to the end of the fourth or South 29 degrees 43 minutes 47 seconds East 150.00 foot line of the land which by deed dated March 31, 1953 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber G.L.B. No. 2272, folio 177, was conveyed by Nicholas Sennett and wife to Garnet E. Jones and wife, thence leaving Pulaski Highway and binding reversely on the fourth and third lines of the last mentioned deed, the two following courses and distances, as now surveyed; (1) North 29 degrees 09 minutes 10 Seconds West 150 feet; (2) South 59 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds West 115.00 feet to a point in the third of North 58 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds East 265.34 foot line of the land which by deed dated February 14, 1947 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber J.W.B. No. 1532, folio 452, was conveyed by Cassie Heinbuch to Nicholas Sennett, at the distance of 150.50 feet from the beginning of said third line, running thence and binding reversely on a part of said third line to the beginning thereof, as now surveyed, South 59 degrees, 31 minutes 50 seconds West 150.50 feet to the center of Batavia Farms Road (30 feet wide) and to intersect the first line of the aforesaid deed, Cassie Heinbuch, divorced, to August Heinbuch and wife, running thence on the center of Batavia Farms Road and binding reversely on a part of the first line of the last mentioned deed, as now surveyed, North 38 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds West 143.13 feet, thence leaving said outline and running for lines of division the two following courses and distances, viz; (1) North 69 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds East 264.89 feet; (2) North 25 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds West 55.13 feet to intersect the southern outline of the subdivision, known as Lindale, and recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.J.R. No. 25, folio 141, running thence on the southern outline of said Subdivision as now surveyed, North 72 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds East 55.00 feet to the southwest corner of the Subdivision, known as Berkland, and recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book G.L.B. No. 24, folio 10, and running thence on the southern outline of the said Subdivision, as now surveyed, North 72 degrees 07 minutes 50 seconds East 200.00 feet to intersect the third line of the aforesaid deed, Cassie Heinbuch, divorced, to August Heinbuch and wife, running thence and binding reversely on a part of said third line, as now surveyed, South 24 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds East 274.38 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2.135 acres of land, more of less.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM so much as is described in a Deed dated April 10, 1986 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber No. 7144, folio 836, from Albert C. Earlbeck to Baltimore County, Maryland.

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The Transferor (Grantor) herein is a resident entity of the State of Maryland and claims exemption from the tax withholding requirements of Section 10-912 of Maryland's Tax General Article.

In accordance with Section 10-912(b)(2) of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Transferor (Grantor) declares that the actual amount of "total payment" received is \$\_335, 455 Dollars.

#### **DEED**

THIS DEED is made this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2005, by and between

**FINE DINING, INCORPORATED**, a body corporate duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Maryland, party of the first part; and **JIEUN**, **LLC**, a Maryland limited liability company, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of \$5.00 and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the actual monetary consideration for this deed as certified by the parties hereto being \$566,750.00, the said party of the first part does grant, convey, and assign unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, all that lot or parcel of ground situate, lying and being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and being more particularly described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot Nos. 1, 2, and 3 as shown on that certain subdivision plat entitled, "Plat of the PROPERTY OF RAPHAEL D. HESSE AT ROSEDALE, as surveyed by Dollenberg Brothers, Towson, Maryland" which said Plat is duly recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book CWB Jr. No. 12, folio 41. The improvements thereon being known as No. 8200 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21237.

BEING the same lots of ground which by Deed dated August 5, 2004 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber SM No. 20708, folio 592 was granted and conveyed by Chong S. Kim unto the said party of the first part, grantor herein.

TOGETHER with the buildings thereupon, and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises together with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said party of the first part hereby covenants that it has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that it will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that it will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

AND the said party of the first part hereby further certifies that the within conveyance is not part of a transaction involving the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the within grantor.

WITNESS the name and seal of the said party of the first part by the signature of its duly authorized President.

WITNESS:

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FINE DINING, INCORPORATED, a

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STATE OF MARYLAND, City OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this // day of July, 2005, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the State aforesaid, personally appeared Sheikh Mohanned ArshaD who acknowledged herself to be the — President of FINE DINING INCORPORATED, a body corporate duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Maryland, and that as such

President, being fully authorized so to do, did execute the aforegoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing in my presence, the name of the said corporation by <u>kmi</u> self as such duly authorized corporate officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires;

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NICHOLAS P. DOLUCA NOTARY PUBLIC HOWARD CO., MARYLAND

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the within instrument was prepared under his supervision.

Nicholas P. DeLuca, Bequire

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The addendum form should be used when ene transaction involves more than two instruments. Each instrument should be itemized in accordance with Section No. 1 of the Intake Sheet.

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PARCEL 715 WILLIAMS (TRAILERS) LOTS 11-19

**This Deed**, MADE THIS 27<sup>h</sup> day of **January**, **2006**, by and between **LHB LORRAINE**, **LLC**, a Maryland limited liability company, party of the first part, GRANTOR; and **ABBEY M. WILLIAMS**, party of the second part, GRANTEE.

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$345,000.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said GRANTOR does grant and convey to the said ABBEY M. WILLIAMS, as sole owner, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, as shown on a plat entitled "Plat of Property of Raphael D. Hesse at Rosedale, as surveyed by Dollenberg Brothers, Towson, Maryland" which plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland, in Plat Book CWB Jr., No. 12, folio 41.

BEING the same property which by Deed dated 01/20/2005 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, in Liber 21342, folio 606, was granted and conveyed by LEN BUSH to LHB LORRAINE, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company the within GRANTOR.

TOGETHER with the buildings thereupon, and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises to the said **ABBEY M. WILLIAMS**, as sole owner, in fee simple.

AND the said party of the first part hereby covenants that it has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that it warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that it will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has caused this Deed to be duly executed on its behalf by its Member.

ATTEST:	LHB LORRAINE, LLC, a Maryland
	limited liability downpany    Managing Member   Managing Member

STATE OF MARYLAND,

to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this 2 day of January, 2006 before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared LEONARD H. BUSH, Managing Member of LHB LORRAINE, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, acting in his capacity as the managing member of the Limited liability company herein, and that he, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing Deed for the purposes therein contained and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal

My commission expires: 8 - 1 - 0

Notary Public

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within Deed was prepared by, or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

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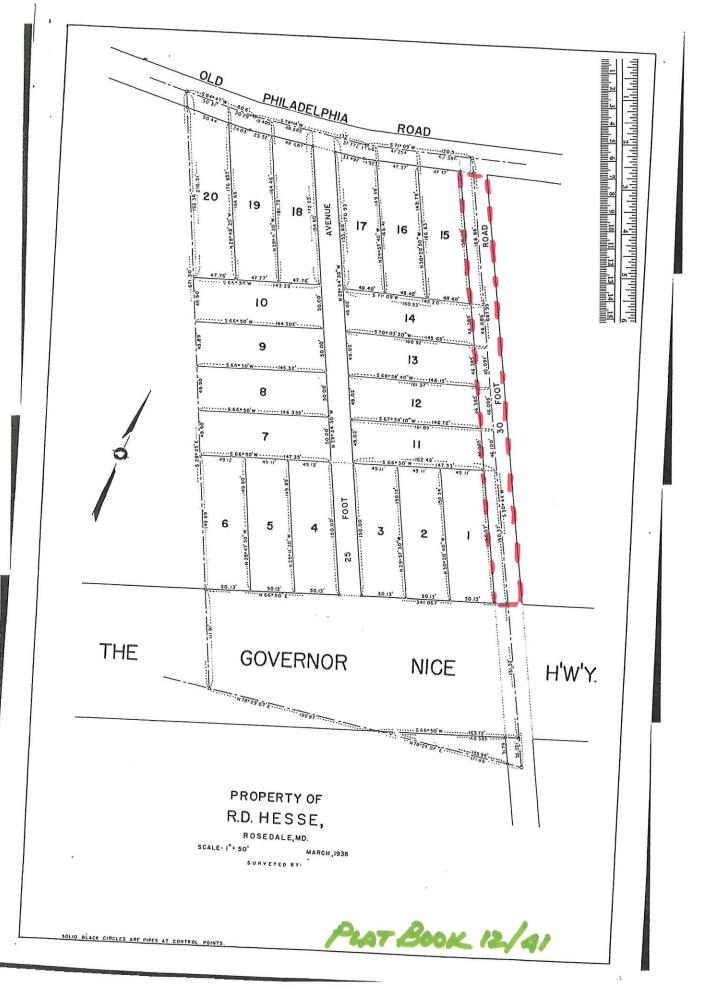
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My Commission Expires on
August 1, 2009

AFTER RECORDING, PLEASE RETURN TO: LAKESIDE TITLE COMPANY 5840 BANNEKER ROAD SUITE 120 COLUMBIA, MD 21044 Certification of Exemption from Withholding Upon Disposition of Maryland Real Estate Affidavit of Residence or Principal Residence

Based on the certification below, Transferor claims exemption from the tax withholding requirements of §10-912 of Maryland's Tax General Article. Section 10-912 states that certain tax payments must be withheld when a deed or other instrument that affects a change in ownership of real property is recorded. The requirements of §10-912 do not apply when a transferor provides a certification of Maryland residence or certification that the transferred property is the transferor's principal residence.

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Principal Residence	☐ Although I am no longer a resident of the State of Maryland, the Property is my principal residence as defined in IRC § 121.
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Witness	LHB LORRAINE, LLC.
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**Explanation of Abreviations:** 

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Russ Mirabile R or RM

"Doodle fence" according to exhibit by Mr. Doak

it appears as "doodling" rather than

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Route RT  $\equiv$ 

Mark Landolina ML#1 = Steve Lafferty SL#1



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ACAAA #1-A without RM signature

AAA #1-B President Signature Stamped

Rule 8 satisfied Rule 8 satisfied

A ~AAA #00 Variance Request

By Bruce Doak

A AAA #0 Good Standing Deed #1A Postponement

State of MD Good Standing of Rosedale Community Association

Postponement 1/29/2019

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RCA - Good Standing

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Subpoena

QS #1 Subpoena Qaisar Shahzad Dated

QS #2 Affidavit for Qaisar Shahzad

BD#1 Subpoena Bruce Doak with due diligence

Attached affidavit by Server

BD#2

X. JAAA #2 Settlement Hartman - letter to Hartman

#3 Recommendation for Settlement - AAA

R. Mirabile requested settlement 9/15/22

for Attorney Hartman's client

AVAAA #4 Map

Good Standing from State of Maryland 1

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Plan to accompany zoning petition decision of Judge Murphy Zoning petition Doak #2 AV2

Decision Judge Murphy 3

Plan to accompany zoning petition decision of Judge Murphy

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Dietz Surveying explanation 4

Dietz Survey Plan

S/A 48

4C S/A

5 Deed TX 10#(15) 15-23-003760 - 30' in common use - Batavia Farm Rd

S/A, 5C, 5Dog 5A

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	6	Map of Rosedale - showing Batavia Farm Road
	7	S/A
	8	State Hwy survey of Batavia Farm Road
	10	Code Enforcement & Inspection 9-15-21 \$2,000 fine
		Non appealable order of code
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	13A	S/A Signature page
	14	Abby Williams / Hilltop Trailer Park opposes set-back same, no Batavia Farm Rd closure
	15	Paul King opposes 0' setback same: for different sign posting
	16	Mike Stroh Ret #7 = oppose 0' set back & letter of No Permission, both tenants of Earlbeck
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		Shared access between abutting properties
	19A	Stripe to (change: USE pursuant)  Requirement of BC2R 409 from Lafferty
	20	Photo of 4 on- encumbered Earlbeck business fence takes up Batavia Farm Rd
	20A	S/A close up, sillouette of Russ taking photo
	20B	Parked vehicle on Batavia Farm Rd, nobody can get through
	20C	Intentional blocked 30' right-of-way on Batavia Farm Rd
	20	Dog Photo of trucked blocked fence in roadway S/A
	21A	Transcript Nov. 4, 2021 proceeding, both sides of pages
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1	*23	Photo 11/5/21 by Jim Earlbeck date and time differ from advertized date
	23A	EB Ist notice Letter from Jim Earlbeck
	24	RM Stacked vehicles in Batavia Farm Rd from across street
	25	Access by others? Doak 10-A Don't understand why fence is in parking lot
	26	"Doodle" fence line - Imaginary - Doak Exhibit 10B Doak shows imaginary fence
		and need sodding if possible
	26A	Photo of Wet Rt. 40 and sale of garage Doak 6C
		Shahzad could have bought this building
	27	Drive through parking on bldg. of old Root Beer stand
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		3) continue operation 4) Then issue permit
	29A	Site plan for fence Wrong measurements & no showing of Batavia Farm Road
	2311	According to Landolina and Lafferty SL#1 ML#1
	30	Posting by Doak - perjury by Doak
	31	Doak 16 items - check list
	32	Doak letter RM letter Unfounded and lacking merit - Paul Mayhew
		Doak letter to Mayhew - RM heavy on accusations and light on evidence to Justify postpone
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Affidavit Russ Mirabile, Pres. RCA

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Reference Special Meeting: HELD on Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Location:

St. Clement Hall 1212 Chesaco Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237

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April 21, 2022

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

To: County Councilman Todd Crandell

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P.O. Box 70285, Rosedale, Maryland 21237 Cell# 443-846-5399

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## Petitions Requested



## Case # 2021-0201-XA

Special Hearing To amend Case No. 2019-0171-XA

Variance

1) To permit a 0 foot setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 foot high building addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks per Section 238.2 BCZR

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### ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.: D03126364

#### Department ID Number:

D03126364

#### **Business Name:**

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Principal Office: 0

7932 OAKDALE AVENUE

ROSEDALE MD 21237

Resident Agent: 1



RUSSELL MIRABILE

7932 OAKDALE AVENUE

**ROSEDALE MD 21237** 

Status:

REVIVED

Good Standing:

THIS BUSINESS IS IN GOOD STANDING

**Business Type:** 

CORPORATION

**Business Code:** 

04 ORDINARY BUSINESS - NON-STOCK

Date of Formation/Registration:

12/03/1990

State of Formation:

MD

Stock Status:

NONSTOCK

Close Status:

NO









"Non Political Community Association"

7932 Oakdale Ave Rosedale, MD 21237 Phone: 443-846-5399

Kristen Lewis Baltimore County Zoning Scheduler 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204



Dear Kristen,

As President of the Rosedale Community Association, I would like to request a postponement of Case #2019-171, address 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, MD 21237.

Sincerely,

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Russ Mirabile

Russ Mirabile President, Rosedale Community Association 443-846-5399



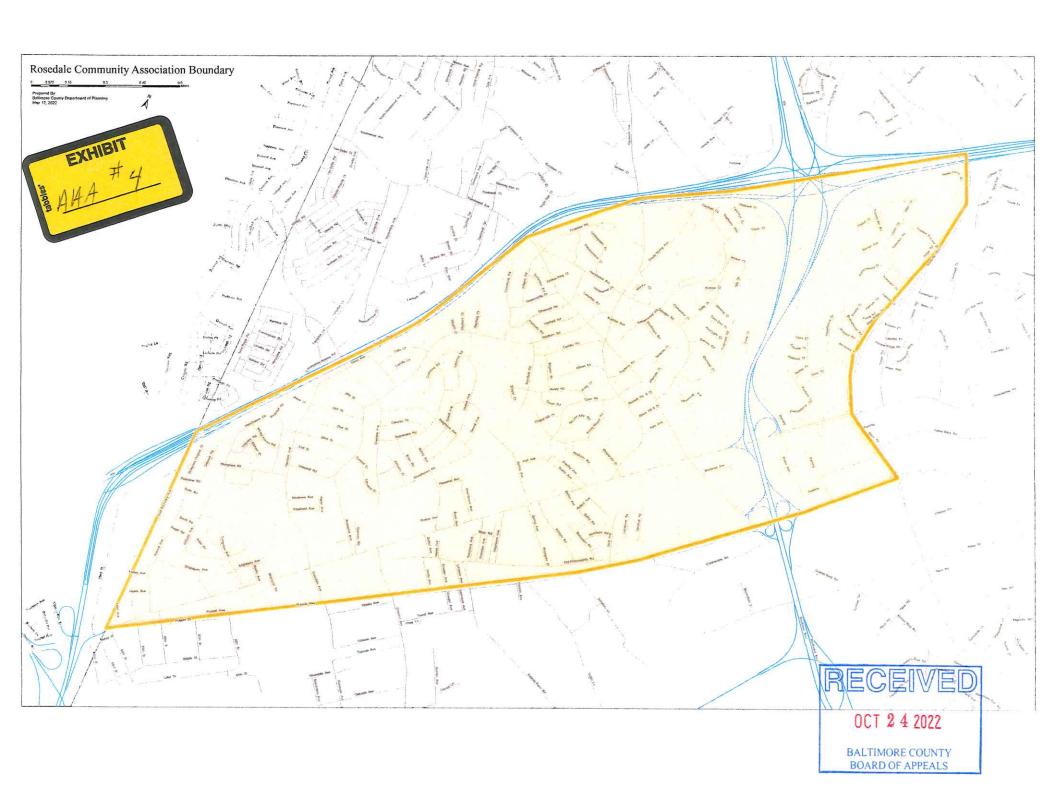
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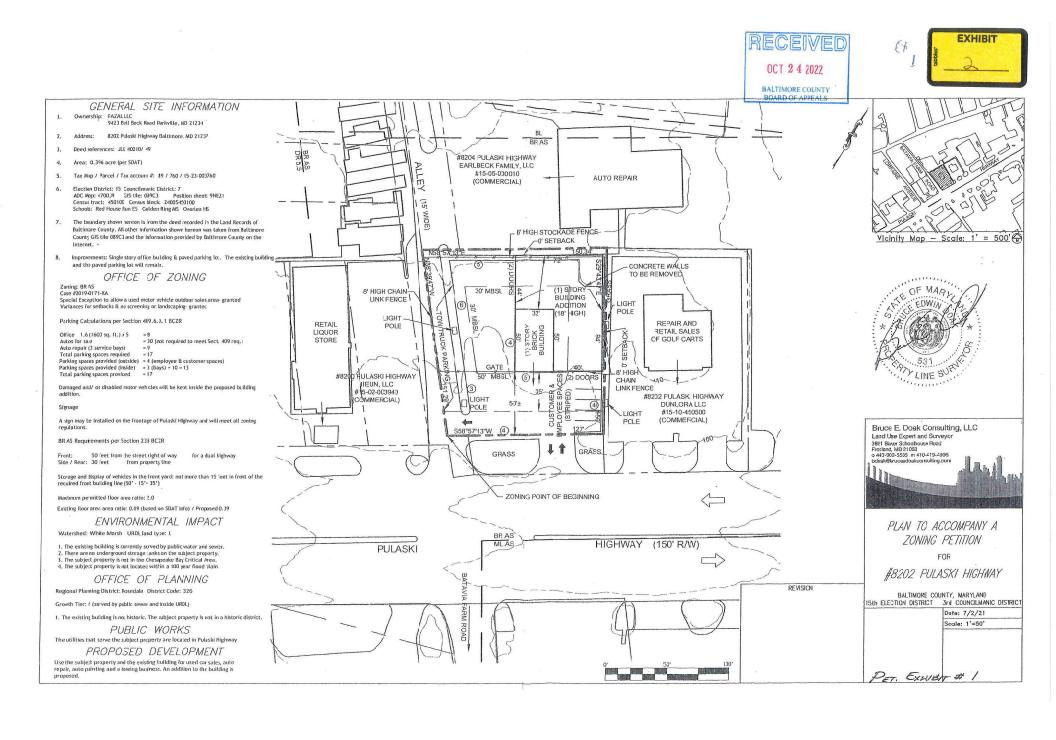
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APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Permit No 3 945868

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS & INSPECTIONS 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MD 21204  Fee Paid 5 75.00					
Make checks payable to Baltimore County, Maryland PERMIT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE CLA 1592					
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Owner's Name Galow Shahzad Phone No. 143-794-0669					
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Owner's Agent Phone No Phone Pho					
COMPLETE SKETCH BELOW OR ATTACH A PLAN THAT CLEARLY SHOWS:  Property line dimensions, easements, existing buildings, road names, and location of alleys, Proposed fence, total length 203, height 8 Feet, and type Addin Live Property line setbacks: front 91, sides 96, and 66, and rear environment of Property use flotomentive. Rear/Side yard abuts adjoining front yard: Yes No					
SITE PLAN  SITE PLAN  Permit required for fences over 42 inches high (measured vertical to ground, even if fence is placed on top of wall).  Fences erected within easement must be removed at owner's expense, if required.					
Building Code, Part 122:  122.1 - Residential Fences Maximum height of 42 inches in front yard as determined by BCZR and 6 feet in side and rear yards at the property line. Maximum height of 10 feet in side and rear yards, provided set back 2 feet for vertical foot over 6 feet.					
existing dwelling or hullding building					
Zoning Code (BCZR) (access easements cannot be fenced) 102.5 - Corner Lot.— No fence or other obstruction to vision is permitted higher than 3 feet within 25 feet of a corner of two streets, 15 feet of a street and alley, and 10 feet of two alleys.					
Road Name <u>B2 02. Pulash i Hb3 voseolak</u> #27 - <u>Residential Fences</u> in side or rear yard which adjoins residential front yard (setback and maximum height) - fence may not exceed 42" if situated within 10 feet of the adjoining front yard property line, with the exception of 48" pool fence and houses more than 200 feet apart.					
Special Fence Regulations: Exist for Historic Properties, the Honeygo Overlay District, RC5, RC6, RC7 and RC8 Zones.					
Fence Waivers. Sec. 122.4: All requests for a waiver of heights over 42" in front yard must be submitted to the Building Engineer. Waiver requests require posting and may require a public hearing if height is contested. Contested front yard waiver hearings are held before the Building Engineer. If a zoning variance and fence waiver are required, both hearings shall be before the Zoning Commissioner.					
County Code, Section 18-2-601, Obstruction of Drivers' View at Intersection.  Corner Lots: The County Code does not allow a fence on a corner lot to obstruct the vision of drivers as they reach an intersection. If a sight problem is noted later, the property owner will be required to move the fence. To be safe, contact Traffic Engineering at 410-887-3554 for a free site inspection before you build the fence. An issued permit does NOT certify that the fence will be in compliance.					
OWNER/AGENT CERTIFICATION  I have carefully read the above regulations and hereby certify that the proposed fence will be located on private property, and NOT within the 100-year-floodplain, will not violate the codes, and that the information supplied is true, complete, and correct.  Applicant Signature  Date  Print or Type Name					
PAI APPROVAL (FOR FENCE ONLY) Authority under Section 50B.4-BCZR  1					

APPLICANT - KEEP THIS COPY FOR YOUR PERMANENT RECORDS Copies Distributed: Office - White; Applicant - Yellow

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Permits, Approvals, and Inspections Code Inspections & Enforcement County Office Building, Rm. 213 111 West Chesapeake Ave Towson, Maryland 21204



Code Enforce Electrical Insp Plumbing Inspection 410-887-3953 **Building Inspection** 

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/

## CODE ENFORCEMENT & INSPECTION CITATION

CASE NUMBER CC2108046

PROP.TAX ID 15-10-450500

**VIOLATION ADDRESS** 

8202 PULASKI HWY

ROSEDALE, MD 21237-2825

FAZAL LLC 9423 BELLBECK RD PARKVILLE, MD 21234

## DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE FOLLOWING BALTIMORE COUNTY CODES AND/OR REGULATIONS:

County Codes/Regulations	Inspector's Comments
B.C.C. 35-2-301: Obtain building/ fence/ sign permit	Fence measurements do not match what was approved on the fence permit/site plan approved on 3/29/18. Permit No.B945868
Pursuant to Section 1-2-217, Baltimore County Code, civil penalty has been	\$2000

Pursuant to Section 1-2-217, Baltimore County Code, civil penalty has been assessed, as a result of the violation(s) cited herein, in the amount

\$2000

indicated:

This will be a virtual hearing. To attend your hearing, or get more information about the hearing process, please visit: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/codehearings

03/02/2022 DATE: \_

10:00

\*\*\*IF A VIOLATOR DOES NOT APPEAR AT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING, THE CITATION AND ANY CIVIL PENALTY ARE DEEMED A NON-APPEALABLE FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE OFFICIAL OR THE DIRECTOR.\*\*\*

I do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that the contents stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

	Issued Date
Inspector Badge Number	02/08/2022
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## APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS & INSPECTIONS

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## ZONING NOTICE

CASE NO. 2021-0201-SPHA

8202 Pulaski Highway

THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, BY AUTHORITY OF THE ZONING ACT AND REGULATIONS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL HEARING ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED.

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY OCTOBER 14, 2021 1:30 PM

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARINGS
PLEASE GO TO WWW.BALTIMORECOUNTYMD/GOV/ADMINHEARINGS.
YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
AND THE CASE NUMBER PROVIDED ABOVE, YOU MAY ALSO CALL
410-887-3868, EXT. 0.

REQUESTS:

SPECIAL HEARING TO AMEND CASE 2019-0171-XA.

VARIANCE ---

PM-11-9/8-121





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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS



#### 4 March 2022

Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings

C/O Rosedale Community Association

P.O. Box 70285

Rosedale, MD 21237

RE: Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

To Whom it May Concern,

I, James Earlbeck, under the Penalty of Perjury, do herby state the facts of my letter 3/3/22 concerning the Zoning Notice Sign are true and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

James Earlbeck

President Earlbeck Family LLC

President Dunlora LLC

President Earlbeck Gases & Technologies

410-687-8400



## AFFIDAVIT OF RUSS MIRABILE

I, Russell Mirabile, under the penalty of perjury, witnessed a Zoning Notice Sign for the Hearing Date of October 14, 2021, which was posted incorrectly. (Exhibits 17 and 22 RM)

My photograph, dated November 7 or 8, 2021, was already past the date of the Hearing, October 14, 2021. I travel Pulaski Highway daily and use the red light at Batavia Farm Road and Pulaski Highway to make a left turn every day, traveling to and from my house at 7932 Oakdale Avenue, Rosedale, Maryland 21237.

Russell Mirabile

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## **King Liquors** 8226 Pulaski Highway Baltimore, Maryland 21237

410-686-2770



November 6, 2021

## **King Liquors**

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Paul King of King Liquors, do solemly declare under the penalties of perjury, do state that I witnessed the post of Notice of Zoning, Case #2021-0201-SPHA on November 6, 2021 on the grass plot of 8202 Pulaski Highway. I made a U-turn at Batavia Farm Road to return to the site to confirm the date, posting after October 14, 2021.

Respectfully,

Paul King





3 March 2022

Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings C/O Rosedale Community Association P.O. Box 70285 Rosedale, MD 21237

Re: Case No.: 2021-0201-SPHA

Mr. Mirabile,

I first noticed the Zoning Notice sign on the front of 8202 Pulaski Hwy parcel 0760 on 3 November. It stated that the hearing was scheduled for Thursday 14 October. I would have attended the hearing if the true hearing date of 4 November had been displayed on the sign. I went back on 5 November to take a photograph of the sign to gather information to determine the status of the hearing. Attached is a copy of my photograph taken 5 November.

Respectfully submitted,

J.M. Earlbeck

President Earlbeck Family LLC

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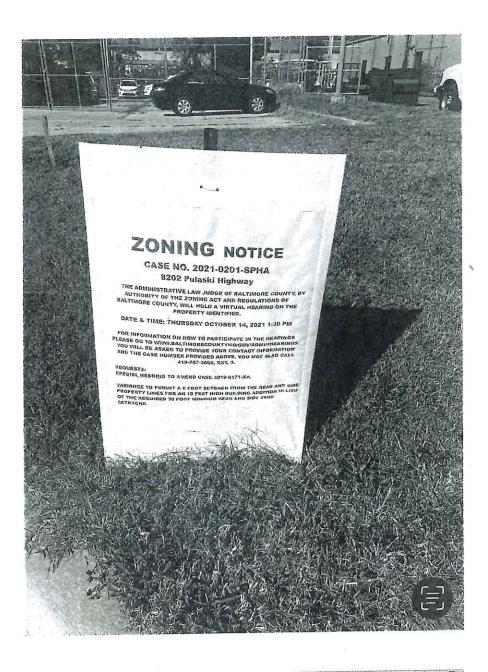
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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

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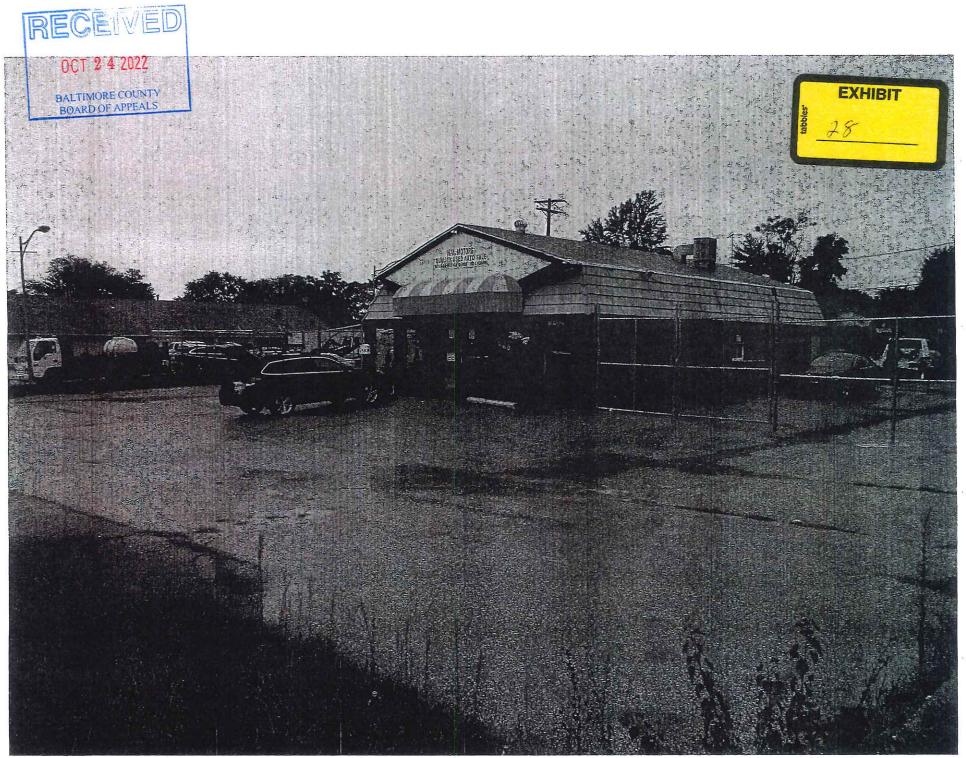
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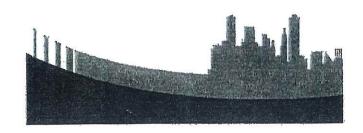
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PET. EXHIBIT #66





#### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

September 23, 2021 (amended November 3, 2021)

Re:

Zoning Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

Legal Owner: Fazal LLC, Qaisar Shahzad, President

Hearing date: October 14, 2021 (postponed to November 4, 2021)

Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Jeff Perlow

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the two necessary signs required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 8202 Pulaski Highway.

The signs were posted on September 23, 2021.

The signs were inspected again on November 3, 2021.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Doak

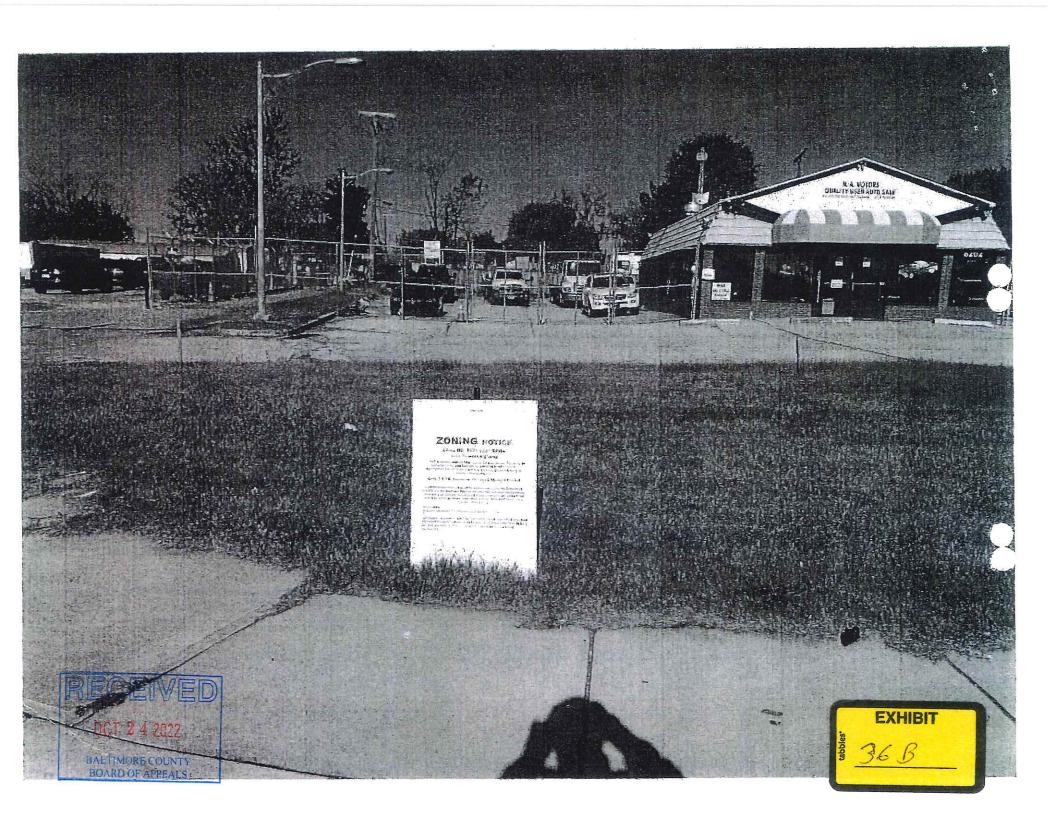
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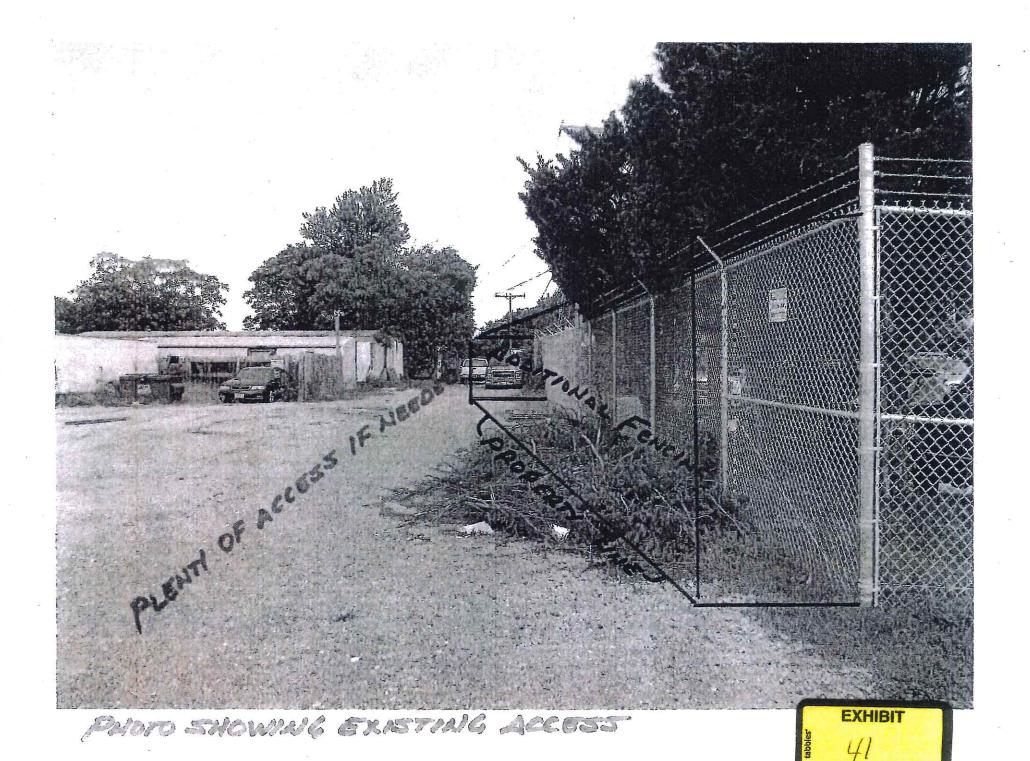
See the attached sheet(s) for the photos of the posted sign(s)

Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com









#### 11 March 2022

Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings

C/O Rosedale Community Association P.O. Box 70285 Rosedale, MD 21237

Re: Case No.: 2021-0201-SPHA

Mr. Mirabile,

The 8226 Pulaski Group LLC, owners of 8226 Pulaski Hwy, d/b/a King's Liquors, oppose the request for variance to permit a 0 foot setback from the side and rear of the property lines in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum for 8202 Pulaski Hwy parcel 0760 per Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA.

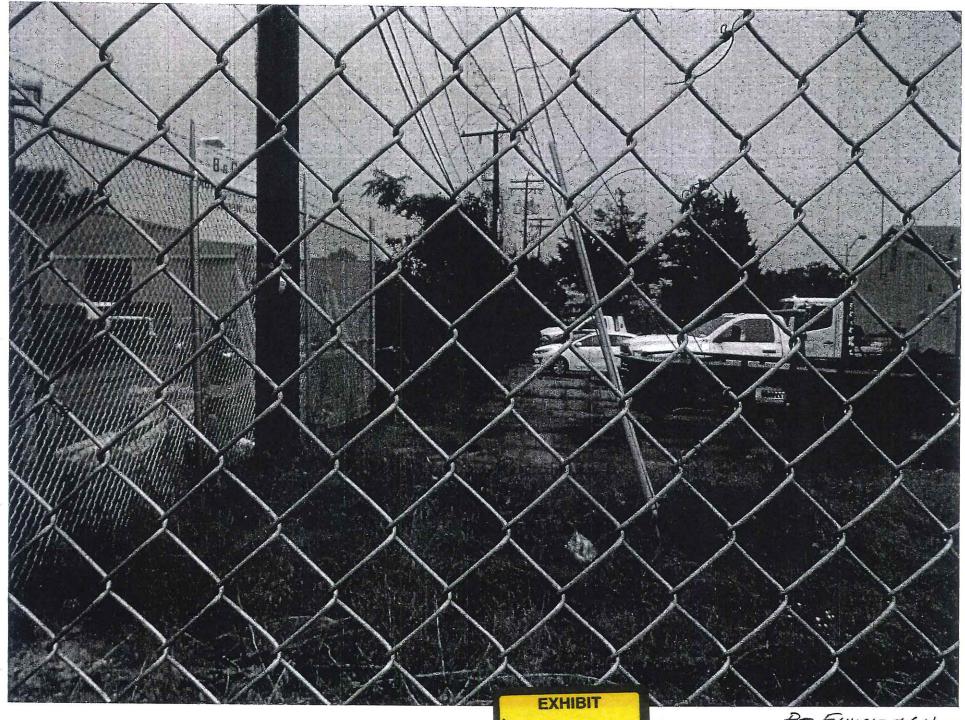
We believe that eliminating the 30 foot set back will negatively impact the aesthetics of the properties which will result in a diminished value of the surrounding properties.

Respectfully submitted,

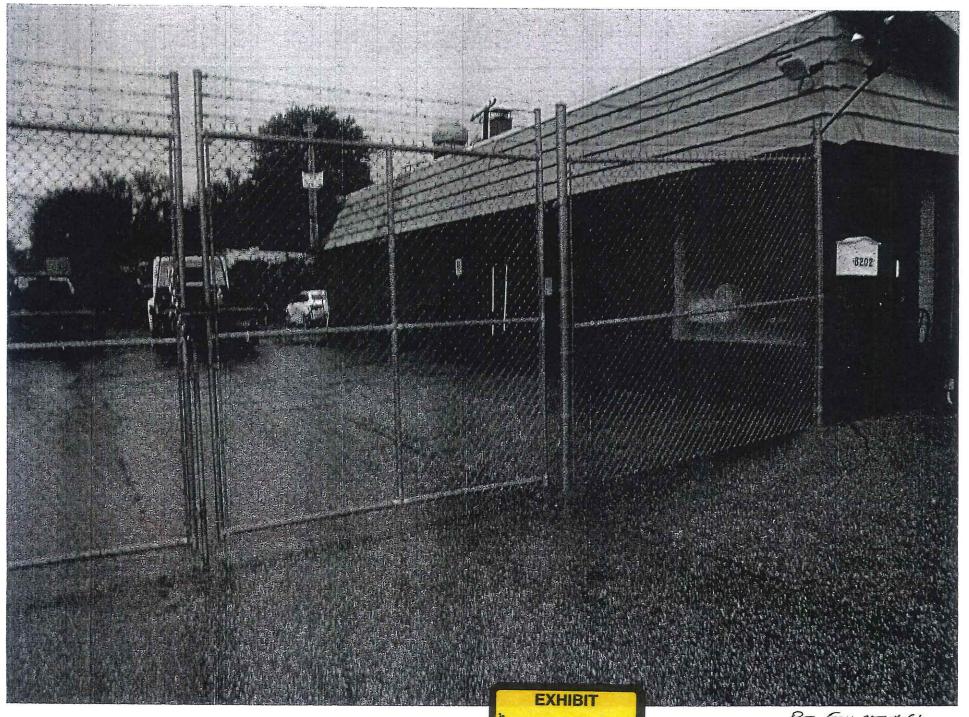
Paul King

President 8226 Pulaski Group LLC





POT. EXHIBIT #6N



PET- EXHIBIT # 6L

# BALTIMORE COUNTY REAL ESTATE COMPLIANCE APPLICATION FOR THE CLOSURE/OPENING OF A ROAD/ALLEY

Petitioner:	Attorney:
Address:	Address:
Telephone:	
Fax:	Fax:
Engineer:	E-mail addresses:
	Petitioner:
Address:	Attorney:
Telephone:	Engineer:
The Petitioner as evidence	ced by the attached package, hereby applies to Baltimore County,
	e] of which [road/alley]
	area of the Election and
Councilmanic Districts of Baltimor	
	is laid out on a Plat entitled
and recorded in Pla	t Book No, folio and said [road/alley] was not reserved; or
	is/is not owned by Baltimore County; or
	is/is not maintained by Baltimore County.
COMMENTS:	
	(SEAL)
	Petitioner

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### **CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS**

Application is submitted to the: Real Estate Compliance, PAI
County Office Bldg., Room 112
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

The a	pplicant's package must contain:
	A <u>signed</u> original and copy of Notice of Closure or Opening
,	Completed Certificate of Title (see attached format for requirements)
	Metes and Bounds description
<b>V</b>	A Mylar signed and sealed by a registered surveyor together with a copy of the Mylar indicating:
	P.O.B.  Closure area must be labeled "AREA TO BE (CLOSED or OPENED)"  Closure/opening area must be hatched (dashed hatching) correctly  If closure area is owned by Baltimore County, a deed reference must be included on the drawing  Drawing must include a perimeter description  Specify acreage, rounded to the nearest 3rd decimal point, and square footage  If road is laid out on a plat, include plat name and reference
	Certified Check for \$820.00 sent to Real Estate Compliance payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland"
	Scheduled placement of notice in newspaper of general circulation for three (3) weeks allowing for sufficient time to obtain Certificate of Publication, setting forth the description of the closure area, date, time, and place of hearing.
	Prior to publication, e-mail or fax (410-887-3270) a copy of ad for County's approval
	Send letters together with copy of first publication by Certified Mail to: 1) All abutting property owners. 2) All UtilitiesBGE, Verizon & Comcast Cable. 3) If abuts State Highway, to SHA, 707 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
	Obtain services of Court Reporter for recording proceedings at the hearing.
	On or before the last day of publication submit the following to Real Estate Compliance:
	Submit Petition for Road Closing executed by all parties. Please note that if the area to be opened affects more than the Petitioner, then all parties affected by the opening must join in the petition to evidence their agreement to bear the cost of any and all improvements in connection with the road opening.

### (Sample notice to abutting property owner)

### DATE

Re:
Dear:
Enclosed herewith, please find a notice of road (closing/opening) and accompanying concerning the closing of the above-captioned
If you, as an abutting property owner, have any objections to the closing/opening, you may appear at the hearing on the date and time shown in the notice to make your objections known and/or submit your objections in writing prior to the hearing.
In the event of inclement weather, please contact Real Estate Compliance at (410) 887-3251 to determine status of hearing.
If you have any questions, please contact Real Estate Compliance at any time.
Sincerely,
Petitioner
Enclosure





### Construction Guidelines

### **Equipment Placement**

#### Setbacks

- Equipment to structure foundation = 10 feet
- Fencing to steel structure = 5 feet
- Fencing to laminated wood pole = 10 feet
- Gas Lines to Pad = 5 feet from the wall of the pipe (case-by-case determination)
- Gas Lines to Fence = 5 feet from wall of the pipe
- Underground Distribution Lines = 3 feet on either side (avoid where possible)

#### In Right-of-Ways:

- Keep within the drip line (between conductors)
- Keep parallel to overhead lines
- Note: Goal is to keep as much of ROW clear for future Gas, Transmission or Distribution core needs.
- Under the Structure: With Transmission's approval and when conditions dictate, equipment may be placed under the structure with following restrictions:
  - Concrete shelters or cabinets on concrete/steel platforms only
  - Setback from legs AND vertical/horizontal cross-bracing = 5 feet minimum
  - No wooden platforms, generators or other fuel source will be allowed
  - No board-on-board fencing

#### Generators

- Diesel only
- Must be enclosed with a chain link fence

### Meter Board/Meter Stack

- In accordance with the current BGE metering standards
- Height = No limitation Meter must be set at 60 inches
- Electric Service Applications filed by BGE

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### Fencing

- 7'+1' chain link, unless otherwise stated by Jurisdiction
- No board-on-board unless required by the Jurisdiction

### Vegetation

- ❖ No plantings allowed unless required by the Jurisdiction
- Where required, lower growing shrubs are acceptable. No trees.
  See listing of Forestry approved shrubs.
- When a landscaping plan is required, Forestry must approve the drawings.

