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December 26, 2023

Leah Biddinger — <u>leahmbiddinger@gmail.com</u> Sussex Community Association, Inc. 327 Margaret Avenue Essex, MD 21221

RE:

Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 2023-0026-SPH Property: 323 Riverside Drive

Dear Ms. Biddinger:

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,

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

(323 Riverside Drive)

15th Election District

7th Council District

Sandra Rivera

Legal Owners

Sussex Community Association, Inc.

Petitioner

* BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

* ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 2023-0026-SPH

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH)" as a Petition for Special Hearing filed by Sussex Community Association, Inc., ("SCA"), Leah Biddinger, Kathaleen Walker Beard, Terry Horrocks, Katlyn Dorn, David Tooma, Bernie and Sharon Faloney and Dawn Hirsch. The Petition seeks relief from Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") for a legal determination of the following questions:

- 1.) Is the current use of the property as a storage lot for vehicles in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning?
- 2.) Is the current use of the property commercial in nature and in violation of its DR 5.5 zoning?
- 3.) Does the current storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitute a violation of BCZR Section 428.1?
- 4.) Does the property and its usage otherwise comply with all other applicable Baltimore County Zoning Regulations?

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Planning ("DOP") and from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS").

The following were in attendance at the hearing: Leah Biddinger from Sussex Community Association, Inc. and Terry Horrocks, the resident of the property directly across Riverside Drive from the subject property. Tenant of the subject property, Tita Nwanna was also in attendance,

while Assistant County Attorney, Marissa Merrick, appeared on behalf of Baltimore County.

HEARING EVIDENCE

The subject property is in the Essex Community. It is approximately 39,878 sq. ft., 0.915 acres and is zoned DR 5.5. The site is improved with a single family detached dwelling, which the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation lists as being homeowner occupied. The property has a fence enclosing the front yard and a gated driveway. The property has prior zoning, Case No. 2007 -0326 A, which approved the construction of a fence with 10 feet of the adjoining front yard property line with a height of 72 inches in lieu of the permitted 42 inches. Baltimore County Citizen Access shows over 19 Code Enforcement Complaints for the property from December 2006 to November 2022. The majority of these complaints stem from untagged and inoperable vehicles being parked on the property. The property is surrounded by the DR 5.5 zone and single family detached dwellings. There have been 10 Code Enforcement violations since August of 2020 for which no one has appeared to respond to the citations from the subject property and fines and liens have been assessed.

Ms. Biddinger submitted into evidence aerial photos of the subject property dated January 22, 2023 which illustrated the presence of at least 15 cars, a limousine, RV, and a boat on this date. (Pet. Ex 4-1 through 4-7). She described that there is a stream that intersects the subject property that drains into Back River. (Pet. Ex. 4-9). Ms. Biddinger explained that trucks hauling car-carrier trailers deliver and remove vehicles from the subject property sometimes several times a week and at times varying throughout the day and night. She provided photos of such a trailer on Baltimore County property located across from the subject site, where she explained that disabled vehicles were often delivered, worked-on, and then driven onto the subject property. (Pet. Ex. 4-9 through 4-12). Pet Ex. 13 illustrates vehicles delivered directly in front of the

subject property, one with an out-of-state license plate and one appearing to be untagged. Ms. Biddinger provided another aerial photo of the property where as many as 31 cars are parked on the site. (Pet. Ex 4-23.)

Ms. Biddinger provided a photograph of a truck which she described as delivery vehicles to the subject property on multiple occasions and has been seen parked in other locations in the community. The company name on this truck is "London Towing and Transport & Roadside Assistance (Expedited Vehicle Shipping anywhere in the USA, (Pet. Ex 4-24). This vehicle displayed a USDOT number of 2499673. (Pet. Ex 4-25). A check of the Safer website reveals that this vehicle is listed to London Auto Sales Inc. (Pet. Ex. 4-30). A check of the Maryland SDAT website reveals that "London Auto Sales, Inc." has a resident agent listed as Tita Nwanna. (Pet. Ex 4-31).

Ms. Biddinger testified that vehicles often arrive on the car carrier in an inoperable condition and have to be worked on to be driven onto the subject property. Ms. Biddinger provided a photo of a car, still on the carrier, receiving a hot shot from another vehicle near the subject property. (Pet. Ex 4-12).

Terry Horrocks, who has lived directly across Riverside Drive from the subject property since 2018, testified that he sees car carriers delivering cars to the subject property several times a week. He noted that these vehicles sometimes have Florida license tags. He explained that on occasion wrecked cars have been left outside the subject property, along Riverside Drive. He states that these vehicles sometimes stay for several weeks. Mr. Horrocks expressed his environmental concerns that the apparent unregulated commercial use of the subject property for the storge of vehicles may cause to pollute the stream that leads to Back River. Mr. Horrocks commented that he has cordial interaction with the residents of the subject property and the

individuals who deliver vehicles to the subject property, who at times, have blocked the entrance to Mr. Horrocks' property.