#### **Transmission Poles**

- Single Poles with distribution under-build are prohibited from use
- PTEs acceptable under Jurisdiction height limitations and approved structural analysis
- ❖ Wood Transmission Pole Replacement
  - Single Pole: Steel or Laminated structures acceptable
  - H-Frames: No hybrids; Steel H-Frame or Single Steel Pole, if possible
- ❖ Failed Structural
  - · Replacement required

#### **Transmission Towers**

- ❖ FWT Acceptable
- Failed Structural
  - · Structure modifications acceptable
  - Steel pole replacement, if possible

#### Grounding

Ground ring for step touch protection requires 30" from perimeter of any metal fence



### **ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

Heavy Equip/Boom Trucks/Deliveries

- Prior E-Mail Notification & Approval by BGE
- Safety Watchman On-Site

#### PPE ON R.O.W

- Long Pants
- > Hard-Soled Shoes
- Hard Hat & Safety Glasses (During Construction)

### (Sample notice to BGE)

### DATE

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Attn: Right-of-Way Specialist, Real Estate 1068 N. Front St, Room 302 Baltimore, Maryland 21202
RE: Road Closing Portion of in the Election District
Dear Mr. Meeker:
Enclosed herewith, please find a Notice of Road (Closing/Opening) and a drawing/plat with regard to the closing/opening of the above-captioned road located in the Election District of Baltimore County.
If BGE has any objections to the proposed closure/opening, said objections must be submitted in writing to Real Estate Compliance, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 112 Towson, Maryland 21204 at least 48 hours prior to the date of the hearing. A representative of BGE should attend in order to explain the reasons for its objection and/or answer questions.
In addition, please provide information regarding the existence of any and all aerial and/or underground utilities located within said road. In the event we do not hear from you prior to the road closing/opening hearing, we will assume BGE has no objections to the closure/opening and/or utilities located within the roadbed.
Please be advised that failure to respond could result in BGE losing any right to have their facilities located or remaining within the bed of the road.
Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.
Very truly yours,
Petitioner
Enclosures

### (Sample notice to cable/internet provider)

#### DATE

Comcast Cablevision of Baltimore County Attn: Community Relations 8031 Corporate Drive White Marsh, Maryland 21236

RE: Road Closing

Portion of \_\_\_\_
in the \_\_\_\_ Election District

Dear Comcast:

Enclosed herewith, please find a Notice of Road (Closing/Opening) and a drawing/plat with regard to the closing/opening of a portion of the above-captioned road located in the \_\_\_\_\_ Election District of Baltimore County.

If Comcast has any objections to the proposed closure/opening, said objections must be submitted in writing to Real Estate Compliance, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 112, Towson, Maryland 21204 at least 48 hours prior to the date of the hearing. A representative of Comcast should attend in order to explain the reasons for its objection and/or answer questions.

In addition, please provide information regarding the existence of any and all aerial and/or underground utilities located within said road. In the event we do not hear from you prior to the road closing hearing, we will assume Comcast has no objections to the closure/opening and/or utilities located within the roadbed.

Please be advised that failure to respond could result in Comcast losing any right to have their facilities located or remaining within the bed of the road.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Petitioner

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### (Sample notice to telephone/internet provider)

Verizon Communications Attn: Real Estate Department 1 Verizon Way Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920	
RE: Road Closing Portion of in the Election District	
To whom it may concern:	
Enclosed herewith, please find a Notice of Road (Closing/Opening) and a drawing/plat with regard to the closing/opening of a portion of the above-captioned road located in the Election District of Baltimore County.	
If Verizon has any objections to the proposed closure/opening, said objections must be submitted in writing to Real Estate Compliance, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 112, Towson, Maryland 21204 at least 48 hours prior to the date of the hearing. A representative of Verizon should attend in order to explain the reasons for its objection and/or answer questions.	
In addition, please provide information regarding the existence of any and all aerial and/or underground utilities located within said road. In the event we do not hear from you prior to the road closing hearing, we will assume Verizon has no objections to the closure/opening and/or utilities located within the roadbed.	
Please be advised that failure to respond could result in Verizon losing any right to have their facilities located or remaining within the bed of the road.	
Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.	
Very truly yours,	
Petitioner	
Enclosure	

### (Sample petition)

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLOSING/OPENING OF	*	BEFORE THE
A PORTION OF	*	COUNTY EXECUTIVE
IN THETH ELECTION DISTRICT,TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT	*	FOR
RC-	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
* * *	* * * *	* * * * * * *
PETITION F	OR ROA	D CLOSING/OPENING
The Petition of [Petitioner's Name	e], for the	closing/opening of a portion of [Name of Road] in the
Election and Councilmanic	c Districts	s of Baltimore County, Maryland AS SHOWN ON
drawing and generally described as follow		
*** Substitute with name/description of ro		OF DESCRIPTION tend to close/open
degrees East along the center line of		Road, more or less, measured South 87 1/2 from the East side of Road, thence 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14, and the rear 26, 30 and 32 Avenue a distance of
+++ And for reasons for the clos	ing/openin	ng states the following:
(+++ All reasons for closing/opening may	not apply	to your road closing/opening)
1. That said portion of said road	is/is not ne	ecessary for public travel.
2. That said road is of no use to a	nyone oth	er than Petitioner and the adjacent property owners.
3. That said road constitutes a	nuisance	to the Petitioner in that they are the only persons
maintaining the same.		
4. Specify intended use of area as	fter closur	e/opening.
5. And for such other and further	reasons a	s shall be presented at the time of the hearing.
WHEREFORE, Your Petitioner p	rays:	
That said road as previously descri		in be closed/opened. nature) , Petitioner

### (Sample notice)

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
THE CLOSING/OPENING OF	*	COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ELECTION DISTRICT,	* T	FOR
RC - COUNCILMANIC DISTRIC	, *	BALTIMORE COUNTY
* *	* * * * * * *	* * * * * * * *
<u>NOT</u>	TICE OF ROAI	O CLOSING/OPENING
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:		
Pursuant to Article 18, Titl	e 3, Subtitle 30	22 of the Baltimore County Code of 2015, as amended,
[Petitioner's Name] intends to close	:/open a portion	of [Name of Road], in the Election and
Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore	County, Mary	land.
a a	*** SAMPLE	OF DESCRIPTION
*** Substitute with description of ro	oad you intend t	to close/open
244.99 feet line of the subdivision recorded in the Plat Records of Balintersection of the boundary line be and the aforesaid southernmost line, southernmost line, thence binding Department of Surveys in a survey thence for new lines of division, Noradius of 2251.83 feet and an arc let 42" West 155.98 feet, said curve Rossville Boulevard as shown on Inthence North 30 09' 27" East 67.48 and having a radius of 1692.95 feet, 85 57'11" East 22.69 feet to intersect subdivision plat, said curve also being Boulevard as shown on Baltimore binding on said boundary line in a set the arc of a curve deflecting to the chord bearing and distance of South	on plat of	

	Mr. John Smith Roa Baltimore, Maryland 212	
	Ms. Jane Doe Roa Baltimore, Maryland 212	
TAKE N	NOTICE: A hearing will	l be held on the day of, 20 at AM/PM. in
the conference r	oom of Real Estate Co	ompliance, Room 112, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson,
		iving objections, if any, to the closing/opening. If you cannot be any send your written objections via certified mail to Real Estate
Compliance at the	ne above address. Plea	ise note, however, written objections must be received by this
office at least one	business day prior to th	te date of the hearing.
		BER THROUGH MARCH HEARINGS:
,		inclement weather, contact Real Estate Compliance at 410-887-
AM/PM.)	ie if the hearing has be	een postponed until the day of, 20 at
		Name(s) of Petitioner (address)

The abutting (or adjoining) property owners involved are as follows:

### (Sample notice for publication)

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSING BEFORE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

IN THEELECTION DISTRICT &
COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
NOTICE OF ROAD CEOSING
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Pursuant to Article 18, Title 3, Subtitle 302 of the Baltimore County Code, 2015, Petitioner,, intends to
close [insert road name] in the Election and Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore County, Maryland.
DESCRIPTION OF ROAD TO BE CLOSED
BEING all of that certain tract or parcel of land which, by a Deed dated and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Liber, folio, was granted and conveyed by to Baltimore County, Maryland, said parcel is shown and designated as " " on a Plat entitled " " dated and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Plat Book, folio
ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS:  Name Address
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on at am/pm in the Real Estate Compliance Division,
Room 110, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, for the purpose of receiving objections, if any,
to the closing. If you cannot be present to submit your objections, you may send your written objections via
certified mail to the Real Estate Compliance, County Office Building, Room 112, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue,
Towson, Maryland, 21204. Please note, however, written objections must be received by this office at least one (1)
business day prior to the date of the hearing. Please note that in the event of inclement weather, contact Real Estate
Compliance at 410-887-3251 to determine if the hearing has been postponed until
PETITIONER:
By:

(REQUIRED FORMAT FOR TITLE CERTIFICATE ACTUAL DOCUMENT NEED NOT BE USED)

TO:
FROM:
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
Re:
The undersigned Attorney at Law, authorized to practice in the State of Maryland having an established office at
LOCATION AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ROAD/ALLEY:
AS APPEARING FROM LAND RECORDS: Contains+/- acre described in
OWNER OF ROAD/ALLEY AS APPEARING:
FROM THE ASSESSMENT RECORDSth District Acct no
FEE SIMPLE TITLE VESTED IN:
OTHER INTERESTS OF RECORD: [List with applicable references or type: None]
REFERENCE TO DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS BY WHICH TITLE WAS ACQUIRED:
EASEMENTS:
RESTRICTIONS OR OTHER COVENANTS:
MORTGAGE LIENS: List all that apply or type: None
OTHER LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES:

Also attached are copies of a	ell other deeds in the chain of title for at least a 60 year period.
understanding that Baltimore	Fitle is rendered to Baltimore County, Maryland, for its benefit, with the County, Maryland, will rely upon the truth, accuracy and completeness of ions and opinions herein set forth.
	y be relied upon by Baltimore County, Maryland, authorities. It may not be son or entity without the prior written consent of the undersigned.
agents, employees, successor forfeitures, attorney's fees,	to indemnify, protect, and hold harmless Baltimore County, Maryland, its rs, and assigns from and against any and all costs, liability, penalties, fines, judgments, and related litigation costs arising from errors and omissions 1, it being fully understood and acknowledged that Baltimore County intends cation.
title holders of record, su	ne undersigned that good and merchantable title vests in the aforementioned abject only to such easements, restrictions, covenants, and liens and mentioned and the following: (add additional comments as appropriate).
Attorney	
	(SEAL)
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone #	
Firm:	
Address:	
Telephone No	
PROFESSIONAL LIABILIT	ΓΥ INSURANCE: (\$1,000,000.00 minimum)
Company:	
Policy No.:	
Policy Limits:	

### **King Liquors** 8226 Pulaski Highway Baltimore, Maryland 21237

410-686-2770



November 6, 2021

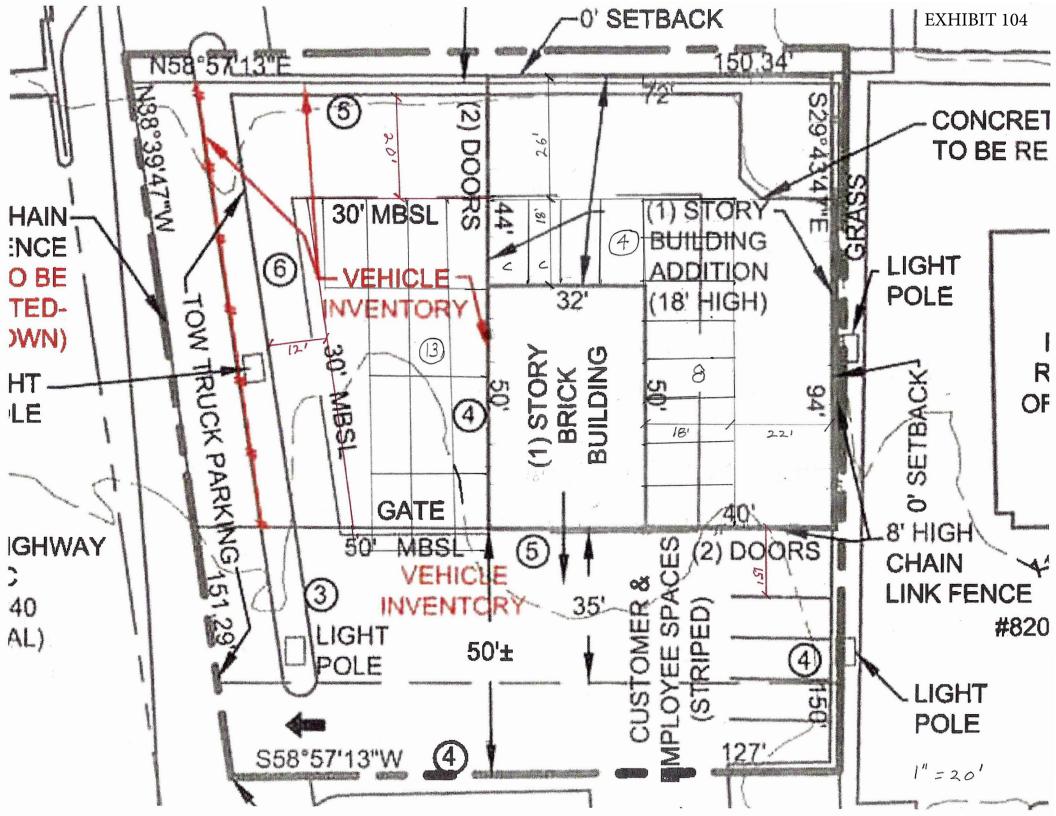
### **King Liquors**

### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Paul King of King Liquors, do solemly declare under the penalties of perjury, do state that I witnessed the post of Notice of Zoning, Case #2021-0201-SPHA on November 6, 2021 on the grass plot of 8202 Pulaski Highway. I made a U-turn at Batavia Farm Road to return to the site to confirm the date, posting after October 14, 2021.

Respectfully,

Paul King





Zoning Review
Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

## **ZONING CHECKLIST**

<u>PART I</u>: NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR <u>PART II</u>: ZONING PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATIONS

### **PARTI**

Please be aware that this checklist is for your information only and it is <u>not intended</u> to offer, or to be considered, legal advice.

Revised 3/2022

This checklist is a guide in preparing plans and information for building permit (PART I) and/or zoning public hearing (PARTS I and II) applications. Ten (10) copies of the site plan must accompany an application for a building permit, while for zoning hearings twelve (12), or fourteen (14) if in or near a floodplain, are needed. TO AVOID TIME-CONSUMING AND COSTLY DELAYS, ALL CHECKLIST INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE PLAN AND/OR IN THE HEARING APPLICATION.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ NORTH ARROW, ELECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT, ZONING MAP NUMBER(S) AND THE PLAN TO ACCOMPANY.

- TITLE PLAN "PLAN TO ACCOMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ PERMIT", (OR HEARING TYPE(S) AS APPLICABLE) AND THE DATE. Zoning Hearing Plans and Descriptions must be sealed by a MD registered Professional Engineer, Surveyor or Landscape Architect.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ SCALE OF DRAWING: Use Engineers Scale of 1" = 10', 1" = 20', 1" = 30', 1" = 40', 1" = 50', or 1" = 60'. If acreage exceeds 40 acres, use 1" = 100' scale.
- 3. \_\_\_\_ OUTLINE OF PROPERTY: Indicated by a heavy bold line and bearings, distances, gross and net area (acres and square feet) of parcel(s). This also applies to zoning hearing areas on the site with the POB and intersecting street name and distance shown and matching the sealed zoning description(s) required for all zoning hearing applications.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY MAP: A vicinity map must be included on all site plans with the scales of 1" = 200', 1" = 500', or 1" = 1,000' WITH THE SITE AND HEARING LOCATIONS CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY OUTLINED AND LABELED.
- 5. \_\_\_\_ PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL PERMIT: Number(s) and the work on the same property and the approximate date of the last improvement listed on the plan or if very old, age of building and parking spaces.

Ο.	denied, and any restrictions must be listed and addressed in detail on the plan. List any CRG, DRC, or waiver approval dates and file numbers and dates on the plan, along with the type granted. Also reference any authorized changes on a previously approved plan. State if or not the property is under active zoning violation(s), state the reason for citation, and add the case number and the inspectors name.
7.	ZONING: Zone lines on and adjacent to the site must be clearly shown and labeled on the plan. Copies of the GIS zoning map may be obtained from PAI, room 124, County Office Building.
8.	OWNERSHIP: Of parcel(s) and relation of parcel(s) to adjacent property including tax account number (10 digits), deed reference numbers, lot numbers, and subdivision name.
9.	LOCATION: Street address and name of adjoining street(s) and distance from property corner to the nearest intersecting public street centerline. For hearing plans, match it to zoning description.
10.	STREETS, WIDENING, RIGHT-OF-WAY, EASEMENTS: Include all existing public boundary streets with the existing right-of-way width and paving width. ALSO INCLUDE ANY RIGHT-OFWAY WIDENING REQUIRED, EITHER BY BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OR THE STATE OF MARYLAND. Include any existing or proposed easements or right(s)-of-way and indicate public or private. (For Baltimore County roads, Room 200 and Room 206, County Office Building; State Highways: phone number (410-545-5600.)
11.	USES, BUILDINGS: Existing location and proposed use of all buildings (or additions) and property, show building locations, orientations and uses on adjacent properties. Note height and number of stories.
12.	DIMENSIONS, SETBACKS: Dimensions and orientation of buildings and setbacks from property lines, include all setbacks between buildings.
13.	STREET SETBACKS: And use of all permanent commercial buildings within 100 feet of each side property line to establish average street setbacks an BL, BM, and BR zones per Section 303.2, BCZR, and Policy 3-2.1. Also see average setback requirements if in a CR District in 259.3.C.2.
14.	ENTRANCES: Location and width of existing and/or proposed entrances (traffic channelization) and their relation to entrances on adjacent properties and properties across the street. Indicate method - curbing, R/R ties. (For County requirements, Developers Engineering at 887-3751 or State Highways at 410-545-5600.)
15.	SIGNS: All existing and proposed, location, height, square footage, illumination, setback from existing or proposed right-of-way, and note if single or double-faced. See Permit Drawing/Detail Checklist on the County Website at the Zoning Forms Summary under Permits, Approvals and Inspections. Note all signs will comply with Section 450 BCZR or list the required relief and BCZR Section references for the zoning hearing.
16.	UTILITIES: Show location and size of public utilities and the right-of-way both adjacent to and on-site. In the event that no public water or sewer exist, the means for providing proper well and septic system must be indicated. (Public utilities, room 206, County Office Building.)
17.	FEATURES: Location of streams, storm water management systems, drainage, and pipe systems on or within 50 feet of the property and the 100-year floodplain, if any. State flood plain status.
18.	FLOOR AREA, GROSS (Floor Area Ratio) CALCULATIONS: (Used for parking calculations.) The floor area ratio is the total gross floor area of all the floor areas of all the buildings on a site, divided by the gross site area. The gross site area includes up to one-half of the boundary streets to which the property has right of access, up to a maximum of 30 feet.
19.	HEIGHT DETERMINATION: Tent must be included for buildings above 40 feet (see Section 231, BCZR). Where a building height determination is required and Section 231 does not apply, use Zoning Policy 1-8 and show a scaled detailed drawing on the plan.

20.	AMENITY OPEN SPACE (AOS): Location and square foot calculations in the following zones: R.A.E1, R.A.E2, R.O., OR-1, OR-2, O.T., S-E, B.LC.C.C., B.LC.T., B.MC.C.C., B.MC.T., B.RC.C.C., and B.RC.T. The qualifying AOS areas within the net lot area must be shaded, dimensioned and separate areas subtotaled in square feet on the plan print and included in the AOS calculations in the notes.
21.	FIRE HYDRANTS: Location of fire hydrants and distance to the property.
22.	SITE PLANS: Must be trimmed to a neat 8-1/2" x 11" or, where larger prints are necessary, they shall be folded to that size with the title block showing. THEY MUST BE LEGIBLE. AND NO LARGER THAN 24" X 36" (unless authorized by the intake review Planner).
23.	REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING AND CALCULATIONS: On the site plan for all uses on the property pursuant to Section 409, BCZR, and the attached standards and samples.
24.	SPECIAL USE REQUIREMENTS: Must show compliance on the plan with the applicable zoning regulations and BCZR Sections, to include, but not limited to the following: Farm and agricultural operations (S. 404); waterfront construction/facilities (S. 417); car wash (S. 419 and 409.10); amusement devices (S. 422 and 423); child care (S. 424); assisted living (S. 432); truck facilities (S. 410, also see online checklist.); service stations (S. 405); damaged or disabled vehicles and parts (S. 405.A); uses with automotive stacking such as banks, drive-through restaurants, etc. (S. 409.10); business / industrial parking in a residential zone (S. 409.8.B.2); In DR zones, RTA requirements (1B01.1.B.1).
25.	BASIC SERVICES MAPS: State if the site is, or is not, in any failed Basic Services Map areas. If in a failed area, identify it and state what action is being taken to resolve the issue.
26.	ZERO SETBACK BUILDINGS: Must meet building code, as well as fire code requirements, with regard to type of construction, windows, etc.
27.	FEES: For the permit filing fees contact Permits and Licenses at (410-887-3900). For all required development review fees contact Development Management at (410-887-3335). Zoning Hearing fees vary; contact Zoning Review at (410-887-3391) to confirm filing costs.

### REQUIRED NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES

### CHART IS ONLY A GUIDE AND IT DOES NOT SUPERCEDE SECTION 409 BCZR

RETAIL/BEAUTY OR BARBER SHOP/SKATING RINK5/1,000	GROUP CHILD CARE/NURSERY SCHOOL1/Emp. (Minimum 2)
SHOPPING CENTER 100,000 SQ. FT. G.L.A. **	HOSPITAL1.5/BED
HOTEL/MOTEL/ROOMING&BOARDING/TOURIST HOME1/RM / SUITE	MARINA/BOAT YD0.5/SLIP / STORAGE SPACE ON LAND
NURSING HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY (ALF)*1/3 BEDS	POOL HALL/ARCADE4/1.000
MANUFACTURING/WAREHOUSE1/EMP	SCHOOLS (ALL)1/EMPVISITOR/STUDENTPER REVIEW
POOL (community)1/7 PERSONS (capacity per Health Dept.)	POOL (commercial)1/4 PERSONS (capacity per Health Dept.)
RESTAURANT (standard, ie; with seating (no CLASS "D" LIC)16/1,000	RESTAURANT (carry-out only)5/1,000
TAVERN/NIGHT CLUB/DANCE HALL/CATERING HALL20/1,000	CLASS "D" LIQUOR. LIC. USES (ALL)20/1000
ATHLETIC CLUB/HEALTH SPA (3/COURT) OTHERWISE10/1,000	CONTINUING CARE FACILITY1/DWUALF/NURSING SEE*
HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLYCLASS A1/1.5DWUCLASS B1/DWU	GOLF COURSE8/HOLEDRIVE RANGE/MINI GOLF1.5/TEE
BOWLING ALLEY4/LANE	RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY/THEATRE/AUDITORIUM1/4SEATS
AUTO SALESDISPLAY/OFFICES/PARTS5/1,000SERVICE3.3/1,000	SERVICE GARAGE (no fuel sales)
FURNITURE/CARPET STORERESEARCH & LAB USES2.5/1,000	FUNERAL HOME 10/1,0001/2EMP1/BUSINESS VEHICLE
DORMITORY1/4BEDSFRAT OR SORORITY HOUSE1/2BEDS	FUEL (AUTO) SERVICE STATIONSEE SECTION 405
CAR WASHSEE SECTION 419	TRUCKING FACILITIES**,,SEE SECTIONS 410 /409/TF CHKLST
TOWSON (C.T.) DISTRICT PARKING**,SEE SECTION 409	HISTORIC BUILDINGS**SEE SECTION 409
OFFICE (GENERAL) / PERSONAL SERVICE	OFFICE (MED)/CLINICVETS OFFICE/VETERINARIUM4.5/1,000

### **NOTES:**

CONTACT ZONING REVIEW FOR PARKING CALCULATIONS NOT LISTED MIXED USES MEANS MIXED CALCULATIONS SUBTOTALED AND OVERALL ROUND EACH FRACTIONAL CALCULATION TO THE HIGHER WHOLE NUMBER Example: 5 parking space per 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area is written as 5/1,000 Employee: 1 parking space per employee is written as 1/Emp.

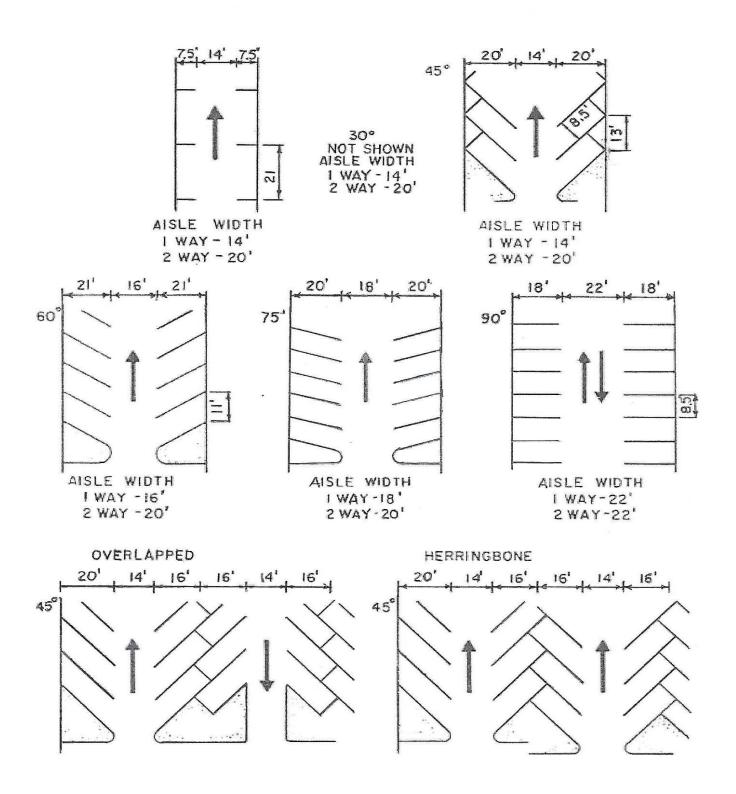
\*\* = see Section 409 for details/exceptions/special regulations

DWU = Dwelling Unit

Sample: required / provided parking space calculations:
Proposed general office: 6,000 sq. ft. @ 3.3/1.000 = 19.8 or 20
Proposed retail space: 3,500 sq. ft. @ 5/1,000 = 17.5 or 18
Total required parking spaces = 38
Total parking provided (on-site parking spaces) = ##

### **Sample Parking Layouts**

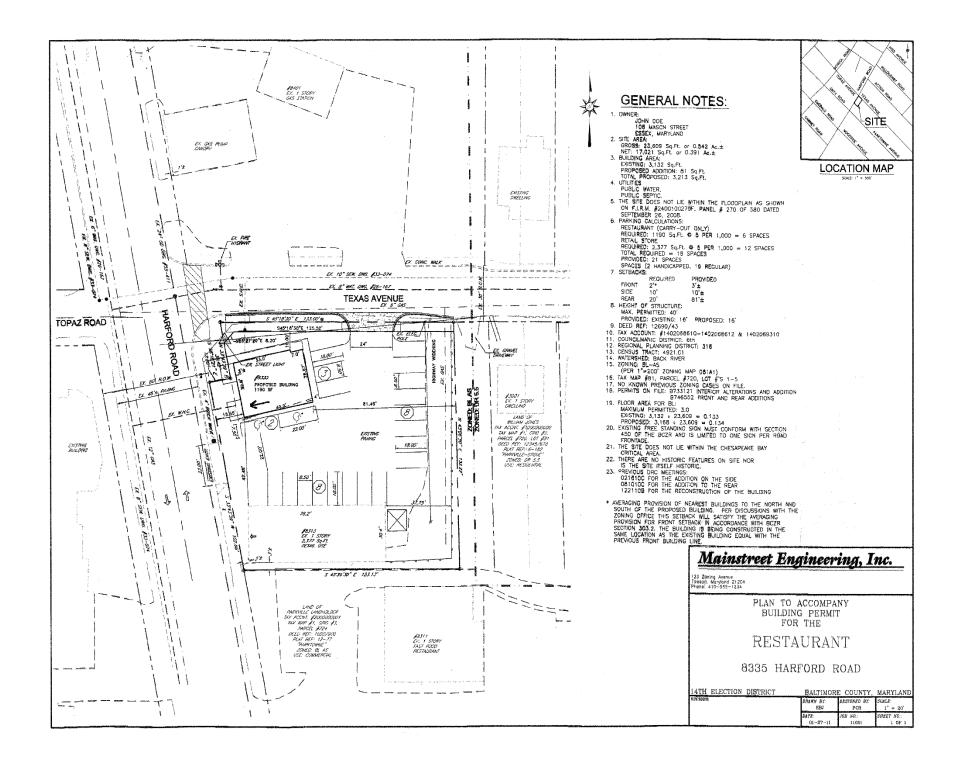
See BCZR 409.4.C



All parking maneuvering, access, aisles are required to be paved and striped per BCZR Section 409.8.

### **OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

1.	PAVING: (type and extent), STRIPING, AND 10-FOOT SETBACK TO A STREET R/W (8 feet if existing on 5/26/88 and documented) and must be clearly indicated on the plan and notes.
2.	DESIGN STANDARDS, SCREENING, AND LANDSCAPING: must be provided in accordance with the Landscape Manual and all other manuals adopted pursuant to Section 32-4-404 of the Baltimore County Code. (See Section 409.8.A.1, BCZR.) Contact County Landscape Architect at 410-887-3751.
3.	CURBING: or anchored wheel stops must be provided around parking lots and must be located not to interfere with the required landscaping and screening. Show a detail for wheel stops.
4.	DEAD-END PARKING BAYS: require a back-around or turn-around. Traffic circulation must be shown by the use of arrows on the plan. (See Section 409.8.A.5, BCZR.)
5.	LIGHTING: Add note: "Any fixture used to illuminate an off-street parking area shall be so arranged as to reflect the light away from adjacent residential site and public streets." Indicate placement, height, and direction on the plan and show protected by curbing or landscaping. If no lighting, state so. (See Section 409.8.A.3, BCZR.)
6.	ENTRANCES: on County roads for one-way traffic; 17 feet wide. Two-way traffic; not less than 24 feet nor more than 30 feet wide. Monumental entrances shall be provided with a minimum 2-foot wide median. Traffic lanes; not less than 17 feet nor more than 24 feet wide. Inbound lane not less than 18 feet the nor more than 36 feet wide for outbound. Entrances minimum 7.5 feet to property line. (Contact Developers Engineering, 410-887-3751.)
7.	ENTRANCES: on State roads are subject to the approval of the State Highway Administration. (Contact: Bureau of Access Permits at 410-545-5600.)
8.	DRIVE-THROUGH STACKING REQUIRED: BANK - 5 for first station, 2 for each additional station; RESTAURANT - 7 per station and 5 behind order board; CAR WASH - see Section 419, BCZR; OTHER USES - as determined by Zoning Review. <i>NOTE:</i> Do not count the space(s) at the service window(s). Drive-through lanes must be clearly marked by striping or pavement markings, may not block parking spaces, maneuvering aisles or cross the (clearly shown) principal pedestrian access.
9.	COMPACT OR SMALL CAR SPACES: When more than 50 spaces are provided in office and industrial uses and parking structures for residential and lodging uses only. Space size 7.5 x 16 feet (angled) and 7.5 x 18 feet (parallel) are permitted up to 40% maximum of the required spaces. All dimensions, calculations, and typical spaces must be on the plan. (Section 409.5)
10	D LOADING: (commercial or industrial) must be shown on the plan and be adequate to accommodate the size and use of the building in addition to all other parking requirements. Loading spaces may not impede normal vehicle circulation or block required spaces.
11	HANDICAPPED: For parking space requirements. (Contact: Plans Review 410-887-3987).
12	2 ADJUSTMENTS: (allowed in office and industrial): TRANSIT - 5% reduction; RIDESHARING - 10% reduction; SHARED PARKING - see Section 409.6.B.3, BCZR.
13	BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL PARKING IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE: may be granted by the Office Of Administrative Law after a 15 day posting procedure. If a request for a public hearing is filed within this time period, a Special Hearing is required (see Section 409.8.B, BCZR). <i>NOTE:</i> In the D.R. zone, within a residential transition area, all RTA requirements must be met or a variance must be granted. (See Section 1B01.1.B.1, BCZR.)



### **PART II**

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATIONS (to be included with

PART I / Checklist site plans when filing a petition)

# FOR NON- RESIDENTIAL VARIANCES, SPECIAL HEARINGS, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, WAIVERS AND USE PERMITS

**First**: and most importantly: You must understand that the relief you have requested is a quasi-Judicial decision and you are responsible for meeting the burden of law required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). A judicial hearing is an adversary process and, therefore, there may be opposition to your request. During a judicial hearing, the parties will be permitted to testify, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. The Office of Administrative Law will rule on the evidence and testimony to determine whether or not the petition will be granted.

**Second**: You must understand that if a hearing is required, you are permitted to have representation by an attorney of your choice. Unless incorporated, you are not required to have an attorney, but it is strongly recommended that you consider obtaining legal representation. If you are incorporated, it is a requirement that you be represented by an attorney.

**Third**: It is strongly recommended that you read and understand the requirements of the BCZR.

**Fourth**: No employee of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI) may provide legal advice to anyone. The representations and opinions of any employee are not to be construed as definitive in any case. Only the decision of the Administrative Law Judge rendered after the statutory required public hearing is considered dispositive in matters relating to the interpretation of the BCZR. Even though there may not be opposition in a given case, your request may be denied.

When you have completed the following steps, petitions may be submitted by using the U.S. Postal Service, private delivery service (FedEx, UPS, etc.) or in-person drop-off at the Zoning counter. Revisions will not be processed or accepted if they are just delivered or mailed. Revisions must be filed with the original intake Planner.

### **AUTHORITY AND PETITIONER'S BURDEN:**

### INFORMATION ONLY, NOT LEGAL ADVICE

All requests for non-residential variances, special hearings, special exceptions, and use permits are handled by the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI). *Applications are obtained from and filed with the Zoning Review section of PAI* and all hearings are scheduled before an Office of Administrative Law Judge (**ALJ**). The enabling legislation providing the Administrative Law Judge (**ALJ**) with this authority is in Sections 307 and 500 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). The Director of PAI interprets and enforces the BCZR. Any disagreement with said interpretation may be taken to the Office of Administrative Law per Section 500.7 (BCZR). If the site in question is to be approved by the Administrative Law Judge (**ALJ**) as part of the development process, the public zoning requests will be considered concurrently with the development proposal.

Legal representation is recommended in all cases, but in the case of a corporation, it is a requirement. The information that proceeds is provided to give the petitioner a basic understanding of the legal burden of proof that must be satisfied prior to the granting of the petition. It is not a substitute for private legal counsel nor should it be construed as legal advice.

ALL HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED. FAILURE TO ACCEPT AND/OR POSTPONE TWO (2) SCHEDULED HEARING DATES, ADVERTISE AND/OR POST SIGNAGE, WILL RESULT IN THE PETITION CASE BEING DELAYED AND RETURNED TO THE END OF PENDING CASE FILES. A NEW HEARING DATE WILL BE RECHEDULED IN THE ORDER THAT IT IS RECEIVED. IN ADDITION, A RECHEDULING FEE OF \$250.00 MAY BE REQUIRED.

### **VARIANCES**

Under the authority of Section 307.1 (BCZR), the Administrative Law Judge, (ALJ) applying the two-step test set forth in Cromwell v. Ward, 100 Md. App. 691 (1995), has the authority to grant variance from the height, area, parking, and sign regulations.

- A. The first step requires the petitioner to prove, to the satisfaction of the ALJ, that the property whereon structures are to be placed (or uses conducted) is unique, unusual, and different from the surrounding properties such that the uniqueness causes the zoning provision to impact more on the subject property than on the surrounding properties.
- B. The second step of the test requires that the petitioner must demonstrate that strict compliance with the BCZR would result in either practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. The Court of Special Appeals in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, stated:
  - 1. "To prove undue hardship for a use variance, the following three criteria must be met:
    - (i) Applicant must be unable to secure a reasonable return or make any reasonable use of his property (mere financial hardship or opportunity for greater profit is not enough).
    - (ii) The difficulties or hardship is peculiar to the subject property in contrast with other properties in the zoning district.
    - (iii) Hardship was not the result of applicant's own actions.

To provide practical difficulty for an area variance, the following criteria must be met:

Whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome.

- (i) Whether the grant would be substantial injustice to applicant, as well as other property owners in district, or whether a lesser realization than that applied for would give substantial relief.
- (ii) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured."
- C. No increase in residential density beyond that allowed by the zoning regulations shall be permitted.
- D. The relief requested must be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of height, area, off-street parking, or sign regulations.
- E. And only in such manner as to grant relief without substantial injury to public health, safety, and general welfare.

### SPECIAL HEARINGS

Under the authority of Section 500.6 (BCZR), the Office of Administrative Law has the power, upon notice to the parties in interest, to conduct hearings involving any violation or alleged violation or noncompliance with any zoning regulations, or the proper interpretation thereof, and to pass his order regarding this matter.

Under the authority of Section 500.7 (BCZR), any person can petition the Office of Administrative Law to hold a public hearing to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such a person in any property insofar as they are effected by the BCZR.

### **USE PERMITS AND WAIVERS**

Certain uses have singular, individual characteristics which make it necessary, in the public interest (even though other County permits may not be required), to specify regulations for each zoning classification. Under the authority of Section 500.4 (BCZR), the Director of PAI has the power to issue certain use permits (certain others are issued under the authority of the Office of Administrative Law) provided that all of the conditions for that particular use specified in the BCZR are met. Under the authority of Section 500.7 (BCZR), the Director has the right to require a public hearing whenever the Director deems it in the public interest. Waivers, such as for flood plain construction also require a public hearing and must follow the zoning hearing intake and filing procedures.

### 100-YEAR FLOODPLAINS AND WAIVERS

The 100-year floodplain information and requirements (Bill 173-93, 11/17/93) may be obtained in the Development Plans Review Division (room 107) and Building Plans Review (room 110) in the Baltimore County Office Building. Flood Plain waivers require a Special Hearing. The following wording must be used:

<b>Riverine Wording</b> : (No New Buildings): Special Hearing for a waiver pursuant to BCZR Section 500.7; Building Code Parts 123, 124, 125; and BCC Sections 32-4-414, 32-4-107(a)(2), 32-8-301 to permit a proposed (i.e., replacement or rebuilt building/structure; repair to a building/structure, etc.) in
a riverine floodplain.
<b>Tidal Wording</b> : Special Hearing for a waiver pursuant to BCZR Section 500.7; Building Code Parts 123, 124, 125; and BCC Sections 32-4-107(a)(2), 32-8-301 to permit a proposed (i.e., new building/structure; addition to a building/structure; replacement or rebuilt building/structure; repair to a building/structure, etc.) in a tidal floodplain.

#### Note:

DRC recommendations must accompany the petition <u>and</u> the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), must also review all petition documents as part of the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC). Also, the Zoning Office will require 14 copies of the site plan.

### SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Because not all uses fit neatly into permitted categories or zones, and under certain conditions various uses could be detrimental; the uses listed as special exceptions in the BCZR are permitted only if granted by the Office of Administrative Law, under the authority of Section 500.5 (BCZR). In cases of petitions for special exceptions under Section 502 of these regulations, the Office of Administrative Law shall hold a public hearing. After the hearing, the ALJ shall pass his order granting or refusing the special exception. In granting any special exception, the Administrative Law Judge must find that the use for which the special exception is requested will not:

- A. be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the area;
- B. create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys;
- C. create a potential hazard from fire, panic, or other dangers;
- D. overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population;
- E. interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation, or other public requirements, conveniences, or improvements;
- F. interfere with adequate light and air:
- G. be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the BCZR;
- H. be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of the BCZR.

In granting any special exception, the ALJ may impose such conditions, restrictions, or regulations as he deems necessary or advisable for the protection of surrounding and neighboring properties.

### GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A zoning hearing can only address issues as regulated by the BCZR. (Certain hearings, such as flood plain waiver public hearings are an exception to this.) You must contact other county/state agencies to determine if your plan meets their requirements!

Normally before granting any relief, the Office of Administrative Law shall require advertising and posting of the property and shall require, as applicable, a public hearing. All orders of an ALJ shall contain a finding of fact specifying the reason or reasons for granting or denying each request.

The normal time period from time of filing a petition until the time of receipt of the written order is usually somewhere between 45 and 90 days. Also, in addition to filing fees, costs are incurred for posting the property and advertising the hearing in area newspapers.

At the time of petition filing, petitioners will pay the filing costs. The petitioner will also receive a list of approved sign posters and the petitioner is responsible for hiring one of these approved posters to properly post the subject property with two (2) signs. The two (2) posting signs must remain *visible* on the property for a period of at least 20 days before the hearing and/or closing date.

Zoning petitions may be filed with PAI by appointment only. Applications/forms are available from Zoning Review or online.\*\* All information on the forms must be typed or printed and they must be signed by the legal owner(s) or a corporate officer, with his/her title, the address, zip code, work and home telephone numbers and Email address provided. While the planner will assist the petitioner in interpreting those provisions of the BCZR applicable to the particular case, the final wording of the request and other information submitted, as set forth in the application, shall be the sole responsibility of the petitioner(s).

\*\* http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdm\_zoning/zonforms.html#forms

### THE APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN

- **Petition:** 3 (three) original petition forms signed and filled out as indicated. Any person signing as an authorized agent of the petitioner or contract purchaser must be able to bind the petitioner or contract purchaser to a legal contract. Their position must be indicated and where any doubt as to the person's authority may exist, a letter of authorization is required.
- Plats: 12 (twelve) or 14 (fourteen) for flood zone properties, copies of a **sealed** hearing plan with all information as indicated in this checklist.
- **Description:** 3 (three) separate copies of a **sealed description** of the property, beginning with the distance to the nearest improved intersecting street centerline, **as indicated in this checklist**.
- **Zoning Map:** 1 (one) copy of the GIS zoning map with the location and boundaries of the property accurately depicted (matching the sealed description) and the official 5 digit zoning map number (example: 070A2). Obtain map from the Zoning Review Counter **or** obtain map from the following web address: **bcgis.baltimorecountymd.gov/myneighborhood** and click on the "Map Views" button and then the "Development & Permits" tab. (See Example 4 on Page 14).
- Fee: 1 (one) filing fee of \$500.00 for each separate request of a variance, special hearing or special exception maximum charge of \$1,200.00 for one property/lot). Checks must be made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. (Be aware that fees are subject to change without notice)
- Advertising Form: 1 (one) completed copy of the advertising form. You will be billed directly by the newspapers.
- **Posting:** Applicant is responsible for the posting (securing and paying an approved sign poster). The current list of approved sign posters is available in the Zoning Review Office.

### THE ZONING HEARING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Three (3) typed copies (separate pages) of the zoning description of the property is required. Standard 8-1/2" x 11" sheets are acceptable. Most property descriptions, as stated on a deed, are too wordy but some of the information must be used. (Note: Old deed information such as perches or a stone, etc. cannot be used as is.) Read your deed, your location survey and your State Assessment record to determine which of the three options you should use. DO NOT PHOTOCOPY THE DESCRIPTION IN THE DEED. The zoning property description must comply with Part A and Part B:

PART A (START DESCRIPTION WITH THE FOLLOW	<u>VING)</u> :
ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR_	

\*Beginning at a point on the (north, south, east or west) side of (name of street on which property fronts) which is (number of feet of right-of-way width) wide at the distance of (number of feet) (north, south, east or west) of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street (name of street) which is (number of feet of right-of-way width) wide.

\*Be aware that the Beginning Point and the distance in feet to the street centerline intersection, as stated in the zoning property description, must be shown and labeled on the hearing plan. The lot area (total square feet or acres) on the hearing plan and the zoning description must agree.

#### PART B (CONTINUE DESCRIPTION WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 3 OPTIONS):

OPTION 1: (Metes and Bounds Sample - lot not part of record plat or minor subdivision):

THIS IS A SAMPLE ONLY: Thence the following courses and distances: (1st Point of Call-"POC") N.87 12' 13" E. 321.1', (2nd POC) S.18 27' 03" E. 87.2', (3rd POC) S.62 19' 00" W. 318', and (4th POC) N.08 15' 22" W. 80', back to the point of beginning as recorded in Deed Liber (\_), Folio (\_), containing (number of total square feet or acres in lot). Located in the (\_) Election District and (\_) Council District.

(address or location)

OPTION 2: (Subdivision Lot – lot is part of record plat):

Being Lot # (\_), Block (\_), Section # (\_) in the subdivision of (name of subdivision) as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # (\_), Folio # (\_), containing (number of total square feet or acres in lot). Located in the (\_) Election District and (\_).

OPTION 3: (Minor Subdivision Lot Sample):

### **REVIEW AGENCIES**

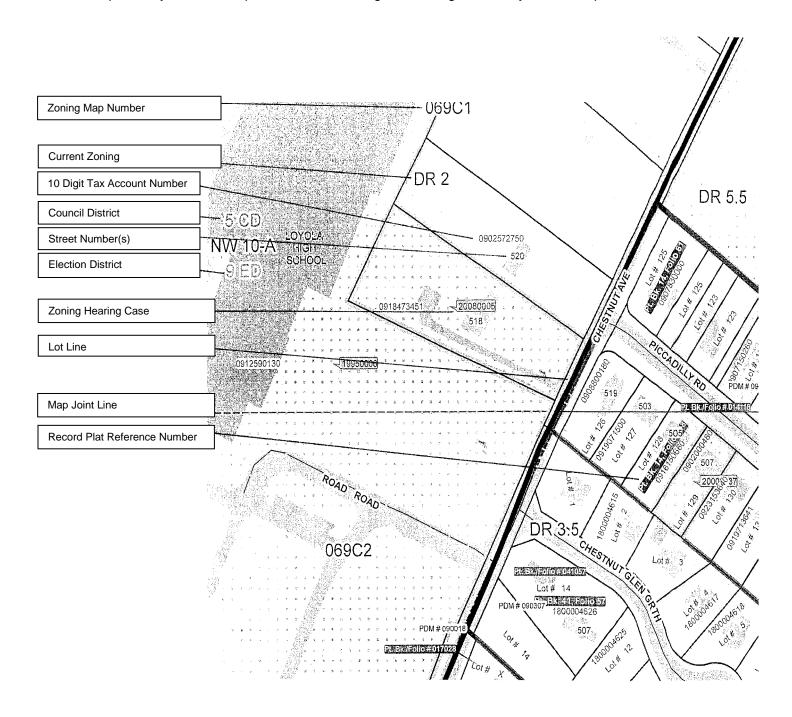
Prior to preparing the required plans, the petitioner or the engineer should contact the following agencies for pertinent data that may be required.

1.	Assessments (SDAT)	410-512-4906
	Development Plans Review (traffic issues)	410-887-3751
3.	Fire Department	410-887-3998
4.	State Highway Administration	410-545-5600
5.	County Roads	410-887-3739
6.	Planning (design, screening, landscaping, historic)	410-887-3211
7.	Plans Review (construction/fire/floodplain plans)	410-887-3987
8.	Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) (see note)	410-887-3980
9.	If floodplain, Department of Natural Resources	410-631-3902
10.	If critical area, Maryland Office of Planning	410-767-4485

NOTE: For CBCA (Critical Area) sites: Without DEPS comments the ALJ will not write an order. Floodplains and historic buildings should be identified and addressed as needed. Flood Plain determination/issues call the Dept. of Public Works at 410-887-3300. Historic issues/questions call the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

### **EXAMPLE #2 - GIS MAP COPY**

Available from the Zoning review counter. The color copy of this map is required for petition filing. This black and white example is keyed to the map information outlining the hearing site clearly on this map.



# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (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

For Newspaper Advertising:
Case Number:
Property Address:
Legal Owners (Petitioners):
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Company/Firm (if applicable):
Address:
Telephone Number:

\*Failure to advertise and/or post a sign on the property within the designated time will result in the Hearing request being delayed. The delayed Hearing Case will be cycled to the end of pending case files and rescheduled in the order that it is received. Also, a \$250.00 rescheduling fee may be required after two failed advertisings and/or postings.

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING \*

AND VARIANCE

(8202 Pulaski Highway) \* OFFICE OF

15<sup>th</sup> Election District

2<sup>nd</sup> Council District \* ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Qaisar Shahzad,

Legal Owner \* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner \* Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

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### **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Fazal, LLC, legal owner ("Petitioner") for the property located at 8202 Pulaski Hwy., Rosedale (the "Property"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. Variance relief was also filed from BCZR, §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Qaisar Shahzad, a member of the Petitioner, appeared at the hearing along with Bruce E. Doak, licensed surveyor, who prepared and sealed a site plan (the "Site Plan"). (Pet. Ex. 1). C. Edward Hartman IV, Esquire represented the Petitioner. Russell Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, who initially requested a postponement of the hearing, did not appear.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from Department of Planning ("DOP") which agency opposed the requested relief. Department of Environmental

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Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") also submitted a comment but did not oppose the requested relief.

The Property is approximately .396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, 1-story brick building (1,600 sf), housing the operation of a used automobile sales business known as "N. A. Motors" in accordance with the relief granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. (Pet. Ex. 3). The Property is zoned Business, Roadside — Automotive, Service (BR-AS). Mr. Shahzad is the operator of the business and currently only sells, but does not repair, vehicles which he purchases. Aerial and street view photographs reveal that the Property faces south on Pulaski Hwy., and is surrounded by other commercial uses including a golf cart business ("B-more Buggies 4 Less") to the east, an auto repair business to the north (the "Earlbeck Family Auto Repair"), and a liquor store to the west. (Pet. Ex. 4; 6A-N). It was noted that both B-more Buggies 4 Less and the Property use the address 8202 Pulaski Hwy.

A boundary survey and location drawing dated April 19, 2021, was submitted showing the Property boundaries and site area layout for the Petitioner's business (the "Boundary Survey"). (Pet. Ex. 5). It shows the commercial building, an 8 ft. tall chain link fence surrounding part of the Property, a 6 ft. tall wooden fence along the northern boundary line, as well as paved parking and storage yards. Importantly, as revealed on a plat identified as "Property of R.D. Hesse, Rosedale, MD" (L 12, F 41), there is a 30 ft. +/- wide paper road named Batavia Farm Rd. between the Property and the liquor store. (Pet. Ex. 16).

Mr. Doak marked up a copy of the aerial photograph to show the current use of Batavia Farm Rd. It depicts that the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business to the north of the Property uses the paper road to park vehicles. (Pet. Exs. 8, 10B). Mr. Shahzad testified that the owners/operators of the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business have closed off Batavia Farm Rd.

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at their property line by installing a chain link fence across the width of the paper road. (Pet. Ex. 10-B). According to Mr. Doak, a Road Closing case has not been filed and the paper road has never been dedicated to the County. That aerial photograph also reveals that beyond the Eastbeck Auto Repair business are single family homes which use the portion of the paper road abutting those properties as part of their yards/driveways.

Mr. Doak also marked up a copy of the Boundary Survey. (Pet. Ex. 9). That Exhibit, in combination with the street view photographs of Batavia Farm Rd., appear to show that the Petitioner's chain link fence does not currently extend into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Exs. 9, 10-A and 10-B). Street view photographs also show that vehicles which do not belong to the Petitioner (as indicated on the photograph) are parked along Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 10-A). However, as Mr. Doak explained, Petitioner is proposing to extend the existing chain link fence 15 ft. into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 8) and to use that portion of land.

In addition to extending the chain link fence into Batavia Farm Rd., Petitioner is proposing to construct a 1-story addition (6,768 sf) as depicted on the Site Plan. (Pet. Ex. 1). Due to the size of the Property, the addition would extend to the side and rear Property lines with zero setbacks. A letter of support was provided by B-more Buggies 4 Less for the proposed addition. (Pet. Ex. 7). The Petitioner is also proposing to repair the vehicles which he purchases within the new addition. Mr. Doak emphasized that a service garage is permitted by right in the BR-AS zone. Petitioner is proposing that the maximum number of vehicles on the Property either for sale or for repair at one time would be 30. In order to prevent the appearance of a junkyard, all damaged, disabled or inoperable vehicles will be stored and repaired inside the new addition. A lift(s) will also be installed. The addition will be accessed via 2 doors on its southern end, as well as 2 doors on its western end. (Pet. Ex. 1).

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In regard to parking, as adjudicated in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, BCZR, §409 is not applicable to inventory of used vehicles which are for-sale, but is applicable to customer and employee parking. As identified on the Site Plan, the total number of parking spaces required is 17 and the total number of parking spaces which will be provided is 17.

#### SPECIAL HEARING

A hearing to request special zoning relief is proper under BCZR, §500.7 as follows:

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

"A request for special hearing is, in legal effect, a request for a declaratory judgment." *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 877 A.2d 1166, 1175 (2005). And, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." *Kiesling v. Long*, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. App. (Sept. Term 2016).

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Variance from BCZR, § 238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks is hereby **GRANTED** 

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November 15, 2021

C. Edward Hartman, Esquire – edward@hartman.law

RE:

Petitions for Special Hearing & Variance

Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA Property: 8202 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

Pursuant to Baltimore County Code § 32-3-401(a), "a person aggrieved or feeling aggrieved" by this Decision and Order 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,

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Administrative Law Judge

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MEM:dlw Enclosure

c: Bruce E. Doak — <u>bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</u>
Qaisar Shahzad, President of Fazal, LLC — <u>ringotowing1@gmail.com</u>
Russell Mirabile — <u>russell3947@gmail.com</u>

IN RE: **PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING** \* BEFORE THE

**AND VARIANCE** 

(8202 Pulaski Highway) \* OFFICE OF

15<sup>th</sup> Election District

2<sup>nd</sup> Council District \* ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Qaisar Shahzad,

Legal Owner \* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner \* Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA

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### **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Fazal, LLC, legal owner ("Petitioner") for the property located at 8202 Pulaski Hwy., Rosedale (the "Property"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. Variance relief was also filed from BCZR, §238.2 to permit a zero (0) ft. setback from the rear and side property lines for a 18 ft. high building addition in lieu of the required 30 ft. minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Qaisar Shahzad, a member of the Petitioner, appeared at the hearing along with Bruce E. Doak, licensed surveyor, who prepared and sealed a site plan (the "Site Plan"). (Pet. Ex. 1). C. Edward Hartman IV, Esquire represented the Petitioner. Russell Mirabile, President of Rosedale Community Association, who initially requested a postponement of the hearing, did not appear.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from Department of Planning ("DOP") which agency opposed the requested relief. Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") also submitted a comment but did not oppose the requested relief.

The Property is approximately .396 acres +/- and is improved with a commercial, 1-story brick building (1,600 sf), housing the operation of a used automobile sales business known as "N. A. Motors" in accordance with the relief granted in Case No. 2019-0171-XA. (Pet. Ex. 3). The Property is zoned Business, Roadside – Automotive, Service (BR-AS). Mr. Shahzad is the operator of the business and currently only sells, but does not repair, vehicles which he purchases. Aerial and street view photographs reveal that the Property faces south on Pulaski Hwy., and is surrounded by other commercial uses including a golf cart business ("B-more Buggies 4 Less") to the east, an auto repair business to the north (the "Earlbeck Family Auto Repair"), and a liquor store to the west. (Pet. Ex. 4; 6A-N). It was noted that both B-more Buggies 4 Less and the Property use the address 8202 Pulaski Hwy.

A boundary survey and location drawing dated April 19, 2021, was submitted showing the Property boundaries and site area layout for the Petitioner's business (the "Boundary Survey"). (Pet. Ex. 5). It shows the commercial building, an 8 ft. tall chain link fence surrounding part of the Property, a 6 ft. tall wooden fence along the northern boundary line, as well as paved parking and storage yards. Importantly, as revealed on a plat identified as "Property of R.D. Hesse, Rosedale, MD" (L 12, F 41), there is a 30 ft. +/- wide paper road named Batavia Farm Rd. between the Property and the liquor store. (Pet. Ex. 16).

Mr. Doak marked up a copy of the aerial photograph to show the current use of Batavia Farm Rd. It depicts that the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business to the north of the Property uses the paper road to park vehicles. (Pet. Exs. 8, 10B). Mr. Shahzad testified that the owners/operators of the Earlbeck Family Auto Repair business have closed off Batavia Farm Rd.

at their property line by installing a chain link fence across the width of the paper road. (Pet. Ex. 10-B). According to Mr. Doak, a Road Closing case has not been filed and the paper road has never been dedicated to the County. That aerial photograph also reveals that beyond the Eastbeck Auto Repair business are single family homes which use the portion of the paper road abutting those properties as part of their yards/driveways.

Mr. Doak also marked up a copy of the Boundary Survey. (Pet. Ex. 9). That Exhibit, in combination with the street view photographs of Batavia Farm Rd., appear to show that the Petitioner's chain link fence does not currently extend into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Exs. 9, 10-A and 10-B). Street view photographs also show that vehicles which do not belong to the Petitioner (as indicated on the photograph) are parked along Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 10-A). However, as Mr. Doak explained, Petitioner is proposing to extend the existing chain link fence 15 ft. into Batavia Farm Rd. (Pet. Ex. 8) and to use that portion of land.

In addition to extending the chain link fence into Batavia Farm Rd., Petitioner is proposing to construct a 1-story addition (6,768 sf) as depicted on the Site Plan. (Pet. Ex. 1). Due to the size of the Property, the addition would extend to the side and rear Property lines with zero setbacks. A letter of support was provided by B-more Buggies 4 Less for the proposed addition. (Pet. Ex. 7). The Petitioner is also proposing to repair the vehicles which he purchases within the new addition. Mr. Doak emphasized that a service garage is permitted by right in the BR-AS zone. Petitioner is proposing that the maximum number of vehicles on the Property either for sale or for repair at one time would be 30. In order to prevent the appearance of a junkyard, all damaged, disabled or inoperable vehicles will be stored and repaired inside the new addition. A lift(s) will also be installed. The addition will be accessed via 2 doors on its southern end, as well as 2 doors on its western end. (Pet. Ex. 1).

In regard to parking, as adjudicated in Case No. 2019-0171-XA, BCZR, §409 is not applicable to inventory of used vehicles which are for-sale, but is applicable to customer and employee parking. As identified on the Site Plan, the total number of parking spaces required is 17 and the total number of parking spaces which will be provided is 17.

#### SPECIAL HEARING

A hearing to request special zoning relief is proper under BCZR, §500.7 as follows:

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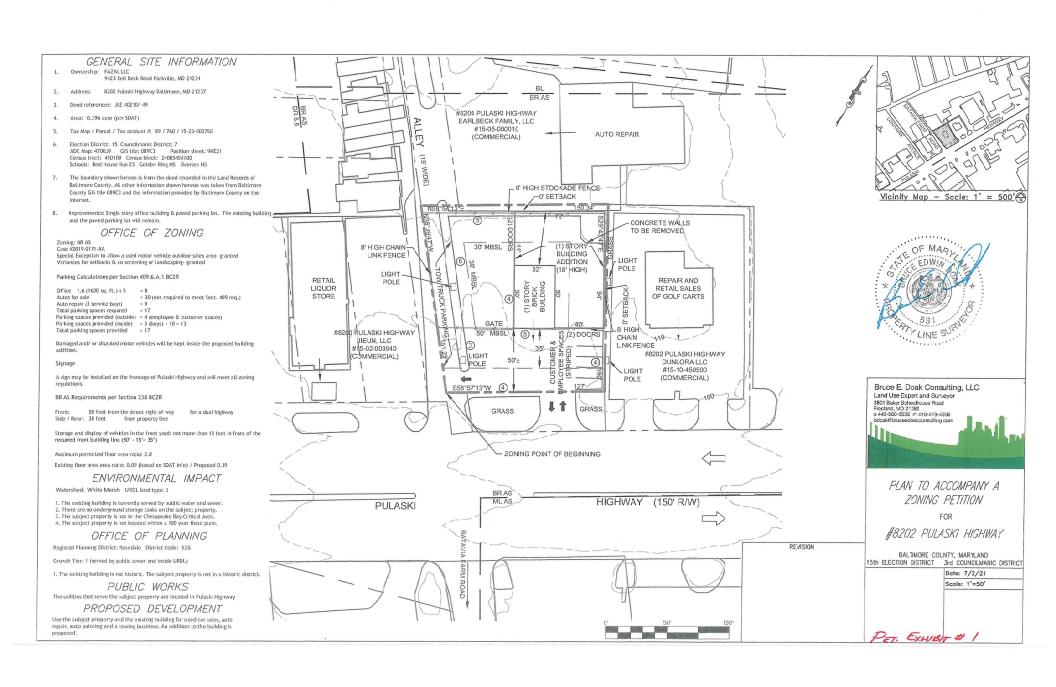
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- 3) GIS
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- 5) Boundary Survey Plat
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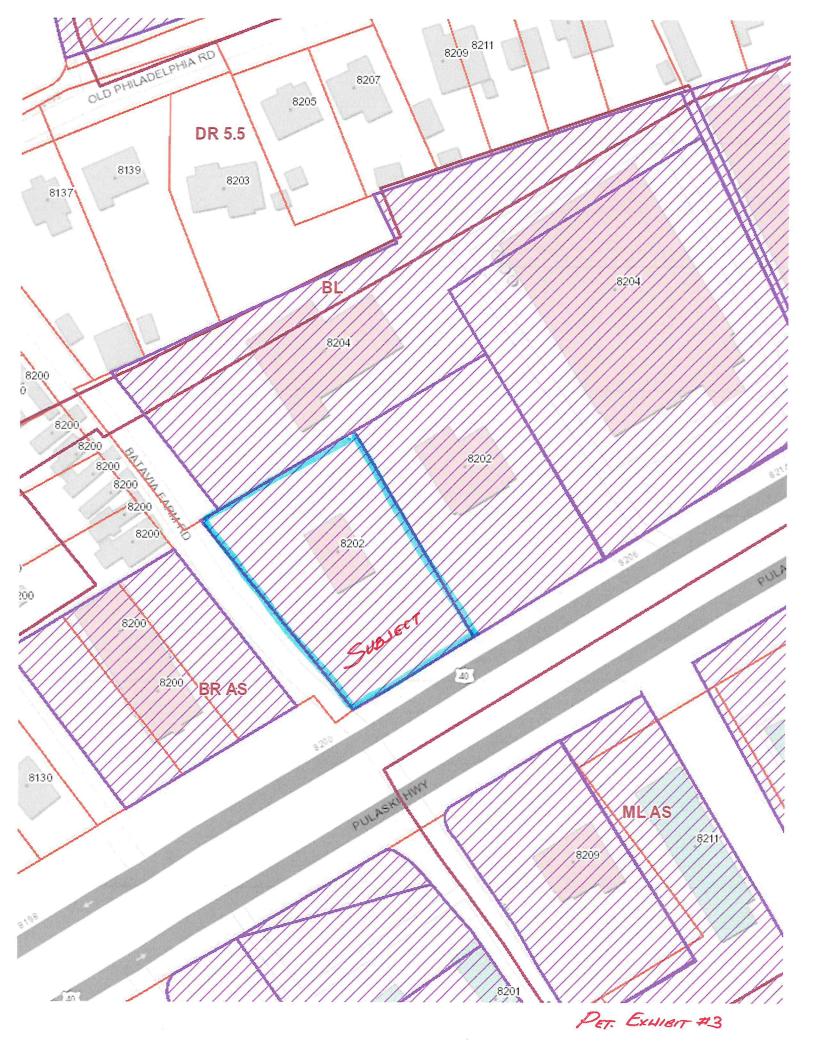
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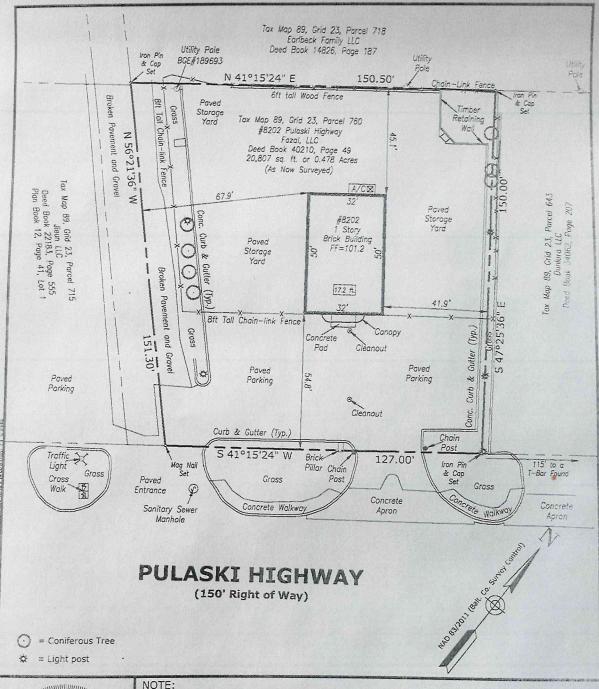
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This is to certify that this Boundary & Location survey was personally prepared by me or that I was in responsible charge over it's preparation and the surveying work reflected in it and that this Survey is in compliance with COMAR Sections 09.13.06.12 of the Minimum Standards of Practice as now adopted by the board for Professional Land Surveyors.

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Scott M. Landis

Professional Land Surveyor (Maryland No. 21613)

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BOUNDARY SURVEY & LOCATION DRAWING

## FAZAL LLC PROPERTY

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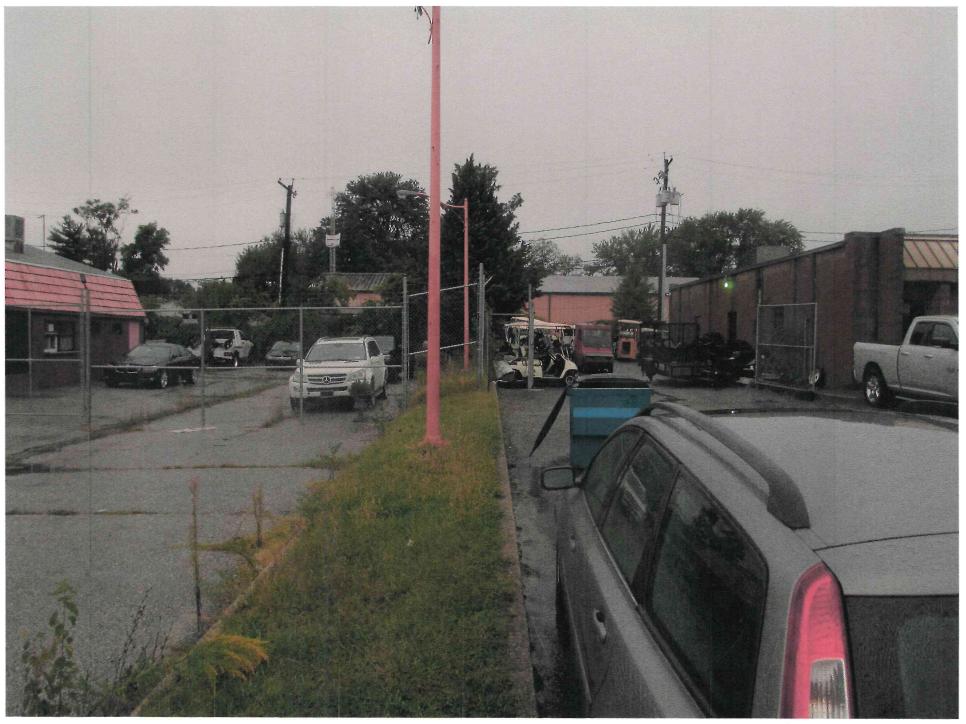
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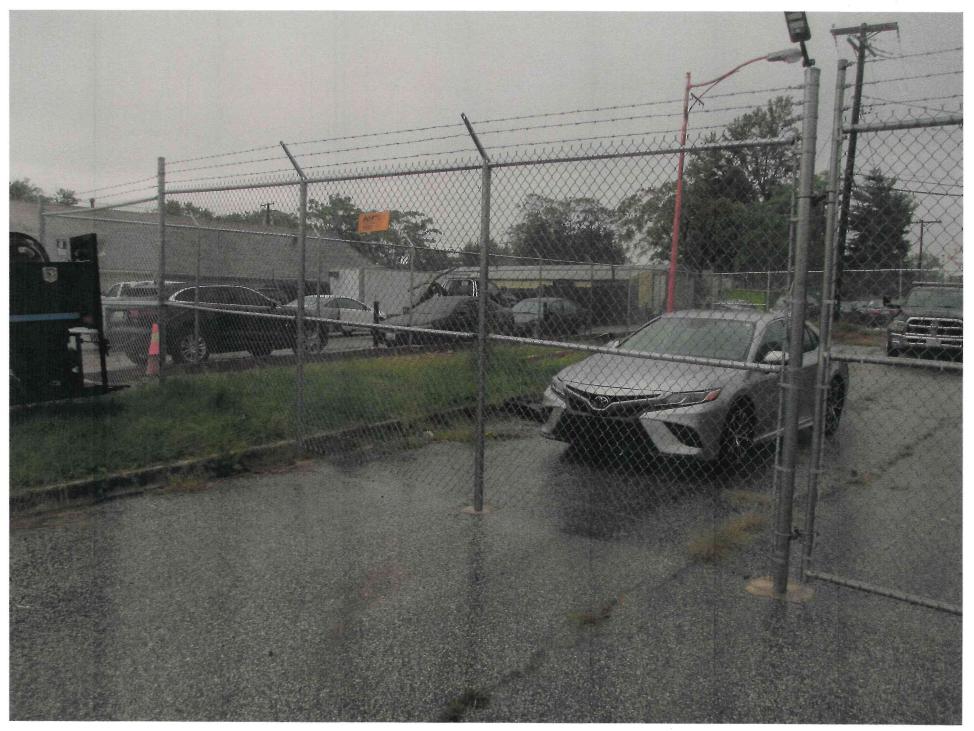
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Jerry Zellner

7813 Daniels Ave

Parkville, MD 21234

Phone. 410-804-1125

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir,

I am the business owner of B-more Buggies 4 Less next door to 8202 pulaski hwy roasdale md 21237. I understand my neighbour apply for varience with a Zero foot setback for new building. I have absolutely no isse with this new zoning and fully support him.

If you have any question please call me.

Thank you

Sincerely.

Jerry Zeller

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1	Zoning Hearing - 2021-0201-SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway - Fazal, LLC
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Event Start Date			
November 4, 2021 New York Time			
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<b>Event Start Time</b>				
1:30 pm New York Time				
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FirstName	
Qaisar	
Edward	
Bruce	
Maureen	

LastName
Shahzad
Hartman
Doak
Murphy

Company

Email ringotowing1@gmail.com edward@hartman.law bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com mmurphy@baltimorecountymd.gov

Join Time

1:20 pm New York Time

1:29 pm New York Time

1:29 pm New York Time

1:16 pm New York Time

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Bruce Doak	bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.
C. Edward Hartman	edward@hartman.law	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.
Qaisar Shahzad	ringotowing1@gmail.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.
Russell Mirabile	russell3947@gmail.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.

OK

From:

Debra Wiley

Sent:

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:59 AM

To:

Kristen L Lewis

Cc:

Donna Mignon; 'Bruce Doak -'

Subject:

Case No. 2021-0201-X

Attachments:

20211012110356232.pdf

Kristen,

Please see attached -- for rescheduling purposes.

Thanks.

----Original Message-----

From: adminhearingscpr@baltimorecountymd.gov <adminhearingscpr@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:04 AM

To: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Message from "RNP002673F6C9D3"

This E-mail was sent from "RNP002673F6C9D3" (MP 3055).

Scan Date: 10.12.2021 11:03:56 (-0400)

Queries to: adminhearingscpr@baltimorecountymd.gov

#### **Event Information**

Zoning Hearing - 2021-0201-X -- 8202 Pulaski Highway - Fazal, LLC Event:

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Event address for attendees:

Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:30 pm

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Date and time:

Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

**Duration:** 

**Description:** 

Zoning Hearing Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA Address: 8202 Pulaski Highway

Owner: Fazal, LLC

2308 324 1742 Event number:

1234 Event password: 572738

Host key: Alternate Host:

Panelist Info:

Deb Wiley, Maureen Murphy, Paul Mayhew

Panelist password:

Panelist numeric password:

158170

Video Address:

23083241742@baltimorecountymd.webex.com

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Maximum number of registrants:

10000

Destination address after event:

Host image:

Attendee list available for viewing by: Host, presenter and panelists only

**Event material:** 

None Nο

Post-event survey: Email configured:

Pending, Approved, Rejected

Registration Information

Registration ID required:

No No

Password required:

Password:

No

Approval required: **Custom registration form:** 

No

After registration, go to URL:

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Delete Event

Edit Event

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# **Edit Event**

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	Owner: Fazal, LLC	4
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From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Thursday, October 7, 2021 10:01 AM

To:

Lajuanda Whitaker

Cc:

Jeffrey N Perlow; Debra Wiley; Kristen L Lewis

Subject:

RE: 2021-0201

We had to postpone it on our end due to no Judge being available. Everyone has been informed. Once Kristen gets back we are going to have her set this one in ASAP.

Thank you.

From: Lajuanda Whitaker < lwhitaker@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:59 AM

To: Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>
Cc: Jeffrey N Perlow <JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: 2021-0201

You as well.

And Jeff asked that I remind you that it was said to not postpone so please advise everyone of the new plan.

Thank You

Lajuanda Whitaker

Office Assistant

Baltimore County Zoning Review Office

Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

Phone: 410-887-3391

From: Donna Mignon < dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:50 AM

To: Lajuanda Whitaker < lwhitaker@baltimorecountymd.gov >

**Subject:** RE: 2021-0201

Good Morning,

Thank you. Henry sent it to us as well. Thank you for being on top of things.

Have a great day. ©

From: Lajuanda Whitaker < lwhitaker@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:48 AM

To: Debra Wiley < dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Donna Mignon < dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov >

**Subject: 2021-0201** 

#### Good Morning,

Please add this to the folder that I gave you yesterday.

Thank You

Lajuanda Whitaker
Office Assistant
Baltimore County Zoning Review Office
Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections
Phone: 410-887-3391

From: Henry Ayakwah < hayakwah@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:34 PM

To: Mark Landolina <<u>mlandolina@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>>; Debra Wiley <<u>dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>>; Donna Mignon <<u>dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>>; PAI Zoning Advisory Committee <<u>paizac@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>>; Peter Max Zimmerman <<u>pzimmerman@baltimorecountymd.gov</u>>

**Subject: 21-201** 

Good afternoon,
Please see the attached zac comments and deed

Thank you Henry a

From:

Debra Wiley

Sent:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:34 AM

To:

Kristen L Lewis; Donna Mignon

Cc:

Paul Mayhew

Subject:

FW: Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA - 10/14 @ 1:30 PM - 8202 Pulaski Hwy. - TO BE

RESCHEDULED

Kristen,

Through no fault of the Petitioner and/or counsel, can you please give this case priority and reschedule ASAP. Unfortunately, Paul was not available and could not hear this case.

Thank you.

From: Debra Wiley

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:32 AM

To: 'Bruce Doak -' <bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com>; 'C. Edward Hartman -' <edward@hartman.law>; 'Qaisar

Shahzad -' <ringotowing1@gmail.com>; 'Russell Mirabile -' <russell3947@gmail.com>

Cc: Kristen L Lewis <klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Maureen E

Murphy <mmurphy@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Paul Mayhew <pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov> **Subject:** Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA - 10/14 @ 1:30 PM - 8202 Pulaski Hwy. - TO BE RESCHEDULED

Good Morning Gentlemen,

Please be advised that the above-referenced case will need to be rescheduled due to the judge's unavailability.

All parties referenced above will receive a new WebEx invitation once the hearing has been rescheduled.

Please contact Kristen Lewis to reschedule ASAP. She can be reached at 410-887-3391 or klewis@baltimorecounty1

Thank you and our apologies for this inconvenience.

From: Debra Wiley

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:32 AM

To: 'Bruce Doak -'; 'C. Edward Hartman -'; 'Qaisar Shahzad -'; 'Russell Mirabile -'

Cc: Kristen L Lewis; Donna Mignon; Maureen E Murphy; Paul Mayhew

**Subject:** Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA - 10/14 @ 1:30 PM - 8202 Pulaski Hwy. - TO BE

**RESCHEDULED** 

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Please contact Kristen Lewis to reschedule ASAP. She can be reached at 410-887-3391 or klewis@baltimorecounty1

Thank you and our apologies for this inconvenience.

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:49 AM

To:

Debra Wiley

Cc: Subject: Paul Mayhew FW: FYI

Deb,

Can you do this since you are in the office and the file is in Paul's office?

From: Paul Mayhew <pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:47 AM

To: Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: RE: FYI

#### OK. Thanks.

Can you please find the file for next Thursday's 1:30 hearing and notify all registered panelists and PAI that the hearing will be rescheduled due to my unavailability. Thank you.

Paul M. Mayhew Managing Administrative Law Judge 105 West Chesapeake Ave., Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3868

pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov

From: Donna Mignon < dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:46 AM

To: Paul Mayhew < pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov >; Maureen E Murphy < mmurphy@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Cc: Debra Wiley < dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: FYI

#### Good Morning,

Deb is on vacation Thursday and Friday.

I wanted to let you both know that for tomorrow I will log on my usual time 8 and I will be leaving for a dentist appointment at 9. Once I am done with the dentist, I will work from home and log back on. Just wanted to give you a heads up. Thank you.

Donna Mignon, Legal Assistant
Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-887-3868

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:54 AM

To:

Lajuanda Whitaker; EDWARD@HARTMAN.LAW; Bruce Doak; Paul Mayhew

Cc:

Debra Wiley; Jeffrey N Perlow; Kristen L Lewis

Subject:

RE: 2021-0201-SPHA

Hi Lajuanda,

Please bring this file over to our office. Thank you.

From: Lajuanda Whitaker < lwhitaker@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:53 AM

To: EDWARD@HARTMAN.LAW; Bruce Doak <bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com>; Paul Mayhew

<pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Donna Mignon <dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Jeffrey N

Perlow < JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Kristen L Lewis < klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: 2021-0201-SPHA

Good Morning,

Please be advised that ZONING case 2021-0201-SPHA has not been postponed.

Thank You

Lajuanda Whitaker
Office Assistant
Baltimore County Zoning Review Office
Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

Phone: 410-887-3391

Subject:

Event cancelled: Zoning Hearing - Case No. 2021-0201-SPHA - 8202 Pulaski Highway -

Qaisar Shahzad

Location:

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Start: End: Thu 10/14/2021 1:30 PM Thu 10/14/2021 2:30 PM

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Host: Debra Wiley (dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov)

Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:30 pm, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

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Pulaski Highway - Qaisar Shahzad

Host: Debra Wiley

Date and time: Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:30 pr

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Location: https://baltimorecountymd.webex.cc

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C. Edward Hartman	edward@hartman.law	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.
Qaisar Shahzad	ringotowing1@gmail.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.
Russell Mirabile	russell3947@gmail.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.

OK

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:40 AM

To:

Kristen L Lewis; Peter Gutwald

Cc:

Paul Mayhew; Debra Wiley

**Subject:** 

Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

**Attachments:** 

Request for Postponement of 2021-0201-SPHA- 10 14 21.pdf

Importance:

High

Good Morning Kristen,

Please find attached the Request for Postponement in regard to the above-referenced matter. Since this is outside of the 5 days, I am deferring to you. Thank you.

Donna Mignon, Legal Assistant
Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings
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410-887-3868

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 8:49 AM

To:

Jeffrey N Perlow; Peter Gutwald

Cc:

Debra Wiley; Paul Mayhew

Subject:

Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Attachments:

Request for Postponement of 2021-0201-SPHA- 10 14 21.pdf

Importance:

High

Hi Jeff,

I just received a message that Kristen is on vacation. Please see the attached. Thank you.

From: Donna Mignon

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:40 AM

**To:** Kristen L Lewis <klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Peter Gutwald <cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov> **Cc:** Paul Mayhew <pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Importance: High

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webmaster@baltimorecountymd.gov

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Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:22 PM

To:

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Subject:

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First Name

Russell

Last Name

Mirabile

Email

russell3947@gmail.com

Phone

4438465399

Address

7932 Oakdale Avenue

City

Rosedale

State

Maryland

ZIP Code

21237

Case Number

2021-0201-SPHA

Scheduled Hearing Date 10/14/2021



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Case No 8202 Pu Qaisar §

Donna N

Event number: 2304 84

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Panelist Info:

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**Alternate Host:** 

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Russell Mirabile	russell3947@gmail.com	1-	New York Time	English	U.S.

OK

From:

Donna Mignon

Sent:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:09 AM

To:

'edward@hartman.law'

Cc:

'Bruce Doak'

Subject:

Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway

#### Good Morning:

As you are aware, a virtual Webex hearing has been scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. You should have received an invitation in an email which invited you to this hearing when the event was created on or about September 15, 2021.

Please note that all electronic and hard copies of all hearing exhibits, documents, site plans, photographs or evidence of any kind must be submitted in PDF format at least two full business days in advance of the hearing to: Office of Administrative Hearings at administrativehearings@baltimorecountymd.gov

Exhibits must be separately numbered and submitted, an exhibit list with the Case Number, an exhibit number and a brief description for each exhibit.

Please bring a hard copy of all exhibits and drop off in our lobby (address below) at least two full business days before the hearing date.

### Thank you.

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From:

Jeffrey N Perlow

Sent:

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:36 PM

To:

Donna Mignon; Peter Gutwald

Cc:

Debra Wiley; Paul Mayhew

Subject:

RE: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

Donna,

Pete's in a meeting, but as soon as I find out his decision on postponement, I will let you know. Thanks!

From: Donna Mignon

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 8:49 AM

To: Jeffrey N Perlow <JPerlow@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Peter Gutwald <cpgutwald@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>; Paul Mayhew <pmayhew@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Case No: 2021-0201-SPHA - Scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 1:30

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Debra Wiley; Donna Mignon

Subject:

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Subject:

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Oh sheesh..LOL

10/14 at 1:30 p.m.

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3	IN RE: FAZAL, LLC
4	8202 Pulaski Highway
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8	A Public Deliberation in the
9	above-entitled matter was held virtually via WebEx
10	at 9:00 a.m. on December 22, 2022 amongst Deborah
11	Dopkin, Chairman, Adam Sampson and Fred Lauer,
12	Board Members.
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PROCEEDINGS

a.m. on December 22nd, 2022. This is a Public Deliberation of the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in case number 21-201 SPHA in the matter of Fazal, LLC, the legal owner Qairsar Shahzad President for the property at 8202 Pulaski Highway with regard to a petition for special hearing to amend the Opinion and Order in case number 2019-0171XA and for variance relief to permit a zero foot setback in the rear and side property lines for an 18 foot high building addition in lieu of a required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setback.

The appeal is of a November 15th, 2021
Opinion and Order of the ALJ wherein both
petitions were granted subject to conditions. We
held hearings on March 16th and a second day on
October 26th, 2022.

The parties submitted written memoranda. I hope you've had time to review them. The Petitioner was represented and had an expert testimony and the Protestants were pro se but did have several witnesses and an engineer who testified as an expert as well.

This property is on Pulaski Highway in the eastern part of Baltimore County and is zoned for automotive use which is being made of the property. It's a used car sales lot and the owner wants to add to the building so he can do minor repairs rather than have to move cars off-site.

Okay. Mr. Lauer?

MR. LAUER: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: What's your view of how -- of this case?

MR. LAUER: Well, I want to point out that one of the issues also raised by the Protestants was notice, just as an issue that I think maybe we should address one way or the other.

an auto use. I do see the hardship in terms of doing the repair and selling these automobiles and moving them from one location to the other as a practical matter. Adding to the building and with the zoning this is, it seems to me that it is similar to other uses in the area and I don't see a problem with that.

In terms of the variance and the hardship, I believe the issues that I jotted down

related to those -- had to do with the location of the building in the center of the lot and also in terms of the practical difficulty and hardship, if you will.

Also the BG&E lines in terms of requiring certain setbacks were a problem. It appears to me that there's a lot more that needs to be done with BG&E and others after -- if in fact we approve this request here. My overall feel, this is just some input here, is that I would probably vote for the variance and to give them the request -- the leave requested.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: Let's talk about the notice issue.

MR. LAUER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: There was a lot of testimony and evidence that the property was posted which it appears to have been. To me the issue of notice is that everybody showed up and there's case law that says actual notice overcomes the deficiency. And there's a Baltimore County case, I think it's the Swathmore (phonetic) case right on point.

So I don't think that defeats the petition.

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                 MR. LAUER: I also think that the
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     notice issue should have been raised below and
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     time of the hearings or whatever, and I think in
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: We hear these cases
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     de novo, so --
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                 MR. LAUER: I know.
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: It can be raised.
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                 MR. LAUER: Yes. Okay. I agree with
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     you, by the way.
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN:
                                  Mr. Sampson?
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I concur on the notice
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     issue.
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                 You've addressed it and you referred
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     to the case and I don't see it as an issue that
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     precludes us from considering the merits in this
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     case.
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: How about on the
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     special hearing?
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I would be inclined to
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     grant the relief. If I understand the application
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     of these facts to the law, I think there is the
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     uniqueness of the building located in the center
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that virtually renders it unable to be used for the purpose that they're seeking.

And while I understand and I think the community's grounds are well articulated and they've done an admirable job preparing for the hearing, presenting their case at the hearing, presenting us with a very specific and relatively short in number of pages which is a positive, memorandum, I just think that the law on these facts is satisfied and that the relief requested is entitled.

So I would have gone through the same analysis Mr. Lauer went through. I think that the brief from Fazal, LLC likewise with less detail because they think it's not necessary, hits the high points on these issues and it tracks with how I would actually write an opinion in this case.

So I would grant the relief requested. It meets the uniqueness and the hardship Mr. Lauer articulated why and I don't have any disagreement.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: I would agree with you both and point out that our Statute includes in the uniqueness analysis the buildings, not just the property and this is an adaptive re-use of a building that was -- of a use, I think a fast food

or restaurant that had failed, and it's appropriate for the zone.

I think many of the issues the Protestants raised will be dealt with as permitting becomes an issue because if the BG&E line is a problem or if the road is a problem, they won't get their permits as they should.

I also think based on the conditions in the ALJ's decision this is an opportunity for improving the street scape of this property in a way that will only enhance it. I would probably suggest we add a condition that the Office of Planning get to review the architectural as well as requiring the landscape plan that the ALJ did.

Because if this goes forward it should be for the betterment, not just more of the same.

So I think we're in agreement. Is there anything you want to add?

MR. SAMPSON: No. I would say as usual you do a fine job in very articulately explaining in I think better fashion certainly than myself these grounds and I do appreciate you highlighting something that I did mean to say and I forgot. The idea, and Mr. Lauer did touch on it, the idea of BG&E and other concerns that

really are post Board approval if approved. And I think a lot of parties that come before this Board that oppose these petitions think that we are to make all of those determinations and we're not.

And we do consider them, and it may be that we could even agree with the opposition, but that's for permitting. And it's possible that the permits are never issued and the project doesn't proceed.

This is just me adding on at the end, because I think it would -- I don't know how to help the community in these cases understand that, but maybe it helps, maybe it's just cold comfort.

But these are precise issues that are not before us but the case doesn't end with us, it's just a step in the staircase of procedure that a party has to go through and ultimately to achieve final approval to do the project as designed.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: That's very well
put. And that's one of the reasons I would add
Office of Planning review because the community
has fewer tools in their toolbox if a permit is
issued under the Code so that the levels of review
give them some input with the local planners who

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     are very sensitive to community concerns.
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                 We hear them, we recognize them.
     We're limited in what we can do so we do what we
 3
 4
     can.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes. Thank you for
     your--
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: I appreciate your
 8
     comments.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I appreciate your
10
     leadership in this one as with most of them.
11
                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: Well, thank you.
12
     Which is going to end in a week.
13
                 MR. LAUER: No, but you can still lead
14
     as chairing these various panels.
15
                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: You're so kind.
16
                 Well I hope you all have a wonderful,
17
     happy, healthy holiday. I don't think I'll see
18
     you again until the new year.
19
                 MR. LAUER: Okay. Thank you very
20
     much.
21
                 MR. SAMPSON: I think I see you again
22
    at 10:00. Have a good holiday.
23
                 MR. LAUER: Right. I'll see you then.
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                 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: All right. I'm
25
     going off the record.
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1		₹.	LAUER:	Thank you.	Нарру
2	holidays.				
3			(Procee	dings conclu	ded)
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5	proceedings heard in the Circuit Court for
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1	BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
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3	IN RE: FAZAL, LLC
4	8202 Pulaski Highway
5	21-201 SPHA
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8	A hearing in the above-entitled matter
9	was held virtually via WebEx on October 26, 2022
10	before Deborah Dopkin, Chairman, Adam Sampson and
11	Fred Lauer, Board Members.
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14	On Behalf of the Petitioner:
15	Nicholas Ketterer, Esquire
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17	On Behalf of the Appellant:
18	Russell Mirabile
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24	Transcribed from WebEx video by:
25	Paula J. Eliopoulos

#### 1 PROCEEDINGS

MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer?

3 MR. KETTERER: This is Nicholas

Ketterer. Hello.

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MS. DOPKIN: As I was saying, this is a public hearing before the Board of Appeals in Baltimore County, Maryland in the matter of Fazal, LLC, the legal owner of 8202 Pulaski Highway in case number 21-201 SPHA regarding a Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations 500.7 to amend the Opinion and Order in case number 20190171XA and for variance relief from BCCR Section 238.2 to permit a zero foot setback from the rear and side property lines or an 18 foot high boating addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yards, and a November 15th, 2021 -- the appeal of a November 15th, 2021 Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge which granted the requested relief.

This hearing is being held remotely and virtually and is being recorded. My name is Deborah Dopkin and with me are Board members Fred Lauer and Adam Sampson.

I would ask anyone in attendance to please mute yourself unless you're speaking to the

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     Board and if you are attending solely by telephone
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     to please call the Office of the Board at 887-3180
     and identify what your phone number is or at least
 3
     the first three digits so we can let you speak if
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 5
     that is your desire.
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                 This is day 2, as I said, of a hearing
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     that was commenced on March 16th of this year. So
     I would ask counsel to identify yourself for the
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 9
     record.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Nicholas Ketterer,
11
     K-e-t-t-e-r-e-r on behalf of Fazal LLC. Joined by
12
     Qairsar Shahzad who is --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: We're not hearing you,
14
     Mr. Ketterer.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Can you hear me now?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes, but not very well.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Is this better?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Volume.
19
                 Mr. Ketterer, you're muted. Would you
20
     please --
21
                 MR. KETTERER: Yes. I just changed my
22
     input. Is this better?
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. Would you please
24
     again tell us your name and who you represent.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Yes. Nicholas
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     Ketterer, K-e-t-t-e-r-e-r, Hartman Attorneys at
 2
     Law here for Petitioner Fazal LLC and Qaisar
     Shahzad.
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 4
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. And who is
 5
     the spokesman for the Appellant?
                 Mr. Mirabile, is there someone who
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     will be speaking on your behalf or are you the
8
     spokesman for --
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
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                                              I'm the
10
     spokesperson for the community association and I'm
11
     a citizen of Rosedale.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm sorry, would you
13
     identify yourself.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. Russ Mirabile.
15
     I'm President of the Rosedale Community
16
     Association. My address is 7932 Oakdale Avenue,
17
     Rosedale, Maryland 21237.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Can we have him identify
20
     who else is on the Zoom there in the room with
21
     him.
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                 MR. BROYLES: I'm Steven Broyles. I'm
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     a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor
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     and I'm the expert today for Rosedale Community
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     Association. I've been retained by them.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And who else is with you?
 2
     I see four people.
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                 MR. EARLBECK: I am Jim Earlbeck,
     President of Earlbeck Corporation doing business
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 5
     as Earlbeck Gases and Technologies. I'm also a
     managing partner of Earlbeck, LLC, the land owner
 6
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     at 8204 Pulaski Highway.
                 I'm also the managing partner of
8
     Dunlora LLC and I'm a property owner at 8202
 9
10
     Pulaski Highway, which is the adjoining property.
11
                 MS. EARLBECK: And I am Alison
12
     Earlbeck.
                I am just here as IT support today.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: Always a good thing.
14
                 Okay.
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ms. Dopkin, I have Paul
16
     King is right next door. I just texted him to
17
     come over. He is also going to be a witness or
18
     present here in a few minutes.
                 MS. DOPKIN: We will -- when the time
19
20
     comes we will have him sworn in and identified.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: That would be fine.
22
                 MR. SAMPSON: Ms. Dopkin, one
23
     procedural problem. I apologize. My County
24
     computer says it is going to restart in nine
25
     minutes and it appears as though I cannot block
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1
     that. I need to sign out and back on through my
 2
     office computer. I apologize.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Then we will let you do
     that.
 4
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                 And why don't you do that now.
                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes. It will just take
 6
7
     a moment. I'll be right with you.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Sampson.
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9
                              (Pause)
10
                 MR. SAMPSON: Are you able to hear me?
11
     I don't hear you.
12
                 MR. LAUER: Yes, I can hear you.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. We're good. We can
14
     see you and hear you. I have made you a panelist.
15
     And I think we can now proceed.
16
                 My recollection, and I would --
17
                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm going to have to log
18
     out and try again. I'm not getting any audio.
19
                             (Pause)
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. We will -- we hear
21
     you. We will wait for Mr. Sampson again.
22
                 But as I started to say, my
     recollection is that Mr. Hartman had concluded
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24
     Petitioner's case and Mr. Mirabile had commenced
25
     the Protestant's case but was having technical
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     difficulties and unable to present his exhibits.
 2
                 But that I believe has been remedied.
                 Let's see if Mr. Sampson can hear us
 3
 4
     now. Can you hear us now?
 5
                 MR. SAMPSON: I can't hear you.
 6
     so frustrating.
7
                              (Pause)
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to suggest if
8
     everyone is amenable, it's 10 after 10:00 that we
 9
10
     take a five minute break.
11
                 MR. SAMPSON: I have no way of hearing
12
     you. I'm not hearing anything anybody is saying.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: What I was going to
14
     suggest is that we take a five minute break until
15
     Mr. Sampson's County computer comes back on line
16
     so that we can then have him fully participate.
17
     And I apologize for the inconvenience. I'm not
18
     going to leave the hearing, I'm just going to
19
     pause the recording until Mr. Sampson can rejoin
20
     us.
21
                 And let's reconvene at 10:30 and hope
22
     that he is --
23
                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm on.
                                         I got it.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Oh.
25
                 MR. SAMPSON: Sonny walked me through.
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1
     I apologize to everyone.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. Then we won't
     take a break.
 3
                 I believe where we were is that Mr.
 4
 5
     Hartman had concluded his case in chief and that
     we are now -- Mr. Mirabile was presenting
 6
7
     Protestant's case but had some technical
8
     challenges which he has since overcome, so I
     believe it is the Protestant's case.
9
10
                 Are there any preliminary matters you
11
     want to address, Mr. Ketterer, before we proceed
12
     on that basis?
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                 MR. KETTERER:
                                 That is my
14
     understanding of the current posture. I do not
15
     have any preliminary matters. I didn't know if
16
     the Board wanted to maybe hear a recitation of the
17
     case in chief. But I was not there, so I only
18
     know from the notes. We're ready to go. I do not
19
     have any preliminary matters.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: No, I think we're good.
21
     Unless Mr. Lauer or Mr. Sampson wants anything
22
     from you, I think we can proceed with Mr.
     Mirabile's case.
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Mr. Sampson and Mr. Lauer, are you good?