Tita Nwanna, tenant of 323 Riverside Drive, testified regarding his use of the subject property. Mr. Nwanna testified that he has lived at the property for approximately three years and has two brothers who are tenants at the property as well. Mr. Nwanna explained that he and his brothers are car enthusiasts and own several cars among them. He explained that his one brother, owned four cars, but was unable to identify the make and model of these vehicles. He explained that his brother has owned these four cars for over three years. He stated that his other brother owned five cars and Mr. Nwanna was able to specifically describe 3 of these vehicles as Mr. Nwanna testified to owning 10 vehicles which he often two Toyotas and one Nissan. transports to car shows. When asked to identify the make of these vehicles, he testified to specifically owning a limousine, a Suburban, a GMC, 2 Dodge Chargers, 2 Dodge Challengers and 3 Dodge Rams (totaling 8 cars). He explained that the last car show he attended was in Atlanta. Mr. Nwanna stated that he is not presently employed and spends his time with his children and working on his cars. When asked about the truck with the "London" insignia he explained that the truck and trailer were his and used for transporting cars but was not used for business purposes. When first questioned as to whether "London" was registered with Maryland SDAT he answered in the negative. When confronted with the fact that this truck was registered to "London Auto Sales, Inc." he explained that the truck was just for personal use and that he was only the registered agent for "London Auto Sales, Inc.". SDAT Articles of Incorporation reflect that Mr. Nwanna was an incorporator and a director of London Auto Sales Inc. The use of the Corporation provided in these Articles of Incorporation was "to provide automotive services to the general public, including, without limitation sales, service, and rental and related services.

When asked about the photos and testimony regarding vehicles being delivered to his property, he explained that only his cars returning from show are transported to his property and that the photos and videos entered into evidence did not specifically show the vehicles being taken into his property. He further opined that the car trailers spotted traveling on Riverside Drive were going to and from "Kings Motors" that is located nearby. Mr. Nwanna continued to assert that all vehicles located on his property are lawfully tagged and licensed.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A Special Hearing under BCZR Section 500.7 is effectively a request for declaratory judgment. *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 209 (2006). Here the Petitioner seek a declaration that the alleged use of the subject property as a storage lot for vehicles is not in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning, the current use of the property is commercial in nature and in violation of its DR 5.5 zoning; and that the alleged current storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitutes a violation of BCZR Section 428.1.

A decision on the Petitioner's Request for Special Hearing must be based on the relevant evidence presented during the hearing before the ALJ. Maryland Rule 5-401 defines relevant evidence as "evidence having any tendency to make the existence of any fact that is consequence to the determination of the action more probable or less probable than it would be without the evidence." Relevant evidence can be both direct or circumstantial.

The Maryland Panel Jury Instructions defines direct and circumstantial evidence as follows:

There are two types of evidence--direct and circumstantial. An example of direct evidence that it is raining is when you look out the courthouse window and see that it is raining. An example of circumstantial evidence that it is raining is when you see someone come into the courthouse with a raincoat and umbrella that are dripping water.

The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to either direct or circumstantial evidence. No greater degree of certainty is required of

circumstantial evidence than of direct evidence.

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A. Is the current use of the Subject Property commercial in nature and in compliance with its DR 5.5 Zoning?

The general uses in D.R. zones include, but are not limited to, uses such as residential dwellings, trailers, mobile homes, churches, farms, garages, hospitals, local open space, private day care or nursery programs, and schools. Uses permitted by Special Exception include, but are not limited to: camps, conservatories, community buildings, community care centers, funeral establishments, television studios and volunteer fire stations. An automobile storge lot is neither permitted by right nor Special Exception in the D.R. 5.5 Zone (BCZR Section 1B01.1). As there is no specific Baltimore County regulation limiting the number of operable automobiles parked on a residential property, the relevant factual determination to be made in the requested Special Hearing relief is whether the storage of vehicles at the subject property is commercial in nature.

In reviewing the aerial photos of the subject site entered into evidence by the Petitioner, the number of vehicles present has varied from approximately 15 to over 30. (Pet. Ex 4-2, 4-7, and 4-23). While not dispositive of the issue, it is logical to conclude that this number of vehicles is not normally found on a residential property.

Both Ms. Biddinger and Mr. Horrocks testified to seeing cars being delivered by trailer to the subject property on a regular, if not weekly, basis. These cars are sometimes inoperable and display out of state tags. Mr. Horrocks testified to wrecked vehicles being left on the road outside the subject property as well. Both the frequency of cars being delivered and the condition of these vehicles is inconsistent with Mr. Nwanna's testimony that he and his brothers own a finite number of vehicles that he transports to "shows."