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                 MR. LAUER:
                            I agree.
 2
                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Yes.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Mr. Mirabile?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. First I'd like to
 4
 5
     thank the Board for the time we had to extend for
     Steve who had a major health problems.
 6
7
     appreciate everybody's understanding on that.
                 That's my first statement. And that's
8
9
     about it. So I would like to go ahead and start
10
     in --
11
                 MR. LAUER: Your Honor, excuse me.
12
     I'm sorry, but I am having trouble hearing Mr.
13
     Mirabile. I don't know about you all but maybe we
14
     can do something to clarify it a little more.
15
                 MR. EARLBECK: We are attempting to do
16
     that right now. Can you hear me okay?
17
                 MR. LAUER: Now I can. Thank you.
18
                 MR. EARLBECK: You can.
19
                 MR. BROYLES: Where's the mike at.
20
                 MS. EARLBECK: Can you guys hear okay
21
     now?
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: We can hear you and we
23
     can hear Mr. Earlbeck. I think Mr. Mirabile is a
24
     little further away from your mike and was
25
     speaking a little quickly.
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                 Can you slow down and try to face the
 2
     microphone.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Let's try it again.
 4
                 MR. MIRABILE: I first want to thank
 5
     the Board and you, Ms. Dopkin about having an
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7
     extensive time due to Steve Broyles' illness.
8
     was deeply appreciated. I know Steve appreciated
9
     that.
10
                 I now will go into -- I am Russ
11
     Mirabile, President of the Rosedale Community
12
     Association.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, can you
14
     move closer to -- I realize you're reading from
15
     some prepared notes but every time you put your
16
     head down, we lose you.
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
18
                 MR. BROYLES: Sit here, Russ.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Let's see if this is
19
20
     better.
21
                 MR. EARLBECK: And we have one more
22
     technical adjustment if needed.
23
                 MS. EARLBECK:
                                 I'm going to move this
24
     over here.
25
                 MR. EARLBECK:
                                 That should be clearer.
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1
                                 Thank you. Once again,
                 MR. MIRABILE:
 2
     I want to -- can everybody hear me now?
 3
                 Once again I want to thank the Board,
     especially Ms. Dopkin for allowing us to have an
 4
 5
     extension of time due to Steve Broyles' illness.
     It was greatly appreciated by me and I definitely
 6
7
     know by Steve.
                 I'm Russ Mirabile, the President of
8
9
     the Rosedale Community Association. I also live
     in Rosedale. The address of both is 7932 Oakdale
10
11
     Avenue, Rosedale, Maryland 21237.
12
                 I first would like to --
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: If you will -- are you
14
     going to be testifying or merely presenting your
15
     case?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Merely presenting the
17
     case, Ms. Dopkin.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Pardon?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am, just
20
     presenting the case. But I can go both ways.
                                                     Ιf
21
     you want me to testify, I can testify.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Now, you were sworn in at
22
23
     our first hearing.
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                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 Yes.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And I think we should
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probably just out of an abundance of caution swear
 1
 2
     you in again. Mr. Lauer, would you do so, please.
                 MR. LAUER: Yes, sir. Would you raise
 3
 4
     your right hand, please.
 5
     Whereupon
 6
                         RUSSELL MIRABILE,
 7
     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
 8
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
 9
10
     follows:
11
                 MR. LAUER: And please, again, state
12
     your name and give us your address for the record.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Russ Mirabile, 7932
14
     Oakdale Avenue, Rosedale, Maryland 21237.
15
                 MR. LAUER: Thank you, sir.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 If I may add that Paul
17
     King is also present now. He was on his way over
18
     and he's sitting at the table now.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, when you call your
20
     witnesses, we will swear them in individually.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. That's fine.
                 Ms. Dopkin, did you want me to clarify
22
23
     Rule 8, or Title 8?
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: If you will be -- yes.
25
     If you have your Rule 8 documents and will be
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1
     having yourself or anyone else represent the
 2
     Association, we will need those to be entered.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: This is Exhibit 1A.
                 MS. DOPKIN: You're in a position to
 4
 5
     share your screen, but we do not see anything.
                 MS. EARLBECK: We're going to do it in
 6
7
     just a minute. I'm pulling it up right now.
8
                 MR. SAMPSON: And I'm keeping track of
     the exhibits, so I just want to ask you to be
9
10
     clear. You've said already Exhibit 1A of which
11
     there is none.
12
                 So you've got a pre-submitted list
13
     that begins with AAAO and then has a series of
14
     AAAs and then it's Exhibit 01.
15
                 So can you please, when you present an
16
     exhibit track your own list here and describe what
17
     it is that you're presenting, please.
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, sir.
19
                 MR. SAMPSON: Thank you.
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: We'll go with the, just
21
     as you suggested, AAA1-A. And that's a signature,
22
     if you can find it --
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what Exhibit is this?
24
                 MR. MIRABILE: Pardon me, ma'am?
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: And you are offering this
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1
     as Exhibit what?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: I have it, Steve,
     what's the one that you have it on?
 3
                 MR. BROYLES: I have it AAA 0. And
 4
 5
     that's the State Department of Assessments and
     Taxation, Certificate of Good Standing. It's an
 6
     e-mail from them to indicate that the Rosedale
7
     Business is in good standing with the State
8
     Department of Assessments and Taxation.
9
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Please proceed.
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. That signature
12
     there should be a -- my signature is not on that
13
     list only because I had the Vice President sign it
14
     with the Secretary but then I thought that your
15
     rules did say the President. So the second
     Exhibit which would be AAA1-B. At the bottom
16
17
     you'll see that my name has also been added.
18
     Well, this is going -- if you keep going.
                 MR. BROYLES: No, no. It's on the --
19
20
             It's on the paragraph where it says both
     go up.
21
     issues were voted upon.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Would you please go to
23
     the top of the page so we can see the whole
24
     document.
25
                 MR. BROYLES: Can you click it so it's
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1
     the whole page?
 2
                 MS. EARLBECK: Yes. Can you guys see
 3
     that okay?
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
 4
 5
                 MR. MIRABILE: Do you have the next
     one where my signature is on the bottom left?
 6
7
                 MS. EARLBECK: What's the exhibit
     number?
8
                 MR. BROYLES: AAA 2.
9
                 MS. EARLBECK: That's this one.
10
11
                 MR. BROYLES: That's it right there,
12
     Russ.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: No. No. That's for
14
     Attorney Hartman. That's -- this, it's AAA1-A or
15
     1B. See this is my list. That's --
16
                 MS. EARLBECK: I don't think that
17
     there is --
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, Mr. Mirabile--
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
                 MS. DOPKIN: -- the first exhibit that
20
21
     you offered is AAA-0 which is a Certificate of
22
     Good Standing.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay .A.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: The second page you've
25
    offered is -- stop right there -- also identified
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1
     as AAA 00 which is just identifying the case.
 2
                 What is the third page you've offered?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's AAA1-B as in baby.
 4
                 MS. DOPKIN: Can you go to that page,
 5
              Stop. Go back to the next -- this is AAA
 6
     1 which is a letter dated April 21st, 2022
7
     directed to three people, the County Councilman,
     Representative Diane Clyde, Homes of America and
8
     to this Board in addressing our Rule 8. And that
 9
10
     for the purpose of a second -- and the Title 8
11
     attendance opportunity 80 -- the second issue was
12
     to be taken on Rule Title 8 for Baltimore County
13
     Board of Appeals representative for the purpose of
14
     speaking on behalf of the Rosedale Community
15
     Association with regard to 8202 Pulaski Highway
16
     and in addition to both issues were voted upon,
17
     received approval and Russ Mirabile received
18
     permission to represent -- I assume that means the
19
     Rosedale Association with this variance case.
20
                 And what was the next page you
21
     offered?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 The next page was
23
     AAA1B.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Can you please scroll to
25
     that?
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1
                 MS. EARLBECK: I don't think we have
 2
     that.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: We have that from the
     Board. We have that from the Board. That was in
 4
 5
     -- that has my signature on it.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well this says AAA2 and
 6
7
     is dated September 15th, 2022 --
                 MR. BROYLES: It's Exhibits QSA1B2, I
8
 9
            No, that's a subpoena. We don't have
     think.
     that, Russ.
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's been stamped and
11
12
     in. We have to have it.
13
                 MR. BROYLES: It's been stamped, but
14
     the e-mail the Board sent us when they scanned
15
     them, it was not included. Just move on.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: So what, this is a letter
     to Attorney Hartman from Mr. Mirabile inquiring
17
     about the attendance of the Petitioner at the
18
19
     hearing. What is the next page you offered?
20
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                The next one was AAA0
21
     which means I'm in good standing from the State of
22
     Maryland, that the Community Association.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: No, no, no. Let's go
24
     through these in the order that they've appeared.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Well, that's--
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              The next page is
 2
     identified by a yellow sticker AAA3 and it is from
     the Rosedale Association to Attorney Hartman.
 3
                 MR. KETTERER: I'm going to go ahead
 4
 5
     and object to 2 and 3 already as settlement,
     non-admissible settlement discussions.
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7
                 And they are letters from him to our
     firm that are not relevant.
8
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: And have these been in
10
     any way -- Mr. Mirabile, are these just being --
11
     why are these being offered?
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: To satisfy Title 8.
13
     That was a major issue --
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Your first two exhibits I
15
     think did that. This does not advance that.
16
                 How do you say this addresses Rule 8?
17
                 MR. BROYLES: Just withdrawn.
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, I'm not.
                 In the rule it states that I had to
19
20
     have a meeting and -- from the community
21
     association with a special meeting to take a
22
     raising of hands if I'm to represent the community
23
     association at this hearing.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Your prior exhibit did
25
     that.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: Right. Okay.
                                               So I'm
 2
     just trying to comply and be assured that I'm able
     to speak for the Community Association.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, I think you've
 4
 5
     satisfied that with your prior exhibit.
                 Was it attested to by your Secretary?
 6
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Secretary
     and also the Vice President.
8
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to say that
9
10
     this Exhibit which is labeled AAA3 will not be
11
     admitted if it is solely addressing settlement
12
     negotiations.
13
                 What is your next page that you've
14
     offered?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, I just looked at
16
     the Board.
                AAA3, okay, I'm going to say -- you
17
     will not -- okay. That's fine. You will not
18
     admit that. That's oaky.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN: Is there another page
20
     being offered at this time?
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait. You didn't answer
23
     my question. Ms. Earlbeck, is that everything
24
     that is on the screen?
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                 MS. EARLBECK: AAA4. Do you want to
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     go over that?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: AAA4 is the map that is
     required under the rules as well to identify the
 3
     Rosedale area.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. AAA4 is the
     boundaries of the Rosedale Improvement
 6
     Association.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Is there another
10
    page, Ms. Earlbeck?
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                 MS. EARLBECK: No. That is the last
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     page in this one, and then we go to Exhibits 1
13
     through 10.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: With the exception of, I
15
     think it was AAA3, we will admit the Rule 8
     documents.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Madam Chairman, if I
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     may interject. I also requested AAA2 which I also
     believe is a settlement letter be --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And we will -- okay. We
     will not admit AAA 2 and 3.
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                 Thank you, Mr. Ketterer.
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                 Please -- Mr. Sampson, you're good
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     with that?
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                 I can't hear you.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes. I have AAAO,
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     AAA00, AAA1, those are all admitted. AAA2 and 3
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     are not.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And AAA4 is.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
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                  (Exhibits AAAO, AAAOO, AAA1 and AAA
          4 were admitted into evidence)
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                 Mr. Mirabile, please continue.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 The Rosedale Community -- I'm going to
12
     give you an opening statement, ma'am.
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                 The Rosedale Community Association
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     represents the residents and businesses in the
15
     Rosedale community as in good standing as of the
16
     Maryland Community Association with the State
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     Department of Assessment and Taxations. And we
18
     just went over the exhibits, I think it's 01 and
     AA0.
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                 In reference to the Board Rule 8, we
21
     just went over that and that's acceptable. The
22
     opening statement is the Rosedale Community
23
     Association opposes the granting of the zoning
24
     case number 2021-0201-SPHA for 8202 Pulaski
25
     Highway, Baltimore Maryland 21237, that's supposed
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to be 37, that's an error on my part for the
 1
 2
     following concerns and reasons:
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                 Number one, the zoning case number
     2021-0201 SPHA for 8202 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore
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     Maryland 21237 was not properly posted and listed
     the incorrect hearing date of 10/14/2021 as the
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     rescheduled date was 11/4/2021.
                 MR. KETTERER: All of that is moot.
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     We're well past that.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: But that was --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Excuse me. Are you
12
     raising an objection?
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                 MR. KETTERER: I am. He's making
14
     conclusory statements about irrelevant -- it's
15
     irrelevant at this time.
                 MS. DOPKIN: I will let him make his
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17
     statement and you can respond.
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                 MR. KETTERER: I understand, Your
     Honor.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Please continue.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Do you want me to
22
     respond to his opposition, ma'am, or continue on--
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: I would like you to read
24
     your statement and then at the conclusion Mr.
25
     Ketterer can respond if he has further objections.
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MR. MIRABILE: Okay. The fence in the center of Batavia Farm Road site plan, the fence has been removed from the Petitioners on approximately October 18th, 2021. Petitioner's site plan is not accurate, has multiple errors and omissions.

The various Petition A, 4A, even though this property was previously adjudicated to be unique in this case number 2019-0117-XA and the property and existing building have not changed. This is a new variance for a structure setback variance, not a car parking or vehicle inventory storage setback variance. It should have been retried and re-adjudicated.

B, 4B, the property is not unique or unusual and different in nature from the surrounding properties.

4C, an alleged practical difficulty or undue hardship would have been due to a change of existing use, which was a result of the Applicant's own actions.

4D, this variance is not a conforming
-- conformance with the spirit and intent of
Baltimore County Zoning Regulation BZ BCZR. This
variance cannot be granted without a substantial

injury to public health, safety and general welfare.

4F, the variance approval placing the proposed building against the rear property line with BG&E overhead 13,200 volts primary feeder power lines creates a multiple safety, electrocution and fire hazards. Furthermore, zero rear yard setback violates building, fire and life safety codes currently in effect.

5, special hearing. The site plan for case number 2021-010201-SPHA which amends case number 20190171-XA includes a new structure addition with a zero setback on the rear and east side property line and also includes extending a chain link 15 foot into the center of Batavia Farm Road, private road, 30 feet wide, and utilizing the east half Batavia Farm Road for tow truck parking.

Although the 8 foot fence was removed on 10/8/22, if this amendment site plan and zoning case is approved, the PET could re-install the fence in the previous location in the center of Batavia Farm Road as the amended site plan is inaccurate and this petition should be denied.

Furthermore, this amended site plan

and case is detrimental to the health, safety, general welfare of the locality involved. It creates congestion in roads, streets, alleys therein. It creates a potential hazard from fire and panic, tends to over crowd the land. It interferes with adequate provisions for transportation and other public requirements, interferes with adequate light and air.

It is inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classifications and is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these zoning regulations.

6, although the 8 inch -- 8 foot of chain link fence has recently been removed, the Rosedale Community Association opposes the future extension of said fence, use and storage of vehicles on the east 15 foot to the center of the Batavia Farm Road 30 foot wide private roadway used by the public and all property owners bounding therein.

Rosedale Community Association requests the Board to deny any request for fencing, parking, or any use except ingress and egress to the site for PET to encroach into the 30 foot wide right of way for the private Batavia

Farm Road.

closing procedures in the future, the Petitioner would have to amend this site plan, special hearing and a variance. If this cannot be agreed upon, the Rosedale Community Association must go through the lengthy process today of proving our case with the open use egress, ingress and egress of Batavia Farm private road for the Rosedale public, community at large.

Case at issue --

MR. BROYLES: This is the issue of it not being posted properly.

MR. MIRABILE: Okay. There are cases that are at issue is the zoning case 2021-0201 SPHA for 8202 Pulaski Highway Baltimore, Maryland 21237 was not properly posted and listed the incorrect hearing date of 10/14/2021 as the rescheduled date was 11/4/21 and should have been reposted on the correct date 20 days prior to the hearing.

RCA requests the case be denied and/or remanded back to the original Administrative Law Judge where as the community at large would have proper notice to participate.

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                 Exhibit 18, should we put that up now?
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                 MS. EARLBECK: It is up.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Correspondence
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     from Jim Earlbeck dated 3/3/2022 noting on
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     11/3/2022 the posting sign indicated hearing date
     of 10/14/2021. Exhibit 18A, photo of posting sign
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     with --
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                 MR. KETTERER: I have to object.
     They're referencing exhibits not in evidence.
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                 MR. BROYLES: Well, we're offering
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     them.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: That's why we're
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     offering them in now so we can have them.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Ms. Dopkin, if I can ask
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     a question. I've lost procedurally what we're
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     doing.
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                 Is this argument? Is this testimony?
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     What is this?
                 MR. BROYLES: We're offering exhibits
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     and Mr. Earlbeck is going to testify.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, I believe --
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                 MR. SAMPSON: First of all, can we
     have a little more order here? Because Mr.
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     Mirabile is the representative. I don't know who
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     keeps talking to guide him, but that's not proper
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procedure.

So I don't know that this is how we should be proceeding.

MS. DOPKIN: I think that Mr. Mirabile is a lay person who is also the spokesperson for the community association and to the extent that he is speaking for the association, he is testifying as a witness with reading the statement of the association. At least that's the way I perceive him as acting at this moment.

MR. SAMPSON: Okay. So to the extent that he's testifying or no matter what he's doing, nobody else should be guiding him or interrupting or doing anything else. If they want to be sworn in and testify, that should happen separately.

MS. DOPKIN: Correct.

And to the extent that you want us to see documents, you have to offer each separately before you address it, Mr. Mirabile.

MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. I'm hearing you. Yes.

MS. DOPKIN: So I see you've put
Exhibit 18 on the screen which is a letter dated
March 3rd, 2022 to the Baltimore County Office of
Administrative Hearings, care of the Rosedale

1 Community Association. 2 And it is addressed, directed to you from Mr. Earlbeck and it's referencing the Zoning 3 notice that appeared on the property on November 4 5 3rd with an incorrect hearing date, apparently. And I'm not sure what relevance that 6 7 has to today's hearing since you are here and 8 participated at our earlier hearing. Mr. Ketterer, what is your objection 9 10 to the introduction of this letter? 11 MR. KETTERER: Well, it was being referenced and not in evidence. I mean, he just 12 13 started talking about the contents of it without 14 having it admitted. 15 MS. DOPKIN: So now it's been offered. 16 And do you object? 17 MR. KETTERER: I object to the 18 relevance of it. We're here on appeal from a 19 variance relief that was granted. 20 May I respond to that? MR. MIRABILE: 21 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. 22 MR. MIRABILE: First of all, Mr. 23 Hartman should, for whatever reason should have 24 been here. Mr. Ketterer may not be aware of what 25 transpired.

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                 We stopped at the end of Mr. Doak's
 2
     testimony until we ran into difficulties,
     technical and personal difficulties --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile--
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer is objecting
 6
     to the relevance. How does this letter affect
7
     today's hearing? Why is it relevant?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Notice. Notice was not
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     -- proper notice was not given to the community in
11
     general, was not given to the immediate property
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     owners. That's -- notice is one of the first
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     things that has to be given for something to be
14
     fair, judicially fair.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And because this does not
16
     indicate what year that notice appeared, it's kind
17
     of hard to --
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, if I'm allowed
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     to proceed. We have a photograph by Mr. Earlbeck
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     with the date and time on it that signifies when
2.1
     he--
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, are you offering
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     the photograph as an exhibit?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Until Mr.
25
     Ketterer interrupted, yes.
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MR. SAMPSON: It's a legal proceeding and there's a proper procedure and he's entitled to object. And when the Chair asks you to address the objection, you should address the objection and not add all the editorial comments that you're adding.

We have to get through this. This is day 2. We've barely gotten anywhere. I'm part of the cause of that with my technical difficulties, but we really need to have a flow here where you offer your exhibit, you lay the foundation for it and then you move it in. And then counsel can decide whether to object, and then the Chair will address the objection and then we'll proceed to the next exhibit.

But we need to do without the sort of editorial comments about who should have been here and when and whatever. Let's proceed, please, so that we can get through this hearing.

MS. DOPKIN: Now, Mr. Mirabile has offered a letter and a photograph. The photograph is dated November 5th, 2021 alleging insufficiency of notice from a hearing in 2021.

Mr. Ketterer has objected on relevance. We're going to allow it and give it

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     the weight to which it's entitled based on the
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     proceeding so far.
                  (Exhibits 18 and 18A were admitted
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          into evidence)
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                 Please continue, Mr. Mirabile. And
 6
     you're still reading the statement from the
     Rosedale Community Association?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Unless you
8
     want me to stop and we'll just bring Mr. Earlbeck
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     up.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: No. I want you to finish
12
     the statement. I'm going to hear Mr. Ketterer's
13
     objections and note them for the record and then
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     you can call your witness.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: All right. Thank you.
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                 I think we -- I stopped at the --
                 MS. EARLBECK: Next is Exhibit 22.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, you are
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     testifying. Ask everyone else in the room not to
20
     speak until they are called and sworn. That means
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     they can't be coaching you.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: What I may suggest, Ms.
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     Alison is handling the computers and she has to
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     say which one is next or that's the only reason
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     why you're hearing her speak. She has the clicker
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     in her hand, I do not.
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                 And this was the problem before, I
     wasn't properly prepared for the electronic age.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. Well she's put the
 4
     exhibit 18 and 18A up. We've admitted them.
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     Please continue.
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7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thank you.
                 Exhibit 22, close up of photograph of
8
     posting of sign with the hearing date of 10/14/22.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Is this the same sign
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     that was Exhibit 18A?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
                                       Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Please continue.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Exhibit 36, certificate
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     of posting dated 9/23/21 and amended 11/3/2021
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     indicating hearing date was 11/4/2021. However,
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     the posting sign had a hearing date of 10/14/21
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     signed by Bruce Doak. Mr. Doak indicated in a
19
     certificate of posting the signs were posted on
20
     9/23/2021 and inspected again on 11/3/2022 no
     indication of hearing date being changed to
21
22
     reflect the new date of 11/4/2021.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So that's Exhibit 36.
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     Mr. Ketterer, I assume you have an ongoing
25
     objection to the relevance?
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                 MR. KETTERER: I do, but for the
 2
     sake--
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                 MS. DOPKIN: We'll admit it and give
 4
     it the weight.
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                  (Exhibit 36 was admitted into
          evidence)
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 7
                 Please continue, Mr. Mirabile.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thus denying the
 8
     Rosedale Community Association at large notice and
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10
     opportunity to participate and express concerns in
11
     a hearing.
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                 Witness 1, Mr. Earlbeck, these are
13
     questions that I'm going to be asking him and I'd
14
     like to have him sworn.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Are you finished reading
     the statement of the association?
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17
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And Mr. Ketterer, do you
19
     have any further objections other than as noted?
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                 MR. KETTERER: Not at this time.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Would you
22
     call your next witness.
23
                 MR. EARLBECK: This is Jim Earlbeck,
24
     excuse me, but Paul King is under a time
25
     constraint, I am not so we'd like to alternate,
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     let him go first.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, who is your
     next witness?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: It will be Paul King,
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 5
     ma'am, trading as King Liquors.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And where is Mr. King?
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7
     Is he with you or is he joining us separately?
                 MR. MIRABILE: He's here right now,
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9
     ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Then we would like
     to have Mr. King sworn in.
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12
                 MR. LAUER: Sir, can you hear me?
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                 MR. KING: Yes.
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                 MR. LAUER: Please raise your right
15
     hand.
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     Whereupon
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                            PAUL KING,
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     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
19
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
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     but the truth, was examined and testified as
21
     follows:
22
                 MR. LAUER: Please state your name and
23
     give us your address and spell your last name.
24
                 THE WITNESS: Paul L. King, K-i-n-g.
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     My address is 5166 Elder Road, Hydes, Maryland
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     21082.
 2
                 MR. LAUER: I'm sorry, what road was
     that? I didn't quite hear you, sir.
 3
                 THE WITNESS: Elder. E-l-d-e-r. It's
 4
 5
     Hydes, Maryland.
 6
                 MR. LAUER: Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Now, Mr. Mirabile, the
     way this works you ask questions, Mr. King answers
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9
     them.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thank you.
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
12
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
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                Mr. King, can you please give your
14
     business address of King Liquors.
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          Α
                 I own PL King Enterprises, trading as
16
     King Liquors, 8226 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore,
17
     Maryland 21237.
18
                 Okay. I'd like to bring up Exhibit, I
     believe it's Ex 02.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Please identify what the
21
     exhibit is.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: That's not the one I'm
23
     looking at, ma'am, I'm sorry. It's 77HHH.
24
     Affidavit of Paul King.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I don't know where that
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     is. What number is that?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: What is the Exhibit
 3
     number?
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's number 77HHH.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: It's not on your list.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Actually it is. It's an
     affidavit of Paul King.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Where do you see it as
 8
 9
            I don't have a 77 on my list.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: It's page 3 of the
11
     exhibits.
12
                 MR. SAMPSON: I only have 2.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: There is a third page.
14
     And where is the affidavit. Will you put it up on
15
     the screen?
16
                 MS. EARLBECK: Yes. I am trying to
17
     identify it right now. Is this the one that you
18
     were looking for?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: That's HHH6, not 77.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Can I just interrupt,
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     Madam Chair. I have a two page list that Ms.
23
     Cannington sent this morning. It sounds like
24
     you're operating from a different list and I don't
25
     know --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I got the same list sent
 2
     to me this morning.
 3
                 MR. SAMPSON: It only has two pages,
     not three.
 4
                 MR. MIRABILE: I was not aware of the
 5
     change this morning until I just came in. That's
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7
     the reason why there's a little bit of confusion
     here. Everything I submitted was submitted
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     earlier. So that's why I'm trying to jockey
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     between both of them to make sure that we're on
11
     the same page. I apologize for the confusion.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm just trying to make
13
     sure that I keep an accurate record of what
14
     exhibits are being used and I was going by the
15
     list provided to me and that -- I'm trying -- so
16
     it sounds like it is only two pages, not three.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: Actually, it's four.
18
                 MR. SAMPSON: Are you looking at the
19
     attachment that Sonny sent this morning?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Or that Tammy sent. I'm
21
     going to tell you which one it is and send it to
22
     your --
23
                 MR. SAMPSON: Okay. I'm looking at an
24
     e-mail from Krysundra Cannington with exhibits,
25
     Rosedale. And it's two pages, PDF.
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                            That's what I also
                 MR. LAUER:
 2
     received, Mr. Sampson.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Apparently Mr. Mirabile
     dropped off a list yesterday that Ms. Zahner sent
 4
 5
     us this morning and it is four pages. And that is
     the list that includes -- and we received that at
 6
7
     9:23 this morning.
                 MR. SAMPSON: So is that the list that
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9
     we're supposed to be operating from? That's the
10
     current corrected list?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I believe that is.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: The office only obtained
14
     it yesterday, so that may be part of the confusion
15
     is that there was an earlier list.
16
                 MR. LAUER: Madam Chair, if I might
     ask if counsel for the other side has received
17
     this list or not.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm sorry, I can't hear
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20
     you.
21
                 MR. LAUER: Has counsel for the other
22
     side received this list? I don't know.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              That's not normally our
24
     practice.
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                 MR. LAUER: Okay. Thank you.
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                              May I -- at the risk of
                 MR. SAMPSON:
 2
     delaying this proceeding. May I ask for 30
 3
     seconds, I printed this to the printer. I need to
     use the correct list so that I accurately mark
 4
 5
     what's admitted and offered.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Please.
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7
                 MR. SAMPSON: Okay. Just give me one
8
     moment.
              Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: While Mr. Sampson is
10
     retrieving the exhibit list, Mr. Mirabile, do you
11
     intend to have Mr. King read this into the record
12
     or is he going to be answering questions that
13
     you're asking him?
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: He can read it into the
15
     record, ma'am, and then I'll ask him questions on
16
     it. It pretty much speaks for itself.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              That ends up being kind
18
     of duplicative so --
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Whatever you suggest
20
     I'll be happy to do.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: No, it's your case.
22
     You'll have to present it the way you see fit.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: While we're waiting,
24
     I'd like to have --
25
                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm back, Chair Dopkin.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
 2
     Sampson.
                 Now, Mr. Mirabile, you're offering
 3
     Exhibit 77HHH which is an affidavit of Mr. Paul
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     King. Is that what is on the screen before us?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. But
7
     there's also -- the affidavit reflects his initial
     letter --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Now wait a minute. What
10
     is it labeled, Exhibit 44 is what you're referring
11
     to as HHH77?
                 MR. MIRABILE: HHH77 is his affidavit
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13
     number 44 is the initial letter that Mr. King sent
14
    to me about the posting of the wrong date.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Why don't we first look
16
     at HHH77.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Which you offered as an
     exhibit.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So Mr. Ketterer can see
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     it and so we can see it.
23
                 MR. KETTERER: I believe this is a
24
     different exhibit.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: That is not -- is that
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the affidavit that you're referring to? That's on
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 2
     the screen?
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am. It's not
 3
     the affidavit. No.
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                 44 is the initial letter and his
    affidavit is --
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                 MS. EARLBECK: Is this the one?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. There it is. I
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9
     see it. Yeah.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So up on our screen is
11
     what you are identifying, this says HHH6.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Is there an HHH77 that is
14
    different than this?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: No. No, ma'am. That
16
     was -- that 77 was supposed to basically coincide
     with the letter.
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18
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is the affidavit of
19
     Paul King.
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Correct.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer?
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22
                 MR. KETTERER: Same objection, but--
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. We'll admit it and
24
     give it the weight we think it's entitled to.
25
                 (Exhibit 77HHH was admitted into
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1
          evidence)
 2
                 What is your next exhibit, Mr.
 3
     Mirabile?
                 MR. MIRABILE: The initial letter of
 4
 5
     Paul King which you -- we had -- just had on the
 6
     screen.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: And that is your Exhibit
     44?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: And it is a letter dated
11
     March 11th, 2022 basically stating Mr. King's
12
     objection to the variance request.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Do you have
15
    another exhibit?
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: Not for Mr. King. No,
17
     ma'am.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. King?
19
                 MR. KING: Yes.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you want to -- do you
21
     have questions for Mr. King, Mr. Mirabile?
22
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
23
    BY MR. MIRABILE:
24
                 The only thing I'd like to ask Mr.
          Q
25
     King, the letter that he sent out are they true --
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they're written by you and you're basically 1 2 opposing this whole thing because of your business; is that correct? 3 Yes, that's correct. 4 5 I'd like you to explain on your affidavit, how did you come to find out, since you 6 7 were two doors down about how --I make a u-turn at the red light right 8 Α there on 40 and Batavia Farm Road every single 9 10 day, sometimes four to five times a day. I own 11 other properties on Pulaski Highway and I drive by 12 continuously to see if people are throwing trash 13 on the property, and I notice things around the 14 area. 15 And I noticed when they put the sign 16 up. I also noticed the dates on it. And, again, 17 I make four, five, sometimes six different u-turns 18 at that same identical intersection every single day of the week. Six days a week. 19 20 Did you get close up to the --Q 21 You can see the sign from the highway Α 22 because it's only 30 feet, two lanes away. 23 Okay. But did you see the dates? Q

A Yes, I saw the dates. The original date was October 14th.

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1 Okay. And if that October 14th date 2 would have been notified to you, would you have 3 contested this? Yes. 4 Α 5 Okay. Do you think it's important that you had notice of that? 6 7 Α If you want to protest it, you have to have notice of it. 8 9 Okay. 10 Α Because I schedule things accordingly. 11 How long have you been a resident --Q 12 or not a resident, in the --13 I've owned that property at 8226 since 14 -- I've been there since 1987. 15 And you are concerned about the area? Q 16 Yes. I also own property across the Α 17 street that again I check on every day. So, 18 again, I do it because people throw trash on the 19 property and I ride by to make sure nobody has 20 dumped a truck load of trash there. 21 But I look at every single piece of 22 property as I'm going up and down the highway 23 because I used to have my highway sign through the 24 State Highway Administration and we would clean

the highway for the SHA once every six weeks.

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1
                 And, again, I notice, you know,
 2
     buildings, I notice trash on the highway.
 3
                 Did you notice, this summer you called
          Q
     me about the 8202 Pulaski Highway, the subject
 4
 5
     property about the grass and the neatness of it.
 6
     Would you please explain that to the Board?
7
          Α
                 Well, the grass was about two and a
     half feet tall, it appeared to be. And, again,
8
     it's -- I don't have any grass on my property, but
9
10
     I noticed that it was quite high and it just made
11
     the property look unsightly being that it's
12
     growing, it actually looks like it's weeds growing
13
     through there.
14
                 And did you ask me to report that to
15
     the (inaudible) Code?
16
          Α
                 Yes.
17
                 And what was my response?
          Q
18
                 MR. KETTERER: I think we're getting
19
     afield here. This completely has no bearing on
20
     this case.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, I think he does.
     Do you mind if he answers.
22
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Whoa, whoa, whoa.
                                                  An
24
     objection has been raised. What is the objection,
25
     Mr. Ketterer?
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1
                 MR. KETTERER: Relevancy. Again, this
 2
     has nothing to do with the variance.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, what
     relevance does the height of the grass on the
 4
 5
     property have to do with the relief that's been
 6
     requested?
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, because his
8
     property is not like the other properties. It's
9
     unkept, poor appearance. And Mr. King and his
10
     other surrounding businesses do keep up their
11
     properties and this is one of their objections.
12
     That's the relevance of it.
                 And if --
13
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, why don't you move
15
     on with your line of questioning and try to keep
16
     it focused on what is important to the relief
17
     that's being requested.
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. That's about --
19
     I have no more questions for Mr. King.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              And, Mr. King.
                                               Thank
21
     you. Are you excusing this witness?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Thank you. Please call
24
     your next witness.
25
                 MR. KING:
                            Thank you.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: Mr. James Earlbeck.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: Would you swear the
 3
     witness, please.
                 MR. LAUER: Sir, would you raise your
 4
 5
     right hand, please.
 6
     Whereupon
7
                          JAMES EARLBECK,
     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
8
 9
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
10
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
11
     follows:
12
                 MR. LAUER: Please give us your name,
13
     spell your last name and give us your address for
14
     the record.
15
                 MR. EARLBECK: My name is Jim
16
     Earlbeck.
                My residential address is 16600 Old
     York Road, Monkton, Maryland 21111.
17
18
                 MR. LAUER: And spell your last name,
19
     please.
20
                 MR. EARLBECK: E-a-r-l-b-e-c-k.
21
                 MR. LAUER:
                            Thank you.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, please
23
     question your witness.
24
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 Okay.
25
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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1
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
 2
                 Mr. Earlbeck, I think you've done it.
     Just for the record please give me your name,
 3
     address and phone number. And please describe the
 4
 5
     facility that you're right next to, the 8202
     Pulaski Highway.
 6
7
                 Jim Earlbeck, President of Earlbeck
          Α
     Corporation has the business address of 8204
8
     Pulaski Highway. That property is contiguous to
 9
10
     zoning property of interest. I am also the
11
     managing partner of Dunlora LLC which owns 8202 --
12
     it's a little confusing, not my choice -- with
13
     two properties 8202, but that property is also
14
     contiquous on the east side of the zoning request
15
     property.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: Would you spell the name
17
     of that corporation for us.
18
                 MR. EARLBECK: Yes. That's Dunlora.
19
     D-u-n-l-o-r-a, LLC.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Thank you.
21
                 MR. EARLBECK: And my phone number
22
     is--
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: We don't need your phone
     number.
24
25
                 MR. EARLBECK: Very good.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, your next
 2
     question.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
                 We have a site plan that's on the
 4
 5
     board now which is, I believe it's site plan 2.
 6
                 MS. DOPKIN: Exhibit 2. Was this --
7
     is this your exhibit or was this previously
     admitted?
8
                 MR. MIRABILE: Previously admitted,
9
10
    ma'am.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And it was Petitioner's
11
12
     Exhibit?
13
                 MR. KETTERER: I would believe this is
14
    one of our Exhibits, Chairman.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Sampson, can you
16
     identify what the site plan was offered as from
17
     Petitioner's case?
18
                 MR. SAMPSON: I can try.
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's down on the
20
     right-hand side.
21
                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes. This is
22
    Petitioner's 2.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: It says Petitioner's
24
     Exhibit 1 on the plat.
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, it was admitted as
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1 Petitioner's 2. So the site plan is on the board. 2 What is your next question for Mr. Earlbeck. 3 Can you describe your location of the 4 Q. 5 property, where the property of 8202 Pulaski 6 Highway is. 7 8202 is an L-shaped piece of property. Α That exhibit that's currently up shown as Exhibit 8 2 shows one of the two buildings that's on that 9 10 L-shaped lot. The building that's on the exhibit 11 is to the rear of the Petitioner's piece of 12 property. The other building is not shown, it's 13 to the east side of the other 8202 which I believe 14 shows as -- it says repair and retail sales of 15 golf carts. 16 That is the property that Dunlora owns 17 which I'm managing partner. That is also 8202 18 Pulaski Highway. So, again, the two properties 19 that we have are contiquous to the rear and to the 20 east side of the Petitioner's property. 21 MS. DOPKIN: What is your next question, Mr. Mirabile? 22 23 Do you have impact on whatever happens Q

to 8202 Pulaski Highway? What is your major

24

25

impact?

1 If the Petitioner is granted zero foot 2 setbacks, the impact to both properties, our 8202 as well as the 8204 which is in the rear is of a 3 safety concern. 4 5 And also an egress ingress in case of 6 emergency. 7 When you say that you're stating that the Batavia Farm Road? 8 And that as well. Actually, I was 9 10 not. I was addressing the fact that the proximity 11 of the building at the Petitioner's site would be 12 right alongside of an exit lane of our trucks, our 13 Class 7 trucks which haul hazardous materials. 14 So I'm very concerned about the 15 proximity of neighbor's buildings. 16 Okay. Have you used Batavia Farm Road, roadway, it's been in --17 18 We have used Batavia Farm Road in one 19 mannerism or the other since we purchased the 20 property, 8204 back in 1965. 21 And may I go to the, the next question 22 to the next exhibit, Exhibit 18. 23 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Earlbeck, while that 24 is happening, you said you haul hazardous

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substances?

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1
                 MR. EARLBECK: That is correct.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: The property at the rear
     called Earlbeck Family, LLC?
 3
                 MR. EARLBECK: Yes, we do.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is your
                It's shown as auto repair on the plat.
 6
     business?
7
                                That is incorrect.
                 MR. EARLBECK:
8
     auto repair that's shown on the plat was a tenant
     that we had for a while. We have moved them from
9
10
     the facility due to zoning violations and we are
11
     expanding our business back there.
12
                 We've always operated partly from that
13
     building and now we're going to operate completely
14
     -- well, I shouldn't say completely. We're going
15
     to occupy that building in its entirety.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: But what business
     involves hazardous waste?
17
18
                 MR. EARLBECK: Oh, okay. We are in
19
     the distribution of compressed and cryogenic
20
     gases, so CO2, nitrogen, oxygen, argon, things
21
     like that and metal working machinery.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Compressed gases and
23
     metal working --
24
                 MR. EARLBECK:
                                Machinery.
                                             The haz mat
25
     portion, Madam Chairman is the compressed and
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1
     cryogenic gases.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: And who does that serve?
 3
                 MR. EARLBECK: That serves mostly
     industrial customers. The oxygen does find its
 4
     way into medical use. The CO2 goes to beverages
 5
 6
     and also cannabis growers.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: And are you in the
8
     building? Are there other tenants on the property
9
     currently?
10
                 MR. EARLBECK: There is one other
11
     tenant that we have in that building that was
12
     shown on that exhibit to the rear, and that is
13
     ARC3 Gases. And they are also in the compressed
14
     and cryogenic gas business. Their only gas is
15
     CO2.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: And the driveway that you
17
     said would be close to the proposed addition?
18
                 MR. EARLBECK: It runs parallel to
19
     Pulaski Highway, ends at Batavia Farm Road. So
20
     the trucks make a left at Batavia Farm Road, exit
     in a southbound direction until it hits the red
21
22
     light at Batavia Farm and Pulaski Highway.
23
                              Thank you. Mr. Mirabile,
                 MS. DOPKIN:
24
     you were offering into evidence another exhibit?
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. May I ask
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1
     Mr. Earlbeck a question about that plat that was
 2
     shown that he testified for?
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
 3
 4
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 5
                 Mr. Earlbeck, I just want to clarify.
     The property that's by, I believe it's called
 6
     Buggies?
7
8
          Α
                 B-more Buggies is their trade name.
                 Right.
9
          0
10
          Α
                 And they are tenants of Dunlora, LLC.
11
                 And they do not have these -- these
          Q
12
     are basically golf carts?
13
          Α
                 Correct.
14
                 And they come in I guess on low boys,
          Q
15
     not low boys but like a pickup truck, because I've
16
     witnessed that.
                 Typically trailers that are towed
17
18
     behind pickup trucks, yes.
19
                 Okay. And so that's really not a
          Q
20
     typical automobile service center?
21
                 No. Absolutely not. All the golf
22
     carts are battery powered so you don't have any
     issues with oil contamination of the soil or
23
24
     gasoline. They are battery powered vehicles.
25
                 Okay. So it's kind of taken out of
          Q
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context that it's an automobile service center.
 1
 2
                 Correct. Now historically that
     building to the rear was automobile repair.
 3
                 I'm talking about 8202.
 4
          Q
 5
                 8202 is battery powered golf carts.
          Α
                 Okay. And that's seasonal; is that
 6
          Q
7
     correct?
8
          Α
                 They operate 12 months out of the
     year. Most of their customers are commercial in
9
10
     nature, not residential.
11
                 Okay. The next one is going to be
12
     18A. Yeah. That's a photograph.
                                         18A.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: 18A. Whoa, whoa, whoa.
14
     Go back.
15
                 18A appears to be a letter dated March
16
     3rd, 2022 to the Rosedale Community Association
17
     from JM Earlbeck regarding the posting. And I
18
     believe Mr. Ketterer would have an ongoing
19
     objection to the relevance of this notice issue.
20
                 What is your next exhibit, Mr.
21
     Mirabile?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: I would stick with that
23
     one for a second, ma'am. I want to make sure that
24
     Mr. Earlbeck, this was the first notice given to
25
     me as well.
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1
                  The notice speaks for itself, but I
 2
     wanted to ask you a question. Did you take a --
 3
     when you noticed that, did that date seem odd to
     you because your business is directly next to 8202
 4
 5
     Pulaski Highway.
 6
          Α
                 Yes.
7
          0
                 Yes.
                 As the letter states, I noticed the
8
          Α
     sign and then went back for a second look and
 9
10
     that's when I took the photograph.
11
                 And, again, like Paul King, I make a
12
     u-turn at that intersection. I tend to be a
13
     fairly observant chap, and that was just the first
14
     day I noticed it.
15
                 And we'll go to the next one -- would
          Q
     you have attended the meeting or hearing if you
16
     would have noticed it?
17
18
                 Oh, absolutely.
          Α
                  So that 8202 has a major impact upon
19
          Q
20
     your property.
21
                  To both of the properties that we own.
          Α
22
          Q
                 Okay.
23
                 As well as the operation of our
          Α
24
     business.
25
                 Okay. Would you please go to the
          Q
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1 next, 18A. 2 MS. DOPKIN: This is identified as 18A and it is a photograph. It looks like the same 3 photograph that was offered earlier and admitted; 4 5 is that correct? 6 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. 7 MS. DOPKIN: And Mr. Ketterer has an ongoing objection based on relevance, but this has 8 already been admitted once so we're not going to 9 10 admit 18A a second time. 11 MR. MIRABILE: May I ask a question, 12 ma'am, to Mr. -- this is very important -- to Mr. 13 Earlbeck to clarify something on this photograph? 14 Because this photograph is basically the crux of 15 the fact that when that sign was noticed. And he 16 has the numbers up there of the date he took that 17 photograph. And I think that's very important. 18 He took that photograph -- I'll let 19 him explain it, because I'm not a camera person --20 on November 5th of 2021 at 1:31 p.m. And once 21 again, that was after the date of notice, of the 22 zoning matter. 23 So I'd like to ask Mr. Earlbeck a 24 couple of questions about that.

MS. DOPKIN: Go right ahead.

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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 2
                 Mr. Earlbeck, I know you noticed that,
     this photograph. Did you take this photograph?
 3
                 Yes, I did.
 4
          Α
 5
                 Okay. And what was the purpose --
     what was the reason for you taking that
 6
7
     photograph?
                 Because I wanted to document the fact
8
     that it was there. I was curious to explore the
9
10
     nature of it.
11
                 Okay. And also the fact, may I ask,
          Q
12
     if you had noticed that before, would you have
13
     attended the hearing or the meeting?
14
          Α
                 Again, absolutely.
15
                 Okay. Can you identify all those
          Q
16
     numbers up there on your camera so there's no
17
     mis-confusion here of when you took that.
18
                 The photograph was taken November 5th,
          Α
19
     as I stated in my letter, 2021.
                 Okay. I'll ask you again, I'll repeat
20
21
     myself on this. What are your concerns about the
22
     project of this special hearing for the zero
23
     setback?
24
                 It is diminished --
          Α
                 MR. KETTERER: Asked and answered.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm sorry, was that an
 2
     objection?
 3
                 MR. KETTERER: That was an objection.
     Asked and answered.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: I agree. Please move on,
     Mr. Mirabile.
 6
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: I wanted to ask you a
8
     question.
9
                 Do you support in any way, shape or
10
     form, the closing of Batavia Farm Road by --
11
          Α
                 No. As I stated before, we've used
12
     that road since 1965--
13
                 MR. KETTERER: I object to the
14
     relevancy again. The closing of Batavia Farm Road
15
     has no bearing on this. It's not at issue.
16
     only issue is the setbacks --
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to allow it
18
     because it does affect ingress and egress and
     traffic, so I think it's relevant to the special
19
20
     hearing relief.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ms. Dopkin, also this
22
     was one of the major factors that that site plan
     was in error. And this also could have been
23
24
     straightened out if the proper days were on --
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. I understand it.
 2
     Okay. I get it.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: We're admitting it.
     You've testified. You are now asking questions of
 4
 5
     Mr. Earlbeck. Do you have any further questions
     for Mr. Earlbeck that have not been previously
 6
7
     asked?
8
                 MR. MIRABILE: One other question,
     ma'am, I wanted to ask.
9
10
                 Do you have a concern about Mr.
11
     Shahzad's property that -- what he wants to do,
12
     proposes to do. Basically to make a long story
13
     short, he has disabled, damaged vehicles or
14
     inoperable vehicles. Are you concerned about the
15
     appearance of a junk yard?
16
                        Absolutely.
          Α
                 I am.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Earlbeck, would you
18
     tell us in your own words what your concern is?
19
                 MR. EARLBECK: The concern is that --
20
     and, again, this is things that might happen, but
21
     unfortunately the nature of the automotive repair
22
     business. And I speak from experience because
23
     this is why we evicted our tenant to the rear is
24
     auto repair businesses tend to morph somewhat, at
25
     least on Pulaski Highway, into junk yard
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1
     operations.
 2
                 So I've got concerns that that might
 3
     follow that pattern. But that's just my concern
 4
     about what might happen.
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Mr. Mirabile,
 6
     do you have any further questions for this
7
     witness?
8
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am, I do not.
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Mr. Ketterer?
10
                 MR. KETTERER: I have nothing for this
11
     witness.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. No cross.
13
                 Would this witness then be excused?
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. But if I'd
15
     like to recall him, depends on what Mr. Ketterer
16
     does, if he remains in the building, I'd like to
17
     recall him.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
     Earlbeck.
19
20
                 Mr. Mirabile, do you have any other
21
     witnesses that you want to call?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Oh, yeah. Yes, ma'am.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Who is your next witness?
24
                 MR. MIRABILE: Witness three is Abby
25
     Williams. She owns the mobile home park and --
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: Whoa, whoa, whoa. We'll
 2
     have her sworn and she can identify herself.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, I'm going to --
     for time sake, I'm going to waive her because I
 4
 5
     just would like to have admitted her letter of --
     she does not want Batavia Farm Road closed.
 6
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: Is Ms. --
                 MR. MIRABILE: She's not here.
8
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: She's not there. She can
10
     send a letter -- if she has sent a letter to the
11
     Board it would be in the record. I'm not going to
12
     admit it. It's hearsay if she's not there and
13
     can't verify it.
14
                 So please continue. Who is your next
15
     witness? If she's here by telephone, by the way,
16
     we could admit her.
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: But I don't see that
     she's here at all.
19
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. No, she's not
21
     here.
22
                 I'm also waiving the witnesses of Mike
     Strohl --
23
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: If they're not here and
25
     they're not testifying, it doesn't matter. You
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1
     don't have to tell us who's not here.
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Tell us who is here and
     that you want to call next.
 4
 5
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 6
                 The next witness is Steve Broyles.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: Would you swear the
8
     witness, please, Mr. Lauer.
9
                             Sir, would you raise your
                 MR. LAUER:
10
     right hand. I see you have.
11
     Whereupon
12
                          STEPHEN BOYLES,
13
     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
14
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
15
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
     follows:
16
17
                 MR. LAUER: Please state your name,
18
     give us your address, spell your last name for the
     record. Thank you.
19
20
                 MR. BROYLES: My name is Steven
21
     Broyles, B-r-o-y-l-e-s. Bravo, Romeo, Oscar,
22
     Yankee, Lemo, Echo, Sierra.
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                 My address is 10600 Davis Avenue,
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     Woodstock, Maryland 21163.
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                 MR. LAUER: Thank you.
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## 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2 BY MR. MIRABILE: 3 Mr. Broyles, you're here today as an Q expert witness. Do you have a professional 4 5 license, engineering and professional land 6 surveyor? 7 Yes, sir. I'm a licensed professional engineer and a licensed professional land surveyor 8 in the State of Maryland. 9 10 Okay. And what is your name, address 11 and business -- professional and educational 12 credentials. 13 I have a Bachelor of Science from the 14 University of Maryland College Park. I took 15 graduate courses there but did not receive an MS. 16 And, again, my credentials are licensed professional engineer and licensed professional 17 land surveyor in the State of Maryland. 18 MS. DOPKIN: Go on. Mr. Mirabile. 19 20 Are you asking any other questions to qualify this 2.1 witness? 22 MR. MIRABILE: I'll ask him one more 23 question. 24 Do you hold any professional licenses? 25 You've asked that. Yes. Α

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     licenses, engineers and professional surveyor.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Broyles, have you
     testified before the ALJ or this Board or the
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     Circuit Court in this or any other county in
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     Maryland?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes, ma'am. Baltimore
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     County, Carroll County, Howard County, Harford
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     County, Anne Arundel.
                 I've testified probably half a dozen
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     times before this Board of Appeals. The most
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     recent one, I believe being King Mulch.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Were you qualified as an
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     expert in those instances?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes. I qualified as an
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     expert in civil engineering, surveying, zoning and
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     environmental under the King Mulch case. It was a
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     storm water management issue.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer, Mr. Broyles
     who is known to me if not to the other Board
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     members has previously been qualified and
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     testified as an expert in zoning, civil
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     engineering and surveying. Do you have any
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     objections to his being admitted as an expert
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     here?
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MR. KETTERER:

No.

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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Then we will admit
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     Mr. Broyles as an expert in civil engineering,
     surveying and zoning in Baltimore County.
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                 Please proceed with your questions,
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     Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thank you.
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                 Mr. Broyles, the eight inch fence that
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     was in the center of Batavia Farm Road on the site
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     plan, the current site plan does not accurately
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     depict the existing site conditions as the 8 foot
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     fence in the center of Batavia Farm Road. It has
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     been -- go ahead.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Was that a question?
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                 MR. KETTERER: I don't think that was
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     a question.
                 MR. MIRABILE: I haven't finished it.
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     I was stopped in the middle. I heard a noise and
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     I stopped.
                 --has been removed to the limits of 30
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     feet wide private road. That was just a statement
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     from me.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, you're not
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     supposed to make statements. You're supposed to
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     ask questions.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. It's all
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     referencing, ma'am, to the eight foot fence.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Just ask the question.
     None of the -- it's considered leading him if you
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     give all that information.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. No problem.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You need to ask him a
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     question that's not a yes or no question.
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                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 Okay.
                 This site plan shows that the fence --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You're testifying again.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Okay. Let me go
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     down to --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Ask him a question.
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                 My question is, what I just described,
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     this amended site plan and amended special hearing
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     of the case number 2019-171-XA are approved as
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     submitted, the Petitioner will be able to return
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     the fence to the disputed location in the center
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     of the Batavia Farm Road. Would you explain that,
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     please.
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                       Technically the --
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                 Yes.
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                 MR. KETTERER: I object. I believe
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     that's calling for a legal conclusion.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              I'm sorry, Mr. Ketterer?
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     What's your objection?
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                                 I object because I
                 MR. KETTERER:
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     believe he's calling for a legal conclusion, that
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     granting this variance would permit our client to
     move a fence. I don't believe that's accurate and
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     I believe it's a legal conclusion.
                 MS. DOPKIN: I think he is asking a
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     question based on the -- I'm going to allow it
     because he's asking a question based on what the
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     site plan showed as proposed, as I understand it.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. You're
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     right.
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
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     leading and a little more asking the expert to
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     give his opinion without you sort of leading him
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     down that road.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               I'm going to ask that you
     take down what's -- what you're showing on the
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     screen until you have another exhibit to enter so
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     we can better see Mr. Broyles.
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                 MR. MIRABILE:
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Thank you. Go ahead with
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     your question, please.
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                 Go ahead, Steve, do you want--
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You can answer the
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     question, Mr. Broyles.
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A Okay. The original site plan admitted for the amended case 2021 0201-SPA did show the fence in the middle of Batavia Farm Road.

And if that were approved as submitted as an amended site plan, he could have returned and simply put the fence in the middle of the road like he did before. There's nothing really stopping him. He did it without a permit the first time, as I understand.

However, there has been a red line submitted on November 22nd, 2021 that shows relocating the fence to the edge -- to the eastern edge of the Batavia Farm Road private 30 foot wide right of way and it shows vehicle parking actually on the grass island on the -- what is a grass island. It's not identified on the plan, on the west side of Batavia Farm Road.

Q Okay. Mr. Broyles, the Rosedale

Community Association has requested, what you just said, requested that this special hearing and variance be denied as the Petitioner's site plan because it's inaccurate. Do you agree with that?

A Yes, it is inaccurate.

MS. DOPKIN: That's not a question.

Come on. Is there --

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                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Ask a question.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
                 Do you believe this variance should be
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     denied?
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                 Yes. For various reasons.
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                 Could you explain the reasons.
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                 May I continue? If we can -- I don't
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     know if I'm allowed to submit an exhibit. I'd
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     like to pull up the zoning checklist which is the
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     Exhibit 105 and I'd like to go through all the
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     errors and omissions on this particular site plan
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     that are contained in the checklist, on the zoning
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     checklist that's required to be submitted with the
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     Petitioner's application.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You're saying it is your
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     exhibit number what?
                 MR. BROYLES: 105. It's the standard
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     zoning checklist for Baltimore County.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I don't see 105 on this
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     list.
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                 MR. BROYLES: I e-mailed it in and
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     submitted it and sent -- the two page list shows
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     it.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Are yo offering the
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     zoning checklist now as an exhibit?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes. So I can testify
     about it.
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                              Any objection, Mr.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
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     Ketterer?
                This is a matter of public record.
                 MR. KETTERER: I can't object to that.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
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                 Go ahead, Mr. Broyles.
                  (Exhibit 105 was admitted into
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          evidence)
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                 Go to the full page so they can see
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     it.
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                 Item 3 requires that the outline of
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     the property be shown and the gross and net area
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     be shown. And this particular site plan just
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     indicates area as per SDAT, it doesn't identify
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     the gross area and the net area as required by the
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     zoning checklist.
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                 And the importance of that is, gross
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     area is typically used for density and it allows
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     calculation to the center of the right of way.
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     And in this particular case, I believe the
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     Petitioner and his expert are alleging they own
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     and have private use to the center of Batavia Farm
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     Road. And I believe that's the reason that they
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did not list the net and gross area because it would show that difference.

It is something that's required on the checklist and it hasn't been provided.

Item 14, if you go to the next page of it, is entrances. And although the entrances are shown, there's no width of existing or proposed entrances. I don't believe there are any proposed entrances, but the width of the entrances aren't shown. I'm just pointing it out as another omission on the drawing.

And then item 16 which is most important, utilities. It says show the location and size of public utilities and, you know, and right of ways and so forth. And the biggest utility that they missed is the northern property line or the rear property line between the Petitioner's property and Mr. Earlbeck's property, there is a BGE 13,200 volt three phase primary transmission feeder that supplies Mr. Earlbeck's welding businesses, Mr. Earlbeck's properties, B-More Buggies and the next property up the street and the Petitioner's property.

And the site plan doesn't identify any utilities. And that omission, I believe had Mr.

Doak realized there was a primary high voltage power feeder along that property line, he would have never set a zero foot setback.

above ground utility. The poles are set at or near the property line. I have physically inspected the site and I believe the poles are within a foot of the property line near the existing fence. They have an eight foot cross arm. So if you take the edge of the cross arm which is four feet, with a ten foot setback, that's a minimum of 14 feet that building is required to be off this property line.

Building a building under those high voltage transmission lines, one, it's not allowed; two, creates an electrocution, safety, fire hazard. It violates the International Building Code, it violates the Life Safety Code, 101, it violates the National Electric Code.

This is a flagrant omission on this drawing.

MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Broyles, is that identified in any of the Zoning Advisory Committee comments by the plans review people?

MR. BROYLES: I don't believe it was.

BGE typically doesn't get involved in commenting on projects until they're at the DRC or development stage. However, the checklist requires utilities to be shown.

Had it been shown, someone may have commented about it. At this point, none of the plan reviewers are aware that there are electric wires there that they're building a building under.

MS. DOPKIN: And would this become an issue at the permit stage or would, again, the plans reviewer rely on the site plan -- or would the survey drawings have to show it?

MR. BROYLES: The plans reviewer, the electrical and the structural plans reviewer in Baltimore County in my experience typically don't go out and look at the site, they depend on the accuracy of the site plan and the accuracy of the design professional.

That's why all of the commercial permits require a licensed professional engineer, land surveyor, you know, and/or architect to see all of that.

MS. DOPKIN: I don't think that was my question. My question was, would the building

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     permit drawing plans have the detail that you are
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     saying was omitted from this plan?
                 MR. BROYLES: Not if he uses this same
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     checklist. If you look at the very front of this
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     chart --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: That wasn't my question.
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     An architectural plan is not going to be --
                 MR. BROYLES: An architectural plan
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     would not show a power line on the site.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
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                 MR. BROYLES: Only a site plan would.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Go on. You were up to
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     item 16 on the checklist.
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                 Correct. And my point is, even at
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     building permit stage, this is the very same
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     checklist you use for a commercial building
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     permit.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Any other items on the
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     checklist you want to point out to the Board?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes.
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                 Item 23. Item 23 is the required off
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     street parking calculation. And I believe their
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     calculation is inaccurate. If you will look at --
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     if we can shift to page 4 on this particular
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     exhibit, it clearly states that automobile sales,
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display, offices, parts are to be calculated at 5 per thousand and that service use is 3.3 spaces per thousand.

And on Mr. Doak's calculation, he utilizes 1.6 spaces per thousand for the office, and he utilizes just, you know four parking spaces for employees and he comes up with a total of 17 parking spaces.

When I do the calculation with the, I believe it's a 1600 square foot building and then the additional calculation there, I come up with 27 spaces are being required.

The existing building or office areas he's indicated is 1600 square feet. When you use 5 per thousand for that and you use 3.3 per thousand for 5,168 square feet, that calculates to 26 parking spaces.

I believe the parking calculation that they generated on the site plan is inaccurate.

It's not following Baltimore County Zoning standards. I don't know where they got the 1.6 spaces per thousand for the office. 5 are clearly required on this checklist and in Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

MR. LAUER: Madam Chair, if I might

just clarify it. Are you saying they need 26 or 27 spaces according to your calculation, sir?

MR. BROYLES: 26.

MR. LAUER: 26. Okay. Thank you.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

A Also, when you go to the checklist, item 24, special use requirements. They should have been referencing Section 405 and 405A which is requirements for storage of damaged, disabled or inoperative vehicles. It just requires that they not be stored outside and they be stored inside.

And the checklist requires that if there's any special use requirements specific to the site that they be listed on the site plan just like zoning history and they are not listed there.

So that's another omission.

And then when we come to -- we'll go to, I believe it's page 6 of the checklist which is off street parking requirements. Item 1, paving, it requires that they -- that all the areas are clearly indicated as, you know, the type of paving and whether they're grass, gravel or whatever.

There's no indication at all what the

paving is. There's an island are on the back and east side that it doesn't designate. My inspection of the site has determined that it's grass there.

It does identify two grass areas up on the front of the site as grass and it is an omission that they didn't list those areas. And the original plan and the -- the original plan had shown tow truck parking on the -- the original plan dated I believe 7/2/2021 had shown tow truck parking on the grass island on the west side of the site which is not allowed.

Parking in a commercial facility has to be a durable dustless surface. And the red line plan shows vehicle inventory parking there, that although it doesn't have to meet the requirements of Section 409 for parking, it still has to be a durable dustless surface.

I did the expansion at Al Packer Ford and we weren't allowed to store inventory on grass. We actually had to put in storm water management and suitable paving for those areas.

Item 14 on the off street parking checklist. Again, the entrance width is missing. Item 16, no utilities are shown. And we get into

the same issue with the high voltage power feeder at the rear of the property.

And then -- I'm sorry, I'm on the wrong checklist. Item 2 on the off street parking requirement, item 2 design standards and screening and landscaping. The two island areas on the front of the property are supposed to be landscaped according to, I don't know if you want to call it a condition or a restriction, I believe it's number 6 in the Administrative Law Judge Murphy's Order on that particular -- original Order in that case 2021-0201.

And those two areas should have just been called out as landscaping. And the omission of not showing the other grass areas, had the Hearing Officer known that there was an existing grass area to the west and the rear, she may have required landscaping there also.

But the omission on the plan, not showing the type of surfacing, the plan reviewers, the people that write ZAC comments and the Hearing Officer herself weren't able to accurately determine what was there and where landscaping could have potentially been placed.

The only areas that were identified as

1 grass were the two areas on the front. And I 2 believe the reason they weren't identified is because the Petitioner wanted to park there, 3 4 possibly it was just an error or omission. 5 Item 3, the curbs on --6 MR. KETTERER: Can I object real quick 7 here. What is your objection? 8 MS. DOPKIN: 9 MR. KETTERER: All of this talk -- all 10 this calculation of number of parking spots and 11 calculation of vehicles used for storage at a used 12 car lot, that's all done with. That was in the 13 special exception variance that was already 14 granted back in 2019. This is a separate variance 15 request. 16 MR. BROYLES: Well this is a separate 17 variance, but I'm just pointing out errors and 18 omissions with the plan. It's not accurate. And 19 if, you know, the amended plan is approved then, 20 you know, they won't have the necessary parking. 21 They didn't request a variance of 22 parking standards, requirements or they didn't 23 request a--24 MS. DOPKIN: Let me address Mr. 25 Ketterer's objection.

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                 I think you will be able to address
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     that in your rebuttal case.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Yes. If necessary.
                 MS. DOPKIN: So we will allow Mr.
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     Broyles to continue for the sake of trying to get
     through his testimony.
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                 What else -- do you have anything
     further for us, Mr. Broyles?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Oh, yes. It's quite
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     lengthy, unfortunately.
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                 Item 3 on the off street parking
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     requirements, page 6. None of the curbs are
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     identified. And that's just, you know -- there's
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     no way to know if something is an island or, you
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     know, what the existing limits of the paving area.
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     Again, item 6, the entrance width is not shown.
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                 Item 10, there's no loading zone
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     indicated which is required on all commercial
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     sites. And item 11, there's no handicapped
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     parking indicated. That's a violation of the
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     American Disabilities Act. That's a violation of
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     International Building Code. There's a minimum
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     amount -- at least you have to have one
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     handicapped parking space on every commercial
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facility, and there's none indicated.

1 And I did a preliminary plan where I 2 re-sequenced and that's our Exhibit 104, if we can pull that up, where I laid out some vehicle 3 storage and interior parking they have indicated 4 5 on their plan. 6 And the 30 cars they say they can fit 7 just don't fit there. To the proposed building on the rear 8 and the left side there's two overhead doors and 9 10 on the front right-hand side there's two overhead 11 doors, according to the plan and there's only 15 12 feet to get in there between the four parking 13 spaces up front. 14 They've got vehicle inventory storage 15 shown for 35 feet in front of the building and the 16 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations for BRAS only 17 allows inventory storage 15 foot in front of the 18 minimum front building setback. So they're 19 encroaching 20 feet into the --20 MS. DOPKIN: Where is that? Is that 21 in the zoning regulations? 22 MR. BROYLES: Yes, ma'am.

MR. BROYLES: Let me pull that up for you. Bear with me.

What section?

MS. DOPKIN:

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That's the BR area -- somewhere.
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     you have the Zoning Manual, Russell?
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                 If you can bear with me, I can pull
     that up. Okay. That is Baltimore County Zoning
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     Regulations Section 238.4. Would you like me to
     read it?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: No, thank you. We can
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     check it. Please continue.
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                 MR. BROYLES: Sorry about that delay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Is that specific as to
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     the AS zone, by the way?
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                 MR. BROYLES: No. That's all BR
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     zones.
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                 And what I indicated here, by the time
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     they have minimum drive widths to get around the
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     site, in and out of it, my calculation is they can
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     only store 13 cars, not the 30 that they've
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     requested.
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                 And the interior part I came up with
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     12, not the 13. That pretty much taps out the
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     building. I mean, in my professional opinion
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     they're just trying to do too much on this site.
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                 Okay. That's it for items on the --
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     the other item I noticed and it's not a County
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     issue, but it just goes to the quality of the site
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1 plan that's been submitted. 2 When a professional engineer or land surveyor stamps any document in the State of 3 Maryland, they're required to put their expiration 4 5 date on it. Mr. Doak just did not do that. I can cite you the Comar reference for that. And that 6 7 is Comar Section 9.13.06.12G. And we've actually got that particular page printed in an exhibit if 8 you'd like to see it. 9 10 MS. DOPKIN: Are you offering it? 11 MR. BROYLES: Exhibit 103. 12 And it just states that they have to 13 list their expiration and it does not. 14 MS. DOPKIN: It speaks for itself. 15 It's a public record. We'll admit it and determine its relevance. 16 Please continue. 17 (Exhibit 103 was admitted into 18 evidence) 19 20 MR. BROYLES: My point with all of 21 this is that the site plan is not accurate, 22 contains many errors and omissions and I just feel

like this petition should be denied until an

the required checklist.

accurate site plan is submitted that conforms to

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The next, if I'm allowed, can I offer an opinion on the variance, the zero foot setback for the building.

MS. DOPKIN: Sure. Go on.

A In my opinion, there's nothing unique or unusual about this property. All one has to do is look left, look right, look behind you, look across the street, look east, look west. This is typical of the sites and businesses in this area. They're all typically small lots with a small structure in the center with circular parking around the outside as Mr. Doak has indicated. And that's because most of these buildings were gas stations, you know, service stations, restaurants banks and, you know, personal service type of facilities.

And, you know, according as you all know to, you know, Cromwell versus Ward, if uniqueness cannot be established, that ends the variance process and it's denied.

MR. KETTERER: I have to object just because that's done with. That question is answered and it cannot be revisited by the doctrine of collateral estoppel.

MR. BROYLES: I understand that and I

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     read that. But this is a different variance.
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     We're talking about in the previous case it was a
     variance for --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Broyles?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to let Mr.
     Ketterer explain his objection for the Board.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Yes, Chairman.
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     property has already been adjudicated unique, and
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     the 2019 special exception variance has already
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     been granted and that is final.
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                 Therefore they cannot be a factual
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     finding of anything other than uniqueness.
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     is closed under the Doctrine of Collateral
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     Estoppel, to note changes --
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is a de novo hearing
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     before this Board and you're talking about a
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     change to the building. I'm going to allow it as
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     to the effect from the proposed modification that
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     is the subject of this hearing. Nobody is
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     questioning the original approval as to what was
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     permitted then.
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                 But they're questioning it as to what
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     is being -- we are being asked to approve now.
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Please continue, Mr. Broyles.

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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes. Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You've said it's not
     unique. We understand your -- what you've said.
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     What else do you want to say?
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                 MR. BROYLES: There's a difference in
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     the variance, the previous variance in 171 was for
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     car parking against the property line, which is
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     allowed to park under BG&E lines because they're
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     movable and they're not structures that are
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     subject to people occupying them and being
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     electrocuted and catching on fire.
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                 And in the previous case, Mr. Doak
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     identified that there was a hardship or technical
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     difficulty because of change of use on the
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     property and I agree with that. But the change of
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     use is self imposed by the applicant.
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                 I mean, if he needed more space or a
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     bigger site, maybe he should have purchased a
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     larger property. That's caveat emptor. Buyer
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     beware.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So is your point that
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     this is a self created hardship?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Yes, it is.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Continue, please.
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                 MR. BROYLES:
                              Okay. That's what I
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have to say about the variance.

I don't believe the relief requested is in strict harmony within the spirit, intent of height area, off street parking and sign regulations. As I indicated, I think the off street parking calculations are incorrect. I think that makes the site plan inaccurate and, you know, furthermore, you know, can the variance be granted, you know, the relief without substantial injury to public safety and general welfare and it can't. There's an immediate fire hazard from that BGE high voltage power feeder putting a structure on that rear property line.

And two, if it did slip through the cracks, it could have catastrophic consequences. I mean, you could have catastrophic loss of life, property and, you know, personal injury. All you need a wind storm to drop that 13,000 volt power line on the roof and that building is gone.

MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Broyles, it looks to me from the site plan that the liquor store is equally non-compliant to the setback from the power line. Have you looked at that?

MR. BROYLES: Yes. But the power

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     lines don't run behind him like that.
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     line runs from the edge of Batavia Farm Road east
     between the properties of Mr. Earlbeck and the
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     Petitioner.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And you're saying it's
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     not --
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                 MR. BROYLES: That feeder doesn't come
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     the other way, west.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: It does not proceed to
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     the west on Batavia Farm?
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                 MR. BROYLES: Correct.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Across Batavia Farm Road?
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                 MR. BROYLES: It actually feeds along
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     the edge of Batavia Farm Road right of way.
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     Another reason not to close the road. It feeds
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     from, you know, Pulaski Highway and then it feeds
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     all the way back to, what's that, Route 7. Old
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     Philadelphia Road.
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                 And, you know, the other issue is, you
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     know, if the variance isn't granted, it's not
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     denying the Petitioner use of the property. He
22
     just can't put as big of a building on it. It's
23
     not like he suffers a total use of the property.
24
     It's not that type of hardship.
25
                 He can't put as much as he would like.
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1
     And in my opinion, you know, he's trying to put 10
 2
     pounds of dealership in a 5 pound site. It just
     doesn't fit. That's my professional opinion.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, do you have
 4
 5
     any further questions for Mr. Broyles?
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am. I don't
 6
7
     have anything. No, ma'am.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer, do you have
8
     any cross examination? I can't hear you.
9
10
                 MR. KETTERER: I will save it for
11
     rebuttal.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
13
                 Do you have any further witnesses, Mr.
14
     Mirabile?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
16
     subpoenaed Mr. Qaisar.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait a moment. Wait.
17
18
     Are we excusing Mr. Broyles then?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, not yet. No. I
20
     may have one question for him on a photograph I
21
     was looking to explain.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, then why don't you
23
     ask him your question. You just told me you
24
     didn't have questions for him.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, I was looking for
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1
     a photograph to expand on what he was talking
 2
     about with the power line that was produced by Mr.
     Doak. But he did recognize that in his work. So
 3
     we can excuse Mr. Broyles.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
 6
     Broyles. Would you please call your next witness,
7
     Mr. Mirabile.
8
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
                                      I want -- I
     subpoenaed Mr. Qaisar Shahzad -- Shahzad, how he
9
10
     pronounces his last name. And I'll see if he's in
11
     the outside waiting room, number one.
12
                 And I did subpoena Bruce Doak but BED1
13
     will show that he was -- evaded service and I'd
14
     like to submit that if possible. I think it
15
     should be put in.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, we're not going to
     go there. You called Mr. Qaisar Shahzad.
17
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. I subpoenaed
19
     him. I'll see if he's in the waiting room.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: I will make him a
21
     panelist.
22
                 MR. SAMPSON: I believe Mr. Doak is
23
     here as well.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              And Mr. Doak is here as
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well. But we will let Mr. -- Mr. Shahzad has been

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1
     made a panelist. I don't see him, but --
 2
                 MR. SHAHZAD: I am here, ma'am.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Are you available by
     video or just by audio.
 4
 5
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Let me try to put the
 6
     camera on.
                 Yeah, my camera just turned on.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: We see you now.
8
                 Would you swear the witness, please.
9
                 MR. SHAHZAD: My name is Qaisar
10
     Shahzad and I'm --
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait. Let's wait for Mr.
12
     Lauer.
13
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Okay. Sorry about that.
14
                 MR. LAUER: Please raise your right
15
     hand.
16
     Whereupon
17
                         QAISAR SHAHZAD,
18
     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
19
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
20
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
21
     follows:
22
                 MR. LAUER: Please state your name,
23
     give us your -- spell your last name and give us
24
     your address for the record.
25
                 MR. SHAHZAD: My name is Qaisar
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1
     Shahzad. Address is 9243 Bellbeck Road,
 2
     Parkville, Maryland, 21234.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Spell your name for us,
 4
     please.
 5
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Q-a-i-s-a-r. Last name,
 6
     S-h-a-h-z-a-d.
7
                 MR. LAUER: Thank you.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, you have
8
9
     questions for Mr. Shahzad?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. I was wondering
10
11
     if we could take a 15 minute break so I may go to
12
     the rest room.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: It is 12:06. We will
14
     pause this hearing until 12:20.
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thank you.
16
                        (Off the record)
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: We are back on the record
18
     if everyone is ready, I muted everyone while we
     were off the record.
19
20
                 Mr. Mirabile, if you are ready to
21
     question Mr. Shahzad.
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is your opportunity.
24
                 MR. MIRABILE: All right. Thank you.
25
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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1
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
 2
                 Good afternoon, Mr. Shahzad. How are
 3
     you today?
                 I'm doing well. How about you, sir?
 4
 5
                 I'm doing -- I could be better, but
 6
     thank you.
7
                 I'd like to ask you a couple of
                 I wont' be long with everybody.
8
     questions.
9
                 Could you give me the name and address
10
     of your business.
11
          Α
                 My personal or business address?
12
                 No, your business address.
          Q
13
                 The business address I have here is
14
     N.A. Motors, 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale,
15
     Maryland 21237.
                 Okay. When you purchased the 8202
16
     Pulaski Highway, did you have an agent work with
17
18
     you or a real estate agent of any kind or any
     professional?
19
20
                 Yes, I do.
          Α
21
                 Who was that person's name?
22
                 I forgot, but it's in the paper
          Α
23
     somewhere, the contract when we made it.
24
                 Okay. Did that person tell you that
25
     you would be able to have an automobile sales lot
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1
     there?
 2
                 He told me this is --
                 MR. KETTERER: Objection.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait. Mr. Shahzad.
 4
 5
     Ketterer has raised an objection.
                 MR. KETTERER: I object to the hearsay
 6
7
     and the relevancy of any of this.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. I'm going to
8
     sustain that. One it would be something that was
9
10
     said by somebody who is not here which is hearsay.
11
                 And I'm not sure why that -- what
12
     bearing that has on the legal issues to be
13
     determined by this Board today.
14
                 So please ask Mr. Shahzad another
15
     question.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. I'm sorry, I
17
     just had two exhibits -- here they are.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you want to put them
     up on the screen? You're still able to share.
19
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. It's
21
     number 12 -- do you want me to put all of them up?
22
     I have three of them.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, let's do them one
24
     at a time and you'll introduce them and see if Mr.
25
     Ketterer has any objection and we'll go from
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1
     there.
 2
                 So what's your first exhibit?
                 MR. MIRABILE: The first exhibit is
 3
     number 12.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, let's see it.
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 7
                 MS. DOPKIN: And number 12 looks like
     it's a citation from Code Enforcement and
 8
 9
     Inspection.
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: I do not see a date on
12
     here -- ah, dated --
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's at the bottom,
14
    ma'am, it's --
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: The issue date was
16
     February of 2022. Okay.
17
                 And you're introducing that as Exhibit
     number?
18
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Exhibit 12.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: It's citation case number
21
     CC2108046. And why are you introducing this?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Credibility. Mr.
23
     Qaisar has a tendency to do things outside the
24
     law, outside the --
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well -- Mr. Ketterer are
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1
     you speaking?
 2
                 MR. KETTERER: I want to object
     immediately to relevancy. And he's also attacking
 3
     my client's credibility before even asking him a
 4
 5
     question.
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to sustain you
 6
7
     on credibility. You can attack -- that's
8
     inappropriate at this point. And tell me what
     relevance this has to the petition that's before
 9
10
     us.
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, just as Mr.
12
     Broyles explained everything, everything is not up
13
     to level here and Mr. --
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well this is from
15
     February and it is now almost November so that I'm
16
     not sure it's -- it has bearing on what's before
17
     us.
18
                 Do you want to -- is this an ongoing
     condition or has it been corrected? Do you have--
19
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, it's been
21
     partially corrected. He still owes a fine to
22
     Baltimore County.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Let's -- we'll admit it
24
     and give it the weight that it's -- we see fit.
25
                 (Exhibit 12 was admitted into
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1
          evidence)
 2
                 What's your next exhibit?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: I have another one with
     that, but I'll -- another Code Enforcement, but
 4
 5
     I'll have to lean over and get it. The next one
     would be 12 -- number 12, it's a reference to the
 6
7
     fence.
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is number 12.
8
9
                 MR. MIRABILE: This one says 12 fence.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: 12A?
11
                 MR. SAMPSON: He has two 12s. There's
12
     a 12 and then another 12 and then a 12A and a 12B.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well this one is 12
14
     fence. I did that so it would be easier to
15
     follow.
                 MS. DOPKIN: That's 12. I don't know
16
17
     what your next exhibit is from what's on the
18
     screen.
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: We're trying to locate
20
     it here.
21
                 MS. EARLBECK: I don't think we have
22
     it.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: You don't have it?
24
     It's been stamped in.
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: What's your next exhibit,
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1
     Mr. Mirabile?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Right now I have to
     hold off to make sure we can find -- not hold off,
 3
     but I'll -- okay. I'll hold off on that one,
 4
 5
     ma'am. I'll just wait until we get this other one
 6
     up.
7
                 I wanted to ask, we can't seem to
     find, it's been stamped in, but it's 12-fence.
8
9
     F-e-n-c-e.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have a question
11
     for Mr. Shahzad while you're trying to locate
12
     that?
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. While we're
14
     trying to locate it.
15
                 Who did the measuring on this
          Q
16
     application for the fence that you put up in the
     middle of Batavia Farm Road.
17
18
                 MR. SAMPSON: Can you -- time out.
19
     Can you stop sharing the screen if you're just
20
     going to scroll through exhibits. It's very
21
     distracting.
22
                 Thank you.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Your question was, who
24
     prepared what?
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Who prepared the fence
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1
     measurements that you had on Batavia Farm Road?
 2
                                I'll again object to
                 MR. KETTERER:
     the relevancy of the fence and Batavia Farm Road.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: And I don't know what --
 4
 5
     are you referring to the site plan?
                 MR. MIRABILE: No. I'm referring to a
 6
7
     separate application for a fence permit.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what bearing does
8
     that have on the petition before us? That's a
 9
10
     separate matter is it not?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, no. He put the
11
12
     fence up in the middle of Batavia Farm Road. And
13
     it was --
14
                 MR. KETTERER: That's a statement.
15
     It's not a question.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And I'm still not clear
16
17
     on what bearing that has on the case before us if
18
     it was a separate permit.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, this is --
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: And it's not an existing
21
     condition, is it?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: No. Two weeks ago he
23
     took the fence down again.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: That was a statement, not
25
     a question. So what's your next question for Mr.
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1
     Shahzad?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
 3
                 Mr. Shahzad, Judge Beverungen gave you
          Q
 4
     a --
 5
                 MR. BROYLES: That's it, Russell.
 6
                 MR. KETTERER: I have to object again.
7
     The expert witness is telling him what to say.
                 MR. MIRABILE: He's not telling me
 8
 9
     what to say.
10
                 MR. BROYLES: I pointed out an
11
     exhibit.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: I have my notes right
13
     here.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile --
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: --you were asking Mr.
17
     Shahzad a question.
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN: What was the question?
20
     Mr. Broyles, whoever else is in the room, we don't
21
     want to hear from you if you're not testifying.
22
                 MR. BROYLES: Yes, ma'am.
23
                 Mr. Shahzad, you were -- you received
          Q
24
     permission from Judge Beverungen, I believe it was
25
     back in 2019 that you could have a used car sale
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lot; is that correct? Α Yes, sir. Okay. And then now you, about two Q years later or a year and a half later, you applied -- that was for one use. And now another use now you say you want to have this building put up; is that correct? Α Yes, sir.

Q And you want that for a different use; is that correct?

A It's the same use. When you buy the car, the car needs to be get seen before we sell it to the customer. It should not break down on the street. That's why we planned to have a building that we can see the car and get the car it is reliable, road reliable and have good customer service. That's why we planned to add the building.

Q Okay. Did you have that in mind when you originally had the -- bought the property?

A I had in my mind what I thought all the calls are good at the auction. But it's not. There is something always when you start the business, then you figure out how you got it, and how you get success in the business. So the

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1
     success is when you got the car, you can see
 2
     yourself at your property and see how the car is.
     If the car is good, you can put it for sale.
 3
     not, it should be fixed before you sell it.
 4
 5
                  That's why I decided to have a
     building to put it on my site. Instead of sending
 6
7
     the car over there and then get inspected over
     there and then retail over there, just bring it to
8
 9
     the one place, fix it and sell it. And if
10
     anything happened, the customer can come back to
11
     me and I can fix his problem.
12
                 So you referred us to another
          Q
13
     building. Are you using another building now to
14
     sell cars?
15
          Α
                 What other building?
16
                 You just mentioned there are other
17
     buildings where you -- you're working in another
18
     building so you can sell cars at 8202 Pulaski
19
     Highway.
20
          Α
                 Yes.
21
                 What is the address of that place?
          Q
22
                 8202 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale,
          Α
23
     Maryland.
24
                 What is the other place that you
          Q
25
     were--
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1 Other place means other shop. When I Α 2 sell the car, then I cannot stay here. I have to take the car to the shop, they fix it and then get 3 it to the State inspector, get it inspected and 4 5 then send it back. So I'm not --Okay, but --6 7 Α --it's a waste of time. I'm going 8 there, there, there, there. So I'm not 9 able to get the success. If the car is here, 10 somebody is working with me, I'm here. So I think 11 I can manage better. 12 Once again, what is the address of Q 13 where you're working out of? 14 MS. DOPKIN: I think that's been asked 15 and answered, Mr. Mirabile. What Mr. Shahzad said is he works out of 8202 Pulaski Highway and that 16 17 he sometimes has to take cars to a repair shop or 18 State inspection station but he didn't -- Mr. 19 Shahzad are you working yourself at the repair 20 shop? 21 MR. SHAHZAD: Yes, I do, ma'am. 22 little bit of everything, engineer, you can say 23 everything. 24 At a location other than MS. DOPKIN:

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8202 Pulaski Highway?

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1
                 MR. SHAHZAD: I used to work for some
 2
     shops because we have a towing company and I used
 3
     to work for someone for a little bit.
                 MS. DOPKIN: But not now?
 4
 5
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Not now, but I can
 6
     inspect my car myself.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: Please continue, Mr.
     Mirabile.
8
9
                 You've been in business on Pulaski
10
     Highway then would you say for two years?
11
          Α
                 About four years now.
12
                 Four years now. Okay. And you have
13
     it partitioned off so you can sell cars there as
14
     Judge Beverungen gave you permission; is that
15
     correct?
16
          Α
                 Yes, sir.
17
                 How many cars have you sold out of
          Q
     that lot?
18
19
                 Around --
          Α
20
                 MR. KETTERER:
                                 Irrelevant.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 It's very relevant.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Is that an objection?
23
                 MR. KETTERER:
                                 That's an objection.
24
     It's irrelevant.
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, what
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1
     relevance does that have to the petition before
 2
     us?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, he has -- the
     relevancy is he was given permission to sell off
 4
 5
     of that lot. He's never used that lot. I have
     photographs of that lot. And now he wants to
 6
7
     expand his business, but he hasn't even --
8
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait.
9
                 MR. MIRABILE: Whoa, whoa, what?
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: He was given permission
11
     to sell cars and you asked him if he sold cars
12
     there and how many.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: And he said he sold cars
15
     there. The numbers doesn't particularly matter,
     does it?
16
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, it does.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: Why?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: If he sold one car
20
     there and he's asking for -- to bring up more --
21
     make it a lot smaller then, you know -- this was
22
     -- has all been -- this wasn't going on like he
23
     found out he needed this, he needed that. This
24
     has been going on for a couple of years. He's
25
     changing the use.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to sustain the
 2
                 I don't think how many cars he's sold
     objection.
     is terribly relevant to what's before us.
 3
                 But we can -- what's your next
 4
 5
     question?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Am I allowed to ask him
 6
7
     how many cars does he have on his lot to sell?
8
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              How many cars do you have
     on your lot to sell, Mr. Shahzad?
9
10
                 MR. SHAHZAD: So far in this lot I
11
     think I have -- I think eight cars and three for
12
     repairs.
              So far I think that 11, because the car
13
     prices are so high, most of them, we sell it back
14
     to the auction. So it's come and go.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: So you have some turnover
16
     of the number of cars?
17
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Yes. Because the prices
18
     of the cars are so high so when you buy the car
19
     you need to know what -- how much money you're
20
     spending on it and how you sell it.
21
                 So the APR go up now, the price --
22
     don't buy it now, wait for the time when you have
23
     time to buy it and then sell it. So this is how
24
     the business goes. It's not you have money and
25
     you just throw it and you lose money. You've got
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to be smart and invest in the business.
 1
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, what's your
 3
     next question.
          Q Mr. Shahzad, have you ever heard of
 4
 5
     the term in your business of curb siding?
                Curb siding?
 6
7
                Curb siding or curb stoning? Have you
     ever heard of that term?
8
9
          Α
                 No.
10
          Q
                 Okay.
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'd like to admit a
12
    couple of exhibits, please.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what are you
14
    introducing?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm introducing
16
     photographs of his lot as a sales lot.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: That's not what's before
18
    us on the screen.
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: I haven't shown it yet
20
     to Ms. --
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: What exhibit number are
22
    you offering?
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's 50 plus. I'm
24
    offering a couple of them.
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is -- whoa, whoa,
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1
     whoa, whoa. One at a time, please.
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Sure.
                 MS. DOPKIN: What is the first one
 3
     you're offering?
 4
 5
                 MR. MIRABILE: 51.
                 MS. DOPKIN: This is 51?
 6
 7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. This is a
     photograph of, I guess it would be the west side
 8
     of the parking lot that Mr. Shahzad has and there
 9
10
     are no cars there for sale.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait a minute. That's
11
12
     not a question.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: I know. Well, I'm
14
     describing it for you.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. And what is it
     intended to demonstrate?
16
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: That it's not being
18
     used as for a used car lot, number one, just on
     the west side.
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what's your next
21
     exhibit? And I know 51 plus shows a chain link
22
     gate and a truck and some parking -- paved areas.
23
                 The next exhibit is number what?
24
                 MR. MIRABILE: 28, ma'am.
                                             That was
25
     submitted by Mr. Doak.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: So it's Petitioner's
 2
     Exhibit 28?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: I think, yeah,
     Petitioner's Exhibit, it looks like 6G.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: Protestant's 28. And
     what is this intended to show?
 6
 7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Also there are no cars
     for sale on that lot. The car sitting in front of
 8
     that lot is Mr. Doak's car. He described that.
 9
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is your next
11
    exhibit?
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's coming up now,
    ma'am. The next one ma'am is 36B.
13
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is this supposed
15
    to show?
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: It also shows well, the
     now defunct fence, but it also shows that the lot
17
18
     has just tow trucks there.
19
                 MR. KETTERER: That's factually
20
     inaccurate from the face of the photograph.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, Mr. Mirabile, did
22
    you take these pictures?
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am, I did.
24
     That's me in the silhouette in number 36B.
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: And did you take what was
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1
     51 plus and 28?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Let me see here.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: I need you to
     authenticate them as to who took them, when and
 4
 5
     what --that they fairly and accurately represent
 6
     what you're alleging they represent.
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. 51 plus it was
     an exhibit by Mr. Doak and it looks like 6L. And
8
9
     also it represents no calls for sale on the lot.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: 36B you took.
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: 36B I took.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: And when did you take it?
13
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 That was taken
14
     approximately, around November of '21 because I
15
     incorporated that zoning sign there on what is,
16
     contesting right now.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: And this is intended to
18
     show what?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: That it's not a typical
20
     lot, sales lot, automotives being here.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: What's your next exhibit?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Exhibit 28 was
     Petitioner's Exhibit 6G.
23
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes, you told us that.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: And the next one,
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1
     ma'am, is Exhibit 36A.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: And did you take this
     picture?
 3
 4
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Same day.
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: In November of '21?
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: Approximately. Yes,
7
     ma'am.
            Yes.
                 And this one is atypical, you'll see a
 8
     car on the right-hand side.
 9
10
                 MR. KETTERER: I'll object here. He's
11
     trying to introduce these exhibits through my
12
     witness and he is doing the testimony himself.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm explaining it.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to allow the
15
     exhibits just because they show whatever they
16
     show. And if you're going to question the witness
17
     about them, you need to do so and tell us, you
18
     know, as it relates to the pictures you're putting
19
     up.
20
                 (Exhibits 51, 28, 36A-B were admitted
21
          into evidence)
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Is it okay if I
23
     ask him about the last one, 36A?
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: That's before us. Yes.
25
                 Mr. Shahzad, I'd like to look at
          Q
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1
     Exhibit 36A since it's on the screen and Judge
 2
     Murphy had indicated and Judge Beverungen, there's
     not supposed to be any vehicles that were --
 3
     needed major repair or basically to clutter up the
 4
 5
     place to make it look like a junk yard.
                 This photograph here indicates that
 6
7
     how many cars do you have like that at this lot?
8
                 MR. KETTERER: I'm going to object to
     the form of that question.
9
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Why don't you ask him a
11
     question about the picture.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
13
                 This picture indicates major --
          Q
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: That's not a question.
15
                 Is major work being done to this
          Q
     vehicle?
16
17
                 No.
          Α
18
                 Okay. Do you recognize that vehicle?
          Q
19
                 I can barely see that. I'm on the
          Α
20
             There is some vehicle I can look at it
21
     like I inspect myself and then take it to the
22
     inspector for inspection. Because then I have to
23
     bring it back and take it somewhere for repair.
24
     That's a waste of time. Before I take it to the
25
     inspector, I do inspect myself visually the car.
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1
     Sometimes.
 2
                 Do you store vehicles on this lot for
     sale to show the general public?
 3
 4
          Α
                 Yes.
 5
                 Okay. Is it typical of this
 6
     photograph of the vehicles being shown for the
7
     general public?
                 I try to keep in my fence because
8
     people kept cutting the catalytic converter and
9
10
     other stuff, the wheels, they steal it. Last
11
     month someone steal our truck dollies, cut the
12
     fence and also cut the locks on our dollies and
13
     steal away. So that's why I have tried to keep
14
     inside the fence.
15
                 But this photograph--
          Q
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: I think the question was,
17
     do you keep vehicles for sale on the lot in the
18
     fenced area? It was a yes or no question.
19
                 MR. SHAHZAD: Yes. The cars are for
20
     sale.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: What's your next
22
     question, Mr. Mirabile?
23
                 Is this a typical sale site of how you
          Q
24
     do the selling? Because I don't see them in line.
25
                 MR. KETTERER: I object again to the
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1
     relevancy.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: What's -- he's answered
     the question. What's your next question?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: That's fine.
 4
 5
                 The next question. On Petitioner's
     Exhibit 6G which is Mr. Doak's and it would be
 6
7
     my--
8
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you want to put that
     up on the screen, please.
9
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's Exhibit 28.
10
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. This is a picture,
12
     Mr. Mirabile (sic) of your property, it looks like
13
     it was taken from the corner of your property
14
     nearest the golf cart repair shop looking back at
15
     your building and yard.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
17
                 Do you have -- you do not have stripes
18
     on the -- where would your parking lots and where
19
     would your customers park on this lot, on this
20
     particular photograph?
21
                 Customers can park anywhere in the
22
     front. I asked Mr. Doak we can make the lines
23
     where the customer parking is. He says, it's
24
     fairly open on the front. They can park anywhere.
25
     So you doesn't need it. So -- you doesn't need
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1
     the lines, that's fine, because it's open for the
 2
     public. You can park anywhere.
 3
                 Are you aware that Judge Murphy and
     Judge Beverungen made that a requirement that they
 4
 5
     have to be striped?
 6
                 MR. KETTERER: I object. And we're on
7
     appeal. That hasn't been finalized yet.
                 MS. DOPKIN: There's an objection.
8
9
     And Mr. Ketterer is right, that was a prior case.
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Let me cut back
11
     to 36A one more time, please.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Shahzad, this is
13
     picture of the front of your property, again from
14
     your entrance, the entrance on Pulaski Highway
15
     looking at your building.
16
                 What is your question?
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: My question is--
18
                 In order for you to get the public,
          0
19
     the general public to come into your place of
20
     business, I see there's a fence drawn across your
21
     entranceway. I notice that the chain link, or
22
     that chain across that highway has been there for
23
     a long time. How do customers come in to your
24
     property?
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On the side entrance. It was open for

25

Α

a long time, but 50 feet tractor trailer they try
to make a u-turn and go back to the east side and
they broke our asphalt and hit that pole, too.

They still hit the pole, too, on this side and in
order to avoid that the 50 feet tractor trailer go
over the curb and break the stuff, that's why we
put that one.

And the customer can come in this side. Even the Earlbeck, customers park here, he don't have any problem. It's empty. They can go inside and they can do whatever they want and they come back. So we have no problem. So people can come in this way.

Q Do I understand you said Mr. Earlbeck uses that parking lot?

A No, no, some of the customer on this side they forgot, they think they can go through this way. They just park the vehicle, they come in and ask inside, can we go see. I have no problem, you can go.

MR. MIRABILE: All right. I don't have any further questions, Your Honor. I think it kind of speaks for itself.

MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Mr. Ketterer, do you have any questions for Mr. Shahzad or are

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1
     you going to reserve?
 2
                 MR. KETTERER: I'll just do some brief
 3
     questioning.
                         CROSS EXAMINATION
 4
     BY MR. KETTERER:
 5
 6
                 Mr. Shahzad, as the property is right
7
     now, you're currently under a special exception
     and variance permitting you to operate a used
8
     vehicle sales; correct?
 9
10
          Α
                 Yes.
11
                 And as it stands right now, if you
          Q
12
     find one of those used vehicles to be inoperable,
13
     you have to take it to a third -- or another
14
     location to have it repaired?
15
          Α
                 If repair is needed. Yes.
16
                 Yes, that was my question.
                                              I just
17
     wanted to clarify that, that as it stands right
18
     now if you find one of your vehicles needs
19
     repairs, you would have to take it somewhere else.
20
                  Yes.
          Α
21
                 Okay. And you have the back of the
          Q
22
     property fenced in for security of your property?
23
          Α
                  Yes.
24
                 MR. KETTERER: I have no further
25
     questions.
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MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Mr. Mirabile, do
 1
 2
     you have any further witnesses?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am --
                 MS. DOPKIN: Or any further questions
 4
 5
     for Mr. Shahzad?
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, I do. One other
 6
7
     question, according to what Mr. Ketterer said.
8
                       REDIRECT EXAMINATION
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
9
10
                 The fence is on the front of the
11
     property, not the rear property for vandalism or
12
     stealing; is that correct?
13
                 I have fence on the front, on the
14
     right side and the left side and in the back I
15
     have a wood fence in the back. When we purchased
16
     the property, the ex-landlord, Mr. Leonard, he had
     that fence in the back. That is a wood fence.
17
18
     Yes.
19
                 Okay. How many total vehicles have
          Q
20
     you had on that parking lot for sale?
21
                 MR. KETTERER: Objection.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: That was asked and
     answered -- it was not allowed earlier. So let's
23
24
     not revisit it.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. All right.
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1
     Okay. All right. I don't have any more questions
 2
     for Mr. Shahzad. He's happy. Look at that. He's
 3
     very happy. That's good.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Shahzad.
 4
 5
     I'm going to make -- move you back to a -- I'm
     going to try to move you back to -- well, I guess
 6
7
     I'm not.
 8
                 Does that conclude your case, Mr.
9
     Mirabile?
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. I just want to
11
     make a matter of record that Mr. Doak was --
12
     refused his subpoena and I had a lot of questions
     for him. So I would just like to make that a
13
14
     matter of record. And it's in the record, if I
15
     can pull it up, I can put it in the record. It's
16
     really simple --
                 MR. KETTERER: Mr. Doak was available
17
18
     for cross examination on the first day of the
19
     hearing.
20
                 MR. SAMPSON: Well, no, no --
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: You'll have your
22
     opportunity.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, I --
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Sampson -- Mr.
25
     Mirabile.
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1 Mr. Sampson. 2 MR. SAMPSON: I don't believe that's 3 correct. I believe that we said at the end of the first hearing that Mr. Doak would have to be made 4 5 available and he is on the line. So it's not true -- whether he was available or not the first day, 6 7 we made it clear that he was to be back. And so Mr. --8 9 MS. DOPKIN: And he is. 10 MR. SAMPSON: --Mr. Mirabile is not 11 foreclosed from asking Mr. Doak questions. 12 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. I would like to 13 have Mr. Broyles next to me so -- because it's 14 going to be engineer and surveying issues and he's 15 not here in this room. Could I take a five minute break and see if he's outside and then I'll be 16 17 prepared for questions for Mr. Doak? 18 MR. SAMPSON: You're the one asking 19 the questions. What are you asking that if you 20 can tag team questions of Mr. Doak? 21 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Broyles can't 22 question Mr. Doak, only you can. 23 MR. MIRABILE: I understand that. 24 MS. DOPKIN: And we're not going to 25 have Mr. Broyles feeding you questions for Mr.

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1
            Either you have prepared questions for Mr.
     Doak.
 2
     Doak that you can ask him yourself or you don't.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Right. Mr. Broyles
     isn't going to feed me anything. What I want to
 4
 5
     basically do -- if you bring Mr. Doak up, I'll ask
     him -- I'm only going to ask him a couple of
 6
7
     questions.
                 That's all.
                 MR. KETTERER: If Mr. Doak is being
8
     called to testify, I would ask Mr. Broyles leave
9
10
     the room because I do not believe that he will not
11
     talk to Mr. Mirabile.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well --
13
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                That's a credibility
14
     issue. That's not right.
15
                 MR. SAMPSON: Hold on. Mr. Mirabile.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, sir.
17
                 MR. SAMPSON: Pause. Chair Dopkin
18
     gets to talk.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              I'm going to allow him to
20
     stay and if we feel that Mr. Broyles is -- or Mr.
21
     Mirabile is being inappropriate we will deal with
22
     it at the time.
23
                 It seems, you know, as I said before,
24
     Mr. Mirabile is not a lawyer. He clearly didn't
25
     understand that Mr. Doak is available based on the
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1
     Board's prior ruling at the conclusion of the
 2
     hearing.
 3
                  I have just made Mr. Doak a panelist
     and maybe we'll get to see him if he'll give us
 4
 5
     some video if he's still available.
                 MR. DOAK: I am.
 6
7
                 MS. DOPKIN: I hear you. Will we get
8
     to see you? Your smiling face, Mr. Doak?
9
                 There he is.
10
                 Now, Mr. Mirabile --
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: --we're going to have Mr.
13
     Doak sworn and you may ask him questions.
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: No one else can ask him
16
     questions.
17
                 Mr. Lauer.
18
                 MR. LAUER: Yes. Mr. Doak, please
19
     raise your right hand, please.
20
     Whereupon
21
                            BRUCE DOAK,
22
     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
23
     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
24
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
25
     follows:
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1
                 MR. LAUER: Please give us your name
 2
     and your title, position and address if you would,
     for the record.
 3
                 MR. DOAK: My name is Bruce E. Doak,
 4
 5
     D-o-a-k.
              I'm a Maryland property line surveyor
     number 531. My address is 3801 Baker Schoolhouse
 6
7
     Road, Freeland, Maryland 21053.
                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. And I believe
8
     you were previously admitted as an expert.
9
10
                 MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. I just want to
12
     make sure we're all aware.
13
                 Mr. Mirabile, do you have a question
14
     for Mr. Doak?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
16
                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
17
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
18
                 Mr. Doak, did you hear Mr. Broyles'
19
     testimony and explanation?
20
                 Yes, sir, I did.
          Α
21
                 All right. Is there anything there
22
     that you disagree with?
23
                 One thing to keep in mind is, Mr.
          Α
24
     Broyles is a very good professional, been at it a
25
     long time like I have. But he also understands
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1
     that the checklist is a guidance versus a
 2
     requirement.
                 So having done, I'll say this year
 3
     probably more zoning hearings than anybody, other
 4
 5
     professional, not always do I make sure that each
     and everything on the checklist is on there. It's
 6
     the things that would be important to that case.
7
                 So, that would be all I would say
8
     about Mr. Broyles and his testimony.
9
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, do you have
11
     another question for Mr. Doak?
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. Sure.
                                               I do.
13
     Yeah.
14
                 Is there anything that Mr. Broyles had
15
     said in his lengthy conversation that you
     disagreed with?
16
                 Yes, sir.
17
          Α
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: He just answered that
19
     question.
20
                 How about specifically, then. I mean,
21
     Mr. Broyles went through a very elongated
22
     explanation of everything.
23
                 Yes, he did. And a very good job he
          Α
24
     did. But he also, I don't think that he read well
25
     enough the first, the 2019 opinion which addressed
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1
     the setback of the parked cars to the front and to
 2
     the sides.
 3
                 Also, he addressed the parking. And
     also a lot of it was placed -- was in the
 4
 5
     discussion and the hearing about the cars for sale
     not needing to meet any sort of parking standards,
 6
7
     aisle widths or anything like that, so --
8
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Mr. Mirabile,
     do you have another question?
9
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 Could I put up an exhibit, number 41,
12
     please.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: Has this been entered or
14
     is it a new exhibit?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's a new exhibit,
16
     ma'am.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what are you showing
18
     us, Exhibit 41?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what does this show?
20
21
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 This shows an imaginary
22
     fence -- this was created by -- first I should ask
23
     Mr. Doak if he recognizes this. It was one of his
     petitions, but we didn't have a number on it.
24
25
                 Yes, sir. I did prepare that.
          Α
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Q Okay. And did you prepare that for, I
believe it was for Judge Murphy, to indicate that
when the fence was moved in, you see you have
additional fencing there. You notice that.

And on the side you have plenty of
access if needed. Can you explain that, if that's
the middle of the right of way does somebody like

8 Mr. Earlbeck is he supposed to ask somebody if he can use that right of way?

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$  KETTERER: I object to the form of that question and the relevancy of it.

MR. MIRABILE: Well, he submitted the--

MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to allow it because it does involve the roadway and that is something that is in my view relevant.

A This was not a depiction of a legal determination. This was nothing more than showing that over the years and current at that time, that people were not driving on the one half of the 30 foot right of way, but they were driving down the adjoining property to the roadway. That's all this was showing.

Q Okay. But you still submitted that as evidence; is that correct?

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1
          Α
                 Yes, sir.
 2
                 Now, let's say if people were driving
 3
     down the adjoining property which would be the
     liquor store, not King Liquors, but I think it's
 4
 5
     On Lok Liquor Store, if that gentleman decided to
     put a fence up, where would Mr. -- where would the
 6
7
     vehicles go then?
                 They would have to drive down the 30
8
     foot wide roadway.
9
10
                 Right. But Mr. Shahzad had a fence up
11
     there until October 8th of this year.
12
          Α
                 Yes, sir.
13
                 Okay. And did you ever explain to Mr.
          Q
14
     Shahzad as you're an engineer or surveyor about
15
     that was in common use?
16
                 No, sir.
          Α
                 You never told him that?
17
          Q
                 No, sir.
18
          Α
19
                 Do you think that was important to
          Q
20
     tell the man?
21
                 He didn't ask.
          Α
22
                 But you were the engineer. You put in
          Q
23
     a site plan that --
24
                                 Object. Argumentative.
                 MR. KETTERER:
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: I agree. I'm going to
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1
     sustain it. Do you have another question for Mr.
 2
     Doak?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah, sure. I have a
     couple more questions. Yes, I do.
 4
 5
                 Do you see the mobile home park there?
                 What's the question? I don't see what
 6
          Α
7
     you're saying.
                  I said, do you see the mobile home
8
     park there in the background? This is your
9
10
     photograph.
11
          Α
                 Yes, sir.
12
                 Okay. It's to the left.
          Q
13
                  I'm guessing that you're talking about
          Α
     the two trailers above the double Es in needed.
14
15
     Is that what you're talking about?
                 Yes. There's about 17 trailers in
16
          Q
17
     there.
18
          Α
                 Okay.
19
                 Okay.
          Q
20
                  I didn't -- I've never gone past the
          Α
21
     end of Mr. Shahzad's property--
22
                 Oh.
          Q
23
                 --so I wouldn't know.
          Α
24
                 Would you be willing to say that if
          Q
25
     those mobile homes had to come out of there, they
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2
          A No, sir, I would not. I have no idea
     what that -- the extension of that roadway going
 3
     the other way provides.
 4
 5
             Well, the extent -- you visited the
     site, didn't you?
 6
7
                I just said, I haven't gone any
          A
     further than that parked car you see there at the
8
     end of his fence line.
9
10
         Q Okay. You didn't go on Mr. Earlbeck's
11
     property line to see what he was doing?
12
                I think you asked and I answered that
13
     three times now. No, sir.
14
         Q Okay. As an engineer or as a
15
     surveyor, do you think you should have done that?
16
          Α
                No, sir.
17
                Okay.
          Q
18
                MR. MIRABILE: I'd like to put in
19
     Exhibit 50 plus, madam.
20
                MS. DOPKIN: It's already been
21
     entered--
22
                MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait. 50 plus has not
24
     been. I think 51 plus was admitted.
25
                MR. SAMPSON: Right.
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needed all 30 feet width?

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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is 50 plus
 2
     intended to show?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: This shows to -- it's
     actually Petitioner's Exhibit 6N as in Nancy.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: So are you saying that
     Mr. Doak took this?
 6
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: He submitted it as
8
     evidence, ma'am.
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is your question
10
     for Mr. Doak?
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: The question is, you
12
     see --
13
                 You took the photograph and you see
14
     the power lines over top, the lines over top of
15
     the property there?
16
                 Yes, sir.
          Α
                 Okay. Did you ever have -- did you
17
18
     ever read the BGE rules about putting buildings --
     actually it's the foundations within 10 to 15 feet
19
20
     of that, those power lines?
21
                 No, sir. That's for an engineer or an
          Α
22
     architect.
23
          Q
                 Okay.
24
                 That was something Mr. Shahzad was
          Α
25
     working with.
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1
                 He was working with an engineer?
          Q
 2
                 No. He was working on that issue.
          Α
     That's not something I was dealing with.
 3
                 But your site plans indicated that's
 4
          Q
 5
     where the building should go, back along right to
 6
     the property line.
7
          Α
                 Yes, sir.
                 Okay. Well, if the BGE says you can't
8
          Q
     do it, why didn't you do your homework and do
9
10
     this?
11
          Α
                 Did BGE say that or are you just
12
     surmise they're going to say that?
13
                 No, I have --
          Q
14
                 If Mr. Shahzad wants to spend enough
          Α
15
     money--
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. Mr. Doak,
17
     let's not get into an argument. He asks
18
     questions, you answer them.
19
                 MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am.
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: And Mr. Mirabile, we are
21
     not here to be argumentative, we are here to ask
22
     questions that will adduce information useful to
23
     the Board in reaching its decision.
24
                 MR. MIRABILE: I agree with you 100
25
     percent, ma'am. And I did ask a straight
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                And sometimes I know I get over excited
     question.
 2
     about it. But this is a question that I think was
     important. It was on the site line, it was
 3
     presented to -- it will have a major effect on
 4
 5
     this whole area and I think he should have been
 6
     accurate.
 7
                 Now, if I may, I have one other item I
 8
     have to get in my pile over here, ma'am, that's
     very important. Same sign, same photograph. I
 9
10
     didn't expect Mr. Doak -- like I said, he refused
11
     the service. But since he's here, it's fine. But
12
     I'd like to have a second to get the -- something
13
     he just mentioned about, if that's okay. It will
14
     only take me a minute.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Are you presenting
16
     another exhibit for us?
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. It's very
18
     important, too.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN: Was it previously
20
     entered?
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am.
                                             I don't
     believe it was. No.
22
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what exhibit are you
24
     offering?
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, the first one is
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1
     61R as in rascal and if I may go over to the other
 2
     side of the desk here, I'm looking for another
 3
     one.
                 MR. SAMPSON: Could you double check
 4
 5
     your numbers there just to make sure -- I do see
     you on the screen have a 61R. Your list has a --
 6
7
     okay. Asterisk 61R, BC real estate compliance.
8
     Is that it? Okay. I've got it.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yeah, that's -- and what
9
10
     is the purpose of this exhibit, Mr. Mirabile?
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: This basically, ma'am,
12
     shows once again for the alleyway there or for the
13
     roadway according to Baltimore County Real Estate
14
     compliance, this has to be filled out before
15
     anything could be on the site plan or anything
16
     else that you're closing that road, or using that
17
     road.
18
                 It's an in common road, use in common.
19
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, you're testifying.
20
     Do you have a question for Mr. Doak based on the
21
     exhibit?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. Yes.
23
                 Mr. Doak, could you read the top of
          Q
24
     that, please.
25
                               That's not a question.
                 MS. DOPKIN:
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1
     Well, it is a question, but we can read what it
 2
     says.
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
                 MS. DOPKIN: So what is your question
 4
 5
     for Mr. Doak?
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
7
          Q
                 Did you fill this application out
     before you did your site plan?
8
9
                 No, sir. Why would I need to?
10
                 Because it says this is a Baltimore
11
     County Real Estate Compliance, application for
12
     closure and opening of a roadway. You told -- you
13
     submitted a site plan saying you're going to close
14
     half the roadway by putting that fence up.
15
                 This is something you should have had
16
     before, right before you did that. That's why.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have another
18
     question for Mr. Doak?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, I do, ma'am.
20
                 The second thing is 70 plus. I'm not
21
     sure if we did that.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: And we're going to admit
23
      61R. It's a public document available on the
24
     internet.
25
                  (Exhibit 61R was admitted into
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1
          evidence)
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: All right. Thank you
     very much. I'll be putting this one in, too.
 3
                 MS. DOPKIN: 71 plus. What are you
 4
 5
     offering into evidence? What number?
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: This is supposed to be
7
     70 plus. Did I say 71? I'm sorry. If I said 71,
     it's my mistake. Or this has 71 over here. Okay.
8
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: 70 plus is in front of
10
     us.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
11
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: And it is a document on
13
     BGE letterhead saying construction guidelines,
14
     equipment placement.
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Right.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. What's your
17
     question for Mr. Doak?
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: Along the same lines,
19
     ma'am. This is a construction guideline from BGE
20
     that basically expresses there's a 10 foot stay
21
     away.
22
                 Did you read this before?
          Q
23
                 No, sir.
          Α
24
                 Are you required to do that when you
25
     submit plans? Site plans?
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1 Site plans for zoning? No, sir. Α 2 If that was approved -- you didn't submit this -- and you didn't read this; is that 3 correct? 4 5 No, sir. Α 6 And you don't think it's important 7 that you should be aware of that, what BGE's rules 8 are? 9 That would be the next step once 10 approved. But we're not going to go and do a plan 11 for BGE and everything prior to finding out if we 12 get approval for a building. And there's nothing 13 to say that Mr. Shahzad will pay to have those 14 lines buried or placed elsewhere. 15 If the Board approves that and you Q 16 didn't do your homework on this one here because 17 you didn't feel it was necessary and you would 18 drag BGE into saying why can't you build because 19 you'll wave your permit around; is that correct? 20 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, what is the 21 question? 22 MR. MIRABILE: The question. 23 Would you tell BGE you have -- you've 0 24 been approved to put the building up so they have

25

to move it, their lines?

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1
                 Mr. Mirabile --
          Α
 2
                 Yes, sir.
          Q
 3
                  --if this is granted through the
          Α
     Board, that does not give me the right to put the
 4
 5
     building up. It gives me the right to be within
     zero feet of the property line.
 6
7
                  If I am not able to build it within
8
     zero feet of the property line, I will have to
     come back or I'll have to face that at that time.
9
10
     But I'm not getting approval for anything but a
11
     variance today.
12
                 Okay. Well, the variance that you're
          Q
13
     requesting, correct me if I'm wrong, is within
14
     that 10 foot line. You're requesting zero
15
     footage.
16
          Α
                 That's correct.
                 That's within BGE.
17
          0
18
                 The next one I have, well, we already
19
     went through that -- we didn't go through that,
20
     but we'll go through it.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: Are you introducing
22
     another exhibit?
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, I don't think I
24
     am, but I want to check to make sure if that's
25
     okay with you all.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: Check your papers?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. Once again, Mr.
 3
     Doak didn't respond to the subpoena and I didn't
     know he was going to be here. If I had known
 4
 5
     that, I would have had -- I would have been a
 6
     little more sharper on this. But that's okay.
7
                 I'd like to bring the photograph Mr.
     Earlbeck has of the -- of the zoning notice.
8
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: Was this previously
10
     introduced?
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: It would be exhibit --
13
     what was the exhibit number?
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: That's what I'm trying
15
     to find out. Exhibit --
16
                 MR. SAMPSON: While Mr. Mirabile is
17
     looking for that, I would just like to say, based
18
     on my recollection, Mr. Doak agreed to be here
19
     today. He even cooperated in scheduling his
20
     availability. That was made known at the end of
21
     the last hearing. So I'm sorry if you
22
     misunderstood that, Mr. Mirabile, but Mr. Doak
23
     volunteered to be here at the end of the last
24
     hearing. So everybody else expected him to be
25
     here, so he's here.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: Thank you for that.
 2
                 But I will say that he didn't respond
3
     to a subpoena.
                 MR. SAMPSON: It's not relevant.
 4
                 MR. MIRABILE: It's not relevant?
 5
 6
                 MR. SAMPSON: No, sir. So go on with
7
     your next exhibit.
8
                 MR. MIRABILE: Do we have that?
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: You wanted us to see
10
     Exhibit 18A, a photograph taken of the zoning
11
     notice from November, 2021.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Right.
                 Do you see that notice, Mr. Doak?
13
          Q
14
                 Yes, sir, I do.
          Α
15
                 Okay. Did you hang that sign up
          Q
16
     there?
17
                 Yes, sir, I did.
          Α
18
                 Okay. What date? Do you remember, if
          Q
19
     possible what date you signed that?
20
                 Yes, sir, I do. Give me one second.
          Α
21
     I posted that sign on September 23rd, 2021.
22
                And what was that served for, what
          Q
23
     date?
24
                 That was for the zoning hearing
25
     scheduled for October 14th, 2021.
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1 And was that extended to November 3rd, 2 that hearing? 3 Α You had requested -- you requested a 4 postponement. I opposed it. It was granted. 5 MS. DOPKIN: So are you telling me, 6 Mr. Doak, that the zoning notice was accurate when 7 it was posted, but that the Protestants requested 8 a postponement and then the date of the hearing 9 changed? 10 MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am. 11 And I was told by the Office of Zoning 12 that I did not need to post a new sign since the 13 person that had opposed or was requesting the 14 postponement knew about it. So in turn they felt 15 that I did not need to repost. I went back out there and did another 16 17 certification of the posting on October 3rd, 2021 18 to make sure that the sign was still there for the 19 upcoming hearing, postponed hearing. 20 Mr. Mirabile, do you have MS. DOPKIN: 21 another question for Mr. Doak? 22 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah, sure. 23 Do you think Mr. Earlbeck who did not 0

see your sign and he took a photograph of that sign when he did see it, do you think he missed

1 that sign? 2 I would have no idea. Okay. Do you have a copy of what you 3 Q just mentioned about the posting from the Board 4 5 telling you you don't have to redo it? Because I'm not the only person that inquired about it. I 6 7 never received a confirmation. So, do you have a copy of that? 8 9 Of what? Α 10 Q Of the fact that you don't have to change the sign for the date? 11 12 Α It was a verbal conversation with the 13 head of Zoning. 14 And which is that? Whom is that? Q 15 That was Jeff Perlow. Α 16 I want to make sure I get this right. 17 Just for Russ Mirabile only who requested a 30 day 18 extension and I didn't hear back from anybody, number one. 19 20 Number two, Mr. Earlbeck or the 21 general public they didn't know there was a zoning 22 change, it doesn't have to be retagged or 23 rescheduled for the public notice? 24 I'm not sure which is testimony and Α 25 which is a question for me.

1 Well, the question -- that's a 2 It's very easy. I guess to ask you. question. Are you explaining to me and the Board and 3 everybody that you were informed that because 4 5 there was a date changed you didn't have to repost 6 it? 7 That's correct. Α So Mr. Earlbeck and everybody else, 8 the general public in that vicinity didn't know 9 10 there was an extension. How would they know? 11 Α They would call in. There would not 12 be a hearing, the Zoning Office would give them 13 the new date. But also the postponement was 14 requested by the Rosedale Community Association. 15 And you knew that. So I guess in 16 their mind you should have informed your -- the 17 people that surround that and you represent. 18 Yeah, well, thank you for that. But I 19 was never informed of anything, okay. That's why 20 we're here. 21 MS. DOPKIN: We're not here to argue. 22 MR. MIRABILE: I appreciate what you 23 all have done and cooperated, but I don't like the 24 side stepping of I should have known and the rest

of the people in the world should have known.

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     This is why we're here today because there are a
 2
     lot of things in there, which I have documents on
     to show that this is all wrong.
 3
                 So I appreciate you all--
 4
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile --
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
7
                 And I want you all to know, I'm a
8
     volunteer.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have other
9
10
     questions for Mr. Doak?
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Let me see. One thing.
12
     I think I might go back to one more from -- do you
13
     have Paul's letter and affidavit?
14
                 I'm trying to get Paul King's
15
     affidavit.
16
                 While we're on that one there, Madam,
17
     I'd like to ask Mr. Doak a question.
18
                 You signed that you -- you signed
19
     under penalty of perjury the affidavit -- the
20
     affidavit as signed that the date was accurate; is
21
     that correct?
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: We'll bring it up. Can
23
     you bring that up again. That's Paul King. I'm
24
     looking for Mr. Doak signed that --
25
                 MS. EARLBECK: I have no idea where to
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1
     find that.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: I think you're talking
     about the certificate of posting that was part of
 3
     the record below from our first day that Mr.
 4
 5
     Doak--
 6
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. Mr. Doak signed
7
     an affidavit stating that under penalty of perjury
     -- under penalty of perjury everything is correct.
8
9
     And, yes, that's what I'm trying to find. Yes.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what is your question
11
     for Mr. Doak?
12
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                My question is, he
13
     signed it under penalty of perjury and it was
14
     dated for October 14th when he actually knew it
15
     was November 3rd and he didn't change that sign,
16
     so basically under the penalty of perjury, the
17
     date was wrong.
18
                 MR. DOAK: Is that a question?
19
                 MR. SAMPSON: Hold on. Let me try to
20
                There's no question.
     help you.
21
                 I believe you're looking for your
22
     Exhibit 36 which you've identified and already put
23
     into evidence as Doak posting sign penalty of
24
     perjury. 36.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Thank you, sir.
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1
     I appreciate that.
 2
                 MS. DOPKIN: What is your question for
     Mr. Doak?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: He said -- the sign
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 5
     basically said, Ma'am, he said he inspected it
     again on the 3rd of the 2021 year. But it doesn't
 6
7
     state anywhere on there that the postponement to
     November 4th.
8
9
                 But Mr. Earlbeck wasn't there.
10
     sign wasn't even there. So I want to ask Mr. Doak
11
     how did that happen? How did what you're
12
     testifying to be different from a photograph dated
13
     and time-wise by Mr. Earlbeck. How does that
14
     differ?
15
                 MR. KETTERER: I don't follow the
16
     question and I believe it is argumentative and
     it's been asked and answered as well.
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18
                 MR. MIRABILE: I didn't hear an answer
19
     on that.
20
                 MR. KETTERER:
                                Mr. Doak has testified
21
     as to when he posted it and when he made the
22
     changes (inaudible) should be a posting.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: My question again,
24
     Ma'am, if I may ask it one more time.
25
                 Why is it that Mr. Doak signed that
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1 letter stating affidavit under penalty of perjury 2 that was date and that was there. Mr. Earlbeck has a photograph with the 3 date and time on it that says differently. 4 5 MS. DOPKIN: What Mr. Doak testified 6 to in this certificate is that two signs were 7 posted conspicuously on the property and they were 8 posted on September 23rd and inspected again on November 3rd. 9 10 It does -- and that's what he certified to. And I think that's what he's 11 12 testified to. And I think this question that 13 you're asking is why he didn't put a new date on 14 or why he testified -- why the certificate might 15 have occurred after the postponement. 16 But that's -- I think he's answered 17 your question. And I'm not sure what value asking 18 it differently has in what his -- I don't think 19 he's going to answer it differently. 20 We can ask him. Mr. Doak, would you 21 answer the question any differently this time than 22 you did before? 23 No, ma'am. MR. DOAK:

MR. MIRABILE: That's all right. I understand it, Ms. Dopkin. I appreciate that. I

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1
     appreciate it. I sometimes have difficulty with
 2
     photographs that show something different than
     what statements are.
 3
                 I'd also like to ask, there's an
 4
 5
     affidavit by King Liquors, if that was -- what
     number would that be.
 6
7
                 Would you please read that application
8
     -- affidavit. I'm sorry.
                 MR. KETTERER: I object to my client's
 9
10
     basis of knowledge as to the truth or veracity of
11
     this document. He did not write it.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: And the affidavit speaks
     for itself. We can see it. Mr. Doak can see it.
13
14
                 What is your question about it?
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: My question is do you
16
     think, Mr. Doak, this application -- affidavit,
17
     I'm sorry, is wrong?
18
                 I -- wrong?
          Α
19
                 You're wrong?
          Q
20
                 I believe that Mr. King is speaking --
          Α
21
     has written what he believed to be true.
22
          Q
                 Okay.
23
                 But I can tell you I've been posting
24
     signs for over 25 years, since we were -- since
25
     the public was required to do it on their own. I
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1
     have gone out there, put the signs in, taken
 2
     photographs of them, prepared a certificate and
     provided that to the County on both times that I
 3
     was out there.
 4
 5
                 If it differs from his opinion, I
 6
     don't know what to tell you.
7
                 Okay. Thank you for being there for
          Q
8
     25 years. But my question to you is the fact that
     you read this and you disagree with this
 9
10
     affidavit; is that correct?
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: That's not what he said.
12
     He answered your question.
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Do you have the
14
     other affidavit from that quy, Russ Mirabile.
15
          Q
                 Mr. Doak --
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait a minute. You're
17
     offering.
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm sorry, ma'am.
     ннн5.
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: And this is an affidavit
21
     dated November 24th, 2021 by you, Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: And it relates to the
24
     posting of the notice.
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: And we can see it and Mr.
 2
     Doak can see it.
 3
                 What is your question for Mr. Doak?
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm going to ask him
 4
     first to read that.
 5
                 MR. SAMPSON: While he reads it, let
 6
 7
     me ask clarification. You've marked it there on
 8
     the screen HHH5. On your corrected four page
     exhibit list there's a 75HHH affidavit Russ
 9
     Mirabile, President RCA. Is that what this is?
10
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, sir. I signed one
12
     as President of the Association and also
13
     individually as Russ Mirabile. I thank you for
14
     picking that up.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: But this one is not
16
     listed on your exhibit list --
17
                 MR. SAMPSON: Correct.
18
                 MS. DOPKIN: I think that's the point
19
     that Mr. Sampson is making.
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Let me check to make
21
     sure because they were all -- I was there when it
22
     was stamped in. If I may have a second here.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: We see that on your list
24
     your affidavit is President of the Rosedale
25
     Community Association, but we do not see HHH5.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: If I may bring that up
 2
     then, ma'am, I'll put that aside. If I may bring
 3
     up the one as President of Rosedale Community
     Association, I would appreciate that.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: That would be HHH75 --
     75HHH.
 6
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: We're trying to get it
              Ms. Alison doesn't have a copy of it
8
     up now.
9
     right now. Can I check the other end of the
10
     table, ma'am?
11
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                             Sure.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: I want to, while you're
14
     doing that, mention that I have an absolute stop
15
     time of 4:00 p.m. today.
16
                 And Mr. Ketterer, do you have any idea
17
     how long your rebuttal case will take?
18
                 MR. KETTERER: Well, since Mr. Doak is
19
     on the stand I will ask him a few questions and I
20
     will have no rebuttal.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: So we should be able to
22
     meet that 4:00 deadline? Presumably?
23
                 MR. KETTERER: I would hope so.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Why thank you.
25
                 Mr. Mirabile, do you have your
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1
     exhibit?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, I have to go to the
     other end. I wanted to make sure I heard Mr.
 3
     Ketterer if you asked me for a response, I didn't
 4
 5
     want to holler across the room.
 6
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay.
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: One second, please.
 8
                 MR. SAMPSON: I'll try to help you
     out, Mr. Mirabile. It might be included in what
 9
10
     you've numbered as 17.
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: A. Yes, sir. We just
12
     found that. Thank you very much.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: Is that already in your
14
    folder or do I have to resubmit that now?
15
                 MR. SAMPSON: I believe we have what
16
     you submitted.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Fine. I just
17
     wanted to ask Mr. Doak about that.
18
19
                 Can you read that, please, Mr. Doak?
20
     Can you raise that up a little bit because the
21
     writing is small.
22
                 Thank you.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: What is your question for
24
     Mr. Doak?
25
                 MR. MIRABILE: My question, ma'am, is
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1
     does Mr. Doak, if he finishes reading it, does he
 2
     agree with that or not.
                 I noticed in photographs the -- yes,
 3
     sir, I've read it.
 4
 5
                 Okay. Do you agree with that?
                 I find no reason to disbelieve it.
 6
7
                 MR. MIRABILE: That's all. I don't
8
     have any other questions on it, ma'am.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have -- that is
9
10
     your last question for Mr. Doak?
11
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. Unless you want
12
     me to go on. But I think we've done it. I think
13
     we've squeezed the orange enough.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: And do you have any
15
     further witnesses -- well, I'm going to let Mr.
16
     Ketterer cross examine Mr. Doak.
17
                 But for purposes of scheduling, do you
18
     have anybody else you want to testify?
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, I can say they
20
     all abandoned me. No, I do not. This was it.
21
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Thank you. I know you've
22
     spent a lot of time preparing for this hearing.
23
     And I'm going to let Mr. Ketterer, you have cross
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     examination for Mr. Doak?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, may I make a
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response to what you just said about the time-wise? I want to let the Board know and Mr. Ketterer and everybody, I appreciate once again everything you all did. I don't usually say this because I keep my personal business to myself, I had a major heart disease and I just found out recently that the -- and this is the reason why Mr. Broyles was going to help me to avoid another postponement.

I have an appointment with Mayo
Clinic, they (inaudible) about four months and I
told them I can't go beyond this date, Thursday.
So they accommodated me, I told Mr. Broyles that I
had to be at Mayo Clinic up in Rochester,
Minnesota and I said I need some help with this.
And I was all ready to go but for the last three
weeks I've been scurrying around to get prepared
to go there, testing and everything else.

So I just want you all to know that people have tried to support me in this. They weren't trying to influence me in any way, shape or form. So I do appreciate you all. I have to go to Minnesota, which I don't like, and it's the only place they can try. So that's about it.

MS. DOPKIN: Well, we wish you all the

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     best with that and we do try to accommodate the
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     needs of the parties as they appear and we
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     appreciate all that you've done.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yeah. I wasn't going
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     to ask for another postponement. I stretched it
     out and that's just about it. I didn't want
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     anybody to think I was trying to cheat on this
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     hearing or anything else. But like I said, Mr.
     Broyles was very nice to --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: As I said, Mr. Broyles is
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     a professional who's known to the Board. And we
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     do not question how he conducts himself or his
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     intentions.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I understand. He was
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     not -- everybody wasn't trying to interfere, I
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     just want everybody to know that.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Well thank you.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Thank you all.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Ketterer, it's your
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     witness.
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                 MR. KETTERER:
                                 Thank you. And I wish
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     you the best of health, Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Oh, thank you.
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                         CROSS EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. KETTERER:
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                 Mr. Doak, just some very brief
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                 In regards to the BGE issue with the
     questions.
     power lines, how long -- you said you've been
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     doing this for what, 25 years?
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                 No, I've been doing this for 45 years,
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     36 years in this County.
                 And in your experience, have you ever
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          Q
     had to have a letter in hand from a utility
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     provider to either committing or agreeing to the
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     moving or termination of utilities that may be
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     impacted by a variance when you go to a variance
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     hearing?
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                 No, sir, I've never had.
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                 And the effect of a granting of a
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     variance in this matter would permit us or permit
     our client, my client, to build within zero feet
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     of the lot setbacks or the lot line.
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                 That's all it would.
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                 And just to try and clarify. So there
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     still has to be -- they still have to get
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     permitted, and there's still more work to be done
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     here?
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                 There are many, many steps still
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remaining. The next step would go to BGE, the next would then be to look at other utilities,

look at architecture, design of the building and then when all of that is satisfied then come to Baltimore County through the DRC, the development review committee asking -- or presenting our case there.

And then based on review comments, then in turn we would move forward with a site plan for the building permit and then after that's reviewed then we would be provided a building permit.

So we're talking about months, if not a year or more away. And, you know, and dozens and dozens of steps to get to that point.

Q And if for some reason Mr. Shahzad approaches BGE and either offers to pay them money to bury the lines or otherwise move the electrical lines or BGE agrees to move them on their own accord or does not, I should say -- if for some reason BGE says no, what would the effect be for Mr. Shahzad?

A Then we would have to redesign the proposed building from being zero setback to whatever would be required.

Q That would not necessitate another variance hearing?

1 That would be up to this Board and it 2 may be the case that we do it under what they call 3 a spirit and intent letter. And what that is is we write a letter to the Office of Zoning. They 4 5 in turn with the cooperation of the Zoning, the ALJ, will make a determination. 6 7 But keep in mind, if we're approved for zero foot setback then most likely we're going 8 to be approved for a, I'm making this up, a 10 9 10 foot setback. 11 So it's most likely that that would be 12 approved. 13 Understood. And then I believe you 14 testified to this at the first day of the hearing 15 and I was not there, and I apologize if I'm 16 requesting you to repeat testimony. 17 You have been involved in variance 18 hearings along this stretch of Pulaski Highway before? 19 20 Many times. Yes, sir. Α 21 And have similarly situated buildings 22 in your experience requested this kind of variance relief from the setbacks to the lot line? 23

Q And in your experience, do those tend

Yes, they have.

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     to be granted?
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                 Yes, they are. With certain small
     conditions and restrictions. Yes, sir.
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                Understood. And I guess one final
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     question.
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                 How many other automotive repair shops
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     are you aware of along this stretch of Pulaski
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     Highway?
                 I have never counted, but if anybody
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     that has lived in Baltimore for very long and
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     driven up and down Pulaski Highway they will know
12
     that there are dozens of used car lots, repair
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     facilities, transmission places, anything that is
14
     automotive related.
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          Q
                 Understood.
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                 MR. KETTERER: I have no further
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     questions.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, do you have
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     any followup questions?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: What's been presented
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     has been presented.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So that would be a no?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: No. Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
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                 Do the Board members have any
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     questions for Mr. Doak?
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I do not.
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                 MR. LAUER: No, thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I have a small question,
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     Mr. Doak -- or two.
                 MR. DOAK: It's like sort of like Mr.
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     Mirabile's couple of questions he had?
                 MR. SAMPSON: Well that makes Mr.
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     Mirabile more like a lawyer than not, as you know.
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     Number of questions and amount of time. So he's
     in good company on that one.
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                 MR. DOAK: Yes.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: You all can't imagine
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     all the material I still had, so that's all right.
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                            EXAMINATION
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     BY MS. DOPKIN:
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                 Do you envision the necessity of a
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     road closing or a portion of Batavia Farm Road?
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                 Batavia -- that will be determined by
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     my client how vigorously he wants to pursue this.
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                 That road was never dedicated to
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     Baltimore County, it was only shown on a record
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     plat. If I have no received any kind of -- I have
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     not pursued and received a legal opinion from
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     Baltimore County concerning that.
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1 But because he moved his fence back, 2 you know, on his own, I would say that he is willing at this time to live with not burdening 3 any of the roadway, the 30 foot right of way. 4 5 Even though his in fee ownership goes to the center of that roadway, I would say that no, he's 6 7 not going to pursue that at this time. And is -- if you know, does Batavia 8 Q 9 Farm Road extend from Pulaski Highway to 10 Philadelphia Road without interruption? 11 Α The right of way does as shown on the 12 previous -- the old recorded subdivision plat. I 13 can't tell you whether physically you can drive 14 from one to the other. 15 If you look at the -- if I may. If 16 you look at the aerial photographs you can see 17 that there are many places that you would pursue 18 -- I presume that it would be blocked or would be 19 quite impeded. 20 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. That was my only 21 other question. 22 Would real estate compliance issue 23 that in their comments if they wanted it closed,

MR. DOAK: Real estate compliance does

would they tell you?

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     not review Zoning petitions and therefore they
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     would not be included in the ZAC comments.
                 MS. DOPKIN: At the DRC level?
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                 MR. DOAK: Oh, no I'm sorry. At the
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     DRC level, but not at the petition or the hearing
     level.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: But if you're not
     encroaching on the traveled section it's not
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     likely they would issue a comment one way or the
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     other?
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                 MR. DOAK: No, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you very much.
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                 Does anyone have any further questions
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     for this witness?
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                 MR. KETTERER: I do not.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Then you will be excused,
                Thank you for your testimony.
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     Mr. Doak.
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                 Mr. Mirabile, you've closed your case.
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     Mr. Ketterer, do you have any further witnesses in
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     rebuttal?
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                 MR. KETTERER: No rebuttal, just
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     argument if necessary.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Ordinarily this Board
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     asks the parties to submit written memoranda in
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     lieu of closing arguments. I think it would only
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     be fair to the Protestants and I'll leave this for
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     Mr. Mirabile to address, to submit a written
     memoranda with their argument enumerating their
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     explicit points for this Board to consider.
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                 Now, as I said, Mr. Mirabile who's
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     done a yeoman's job as layman, would you be able
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     to submit such written submission to the Board or
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     would you prefer today to make a closing argument
     with your legal points?
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                 I want to make this as easy and
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     complete for you to make your case as possible.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I understand. I think
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     we've belabored the points long enough. If it's
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     okay with you and in agreement with everybody
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     else, I would just rather submit something. I
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     just need some -- what length of time could you
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     give me to do that because I'm preparing, as I
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     mentioned, to --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You're taking a little
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     vacation to Minnesota.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: It's no vacation,
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     believe me. It's no vacation.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Well today being October
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     26th, tell us when you may be able to get us
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something. Would it be two weeks, four weeks,

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     five weeks?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Well --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: We'll give you as much
     time as you need within reason.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I would say give me
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     about three weeks. Three weeks I think I should
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     be able to do it. I will not try to make it
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     lengthy.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to make it --
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Can I ask you a
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     question. How would I be able to get a copy of
12
     this proceeding? In other words, do you have a
13
     disk that I would be able to order and have it
14
     transcribed?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You can contact our
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     office and talk to either Ms. Cannington or Ms.
17
     Zahner.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And they will help you.
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                 Now Thanksgiving day is November 24th.
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     So why don't we say let everybody get through the
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     holiday, that the closing memoranda, I'm going to
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     give you until November -- Monday, November 28th
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     at the close of the day which for us is going to
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     be 3:00 p.m. so everybody gets it and it can get
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     posted.
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                 Is that acceptable or is that a
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     problem, Mr. Mirabile?
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, I think that's
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     acceptable. But before we go, I want everybody to
     thank Alison and Mr. Earlbeck for allowing this to
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     happen so we didn't have the same things that we
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     did back when. I appreciate their help and this
     is definitely a great way of doing this.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And I thank them for
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     their technical assistance as well.
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                 Mr. Ketterer, how is that timing?
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     you want I can push it to the end of the week if
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     that's better. I don't -- we like them
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     simultaneously submitted.
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                 MR. KETTERER: That should be fine on
17
     my end.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. Monday,
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     November 28th, 3:00 p.m. for closing memoranda.
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                 What happens following the submission
     of closing memoranda, we will review them and set
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     a date for a public deliberation where we will
     address the issues and reach a decision.
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                 That decision will then be reduced to
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     writing, though it sometimes takes us a couple --
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     several weeks to get out a written decision
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     depending on the issues that were raised.
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                 And with that, I am going to conclude
     this hearing.
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                 Thank you, Mr. Mirabile, as I said.
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     It was a lot of work on your part and we
7
     appreciate your attention.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: May I ask Mr. Ketterer.
     This is off the record. Mr. Hartman is well? He
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     was with us from the beginning.
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                 MR. KETTERER: Yes. Everyone is fine.
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     I'm the associate who took over.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Oh, okay. All right.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And thank you both for
15
     your professionalism and I'm going off the record
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     and ending this proceeding at this time.
                 So thank you all.
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                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 Thank you.
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                 MR. KETTERER:
                                 Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Wish you the best, Mr.
21
     Mirabile and hope all goes well for you.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Thank you very much.
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                      (Proceedings concluded)
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8	A Public Deliberation in the
9	above-entitled matter was held virtually via WebEx
10	at 9:40 a.m. on March 29, 2022 amongst Deborah
11	Dopkin, Chairman and Fred Lauer, Adam Sampson
12	Board Members.
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CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: Thank you, Ms.

Cannington. It is March 29th, 2022 around 9:40

a.m. This is a Deliberation of the Baltimore

County Board of Appeals in case number 21-201 SPH

in the matter of Fazal, LLC, for 8202 Pulaski

Highway involving petition for special hearing and variances.

We are here deliberating a request for a continuance by the Protestants, the Rosedale Community Association and Russell Mirabile their President who was having some of his own technical difficulties at our hearing on March 16th.

And I believe Mr. Mirabile has been in touch with the Board and is I think coming up to speed on finding a way to join us in the technicalities should we continue the hearing. So it is my inclination to grant the continuance. We want as much participation as possible and these have been really challenging for a lot of people.

So that would be where I'm coming from. Mr. Lauer, do you have an opinion?

MR. LAUER: Yes, ma'am, I do. I'm wondering if we can solve this by asking Mr.

25 | Mirabile and the Petitioners to submit a memo. He

could then include his exhibits with that memo possibly and then we could move to deliberation possibly a little sooner. I don't know if that works or procedurally that works. But that was a thought I had after the letter was received that I looked at from the 16th.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: My concern is that he is pro se and that puts an additional burden on him. Mr. Sampson?

MR. SAMPSON: I think the continuance is warranted here for the reasons that I was -- I think explicitly but perhaps implicitly stating at the hearing. I don't think that a memorandum would cure or substitute the right to call witnesses and to cross examine Mr. Doak.

I think that Mr. Mirabile is entitled to use exhibits of his own in his cross examination of Mr. Doak. Anticipating another issue with Mr. Doak, I think Mr. Doak has to appear at the continuance just like he would and did appear at the initial hearing. He's subject to cross examination. He's still in the case in chief of the Developer. The quirk here is that we moved beyond that in order to complete remaining parts of the hearing that day subject to a

decision on how to handle Mr. Mirabile's inability to present exhibits that day.

So I'm sort of going a little bit
beyond just a continuance because this issue came
up about payment and subpoenas and so on. And
it's my view that like any continuance, for some
reason that day things got sideways when the
Developer's lawyer in my view made certain
objections, you know, he's entitled to do. But I
think the appropriate response in that regard is
Mr. Doak needs to appear.

So if his calendar needs to be coordinated, fine. That's at the expense of the Developer just like when the Developer puts on its case. The only thing different is we're taking a cross examination out of turn and Mr. Mirabile is entitled to use his exhibits.

We will address issues of each exhibit, in my view, as they arise. And, for example, for guidance where we went sideways on Mr. Mirabile attempting to ask Mr. Doak about the authentic signature of whomever I think it was a neighbor, but it's not important I think for the deliberation. The important point is Mr. Doak can be asked if he knows if that's an authentic

signature on the document that Mr. Doak relied upon.

He can say yes or no. And he can say the basis of that.

Mr. Mirabile then in his own case can put in whatever exhibit he has to suggest that the signature is not authentic. But we're not going to get in -- we shouldn't be getting into a situation where we have Mr. Mirabile and Mr. Doak arguing over foundations of exhibits. Mr. Doak either does or doesn't have familiarity with the specific signature and Mr. Mirabile either has or doesn't have his own testimony or exhibits or witnesses to challenge it.

So I think we have to have a continuance. I think that Mr. Mirabile is entitled to that cross and then he's entitled to put on his own witnesses and exhibits. And that's how I would rule.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: And I concur.

MR. LAUER: I concur also. I was only confused by the letter that said he agreed to Rule 8 and I didn't quite understand what that meant in the letter. But I do concur with both of you.

MR. SAMPSON: I'm guessing here. I

think what Mr. Mirabile -- I'm totally guessing, but I think Mr. Mirabile made it clear his -- at the prior hearing his displeasure with the process and the suggestion that he had to himself use technology to present his exhibits and that had we been in a courtroom he would just present those exhibits.

I think what he was saying in his letter is he now concedes that he will comply with the procedural method of these Zoom hearings and that he will present his exhibits electronically. That's how I read it.

MR. LAUER: Okay. Great.

CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: So with that we're in agreement to grant the continuance. We will ask Ms. Cannington to try to coordinate that with Mr. Doak and Mr. Mirabile and the Petitioner's attorney.

And we will continue the case at such time as schedules are put on and we can do that.

And that concludes this deliberation.

Thank you, Mr. Sampson. I'm sorry that we didn't get to see your face today. I'm happy you're here. And thank you Ms. Cannington and everyone for attending.

1 May I just add one more MR. SAMPSON: 2 thing, I'm sorry. Just for balance. I don't want 3 the Developer to think that this is solely about Mr. Mirabile. But you did mention pro se and I 4 5 think we're all sensitive to timing and delay and cost and expense and the need for decisions that 6 7 the Developer has an interest in. So I don't want the Developer to think 8 there's a slight there. The unusual nature of how 9 10 this hearing began and proceeded has captured more 11 of the attention. But I do think that Ms. 12 Cannington, as always, will attempt to get this in 13 as quickly as schedules can coordinate and there's 14 no disrespect to the Developer's position in that 15 regard. 16 Sorry, Madam Chair, I just wanted to 17 make sure I said that. 18 CHAIRMAN DOPKIN: No. I appreciate 19 that. I'm glad you made the point. Thank you 20 again. 21 And if that's all, I'm going to ask

And if that's all, I'm going to ask  $\label{eq:main} \text{Ms. Cannington to end this event.}$ 

(Proceedings concluded)

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MS. DOPKIN: Today is Wednesday, March 16th, 2022. This is a de novo hearing before the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in the matter -- in case number 21-201SPHA in the Matter of --

MR. MIRABILE: Excuse me, Judge, can you hear me? Russ Mirabile?

MS. DOPKIN: Yes, I can. But I'm going to mute you for the moment.

So as I was saying, this is in the matter of Fazal, LLC, case number 21-201SPHA 8202 Pulaski Highway with regard to a petition for special hearing to amend the opinion and Order in case number 2019 0171XA and for variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulation Section 238.2 to permit a zero foot setback from the rear and side property lines for an 18 foot high building addition in lieu of the required 30 foot minimum rear and side yard setbacks.

This is an appeal of a November 15th,

2021 Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law

Judge wherein the petition for special hearing

amending prior order was granted and the variance

1 for the setbacks was also granted. 2 This hearing is being held remotely and virtually because of the Coronavirus shutdown 3 on in person hearings and is being recorded. 4 5 My name is Deborah Dopkin and with me 6 are Board members Fred Lauer and Adam Sampson. 7 Anyone in attendance please mute 8 yourself unless you are speaking to the Board. 9 you are attending by audio or telephone only, we 10 will ask you to state your area code and the first 11 three digits of your phone number when identifying 12 yourself. And if you are expected to testify, I'm 13 sure the representatives of your party will let us 14 know. 15 Having said all of that, I will ask 16 Mr. -- the parties to identify themselves. 17 Hartman. 18 MR. HARTMAN: Good morning. I'm 19 Edward Hartman with Hartman Attorneys at Law on 20 behalf of Fazal, LLC and Qaisair Shahzad. 21 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. And Mr. 22 Mirabile. 23 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Mirabile from the Rosedale Community Association. 24

I am President of it, and I'm basically

1 representing the community, on residential and 2 businesses in reference to this issue -- or these 3 issues. 4 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. Mr. Hartman, 5 are there any preliminary matters you wish to 6 raise with the Board? 7 MR. HARTMAN: No, Your Honor. Not to 8 my knowledge. 9 MS. DOPKIN: And Mr. Mirabile, any 10 preliminary matters before Mr. Hartman presents 11 his case? 12 MR. HARTMAN: No, ma'am. Other than 13 the fact I'd like to read into the record things 14 that ought to be following in this hearing. And I 15 also would like to point out, I am not computer 16 literate. This is my first time on something like 17 this, so I would ask all of you to be a little bit 18 patient with me because I'm very nervous. 19 MS. DOPKIN: Well just relax. We have 20 all been struggling with computer issues during 21 this pandemic and our staff is available to help 22 you if we find that we need -- if you find you need assistance. 23 24 But having said all of that, you will

be given an opportunity to present your case after

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     Mr. Hartman presents his. So having said that, we
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     will proceed. I'm going to mute everyone but Mr.
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     Hartman.
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                 It's your case, Mr. Hartman.
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                 MR. HARTMAN:
                              Thank you, Your Honor.
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     My client, Fazal, LLC is before this Board seeking
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     a variance for the subject property which is 8202
     Pulaski Highway, Rosedale, Maryland 21237.
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                 His intention is to construct an
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     addition to the only existing structure on the
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     property, the purpose of which is to repair
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     vehicles that intends to sell. To this end, he is
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     seeking variances regarding the setback
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     requirements and existing Opinion and Order
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     regarding the keeping of damaged and/or disabled
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     vehicles on the premises.
                 As it stands, the Opinion and Order
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     has been issued for the property on certain
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     conditions. This would be that they may not store
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     any damaged or disabled vehicles on the premises.
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     Mr. Shahzad's intention is to keep vehicles in
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     there and have them repaired and then have them
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     sold. It is not his intention to junk up the
     entire property with damaged and broken down
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vehicles.

He only wants to move in the ones that he intends to sell. Very few -- it is his intention not to create a junkyard. It's our opinion and has been the opinion of this Court before that this is a unique property and with the Rules of Cromwell v. Ward, as it is unlike surrounding properties and that the uniqueness and peculiarity necessitates a variance relief.

Given the size of the property and the already kind of penned in nature and how it is close up to the highway, it is impractical for this property to have to follow the original setbacks.

And variance relief should be granted in order to permit it to work under those circumstances. As if this relief is not granted, it will create a practical hardship on to Mr. Shahzad and Fazal, LLC in its attempt to conduct its business in this manner.

As it stands, the surrounding area is an industrial off highway area. The neighbors are a buggy repair, an auto repair shop and a liquor store. So it is not going to alter or affect the surrounding area in any way to have another building which is all that will be visible from

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any view, to have another building added and to
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     have the setback requirements waived.
                 Additionally, as it stands there is a
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     paper road that runs adjacent to the property
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     where Mr. Shahzad's fence currently is infringing
     upon. Mr. Shahzad is stating that he intends to
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     pull that fence back so that the paper road
     remains open and does not cause any kind of
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     difficulty with his neighbors around him.
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                 And, Your Honor, I'd ask -- at this
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     time I would like to put on a witness or wait for
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     a cross.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Please put on your first
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     witness, please.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: At this time I would
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     like to call Mr. Bruce Doak to the stand.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. We will have to
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     have him sworn in.
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     Whereupon
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                            BRUCE DOAK,
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     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
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     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
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     but the truth, was examined and testified as
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     follows:
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                               Would you please state
                 MR. SAMPSON:
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     your name and your business address for the
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     record, please.
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                 THE WITNESS: My name is Bruce E.
            My address is 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road,
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     Doak.
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     Freeland, Maryland 21053.
                 MR. SAMPSON: Can you spell your last
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     name for us, please.
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                 THE WITNESS: D-o-a-k.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Thank you.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. HARTMAN:
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                 Mr. Doak, have you had the opportunity
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     to survey the subject property?
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          Α
                 It was surveyed by another firm, but
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     I've performed and prepared all of the zoning
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     plans and all of the petitions for not only the
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     case we're here for but the case two years ago.
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                 And it is -- you're aware of the
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     variance, correct, that is being requested by Mr.
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     Shahzad and Fazal, LLC?
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                 Yes, sir, I am.
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                 Would you please explain to the Court
          Q
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     what you did regarding the variance and your
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     expert opinions thereon.
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          Α
                 Yes, sir.
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                  I prepared a zoning plan which would
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     have been Petitioner's Exhibit 1 in the case
     below. It shows the subject property on the north
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     side of Pulaski Highway.
                 The subject property is --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak, I'm going to
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     interrupt you.
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                 Mr. Hartman, will you be sharing your
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     screen to present these exhibits?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I would actually like --
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     Mr. Doak is far more qualified to take care of
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     that than I, if that's all right with the Court.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak?
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               How are you?
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                 THE WITNESS: I'm well and you?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm here to hear what you
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     have to say.
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                 Are you in a position to present your
21
     exhibits and share them with us?
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                 THE WITNESS: I can do my best if you
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     give me the baton.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: And I want to ask a
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     question for clarification as well. Mr. Doak
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     referred to the first Exhibit as Exhibit 1 from
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     the case below. Are you going to be using the
     same exhibits -- what I need to track is the
 3
     exhibits that we're using here. So Exhibit 1 here
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     going to be 1 below, 2 here, 2 below and so on?
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     Are they the same?
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                 THE WITNESS: And I'm going to use
     them -- not only are they going to be the same,
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     but they're going to be in the same order.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I assumed so, I just
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     wanted to confirm. Thank you, sir.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're sure welcome.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak, before you go
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     any further, can you -- you gave us your address.
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     And Mr. Hartman asked, you surveyed the property.
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     What are your qualifications?
                 THE WITNESS: My qualification is I'm
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     a Maryland property line surveyor number 531. And
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     I have been in front of the ALJ and the Board of
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     Appeals probably over 200 times. I would say over
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     100, but I need it to be a little higher than
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     that. But, yeah.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Thank you. I'm
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     sorry to interrupt. Please continue.
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                 THE WITNESS:
                              No, no, no. Not at all.
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     I'm just trying to get this to sync up with the
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     share and it's not wanting to do it.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Tell us about the
     property while you do that, if you would, please.
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
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     property is pretty much, we'll call it a square,
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     it's close enough.
                 It is 0.396 of an acre, so a little
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     over a third of an acre. It is improved with one
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     -- it's improved with one building.
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                 Can you see the plat at this time?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
                                    Thank you.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're quite welcome.
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                 So I'll zoom in just a little bit more
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     to give you the flavor. So it's improved with one
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     32 by 50 block building in the center. That block
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     building used to be a drive-in restaurant like an
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     A&W Root Beer. And in turn it had a small amount
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     of parking around it.
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                 It has two entrances, one directly off
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     of Pulaski Highway in the front and then one on to
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     the gravel roadway to the west or the left of the
23
     property. That's all the improvements that are
     still on it.
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                 The owner did enclose we'll say the
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northern half of the property into a -- with an 8 foot high chain link fence to protect the vehicles that he does have on this.

MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak, where is that fence on the property? You said the northern half.

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. So the fence, it is -- across the front face of the building and extends to the eastern property line and then extends westerly now due to the center of the 30 foot road, it's a paper road there.

MS. DOPKIN: Is that what is marked on your plan as alley?

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. Yes, it is.

And I'll go into that much further.

It is a paper road on a very old subdivision plat which I will talk more about. It follows -- and now keep in mind that this fence is on the property line. The roadway, the 30 foot wide road, the center of it is also the property line to the subject property. So it follows in a northerly direction back on the property line, the fence does, and then goes -- and then there's a board fence at that point that goes along the northern line up to and then back -- and then the

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     chain link back down the eastern side.
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                 And there's photographs that I have
     that will show that as well, okay.
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                 This property is zoned BR-AS, so it is
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     the right to have a car lot. It has a right to
     have auto service.
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                 So -- and that is what the intent,
     what he intends to do with the property and the
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     buildings that are there and we are hoping to
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     build.
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                 This zone requires a --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman, are you
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     offering the site plan into evidence?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: That's right, Your
     Honor. I'd like to offer the site plan which is
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     Petitioner's Exhibit 1 into evidence at this time.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: If there's no objection,
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     it will be admitted.
                  (Petitioner's Exhibit 1 was admitted
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          into evidence)
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Please continue.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                 As Mr. Hartman said, this is along
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     Pulaski Highway. Pulaski Highway is mixed
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     commercial, manufacturing and very, very, very
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     little residential use in this area of Pulaski
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     Highway. There is some, up that alley roadway
     there are some trailers that people use
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     residentially.
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                 But as you can -- on my Petitioner's
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     Exhibit 1 you'll see to the east there is a
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     commercial building there that they repair and
     sell golf carts. To the north of our property is
8
     a very large building and it has -- it's auto
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     repair and the entire property and even into the
     alleyway is covered with cars in all shapes and
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12
     sizes and conditions.
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                 Across the gravel roadway, the
14
     alleyway is a retail liquor store with parking
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     there on the side of it.
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                 Across the street there is a motel and
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     then a vacant building that's there and a couple
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     other things that are commercial as well. This is
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     a four lane, two on each side, highway. So it is
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     -- and things are moving at 50 to 70 miles an hour
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     usually on this roadway.
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I think that's -- the requirements that were brought up in the prior case required us to address parking. We are proposing to use --

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MS. DOPKIN: Excuse me. The prior case meaning the case below or the 2019 case?

THE WITNESS: Both. I apologize for

3 that very much. Thanks for the clarification.

Both required us to address parking. In the 2019 case we were asserting that we would be using -- having 50 cars for sale on this and

7 along with customer and employee parking. That

8 was approved.

In the '21 case, we changed the -- as part of the special hearing we changed the number of cars that we were requesting. We were requesting now 30 cars for sale and any car -- and the customer and employee parking was required to be shown on there in stripe and that is in the -- along the eastern side. It shows four parking spaces there and labeled customer and employee spaces striped.

The number -- the reason we lessened the number of cars that will be sold there is because the owner wishes to build the -- an addition to the building, the reason we're here today, so he can repair cars that he is only proposing to sell. And in turn because of the size of the building, we have less area to park cars for sale.

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Now that building will be used to park
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     cars but they will be as a requirement, be cars
     that are in disrepair or are being repaired and
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     then will be sold.
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                 So if I could please move on to
     Petitioner's Exhibit -- is there anything else
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     that the Court -- the Board has in reference to
     Petitioner's Exhibit 1?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Lauer, Mr. Sampson?
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Nothing thank you.
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                 MR. LAUER: No, thank you.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you. I'll move on
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     to Petitioner's Exhibit 2.
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                 It's very self explanatory. It is the
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     SDAT report. It shows the Fazal, LLC as the
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     ownership, the address, the acreage at 0.396
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     acres. Shows that the building is 1600 square
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     feet, built in 1975.
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                 I usually include this just to show
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     that there's no discrepancies in what I'm showing
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     and what the State has in their records.
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                 And if we could, would you like to
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     have these brought in by Mr. Hartman one at a time
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     or at the end?
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                              We can do them at the end
                 MS. DOPKIN:
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1 since you're following the Exhibits below and we 2 can move them as a group when you are done. Thank you for asking. 3 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. 4 5 MR. HARTMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. THE WITNESS: Petitioner's 3 is the My 6 7 Neighbor GIS. This shows that the subject property is outlined in blue and it is labeled as 8 9 subject. 10 And you can see to the left of it that 11 the zone that we have here is BR-AS. It also 12 shows that the addresses and the outlines of the 13 buildings. 14 One thing that is peculiar and I'm not 15 sure how they deal with it is that our subject 16 property and the one to the east has the same 17 address. So I just thought I'd bring that up just 18 to point it out to you. 19 Petitioner's 4 is once again Baltimore 20 County My Neighborhood. It is the GIS aerial 21 photograph. Our property is outlined once again 22 in blue and labeled as subject. 23 You'll see the one block building 24 that's on our property, the vehicles that are 25 parked there is the owner's roll off. He has a

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     offs that he utilizes for that.
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                 To the east or the right is the golf
     cart repair and sales building. You'll see that
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     he has his, the vehicles that he works on and his
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     inventory like we would around the building.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak, I'm sorry to
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     interrupt you. Can you briefly show us on this
     area the outline of the proposed addition.
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I can.
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                 Are you able to see my cursor?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
                 THE WITNESS: It's in the middle of
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     the building right now. Can you see it?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes.
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                 MR. LAUER: Yes.
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                 THE WITNESS: Okay. I will start on
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     the -- outlining our building because it is an
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     addition to this building so it will go up along
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     the east side of our building. It will follow --
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     it will be an addition to the northern side of the
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     existing building.
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                 At that point it will follow an
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     extension of the face, the western face of the
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towing business and so in turn those are the roll

building and will go up to the property line.

It will then at 90 degrees and parallel with the northern side will come down very close to the property line or on the property line.

Once it does that, it will go in a southerly direction, once again parallel with the east side of the existing building until it is an extension of the front face or the southern face. And then it will come back into the corner of the existing building.

So it's an L-shaped right there that will fill in that portion of the lot. It will have -- I'm sorry, did you want to say something?

MS. DOPKIN: Thank you. That was helpful.

THE WITNESS: Good.

It will have two doors on the southern portion of the addition and it will have two doors on the western face of the addition so they can drive through as well.

So that leaves -- what that leaves is the western side from the building to the edge of the 30 foot road. And then everything in the front as well.

So back to what I was saying about the neighborhood. You'll see the very large building that's in the rear. You'll see that it's closer than the 30 feet to the property line as well and it is a car repair business as well. And you can see there, there are different -- the vehicles they have there in different conditions.

And also you'll see that they, then at the time of this picture and every time I've been there which has been about a half dozen times, their vehicles are also in the 30 foot road as well. So that's about all I have for Petitioner's Exhibit 4.

Petitioner's Exhibit 5 is the boundary survey plat. As you can see, it was performed by BPR, I know the firm, it's a very good firm. And in turn they surveyed the property and they set each of the property corners, they located the improvement, the building, which is all there is, and the paved parking.

I in turn added the, what is in red.

It is the 30 foot road that is shown on the subdivision plat that was recorded in plat book

12, page 41. So that was there and you'll see that the dark lines that I'm outlining with the

cursor are the property lines.

So you'll see that 15 feet of the subject property that they own in fee is in the -- that 30 foot width, okay.

And like Mr. Hartman said, they are now agreeable to moving the fence back from the property line which would be the center of that 30 foot road back to the edge of the 30 foot road allowing use in common of the 30 foot road by anybody that wishes to use it.

Real quickly, I'll point out on this plat the grassy areas that you see in the front, they're kind of circular, those were as a condition of the approval from down under, those were to be planted with shrubs and some landscaping there to kind of beautify it a little bit.

So I just thought I'd point that out as well.

Petitioner's 6 is, starts out with the aerial photograph that I showed you before. In red I have the photograph letter and the -- where it was taken from. So let's take for example A, was taken from the -- that grassy area looking straight down the property line. So I have these

exhibits to show you as well.

So this is the key sheet. This is looking down the eastern property line. So this -- you'll see the building to the left and then the property line where the fence is, it was put on the property line after the survey was done, so we know that's accurate.

So -- and the fence that you see across the front there is pretty much the face of the proposed building and then it would go down the property line that the eastern side and then into the back.

So you can just imagine that where the fenced in area will be a -- will be the new addition and that will be -- that's an 8 foot fence so it will be approximately twice as high as that fence. The reason for the height is to allow the repair shop to have lifts to be able to lift the car up and work on them from underneath.

And 18 feet is the minimum you can have to be able to have lifts that you can stand under.

MS. DOPKIN: And is that grassy strip entirely within the property?

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, it is.

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                              So that the building
                 MS. DOPKIN:
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     would extend to where your cursor is sitting?
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                              Yes, ma'am, it would.
                 THE WITNESS:
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Thank you.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: May I ask, what is the
     size of the current building, the height of the
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     current building, please.
                 THE WITNESS:
                              It's about 14 feet.
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     I'm not counting the chimney either. So, sir, the
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     fence is 18. So proportionally if you look at the
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     building and the slope on the roof and everything
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     you've got approximately 14 feet.
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Thank you.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
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     just going to be a little bit higher than the
17
     existing building. Okay.
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                 To the right of the fence, the
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     property line to the east you'll see the storage
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     for the golf cart repair and sales there.
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                 And Petitioner's Exhibit 6B, I'm
     scanning -- I'm rotating to the -- in a clockwise
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     direction. You'll see the building where they
     sell the golf carts and repair them. Very well
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     maintained, you know. It's one of the nicer
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places, and kept up places along this part of the
highway.

Now I'm giving you a shot down Pulaski Highway. It's hard to differentiate between it, but I promise you that everything you see and everything going down here is either commercial or light industrial. There's a motel.

MS. DOPKIN: Is that a concrete median?

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, it is. And it has -- it has also different places it has guardrails in the middle and it also has places that you can cross. And I'll -- we are at a light. So this is directly across the street.

The last time I was out there it was vacant. But you'll see the concrete wall there in between the lanes.

And like I said, you'll see the right-hand side, we are at a light. So if you are coming out and you were going west then in turn it's easy to get out and go. But if you want to turn east, you come out of the western side of our parking lot on to the gravel road and then you're at the light you can go and turn left with the light.

about. And you'll see it's got not only Jersey barriers, but it's got guardrails in between as well. So where you see that down at the bottom right-hand corner where I'm point at, that's the -- where you can come out, sit there and wait for the light and then cross. So it's very, very, very safe and convenient there for this lot for people, customers, anybody coming in and out of this lot.

This is Exhibit 6F. This is the front of our property. This is the subject building here that you can see to the right and then the front parking.

This is the entrance that goes
straight on to Pulaski Highway there. So there's
plenty of room to park. This is my Subaru sitting
in front of the place so they've got -- you can
put many, many cars especially parking them for
retail sales you don't have to meet the parking
requirements, you can park them as close as
somebody can get them in and out.

So once again this is the front of the building. Remember that pretty much the fence there would be the addition and it would be

approximately almost as -- or about as high or a little higher than the existing building.

Something else I wanted to point out is that proposed addition would be in line with the existing building which is also in line with the building to the east. So in turn this wouldn't stick out, it wouldn't be any more noticeable than the faces of the existing buildings.

Another photograph of the fence and where the building would be. Once again, just getting you a little closer shot of that.

Now we're on the other side of the building now. You'll see that the fence extends all the way over to the property line and the center of the 20 -- or the 30 foot road. That fence line on the west side would be brought into this grassy median right there and would be -- which would be on the edge of the 30 foot road.

So he would be losing a little bit of parking, a little bit of area where the grassy strip is and a little bit of parking on the other side of the grassy strip.

This is the building on the other side. Once again -- I'm sure the gate would go

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     and it will be different there but this is all
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     going to be parking for the retail car sales.
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                 Looking into the property from the
     edge of the fence you can see that there's a lot
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     of parking there for the retail and where you see
     that big truck and the white cab right there, that
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     will be where the doors are that allow you to
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     enter the proposed addition from there.
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                 This is the back property line. The
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     back property line has chain link up for a little
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     bit of it and then the rest is wood board fence.
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     Over the years that wood board fence, it has grown
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     up and provides a very adequate visual buffer
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     there as well. We don't really have to worry
15
     about noise. The proposed use will be inside, and
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     it is the same noise that you would hear from what
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     occurs in the rear property line, Earl Beck's Auto
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     Repair as well.
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                 And here a little differently, but
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     here also from the golf cart repair. So that's
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     Petitioner's Exhibit 6.
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                 Petitioner's Exhibit 7 is a letter --
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Mr. Doak, excuse me one
24
     second.
              I'm sorry.
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                 THE WITNESS:
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Yes, sir.

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MR. SAMPSON: I didn't get the last
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              So it's 6A through what was the final
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     letter?
                 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, sir. N as in
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     Nancy.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: N. Thank you, sir.
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                 THE WITNESS: You're quite welcome.
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                 Am I all right to proceed?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes.
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                 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.
11
                 This is Exhibit 7. My client went
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     around and talked to all the owners and the one
13
     that was most -- could be most impacted would be
14
     the man that owns the business for the golf cart
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     repair and sales and he wrote a letter of support
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     that we submitted down under.
                 So that would be all of the
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18
     Petitioner's Exhibits that I have and that were
     submitted below.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Before we proceed. On
21
     Exhibit 6, your photographs.
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Did you take these
24
     yourself?
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I did.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And when did you take
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     them? Approximately.
 3
                 THE WITNESS: About three weeks from
     the hearing down below. So I'm sorry I don't
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 5
     remember the date of it. I apologize for that. I
     don't remember. But towards the fall of last
 6
7
     year. And nothing has changed on the subject
     property since then, because I was just out there.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So do they accurately
10
     represent the conditions at the site?
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, they do.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Thank you.
13
                 And do you have more exhibits to
14
     present to us?
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                 THE WITNESS: You would have to ask
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     Mr. Hartman, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman, are you
18
     going to move Petitioner's Exhibits 2 through 7?
                 MR. HARTMAN: Yes, Your Honor. At
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     this time I would like to have them moved into
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     evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 1 through 7 --
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     or 2 through 7.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Any -- if there are no
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     objections we will admit Petitioner's Exhibit 2
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     through 7 into evidence.
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                  MR. MIRABILE: No objections, Your
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     Honor.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Thank you.
                  (Petitioner's Exhibits 2 through 7
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 5
          were admitted into evidence)
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman, please
7
     proceed.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 As Mr. Doak explained in depth as to
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     the condition not only of the property at the time
11
     but also what is expected to be the condition and
12
     experience of the property upon completion of the
13
     addition, it's quite clear that the neighboring
14
     properties will not be impacted in the slightest.
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                  That this is in keeping with the tone
16
     and feel of the community, that this is a
17
     manufacturing, industrial, commercial area and --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman, is that a
19
     question?
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                               No, ma'am. It's just --
                 MR. HARTMAN:
21
     I'm sorry. I have no more questions for Mr. Doak
22
     at this time.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Thank you.
24
                 Mr. Mirabile, do you have any
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     questions for Mr. Doak?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am, I do.
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                 Your Honor, I submitted my exhibits
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     but they're not in the same order as Mr. Doak's
     originally would be. But I tried to write them
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 5
     down, so I will probably have different exhibit
     numbers --
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 7
                 MS. DOPKIN: When you present your
     case, you will be able to introduce your exhibits.
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 9
                                Okay. Some of them
                 MR. MIRABILE:
     will reflect on what Mr. Doak -- I would have to
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11
     cross examine Mr. Doak with my exhibits. Should I
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     do it now or later on?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You will have to question
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     him based on what he has presented to the Board so
15
     far.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Yes. And I
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     would like to reserve the opportunity to question
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     him on the exhibits that I have that he also
19
     should be aware of that's relating to this matter.
20
     I just don't want Mr. Doak to leave and I won't
21
     have the opportunity to present my case through my
22
     side.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Your Honor, if it's not
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     going to be within the scope of the direct
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     examination, I don't see how it can be done.
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MS. DOPKIN: Nor do I. You want to --

MR. SAMPSON: If I may make a suggestion. All that means then is that Mr. Doak is going to have to stay around and somebody is going to be paying him while he waits until he gets called in Mr. Mirabile's case. That may not -- if that's how you want to proceed, I would recommend -- that's your choice, but I don't know

MS. DOPKIN: What would you suggest, Mr. Sampson, so that we can be most efficient?

that's the efficient way to go.

MR. SAMPSON: Well, I don't know what questions Mr. Mirabile is going to ask, but I would assume in all likelihood that the questions he has and the exhibits he has are somehow going to be within the cross of -- I mean within the scope of the direct. It's pretty broad, but I don't know what he's going to ask.

So I think -- what I'm suggesting is if Mr. Hartman wants to stand on his assertion not knowing or maybe he has a better idea than me what Mr. Mirabile is going to ask, if he wants to stand on this that Mr. Mirabile cannot ask questions or use exhibits outside the scope of direct then I said then Mr. Doak is just going to have to wait

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     around. Maybe that's only five minutes.
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                                                And then
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     Mr. Mirabile is going to have to call Mr. Doak in
     Mr. Mirabile's case.
 3
                 So it's just either Mr. Doak does it
 4
 5
     now or he wears a different hat and does it in a
     little while.
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7
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, Mr. Mirabile, why
     don't you ask Mr. Doak your questions using the
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9
     exhibits he's presented so far and if you're not
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     able to make your points we'll ask Mr. Doak to be
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     available or on call.
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                 But his exhibits were fairly
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     illustrative of the conditions of the property to
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     our knowledge. So please, let's get these
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But his exhibits were fairly illustrative of the conditions of the property to our knowledge. So please, let's get these questions asked and we'll make a determination if you're not able to make the points you want to, because you might be able to make them yourself when you present your case.

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MR. MIRABILE: Okay. All right. I tried to keep up with him, but I'll do the best I can. But I still would like to cross examine him with -- as I mentioned before, with my exhibits. I feel a little more comfortable with that. But that's not a problem.

Would you be able to pull up the My

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1
     Neighborhood exhibit that we had. I think it was
 2
     Exhibit 5, I believe.
 3
                 MR. SAMPSON: It's either Exhibit 3 or
     4.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. If I may see --
     I'll say number 3.
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7
                        CROSS EXAMINATION
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
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9
                Mr. Doak, the subject property was
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     8202 along the Batavia Farm Roadway. I know you
11
     extended it, but there's really nothing unique
12
     about that at this -- it's just, in relationship
13
     to the other ones it's the same thing.
14
                 MR. HARTMAN: Objection. That's not a
15
     question.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. Is it unique.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I was going there. Mr.
18
     Mirabile, this is -- you can ask Mr. Doak
19
     questions based on everything he's told us so far
20
     and on the exhibits he's presented.
21
                 MR. MIRABILE: Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: So try to --
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I will. Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: --ask questions.
25
                 Okay. Mr. Doak, you said you have
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     been to hearings over 200 times; is that correct?
 2
                 Yes, sir.
 3
                 Okay. And everything that you present
          Q
     at hearings, and even this last hearing, it's the
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 5
     same fashion and model that you've done 200 some
 6
     times?
                 It's similar but different. It's site
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          Α
     specific, but it's the same method that I present
8
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     things in each hearing. Yes, sir.
10
                 Okay. And you also mentioned that
11
     with this hearing that the paper road there,
12
     everybody calls it a paper road which is actually
13
     a roadway --
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Objection. He's
15
     presenting facts, he needs to ask a question.
16
                 Okay. The paper roadway is a 30 foot
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     right of way; is that correct?
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          Α
                 Yes, sir, it is.
19
                 Okay. And you're aware that the fence
          Q
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     is still there. Are you still aware that the
21
     fence is still up as we speak now?
22
                 Yes, sir. The owner has agreed to
          Α
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     move the fence within 90 days of the approval of
24
     this petition.
25
                 Okay. If they don't approve it, would
          Q
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he still remove it?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Objection. It's a
     hypothetical question and it's calling for
 3
     speculation for someone else's decision.
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                 Well, it's either going to be removed
 6
     -- you're only going to remove the fence if your
7
     petition is granted; is that correct?
                 MR. HARTMAN: Objection. He's still
8
     asking a hypothetical question.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: It's an expert. He can
11
     ask hypotheticals of an expert.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Even of another person's
13
     perspective?
14
                 MR. SAMPSON: It's a hypothetical.
15
     You can ask an expert a hypothetical.
                 Mr. Mirabile, that's not for me to
16
          Α
17
     decide, that's for the owner to decide. I am the
18
     professional in this case, I'm not the owner that
     would make it.
19
20
                 Okay. So it's up to the owner, not up
21
     to you. Or it's up to this court hearing; is that
22
     correct?
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                 It's not up to this court.
          Α
24
     Unfortunately it's a civil matter, not a zoning
25
     matter.
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Okay. Exhibit 7 that you have which
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     is the letter of improvement with the golf court.
 3
     Did you ask -- did you have anything -- did you
     get this letter from Mr. Zelner or did you -- did
 4
 5
     you get this letter from Mr. Zelner?
                 It was given to my client the owner
 6
7
     prior to the last hearing. Yes.
                 Okay. Did you know that Mr. Zelner
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9
     did not sign that letter?
10
          Α
                 It has a signature there.
11
     signature matches the name that's on it so in turn
     I wouldn't believe anything different.
12
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. I have -- I
14
     quess on my time on my evidence, Your Honors, that
15
     I would have to submit a letter indicating from
16
     Mr. Zelner that he did not give permission nor was
     that his handwriting.
17
18
                 So I can wait either when my turn
     comes and recall Mr. Doak or put it in now.
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20
                 MR. HARTMAN: I don't see how Mr. Doak
21
     can have any input on handwriting analysis.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Sampson?
23
                 MR. SAMPSON: What I believe Mr.
24
     Mirabile is proposing would be impeachment
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     evidence and I think he can use it. I think it's
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     subject to the objections that Mr. Hartman just
 2
     said. But obviously Mr. Doak -- if Mr. Doak is
     familiar and aware of the handwriting of this
 3
     person, Mr. Zelner then he can say so and he can
 4
     say if that's his signature.
 5
                 I believe Mr. Doak has already said or
 6
7
     if he hasn't he will say he's not familiar with
     that handwriting. I don't know how Mr. Mirabile
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     can authenticate it. I think that's Mr. Hartman's
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10
     objection.
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                 But this is a Board. We have
12
     discretion. I would suggest to move this along
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     that Mr. Mirabile can present that document and we
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     can give it whatever weight it's entitled to.
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                 I'm going to stop jumping in your
16
     shoes there, Chair Dopkin, sorry.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Oh, no, please. You're
18
     my expert on this stuff. Please don't stop.
                 Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Can you identify your
22
     impeachment evidence that you're referring to?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. It's,
     according to my exhibit number 16.
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                            Madam Chair, does he need
                 MR. LAUER:
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to be sworn in if he's going to do it at this
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 2
     time?
 3
                 MR. HARTMAN: Does who need to be
     sworn in?
 4
                 MR. LAUER: Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I can be sworn in.
 6
 7
                 MR. SAMPSON: Well, I do think now
     we're getting afield here. What is it that you're
 8
     going to present here, Mr. Mirabile?
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10
                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm going to present a
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     letter from BMore Buggies which is Mike Stroh that
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     his letter indicates with my exhibit that is a
13
     false signature and he did not approve of anything
14
     that what Mr. Doak had just testified to.
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Okay.
16
                 MR. HARTMAN: He would need a witness
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     to authenticate it.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Yeah. I'm going to
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     reverse myself. I think Mr. Mirabile is going to
20
     have to lay the proper foundation for all of this
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     in his own case and then he's going to have to use
22
     it with Mr. Doak if he chooses.
23
                 Because you can't be in the business
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     of testifying as a witness and -- you can lay a
25
     proper foundation for a document that you're going
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1 to use but you need a witness to do it. And if 2 that witness is you, that's going to come later in 3 your case. MR. MIRABILE: Okay. 4 5 Mr. Doak on number 6F, you indicated 6 that the trucks are parked outside the properties. 7 The tow trucks that are going to be parked inside 8 the properties, do you know the measurements of those two trucks, how long they are? 9 10 No, sir. I mean, I've never measured 11 them. I unfortunately as of last Sunday I was on 12 the back of one of them so I'm guessing they're 13 probably about 40 feet long. 14 Okay. About right. 35, 40 feet. Did Q 15 you incorporate that into the space that I think 16 -- I'm not sure how many tow trucks Mr. Shahzad 17 has, but did you incorporate that into the spaces 18 of the building, the customers and the sales car lot? 19 20 He won't have those on that site, 21 he'll place those elsewhere or he'll park them on 22 the outside of the fence in the 30 foot road. 23 Okay. If, if the Court decides to Q

give this these improvements, the 30 foot roadway
may have -- may not be able to be -- in other

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words what I'm saying is that, I will explain that
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     in mine, is the fact that this 30 foot right of
     way could have stop signs on it; am I correct, at
 3
     any time in the future?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Objection. It's not a
 6
     question.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: It's a question.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I think there was a
     question.
9
10
          Q
                 The question is, in the future the 30
11
     foot right of way that Mr. Doak is indicating
12
     could have some stop signs -- no stop signs on
13
     there for the other businesses.
14
                 Why would it have a stop sign on it if
          Α
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     it has a street light at the end of it?
16
                 Why would it what?
          Q
                 MR. SAMPSON: Hold on. Hold on. Mr.
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18
     Doak, you're a seasoned professional here and I
     know this is a little bit unorthodox how this is
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20
     proceeding, but you can answer his question or
21
     not, but don't ask a question back.
22
                 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
23
                 Mr. Mirabile, I do not understand your
          Α
24
     question.
25
                 All right. It is my understanding
          Q
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that there are going to be stop signs requested by
the owners surrounding this property so there
won't be any -- no parking there. Did you
incorporate that into your subject property to the
Board so far? Did you take that into
consideration?

A No. Because there's nothing like that now that exists.

Q Okay.

A And if you'll see on Petitioner's

Exhibit 4, if that's done Earl Becks in the rear

of our property would have to move quite a bit of

cars, parts and everything out of the 30 foot road

as well.

Q Okay. Not to belabor this. I'll address that when I'm able to ask questions on my exhibits just so I don't hold everything up here since I have, Mr. Sampson gave me that option.

MR. SAMPSON: Mr. Mirabile, you'll have an opportunity to do two things. You're going to be able to present argument, which is separate from questioning and that's at the end of the case.

And then you're going to be able to call whatever witnesses that you intend to call

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     that you have lined up that are prepared to be
 2
     here. And if Mr. Doak is one of them, then you
     have the right to ask him questions in your case.
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                 The purpose of what you're allowed to
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 5
     do right now should be to ask Mr. Doak questions
     that relate to what he's testified to already in
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     response to Mr. Hartman's questions.
                 You're not going to waive your right
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9
     to ask him questions in your case or make argument
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     on what you think your testimony means or what you
     think his testimony means.
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12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: So try to narrow your
14
     focus here to that so that Mr. Hartman can
15
     conclude his case and then we'll get to yours.
16
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                Okay. Thank you. I
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     just have one or two more questions, that's all.
18
                 That's okay. I'll just waive it until
19
     I get my turn. I'll just waive it. But I'd like
20
     for Mr. Doak to be around so I can ask him
21
     questions from my exhibits, please.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. We will ask Mr.
     Doak to stick around.
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                 Mr. Hartman, do you have any followup
25
     with Mr. Doak?
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1
                 MR. HARTMAN: Just one or two
 2
     questions.
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                       REDIRECT EXAMINATION
     BY MR. HARTMAN:
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 5
                 Mr. Doak, in your professional
 6
     opinion, has the property changed at all since the
7
     last trial, the one that this is appeal of?
                 No, sir, it hasn't.
8
          Α
9
                 MR. HARTMAN: No more questions.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Call your next witness,
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     Mr. --
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                 MR. LAUER: I have a couple of
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     questions if we might, Madam Chair.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. Mr. Lauer. Please.
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                           EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. LAUER:
                 Mr. Doak, I'd like to hear something
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18
     about the uniqueness or a little more about the
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     uniqueness of this property and the practical
20
     difficulty and unnecessary hardship. I'm sure
21
     you're familiar with those terms.
22
                 Would you please elaborate a little
23
     more on that?
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                 Yes, sir. As I stated with the 2019
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     case, which -- and the 2021 case, both I had to
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prove uniqueness, practical difficulty and hardship.

This is -- even though it's similar to the one to the east, this is a -- one of a smaller pieces of property in this area commercially used.

By having the building in the middle, it does make it difficult to use it. It is not able to be built on to because of the foundation and the structure there. So anything that needs to be built on, built higher and everything would have to be outside of the existing building.

So in turn -- and then if, as to the practical difficulty, if we were not able to get a variance of the 30 foot setback, then in turn we wouldn't be able to build a building at all other than what's there, no addition to the building itself. So in turn they would be left with just the use of the building, no ability to be able to repair cars in it and so in turn we feel -- and the prior two different judges have felt that there was a uniqueness here and a practical difficulty and hardship.

MR. LAUER: Thank you.

MR. MIRABILE: May I ask Mr. Doak a question on that?

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MS. DOPKIN: Let's see if the Board
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 2
     has any -- Mr. Sampson, do you have any questions
     for Mr. Doak?
 3
                 MR. SAMPSON: I do not. Thank you.
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: You may, Mr. Mirabile,
 6
     but only based on his answers to Mr. Lauer.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
8
                        RECROSS EXAMINATION
9
     BY MR. MIRABILE:
10
                 Where would the vehicles be parked
11
     once the building is up? Did you take that into
12
     consideration for a parking space?
13
                 Please clarify which cars you're
14
     talking about.
15
                 I'm talking at the rear of the subject
          Q
16
     property.
17
                 Which cars are you speaking of?
18
                 Customer's cars. People that you're
19
     going to be selling for and cars that are going to
20
     be repaired and worked on.
21
                 The only cars that will be repaired
22
     or, as you say worked on, will be those that are
23
     being sold. You cannot -- you will not be able to
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     bring a car in there and have an oil change.
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                 You will not be able to come in there
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and have any repairs done on your car. The owner
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 2
     will purchase cars wherever he sees fit. He will
     -- if they do need repairs, he will bring those
 3
     here to this site, he will repair them and then he
 4
 5
     will place them outside of the building for retail
 6
     sales.
7
                 He currently does it off-site now but
     it's very, very, very inconvenient because he has
8
9
     to transport them back and forth each and every
10
     time that he needs to repair it.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Now, Mr. --
12
                 Sometimes those repairs it takes
          Q
     months and months for insurance companies or to
13
14
     get parts, especially in today's time.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Is that a question, Mr.
16
     Mirabile?
17
                 MR. SAMPSON: It's more argument, Mr.
18
     Mirabile.
19
                 Okay. Are you aware about how long it
          Q
20
     would take to get parts for cars, vehicles that
21
     have to be parked there and would be inoperative?
22
                 The long term -- the long term storage
          Α
23
     of a vehicle that needs parts and everything, if
24
     that was the case, would be to his own detriment
25
     because it would take up space inside of the
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1 building.

No cars that are inoperable or need repair will be outside of the building. They'll all be inside.

So that will be one less space that he has to put another car inside his building if it's sitting there for a long period of time.

Q So in other words, according to that, if he has a three -- if the three bays are granted, he only can have three cars in that parking lot inside the building when he takes it out or put it back in?

A No. There's three bays with a lift.

There's other storage room for other cars. You'll see how large that is, the proposed building is much larger than just three cars. It's three repair bays and additional storage for the kind of cars that you're speaking of that might have to be there longer than days, maybe even weeks.

Q What is the address that he has of the other -- where his other storage lot is? Where is that?

A I don't recall off the top of my head. He testified in the last hearing of this.

MS. DOPKIN: I think we're straying

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from the testimony. Though Mr. Doak did mention
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 2
     another facility, he doesn't know the address. Do
     you have any further questions?
 3
                 MR. MIRABILE: No, ma'am. Thank you.
 4
 5
                 Mr. Sampson, did you have any
 6
     questions?
7
                 MR. SAMPSON: I do not. Thank you.
8
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Doak, I have a couple
     of questions.
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10
                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
11
                           EXAMINATION
12
     BY MS. DOPKIN:
                 There's some trees along the west
13
14
     property line.
15
          Α
                 Yes, ma'am.
16
                 Will they remain?
          Q
                 I -- if I may say, they may. And I
17
          Α
     don't mean anything by that. They're not
18
     landscape caliper trees, they are scrub trees.
19
20
     You'll see them right here on this photograph.
21
                 They may, but that also is where the
22
     new fence line will go. So I can't say that for
23
     sure.
24
              And is it your testimony that all the
25
     uses you're proposing are permitted in the zone?
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Yes, ma'am, they are.
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 2
                 They're either permitted or they have
3
     been approved in the 2019 hearing.
                 And if you know, just to give the
 4
 5
     Board some background. Do you have any idea how
     this property was used before it was purchased by
 6
     Petitioner in 2018, was it?
7
                 Yes, ma'am.
8
          Α
9
                 When I started on the property which
10
     was soon after he purchased it, the parking lot
11
     was empty and the inside of the building looked
12
     like it was the remains of what was a restaurant.
13
     And like I said it was a fast food, A&W type root
14
     beer place. It didn't have all the cooking
15
     machinery and counters and all of that stuff.
16
                 But you could see where it was used as
17
     such.
18
                 Do you know how long it had been
19
     unused?
20
                 No, ma'am, I don't.
          Α
21
                 And just to orient me. This would be
          Q
22
     on the north side of Pulaski Highway south of 695?
23
                 Yes, ma'am.
          Α
                 So it's inside the Beltway?
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          Q
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                 Yes, ma'am, it is. Yes, ma'am, it is.
          Α
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Α

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MS. DOPKIN: I have no other questions
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     for Mr. Doak. Mr. Doak, we're going to excuse you
     but ask that you remain available when Mr.
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 4
     Mirabile puts his case on.
 5
                 MR. SAMPSON: Can I just interrupt.
 6
     want to put something on the record.
7
                 Mr. Hartman had objected to Mr.
8
     Mirabile's questioning of Mr. Doak using Mr.
     Mirabile's exhibits. We made a decision on that,
9
10
     essentially an agreement. Because certainly Mr.
11
     Mirabile can use his own exhibits to cross examine
12
     a witness.
13
                 He's not bound by the exhibits that
14
     the calling party of the witness uses. He is
15
     bound to remain within the scope.
16
                 So what I attempted to do, which is
17
     what we did, is we sort of struck an agreement,
18
     it's just not usual. So Mr. Doak, because Mr.
19
     Hartman didn't want Mr. Mirabile using Mr.
20
     Mirabile's exhibits to question Mr. Doak, Mr.
21
     Mirabile is going to have to call Mr. Doak in his
22
     own case which is not typical.
23
                 So I just want to say that before we
24
               Because if Mr. Hartman wants to object
     proceed.
25
     to that and wants to go back and change his mind
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and have Mr. Mirabile use Mr. Mirabile's exhibits
 1
 2
     now, I think we should do it.
                 But if Mr. Hartman is agreeing that
 3
     Mr. Mirabile can now call Mr. Doak in his own
 4
 5
     case, then I want that stated on the record,
 6
     please.
7
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Thank you, Mr. Sampson.
     Mr. Hartman?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I have no objection to
10
     Mr. Mirabile cross examining Mr. Doak. My concern
11
     and my objection came from Mr. Mirabile's
12
     admission that he was going to go outside of the
13
     scope of the direct which I -- the Rules of
14
     Evidence state that cross examination has to be
15
     limited to the scope of the direct.
                 MR. SAMPSON: And that is true and
16
17
     I'll agree with you on that part. That's going to
18
     be a discernment for us as we go question by
19
     question. But we also have the discretion to
20
     handle this in any way -- not in any way, but
21
     we're not formally bound by the Rules of Evidence,
22
     but they are an important guide here.
23
                 And you can appreciate maybe with some
24
     frustration when we have pro se or community
25
     association representatives leading the
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questioning it can be -- it presents different challenges.

So I agree with you that our job is going to be made more difficult. We have to try to keep him cabined to a degree within the confines of the scope. But I think that's probably pretty broad, but I see from Mr.

Mirabile's questions how that can get beyond the scope.

So that's a long way of saying we agree about the scope of cross. The question is, if we -- Mr. Mirabile proceeds now rather than releasing Mr. Doak, Mr. Mirabile may use exhibits of his own to the extent they are within or asking questions either within the scope or for impeachment.

That's probably the better way to proceed, but if you agree you don't want to proceed that way, you want Mr. Mirabile to call Mr. Doak in his own case and then he's not bound by your cross then we'll proceed that way.

MR. HARTMAN: I am in agreement with you and your analysis of the situation. I would say in interest of practicality to be honest, I have no objection to Mr. Mirabile calling Mr. Doak

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1
     as his witness right now.
 2
                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Okay.
 3
                 MR. HARTMAN: I have no further
     witnesses to bring and I have concluded my
 4
 5
     examination of Mr. Doak. So if Mr. Mirabile wants
     to call him, and we can just swing right into it,
 6
     I have no objection with that.
 7
                 And then once he is finished then I
 8
     can cross Mr. Doak.
 9
10
                 MR. SAMPSON: Madam Chair is that okay
11
     with you?
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: I would rather continue
13
     with Mr. Mirabile questioning Mr. Doak as cross
14
     examination before he presents his case. We need
15
     some preliminary matters before he can present his
16
     case.
                 And I need to have them addressed in
17
18
     terms --
19
                 THE WITNESS: Ms. Dopkin, may I ask a
20
     question, please?
21
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes, Mr. Doak, what is
22
     your question?
23
                 THE WITNESS: Am I required to testify
24
     for Mr. Mirabile?
25
                               If he calls you as a
                 MS. DOPKIN:
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1
     witness you should, yes, you would be considered a
 2
     hostile witness, I believe. Is that correct, Mr.
 3
     Sampson?
                 MR. SAMPSON: Yes.
                                      I think Mr. Doak
 4
 5
     is probably more interested in Rule 2 is what I
 6
     think he's asking about.
 7
                 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. Yes, sir, it
 8
     is.
 9
                 MR. SAMPSON: I mean the simple
10
     solution is, I think we've already agreed, whether
11
     you call it now cross or direct, it sounds like
12
     we're going to proceed with Mr. Mirabile cross
13
     examining you and using whatever exhibits he has
14
     that are within the scope of your direct.
15
                 If I understand it correctly, that's
16
     where we are. Because you're going to take the
17
     position that you need to be paid for your time if
18
     you're called in his case in chief. And Mr.
19
     Hartman is likely going to take the position that
20
     he's not paying you. So the simple resolution to
21
     that is, you're still going to be subject to cross
22
     examination by Mr. Mirabile, if that's how the
23
     Chair wants to proceed.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes, it is.
25
                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Okay.
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1
                 Mr. Mirabile, do you understand what
 2
     has been said here? So you don't get to just ask
     any old questions that you want, and as I said
 3
     earlier, you're not able to argue here.
 4
 5
     Board, except for myself, is somewhat
     sophisticated and understands the issues here.
 6
7
     Just like you pointed out that Mr. Doak has
8
     testified many times, this Board has heard this
     many times.
 9
10
                 So what you have to ask and offer is
11
     important and you have the right to do that, but
12
     you are required to stay within the scope of what
13
     Mr. Doak said. So you can't just start bringing
14
     things out of the blue sky here to ask him.
15
                 You took notes, you paid attention to
16
     what he testified to. You're now going to ask him
17
     questions to challenge him on what he's already
18
     testified to and what you've already asked. Don't
19
     go back and ask what you've already asked, okay,
20
     sir?
21
                 I think you're muted, sir. I cannot
22
     hear you.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                 I said I'm able to
     cross examine him on uniqueness.
24
25
                 MR. SAMPSON: Are you asking me a
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question?
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, I'm asking you if
 3
     I can do that.
                 MR. SAMPSON: I'll defer to the Chair,
 4
 5
     but I believe you can. And I believe one of our
     Board members already asked a similar question.
 6
 7
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
                 MS. DOPKIN: And what Mr. Sampson is
 8
     saying is if you wish to use your exhibits when
 9
10
     you are continuing your cross examination of Mr.
     Doak now, you will be able to do so.
11
12
                 But even using your exhibits, the
13
     subject matter of your questioning should relate
14
     to the testimony that Mr. Doak has given.
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay. If I may --
16
                 MR. HARTMAN: Real quick.
                                             I'd also
     like to remind the Board and Mr. Mirabile that if
17
18
     he's bringing in his own exhibits, there will need
     to be a foundation laid for them.
19
20
                 I understand that the Rules of
21
     Evidence are not strictly applied here and I
22
     appreciate that. I would just like --
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, you'll get a chance
24
     to question them as he tries to introduce them.
25
                 MR. HARTMAN:
                                Thank you.
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1
                 MR. MIRABILE: My exhibits pertain to
 2
     the subject property and the 30 foot right of way
     and the -- and some have been used before and
 3
     previous but also the impeachment purposes as
 4
 5
     well.
 6
                 So it's all encompassing in that, but
7
     I just can't throw out -- if you're going to have
8
     a beef stew, you can't throw out the carrots and
 9
     say it's all the same.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, will you be
11
     able to share your exhibits on screen with us?
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. 100 percent. I
13
     submitted them to the Board Monday.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Yes. But you will have
15
     to, from where you are sitting, put them -- here's
16
     -- you will be given the opportunity to present,
17
     to share your screen and show the exhibits to Mr.
18
     Doak that you wish to question him about.
19
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
20
                              So if you're going to
                 MS. DOPKIN:
21
     continue your cross examination based on your
22
     exhibits, please bring those exhibits up on your
23
     screen for us to see.
24
                                Okay. Your Honor, may
                 MR. MIRABILE:
25
     I ask for about a five minute -- I thought that
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1
     this was all going to be part of the hearing.
 2
     other words, I could bring up my exhibits numbers
     by just stating that.
 3
                 But can I take a five minute break
 4
 5
     here to try to get that on this computer because
 6
     I'm not computer literate and I have to get
7
     somebody to help me with that.
                 MS. DOPKIN: Is there someone there
8
     who can help you with that?
9
10
                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have any objection
12
     to a five minute break, Mr. Hartman?
13
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, are you able to
14
     bring up my exhibits since I was able to -- I had
15
     to have them in to the Board of Appeals Monday?
16
     Because that's why I submitted them.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, if you're
18
     familiar -- if you have read our rules and the
19
     notices, each party is responsible for its own
20
     exhibits. And because your exhibits were not
21
     numbered when they were submitted --
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: They were numbered,
23
     ma'am.
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: --when they were
25
     submitted to us. They're not numbered and we're
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1
     not in a position to do that easily you will have
 2
     to do it yourself.
 3
                 And I'm going to take five minutes and
     suspend the recording. It is now 11:22. We'll be
 4
     back in five minutes at 11:27 and would like you
 5
     to be prepared to share your exhibits and complete
 6
7
     your cross exam.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, if I may say. I
8
     submitted these so we can bring them up through
9
10
     the Board of Appeals. I was totally not aware of
11
     the fact that I have to produce them twice. If I
12
     had known that, I would have done a different
13
     thing. But the requirement was to have them 48
14
     hours beforehand.
15
                 It all should be a matter of record of
16
     the system on the Board's side.
17
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. --
18
                 MR. MIRABILE: I can only do -- I did
     what I was told to do.
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: And we are asking that
21
     you then share them with us through your computer
22
     as part of your cross examination.
23
                 MR. MIRABILE: Am I able to hold it up
24
     in front of the screen like this?
25
                 MS. DOPKIN: We can't really see it
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1
     that way.
 2
                 Mr. Sampson --
 3
                 MR. SAMPSON: If you pass me the
     token, I'll see if I can do it. This is not our
 4
 5
     responsibility and I'm going to make that clear on
     the record and I'm not obligated to do it.
 6
7
                 If you pass me the ability to share,
     I'll see if I can. Or do I already have the
8
9
     ability. Oh, there were go. All right. Let me
10
     see if I can do this.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, please ask
12
     your question and identify the exhibit so Mr.
13
     Sampson might be able to assist you.
14
                 MR. SAMPSON: Just let me try one
15
     first because I don't think I know how to do it.
                 None of these look like they're it.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: What number exhibit are
17
18
     you trying to introduce, Mr. Mirabile?
                 MR. MIRABILE: I have 42 exhibits.
19
20
     They all overlap. I just have them, make sure we
21
     had them presented.
22
                 MR. SAMPSON: What exhibits do you
23
     intend to use with Mr. Doak, sir? What numbers?
24
                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                The first one would be,
25
     3, is one of them. Mr. Doak, my exhibit would be
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1
     number 2, my exhibit 3, 3A.
 2
                 MR. SAMPSON: I don't know how to do
 3
     it.
                 MR. HARTMAN: I'm open to the five
 4
 5
     minute break to see if someone more savvy can aid
     Mr. Mirabile.
 6
 7
                 MR. SAMPSON: It's definitely not me,
     Mr. Hartman.
 8
 9
                 MR. HARTMAN: I don't blame you.
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: Okay. Having said that,
11
     we are pausing the record to take a five minute
12
     break.
            We'll be back at 11:30.
13
                 Mr. Mirabile, please have your
14
     technical difficulties in hand so we can proceed.
15
                 MR. MIRABILE: If I can. But I don't
16
     understand why the requirements are to hand this
17
     in so it's all put into your system and now you
18
     can't bring them up.
                 MR. SAMPSON: We're members of the
19
20
     Board who are tasked with deciding evidence, not
21
     presenting evidence, sir.
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: That's what I have,
     evidence.
23
24
                 MR. SAMPSON: You're not putting it on
25
     the screen so we don't have it unless you present
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1
     it.
 2
                 MR. MIRABILE: I can't do that.
3
     right.
                 MR. SAMPSON: We're very accommodating
 4
 5
     of you, Mr. Mirabile, so I don't appreciate that
 6
     you're now going to turn on this and start to
7
     complain. These are our rules, this is our
     procedure we've been doing it two years. This is
8
9
     not a first time thing for us.
10
                 We rely on the person presenting
11
     evidence. Just like if we were in the actual
12
     courtroom, you'd have to present it to us. We
13
     don't present it.
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, I agree with you.
15
     And this is the problem with being virtual.
16
                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Okay.
17
                 MR. MIRABILE: And this should have
18
     been in the hearing room. It should not have been
     virtual.
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, I'm going
21
     to stop you.
22
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: We are not arguing about
24
                 They are what they are.
     our rules.
25
                 And you indicated you had someone who
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can help you. We're going to take a break.
 1
 2
     you have someone there who can help you, I suggest
     you get that help and we will proceed at 11:30.
 3
                 We're off the record.
 4
 5
                         (Off the record)
                 MS. DOPKIN: It is 11:30. As soon as
 6
7
     Mr. Sampson rejoins us we will resume. And we are
     on the record. Mr. Doak needs to show up.
8
9
                 MR. LAUER: Madam Chair, since we're
10
     on the record, I would --
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Wait. Mr. Hartman and
12
     Mr. Doak aren't here.
13
                 MR. LAUER: Oh, I beg your pardon.
14
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman. We need Mr.
15
     Hartman to resume.
                 Mr. Doak, do you have any idea what
16
17
     happened to Mr. Hartman?
18
                 MR. DOAK: No, ma'am. He texted me
19
     something but it was just a quick question if I
20
     thought I was finished and I said yes. And that's
21
     all I've heard or seen of him.
22
                 MS. DOPKIN: Would you please ask him
23
     to rejoin us so this hearing can continue?
24
                 MR. DOAK: He said he's trying to.
25
     He's evidently having trouble getting back on.
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1
                 MS. DOPKIN: He should call Ms. Zauner
 2
     at our office, 887-3180 to see if she can assist
 3
     him.
                 MR. DOAK: Did you say 3810?
 4
 5
                 MS. DOPKIN: I said 3180.
                 MR. DOAK: Dyslexia kicking in.
 6
7
                 MS. DOPKIN:
                               Thank you.
                 MR. DOAK: You're welcome.
8
9
                 MS. DOPKIN: In the meantime I'm going
10
     to make Mr. Mirabile the presenter so he can
11
     attempt to share the screen while we are waiting
12
     to make sure he has the ability to do so.
13
                 Perhaps he can put up the exhibit he
14
     wishes to have you address while we're waiting for
15
     Mr. Hartman.
16
                 Mr. Doak, would you suggest that Mr.
     Hartman call in if he's unable to rejoin us
17
18
     visually. The call in number is on the website.
19
                 MR. DOAK: He texted me and said
20
     having computer problems. Trying to fix as soon
21
     as possible.
22
                 I'm telling him to call in now while
23
     fixing, okay?
24
                 MS. DOPKIN: And that was we can
25
     proceed.
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MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am. I understand.
 1
                 I've never had to do this before.
 2
 3
     This is interesting.
                 MS. DOPKIN: We're here to make your
 4
 5
     life interesting.
 6
                 MR. DOAK: Good. I can use a little
7
     interesting.
8
                 MS. DOPKIN: We'd like to get this
9
     hearing and move forward.
10
                 MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: And we're having too
12
     many--
13
                 MR. DOAK: And I'm here to make your
14
     lives easier.
15
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Doak. We
16
     appreciate that.
17
                 Mr. Mirabile, we had passed you the
18
     baton to share your screen and I have not seen
19
     anything being shared.
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: That's accurate.
21
     You're correct.
22
                 The reason is that I wasn't prepared
23
     for the situation. I was, clearly understood that
24
     everything would have been -- once I gave
25
     everything to the Board of Appeals everything was
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1
     going to be scanned in and I found out now while
 2
     we have the break they weren't scanned in.
 3
                 So they're scanned in, but I just
     can't access to them. And that's it. This is --
 4
 5
     I want you to know and the panel -- maybe I should
 6
     wait for the other attorney to come back. But
7
     this is -- this happened, the same thing, two
8
     judges ruled the second time with Judge Murphy.
     was never notified of the date.
9
10
                 MS. DOPKIN: I'm going to stop you
11
     until it is your opportunity to present your case.
12
                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
13
                 MS. DOPKIN: And we need Mr. Hartman
14
     one way or the other. I've asked Ms. Zauner to
15
     give him the call in number if he doesn't have it.
16
                 Ms. Zauner has given Mr. Hartman the
17
     call in number, but I don't -- oh, I think he has
18
     -- Mr. Doak, can you --
                 MR. DOAK: Yes, ma'am?
19
20
                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman?
21
                 MR. DOAK: There you go.
22
                 MR. HARTMAN: Yes, ma'am.
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: You are now unmuted so
24
     you can continue.
25
                 You are an attendee until you get back
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on at which point we'll try to get you installed.
 1
 2
                 Mr. Mirabile has advised us that he is
     unable to share his screen so that I am going to
 3
     suggest that we cannot proceed with continuing his
 4
 5
     cross examination.
                 But want to know if you have concluded
 6
7
     your case?
                 MR. HARTMAN: The evidentiary portion
8
     of my case? Yes, ma'am. All that's left is my
 9
10
     closing argument.
11
                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you.
12
                 Mr. Mirabile, in that you cannot share
13
     your exhibits with us, I'm going to conclude
14
     Petitioner's case except for closing argument and
15
     ask you to present your case.
16
                 You have appealed this petition on
17
     behalf of the Rosedale Community Association. And
18
     before you can testify for the Association, we
19
     will need your Rule 8 documents presented to us.
20
                 I don't know how you intend to do
21
     that.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, yeah, Your Honor,
22
23
     you're 100 percent right. You all put me at a
     very bad point and a bad position.
24
25
                 But I want you to know, even if I was
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to go forward -- if you allowed us to go forward,
 1
 2
     there was a case of Dorsey versus Bethel A.M.E.
     Church, 375-59 that even -- anybody can really
 3
     testify or present a case. That's what my
 4
     understanding is if it's not.
 5
                 But the Rules have pretty much
 6
7
     handcuffed me. I did what I was told to do when I
8
     was shown what to do, and I have no idea why my
 9
     exhibits had to be put in and presented to the
10
     County Board of Appeals that if you don't put them
11
     into the system to we can refer to them.
12
                 MS. DOPKIN: Have you filed your Rule
13
     8 documents?
14
                 MR. MIRABILE: Not on this case, no, I
15
     did not.
16
                 MS. DOPKIN: How can you testify if
17
     you do not have -- you haven't presented them, so
18
     nobody has scanned them in. Not the Board, not
19
     you?
20
                 MR. MIRABILE: Well I was there in
21
     person. Somebody had to scan them in. They said
22
     they had to be in by --
23
                 MS. DOPKIN: No, no. I'm asking you
24
     the documents that authorize you to speak on
25
     behalf of the Rosedale Community Association.
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MR. MIRABILE: No, I do not have that 1 2 but I relied on the Dorsey versus Bethel A.M.E. Church, 375 Md. 59 where a member of the community 3 can testify and that's what I was going to do. 4 5 MS. DOPKIN: But you are not -- we 6 need to have at least one valid appellant. So are 7 you suggesting that you will testify personally and not on behalf of the Association? 8 9 MR. MIRABILE: It would have to be on 10 -- I would be a member of the Association. But I 11 don't think -- this is all wrong. I mean, this is 12 -- I'm sorry. There's no pandemic now -- this is 13 wrong. This is all wrong. Very wrong. 14 And the second portion is, this is the 15 second time the system has done this. The hearing 16 in front of Judge Murphy, I was not notified when 17 it was. I have evidence here for impeachment, 18 that hearing should never have been -- should 19 never have been held. But you're blocking me. 20 So if we have to go the next step up, 21 up with the Circuit Court, I mean, we'll have to 22 do that. That's all I can say. 23 But this is a sham. I'm not blaming I want you to know that. I'm not blaming 24 you. 25 the other two attorneys, but the system is flawed.

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And it's flawed against me and I'm a taxpayer and
 2
     I'm also representing the community.
 3
                 This is wrong. That's all I can say.
     I did what I was ordered to do in writing. I did
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     it. And for whatever reason, you all should have
     my -- all my exhibits. That's all I can say.
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                 I also relied on the competence of the
     system, and that's how I look at it. And this
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     pandemic is over with. I think these hearings
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     should be in person. This virtual is kind of
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     getting out of hand. I'm not blaming you, Your
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     Honor. I'm not blaming the other Honors, I'm not
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     blaming anybody. I'm blaming the system. I want
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     you all to know that.
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                 I've been cheated twice and the
     community has been cheated twice. That's it.
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     Don't get mad at me.
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                 And I think if you were in my shoes
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     you would be the same.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Do you have a statement
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     to make regarding the case before us?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: That was my sworn
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     statement --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Excuse me. Mr. Lauer.
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     Whereupon
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                         RUSSELL MIRABILE,
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     called as a witness, having been first duly sworn
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     to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
     but the truth, was examined and testified as
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     follows:
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                 MR. LAUER: Please state your name and
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     your address for the record.
                 MR. MIRABILE: Russ Mirabile.
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     M-i-r-a-b-i-l-e. My address is Post Office Box
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     70285 from the Rosedale Community Association,
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     Baltimore, Maryland 21237.
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                 MR. LAUER: Thank you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile, are you
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     testifying personally?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes. I have no choice
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     at this point.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Could you give us your
     home address, please.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: 7932 Oakdale,
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     O-a-k-d-a-l-e Avenue. Rosedale, Maryland 21237.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Thank you. Would you
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     proceed.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Sure. Since I've been
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     handcuffed and limited to what I can present to
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     this hearing, I will have one thing in reference
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to the variance process, quoting from case law, Cromwell versus Ward, case summary.

Basically I should say a variance process is a multi-step process. The first step is in regard to a determination of whether the property is unique or peculiar in characteristic.

For example, a topography, narrowness, abnormal surfaces, characteristic, historical or architectural significance not shared generally by other similarly located properties in the area so that the Ordinance impact on the subject property is more severe than the impact upon neighboring property. Generally that the requirement of the first step uniqueness and peculiarity are not met, no further steps are taken. Practical difficulty or unreasonableness, hardship and the variance must summary be denied.

This, according to Mr. Doak's 2, I believe it is, his exhibit I believe it was, is the fact that the uniqueness that he's applying for is created by his own tenant, by his own client.

His client did not have to buy this property. He did not, he had choices. And the bottom line, I guess, it didn't fit. But now he's

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trying to change around. But the adjacent and
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     adjoining properties are the same and similar as
     his. He has just bought a smaller piece of
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     property and this should not be beared upon on the
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     community.
                 And I also will say that his
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     uniqueness is the fact that he can't fit all those
     vehicles in there. No matter what -- no matter
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     what you have as a garage, these properties are
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     not unique because that's the type of business
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     they're in. They never have enough room. Never.
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                 And that's it. We're trying to
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     squeeze a size 6 shoe into a size 4 and that
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     doesn't work. And he did this upon himself. That
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     was the end. And I object to the way this was
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     presented through these computers. I just think
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     it's wrong.
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                 And I'll see if we can undo this
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     virtual system and get back to in person systems.
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     I think it's a lot better. But I do not hold this
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     against you, Your Honor, nor the other two Your
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     Honors at all. I want that clearly understood.
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I understand you're just following what the system is. We have to change it. And I will be attempting to do that.

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That's it.
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                 Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And you -- would you,
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     just so I understand what your exhibits were
     intended to demonstrate. Can you tell us?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Well, yeah, I can tell
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     you since I can't show you, I certainly can tell
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     you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Mr. Sampson?
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I just want to make sure
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     we're clear on the record. Is Mr. Hartman still
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     on the phone because I don't see any
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     acknowledgment of him on my screen.
                                           Is he
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     participating with us?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: He is on the phone.
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
                               Okay.
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                 MR. HARTMAN:
                               I'm back.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Secondly for clarity --
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     perhaps I'll make more unclarity.
                 I believe we have Mr. Mirabile's
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     exhibits.
                The issue is, he cannot present them in
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     this hearing using his computer. I do believe,
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     unless I'm corrected, he has adequately or
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     accurately stated that he has provided them to the
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            I'm looking at them.
     Board.
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                 Mr. Mirabile, the challenge, the
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problem is it's not enough for us individually to
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     have them on our screen. You need to be able to
     present it to Mr. Doak when you're going to ask
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     him a question and he doesn't have them because
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     he's not part of the County.
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                 So I don't want -- I understand your
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     position, but I'm clarifying that we have them.
     You've provided them to the Board. The second
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     piece that the Board requires that you apparently
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     didn't know and aren't prepared to meet is you
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     have to then present them in this hearing using
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     your computer.
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                 So that's the clarification I wanted
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     to make.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And if we were --
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, sir.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: --in a live hearing, Mr.
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     Hartman would be given the opportunity to see
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     those exhibits and question you about them before
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     they are admitted into evidence. So he is not
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     being given that opportunity and that is something
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     that is your responsibility as a party to this
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     case.
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                 And that would be normal in any
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     proceeding.
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MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, I accept what you said. This is not a normal proceeding by virtual, that's number one. Number 2, Mr. Hartman is not even present right now.

Number 3, I'm going to ask you for a continuance because of this whole debacle. I mean it's just not accurate, it's not right that this is happening again the second time around. It's not right.

And to have the Courts, the Circuit

Court involved in this thing at this point, I

think is just erroneous because the Community

Association, me or anybody and the adjacent

members of the business association they should

not be burdened with this for another couple of

years.

And Mr. Doak has presented some things that I have to -- that would discount that. And it's just -- it's just not right. We can't with a rubber stamp say well, Mr. Mirabile couldn't do this even though he followed what he was supposed to do, but he didn't do the other thing because I didn't know about it. It's just not right. It's not the way, in my opinion of doing courts.

I mean, people are complaining about

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     the courts now. So we're just here about
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     property. But I'm just creating my statement on
     the variances, that was caused by Mr. Doak's
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     client, Fazal, but I think you should ask for a
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     continuance. Number 1, Mr. Hartman is not here
     and the fact that -- I'd like to fulfill my
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     obligation to the system that I was totally
     unaware of.
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                 And this system is just -- it's
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     flawed.
              It is crazy. And basically you're saying
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     well if you're not educated in computers you can't
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     bring it to court. That's not right. I think you
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     know that, Your Honor. That's it.
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                 I don't blame you. Again, I'm not
15
     blaming your or the judges. But I really think
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     you maybe should have huddled together and said
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     let's give this guy or this community a
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     continuance because this is going to be a
     disaster --
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                 MR. DOAK:
                            No way.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: -- a total -- I'm sure
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     Mr. Doak's comment is no way because he's going to
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     be put on the hot seat. You can see these 42
     things here and I have to tell you --
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
                              Okay. Mr. Mirabile, we
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     heard you once.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Sampson.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I just -- we've heard
     from Mr. Mirabile. We understand his position.
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     So I just wanted to now hear from you.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I'm requesting a
     continuance. I think I'm entitled to it. And the
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     community is entitled to it. And the taxpayers
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     are entitled to that. That's all I'm going to
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     say.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Mr. Mirabile.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Yes, I understand.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: You want to be in a
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     courtroom and I assure you if you were in a
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     courtroom you would not be allowed to continue in
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     the way you are so I'm going to ask you to please
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     stop.
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                 We have heard your position. You have
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     asked for a continuance. You have stated your
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     concerns. We've heard them. It's now time for us
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     to respond.
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                                Okay.
                 MR. MIRABILE:
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Please do not interrupt
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80 the chairman when she speaks. 1 2 MR. MIRABILE: I will not do that. 3 MR. SAMPSON: Thank you. MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Sampson. 4 5 Mr. Mirabile, there was notice of this 6 hearing given many weeks ago. 7 The Board staff is always available to help and explain as would have been the ALJ's 8 office. In addition, People's Counsel will often 9 10 make themselves available to assist communities in 11 navigating the system that is not always easy to 12 navigate. 13 There was a lot of time to prepare for 14 this before 48 hours ago and to understand what is 15 expected of you. 16 And though it may be burdensome, an 17 attorney who is familiar with the system could 18 have given you a lot of guidance. 19 I'm not unsympathetic to the 20 frustrations of the virtual hearing system. 21

I'm not unsympathetic to the frustrations of the virtual hearing system. As Mr. Sampson said, we've been doing this for two years and have been able to successfully manage our hearings and the public and the communities have also been able to educate themselves to participate in a meaningful way.

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1 We are not in any way trying to 2 preclude your involvement or your ability to participate and present your evidence. But you 3 also, as an Association and as individuals, and so 4 5 far you're the only individual we have heard from, have a certain duty to equip yourself to 6 7 participate meaningfully. Having said that, I am going to ask 8 Mr. Hartman to give us his closing argument and I 9 10 will give you an opportunity for a brief closing 11 statement. 12 What happens next is that the Board will schedule a public deliberation where we will 13 14 take your request for a continuance as well as the 15 subject matter of the hearing under consideration. 16 So on that basis, unless Mr. Sampson 17 and Mr. Lauer has anything to add, I am going to 18 -- Mr. Sampson, do you have anything to add? 19 MR. SAMPSON: I do not. 20 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Lauer? 21 MR. LAUER: I'd just like to hear from 22 Mr. Hartman regarding the continuance request. 23 MS. DOPKIN: Well I would like to hear from Mr. Hartman regarding the continuance request 24 25 and then his closing argument.

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                 Mr. Hartman, you're on.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Thank you. I was able
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     to get on -- can you hear me?
                 MS. DOPKIN: We can.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I was able to get on
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     through another laptop after mine decided to die
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     very suddenly. But I don't know if I can be seen.
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     Is there a way to -- I'm an attendee. Can I get
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     back into panelist?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You will have to mute
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     your phone so we don't get feedback.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: My phone is muted.
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     should be hearing me through the computer.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: We do. We don't see you.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Is that going to be a
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              Am I going to be able to --
     problem?
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              No. Just please proceed.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: So under the law, under
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     Cromwell v. Ward, the first issue that needs to be
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     determined is the issue of uniqueness.
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     property has already been found to be unique in
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     the earlier case --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Mr. Hartman?
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                 MR. HARTMAN:
                               Yes, ma'am.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
                              Mr. Lauer wanted you to
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     respond to the request for continuance.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Oh, I'm sorry.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: And then we will hear
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     your closing argument.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I apologize. I will
     address that first.
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                 I strongly object to a continuance.
     As you've said yourself, this is not a sudden
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              This has been on the books for weeks and
     hearing.
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     there was every opportunity to prepare as I did
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     and to be ready to present as Mr. Doak and myself
     were both prepared.
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                 So I strongly object. I see no
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     reason, no need for a continuance to drag this
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     process out even further. So I ask the Board to
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     deny it.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I have a question for
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     you though, Mr. Hartman.
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                 Substance aside, I take it it's your
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     position from what you just said therefore that
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     the submission by Mr. Mirabile of his written
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     paper exhibits 48 hours ago is charitably his lack
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     of understanding out procedure that requires him
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     to submit -- further submit those electronically
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     by posting them on his screen during the hearing,
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that you believe that to be an insufficient basis for a continuance, whether that continuance is for a week, a month, irrespective of the timing.

You simply think that his inability to put those exhibits on the screen is his fault and doesn't warrant a continuance; is that correct?

MR. HARTMAN: That is correct. And I would add that were we in an ordinary courtroom, he would still be expected to bring paper exhibits to present to the Court. He would not be able to submit them beforehand and then wait for you all to produce them for him.

There are always steps in every courtroom that require preparation beyond. And the preparation -- the presentation is what it is.

Knowing --

MR. SAMPSON: In fairness, he did offer to -- he's got them with him. He did offer to hold them up in court. But that's not the same as making them in the -- readily available on the screen that would be easier for us all to see.

I don't recall how we handled that other than the fact that obviously we did not elect to proceed that way. Do you believe that would be an adequate way to proceed?

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                 MR. HARTMAN: With him holding them up
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     and trying to describe them?
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
                 MR. HARTMAN: I have seen documents
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     tried to be shown that way and it is beyond
     impossible to understand what's going on,
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     especially while someone is trying to talk and
     then try to show what's going -- it's a farce when
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     it occurs and it would drag this down
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     immeasurably.
                 MR. SAMPSON: Do you think that our
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     denying a continuance for the grounds -- on the
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     grounds put forth by Mr. Mirabile is simply going
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     to get this case sent back to us?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Are you asking me to
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     predict the higher court? I can say I would not
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     think so. I see no reason why it should. It's a
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     procedural rule like anything else and if you
     don't follow it, you don't follow it.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Well, there are
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     procedural rules that have greater weight than
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     others and there is some discretion, we certainly
     have it here.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: And I'd say that you're
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     using your discretion.
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                               Right. What -- the
                 MR. SAMPSON:
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     reason I'm asking you my questions isn't for
            It's we can take a very hard line approach
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     but those of us who are members of the Bar and who
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     have had proceedings in various courts and on
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     appeal, you've probably had far more in this forum
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     than I have, I'm certain of it. But I've been in
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     court many time is and what I would prefer to
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     avoid is taking a hard line, though certainly
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     within our right to do, approach only to have --
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     it's going to cause you the delay.
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                 The case goes up on an appeal and the
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The case goes up on an appeal and the court says you should have let this guy have a continuance so that he could submit his exhibits.

There may be other reasons that he doesn't prevail in this case and so I'm trying to tease that out to suggest that -- so that my colleagues and I can consider whether in the spirit of the rules but also the efficiency of trying to determine ultimately if this is -- if we make an error in denying the continuance that this just comes back to us because the Court says you need to let him have his day in your court and put his exhibits in.

MR. HARTMAN: I understand that. And

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in response I would say that you did let him have
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     his day and he had the same opportunity as
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     everyone else.
                 You even gave him an opportunity to
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     enlist aid of those around him to try to present
     them the same way that we did. Which in and of
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     itself is a very small continuance
                 To my knowledge, he has not made any
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     effort during the course of this proceeding to try
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     to fix or change the situation.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Well, respectfully he
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     did in one sense. I think they left their video
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     and their audio on and I say they because there's
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     someone in the room with Mr. Mirabile and he took
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     over the controls there and tried to do it himself
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     and he couldn't. Even to the frustrating point
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     of some colorful language that was used.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I can understand that.
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     I had some colorful language myself when my
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     computer went down.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Yeah. Let me ask you
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     this question and then I'll be done because we all
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     have plenty of work to do and this case is as
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important as any, but I don't want to belabor points.

You're now here on the screen. When you were only able to call in it wouldn't have mattered if Mr. Mirabile had the exhibits on the screen or not because your technical error prevented you from seeing them in any event. Do you agree?

MR. HARTMAN: I do. And that would have been one, my failing. And that would have hampered me and my ability to represent and to advocate. And I would have pushed strongly to try to prevent it, but to an extent we're all at the mercy of our tools.

And whether I don't make court because my car breaks down, I still didn't make court.

MR. SAMPSON: Well, I'm going to end here. But respectfully, again, those are not automatic decisions that a court makes when someone has emergencies and particularly when you have someone who's from the community, whether the lawyers like it or not, someone from the community who doesn't have the same level of experience with these proceedings.

 $\label{eq:But thank you for those responses to} \\ \text{my questions.}$ 

Madam Chair, I have a procedural

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                We have to deliberate -- so right now
     question.
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     we have two things before us.
                 There's a motion for a continuance
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     that we would have to rule on, whether we deny it
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     or we grant it. And then we -- if we deny it, we
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     have a public deliberation required on the merits.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: If I may jump in with
     one, something that just occurred to me is --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Let's let Mr. Sampson
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     finish his question, please.
                 MR. HARTMAN: Oh, I apologize. I
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     thought he had. I apologize.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm trying to balance
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     the obstacles that Mr. Mirabile is facing but also
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     the concern certainly by Mr. Hartman and his
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     client for being able to get a ruling so that they
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     can proceed with their project.
                 I don't think we have Ms. Zauner or
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     Ms. Kannington on the computer here, but I wonder
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     if we can --
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I can get Ms. Zauner back
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     on.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I wonder if there's an
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     opportunity to get this -- let's assume the public
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     deliberation might not happen for a month any way
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based on scheduling.
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                 I wonder if there's a way to possibly
     get, if we grant the continuance, to get this in
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     between now and when we would have a public
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     deliberation any way just thinking for us. I want
     to make sure that we tease out all the angles.
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                 But those are my thoughts.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Hold on. I'm trying to
     find our calendar to see --
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                 MR. LAUER: Madam Chair, I just have a
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     question of Mr. Hartman.
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                 Mr. Hartman, if you had a copy of the
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     exhibits e-mailed to you as they were to Board
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     members at this point, would you have any
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     objection to Mr. Mirabile's presenting them even
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     though he couldn't put them on the screen? Do you
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     understand what I'm saying, sir?
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                 MR. HARTMAN: I do. If they were made
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     available to me.
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                 MR. LAUER: Yes.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: That would, again, still
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     be the decision of the Board as to whether that
     was sufficient.
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                            I'm asking if you would
                 MR. LAUER:
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     consider it sufficient or not, sir.
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MR. HARTMAN: I would abide by the Board's decision on whether that was sufficient.

I would certainly make due with what the Board decided.

Furthermore, something that has

Furthermore, something that has occurred to me during this conversation is that Mr. Mirabile did not have the Rule 8 document and he is not -- so if he is not here as the Appellant, does he even have the standing to make a motion for a continuance?

MR. SAMPSON: Well, I do appreciate that statement and that was something that I was alluding to when I said substantive issues aside, you now focus to the more procedural issues. So I appreciate that.

MS. DOPKIN: I looked at that briefly and we will rule on that. But it appears that the Association properly filed their appeal in a manner consistent with our rules so that we would have a legitimate, valid appellant in this case.

We may not have someone -- we may or may not have someone who has been Rule 8 qualified to testify, because Rule 8 only addresses someone's ability to testify.

But once we had a valid appellant

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     under I believe the Crown case, the Crown
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     Development, our rules of standing are very broad.
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                 So we give a lot of latitude,
     especially to community members and I believe that
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     Mr. Mirabile would be able to testify personally
     at this hearing or a subsequent hearing on his own
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     behalf.
                 Whether or not someone is in a
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     position to testify for the association is a
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     different question.
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                 However, there are a few other
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     concerns regarding a continuation in that at this
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     time it would be virtual and unless Mr. Mirabile
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     or the Association can overcome their technical
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     issues, we would be exactly in the same position.
                 We will take that into consideration.
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     We have the ability to deliberate now on the
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     continuance or to take it under advisement.
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                 The next time Mr. -- from a scheduling
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     point of view, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Lauer and I will
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     both be at a 9:00 a.m. deliberation on March 29th.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: I'm looking. I can be
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     available that morning.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: From 9:00 to 10:00
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     because there is a 10:00 a.m. hearing following
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1 that. 2 So what I am going to propose, and I 3 believe Ms. Zauner is listening, is that we let Mr. Hartman do his closing argument. We 4 5 deliberate, we schedule a deliberation on March 29th at which time we will consider the request 6 7 for continuance and/or -- and possibly the merits 8 of the case depending on our determination on the continuance. 9 10 I will have to ask Mr. Mirabile that if our continuance is granted and is also on 11 12 computer, will you be able to overcome these 13 technical issues to present, and it will give you 14 at least between -- the continuance would not 15 occur until some time after March 29th. But you 16 would have to be fully prepared to go forward if 17 we do so. 18 Will you be able to do that? MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. Now that I 19 20 know the roadway, I will be prepared for that. 21 Yes, ma'am. 22 MS. DOPKIN: If that is -- thank you. 23 MR. SAMPSON: Let me make clear, Chair

Dopkin, so we're all on the same page. Mr. Doak

will not be required to be at that proceeding

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     unless I suppose Mr. Mirabile wants to pay him --
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     not that proceeding, but if there's a continuance
     granted whatever parameters you set I don't
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     believe that Mr. Doak can be required to be there.
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     He's here. He's being paid.
                 So it would be limited to Mr. Mirabile
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     presenting his case through whatever witnesses he
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     is able to secure by agreement or I suppose he can
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     follow the subpoena process. Do you agree?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I do. And I think Mr.
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     Lauer does as well.
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                 MR. LAUER:
                             I do.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. Mr. Mirabile,
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     do you understand what Mr. Sampson is saying?
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I want to clarify that.
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     If I subpoena Mr. Doak, will I have to pay him?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I do not believe --
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                 MR. SAMPSON: That's a good question.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: I can't answer that.
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                 MR. MIRABILE:
                                Because subpoena power
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     demands a person to be there. He'll have to
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     defend himself with these exhibits.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Well he doesn't have to
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     defend himself. He's not accused of anything.
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     He's a witness. He doesn't have to defend
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himself.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Well, you may want to
     consult with an attorney about how to proceed or
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     perhaps with People's Counsel, but we can't give
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     you legal advice.
                 MR. MIRABILE: I understand that. I'm
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     sorry. I don't mean to interrupt. I'm sorry. I
     understand that.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: You'll have time to sort
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     that out.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Ma'am, can I ask Mr.
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     Doak right now, he's listening in --
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                 MR. SAMPSON:
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                 MR. MIRABILE: I can't -- what his
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     hourly rate is?
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Oh.
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     all of that outside of these proceedings.
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Okay.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: All right. I think we
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     are now at a point where Mr. Hartman can offer his
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     closing argument.
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                 MR. HARTMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                 In order for a variance to be granted,
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     there must be a showing under Cromwell v. Ward
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     that the property is unique in a manner which
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makes it unlike the surrounding properties and
that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate
variance relief.

In this situation the issue of uniqueness, the factual determination of the uniqueness of this property has already been found twice by two different judges.

What makes this property unique is that it was originally designed and set up to be a fast food restaurant to allow traffic to circle and to -- customers to approach from the front and then leave quickly.

This makes it very difficult to be used as a car dealer and -- used as a car dealership. To that end, the variance was granted to allow many of these rules to not apply to the property beforehand.

What Mr. Shahzad is asking now is to expand with an addition that would allow him to further pursue his business, to expand that business into repairs that would not in any strong way alter the property's effect on the surrounding community.

It would still be properly zoned. It would still be doing exactly what it's doing now

only better, which would be better for everyone.

If the uniqueness property is found which it should be as it has been before -- sorry. If the variance relief is denied, the Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship. That is the second part of the Cromwell v. Ward test. In this situation, as it was explained by Mr. Doak, not granting it would continue to keep Mr. Shahzad ferrying and transporting his vehicles in need of repair back and forth from wherever it is he has to have them repaired which does create a practical hardship.

Moving cars is its own business, it's so difficult. So the idea that he has to then tow his own cars, to have them replaced, to bring them back, to have them fixed is just extremely difficult and needlessly and impractically difficult.

The ability to take a care in need of repair and just slide it into the addition out of sight, out of mind, have it fixed, sell it would be -- overcome that hardship greatly and easily.

With regard to the issue of the road which has been brought up and addressed many times. The paper road here is -- one is already

being used a great deal as a parking lot, or a junk yard essentially by the property behind it.

But Mr. Shahzad has already agreed and empowered me to state to the Board that he has agreed to move his fence back to actually open up that road which is not being used as a road, to any kind of through traffic that would require it. That is a big demonstration of what he's willing to do in order to comply with the need of the community and try to make his business more amenable to those around him.

And I think that needs to be considered.

The permit variances that were requested at the trial that was appealed was the addition of the -- the addition and the lowering of the number of cars that would be present on the lot from 50 to 30. Now this should be a greater of a decision because this is essentially asking for less. This is a concession that he is making because if he were to try to keep 50 vehicles in the property with the addition then it would become quite unsightly as, it just being completely junked up with so many cars.

He acknowledges that. He doesn't want

that to happen. He wants -- so he's agreed to 30 cars on his lot which should satisfy this Board as it satisfied the ALJ before.

In conclusion, the granting of this variance seems very straightforward when you get down to the substance of facts.

What Mr. Doak presented was an in depth, very specific examination of the facts of this case, of this property and how it would change. And the reality of that is that the change of the addition benefits Mr. Shahzad and does not harm anyone else, does not infringe on anyone else.

And the earlier issue of these non-functional cars not being allowed in view has been addressed by having them taken indoors to be fixed. There's no appearance of a junk yard and it is in keeping with the properties around it which is a golf cart repair and an auto shop and a liquor store. Nothing is being affected. No one should be objecting to any of this.

It's our conclusion, again, I would ask that the Court -- that the Board grant this petition.

Thank you.

MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Hartman.

Mr. Mirabile, do you have a closing argument you
wish to present?

MR. MIRABILE: Yes, ma'am. I won't be able to really -- due to the situation, I will not be able to give a full closing argument because of the reason we just discussed. And in fact I want everybody to know, I have also put a lot of work into this and when I'm -- when and if I'm allowed, whether it's before you, your Board or the Circuit Court, will show that many things have been -- are different than what have been presented to this Board.

I also want to say that -- I wrote something down -- that's about it, really. I would appreciate if you could honestly consider this because -- continuance because I did what, everything I thought I had to do according to the rules.

And that's it. That's really all I can say. I cannot give an adequate debate on that or adequate response because I've not been able to present my case. And I think once this court or another court should hear my case, I think you would be -- I think your mindsets would be swayed

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     about -- towards what I would have to present.
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                 That's about it. That's all I can
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     say.
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                 MS. DOPKIN:
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                 MR. MIRABILE: Your Honor, again, I do
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     not blame you or the other judges for the
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     situation that's at hand because of the pandemic,
     but I do think it's over with. I think we should
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     go on with in person and the one judge is right.
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     I think in court we wouldn't be presented with
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     this situation of why I was a little bit upset
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     about the procedures here.
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                 But I don't blame you or the other
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     judges and I appreciate your interest in
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     everything. I do. All of you.
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                 MS. DOPKIN: Thank you, Mr. Mirabile.
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     Unless the Board members have anything to add, I'm
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     going to conclude this hearing. We have scheduled
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     a deliberation on March 29th, probably at 9:30.
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     And if there's nothing further, Mr. Sampson, Mr.
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     Lauer.
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                 MR. SAMPSON: Nothing further. Thank
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     you, Madam Chair.
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                 MR. LAUER: Nothing further.
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MS. DOPKIN: I'm going off the record.
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     Thank you all for your participation and I look
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     forward to the next one.
                  Thank you. Have a good day.
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