When initially questioned regarding his vocation, Mr. Nwanna testified that he was not employed, but rather took care of his children and worked on his cars. Mr. Nwanna was specifically asked whether he had a car business registered with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation ("SDAT"), to which he responded in the negative. When asked about his connection to the truck with the "London" insignia often seen delivering vehicles to his property, he replied that "my company is called London" but that the truck was his for personal use. He still denied that the truck was used for business purposes, but rather used to transport his cars to shows. When asked to provide a description of the cars located on his property, Mr. Nwanna described that he owned 10, one brother owned 5 and his other brother owned 4, totaling 19 cars. When asked again how many vehicles were on his property presently when all cars were present, he stated "12 or 13, 15 at most."

When Ms. Biddinger, on cross examination, presented Mr. Nwanna with information from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Safety and Fitness Electronic Records ("SAFER Web") showing that the truck was owned by London Auto Sales, Inc., he continued to assert that it was only for private use. When confronted with the fact that London Auto Sales, Inc. was a business listed with SDAT, he asserted that he only served as the company's resident agent. This testimony is inconsistent with SDAT records showing him as an incorporator and director of the corporation.

Due to the contradictory and inconsistent testimony of Mr. Nwanna, and the circumstantial inferences that can be drawn by the regular transport of various vehicles to and from the subject property, and the number of vehicles stored on the property, I find that Mr. Nwanna's assertion that he is not using the subject property in conjunction with a commercial operation lacks credibility. While Mr. Nwanna is not the owner of the subject property, his use of the property for

vehicle storage for commercial purposes is inconsistent with uses designated for D.R. zones and constitutes a violation of D.R. 5.5 Zoning. Consequently, I find that the Petitioners' Request for Special Hearing relief is granted as to whether the use of the subject property as a storage lot for vehicles is in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning, and whether the current use of the property is commercial in nature and in violation of its DR 5.5 zoning.

B. Is the alleged current storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitutes a violation of BCZR Section 428.1.?

BCZR Section 428.1 addressing the storage of inoperative and unlicensed motor vehicles on residential lots reads as follows:

Section 428.1. - Vehicle storage on residential lots.

- An inoperative motor vehicle may not be stored outside on a residential lot.
- B. An unlicensed motor vehicle may not be stored outside on a residential lot except under the following conditions:
 - 1. Outside storage (i.e., not within a fully enclosed structure) for a period not exceeding 15 days, unless extended by the Zoning Commissioner, in any calendar year is permitted for no more than one such vehicle per dwelling unit per year.
 - 2. The vehicle may not be stored in a front or side yard unless placed in a driveway or other off-street parking area, and the vehicle may not be stored in a rear yard unless placed at least eight feet from any property line.
 - 3. The owner of the vehicle must reside on the lot upon which the vehicle is stored.
 - 4. The vehicle may not be used or dismantled for parts.
- C. Nothing contained in Subsection B shall be construed to prohibit the outside storage of unlicensed but operative farm tractors or farm equipment actually and regularly used on a farm, farmette or satellite farm.

The subject property has been previously cited by Code Enforcement for the presence of unlicensed vehicles. Testimony provided by Ms. Biddinger and Mr. Horrocks clearly illustrated that inoperable vehicles are often brought to the subject property and stored within. What could not be substantiated by the Petitioner is whether such vehicles are presently on the subject property. To determine whether such a violation is presently taking place requires a first-hand inspection of such vehicles to assess whether they are properly licensed and operable. I believe such a determination is better served by the contemporaneous observations of Code Enforcement officials when possible. While I am able to grant Special Hearing relief in declaring that the storage of inoperable vehicles on the subject property constitutes a violation of BCZR Section 428.1, I decline to declare that such vehicles are currently on the subject property.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>26th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2023 by this Administrative Law Judge that the Petition for Special Hearing is hereby **GRANTED**, and it is hereby **DECLARED** as follows:

- 1.) The current use of the property as a storage lot for vehicles is not in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning.
- 2.) The current use of the property is commercial in nature and in violation of its DR5.5 zoning.
- 3.) The storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitutes a violation of BCZR Section 428.1, **however**, I am unable to declare that such vehicles are present on the property at this time.

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

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

AMB:dlm



PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County for the property located at:

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Petition for Special Hearing > 323 Riverside Drive | Essex, Maryland 20224

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- 1. Is the current use of the property as a storage lot for vehicles in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning?
- 2. Is the current use of the property commercial in nature and in violation of its DR 5.5 zoning?
- 3. Does the current storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitute a violation of BCZR Section 428.1?
- 4. Does the property and its usage otherwise comply with all other applicable Baltimore County Zoning Regulations?

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ZONING DESCRIPTION #323 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

BEGINNING at a point on the northeast side of Riverside Drive which is 50 feet wide at the distance of 197.5 feet northwest of the centerline of Cedar Avenue which is 50 feet wide. Being Lots 23, 24, and 25, Block 2I, in the subdivision of Essex as recorded in the Baltimore County Plat Book #9, Folio #74, containing 39,878 square feet, more or less. Also known as #323 Riverside Drive and located in the 15th Election District, 7th Councilmanic District.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

CASE NO. <u>2023-0026-SPH</u>	
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Leah Biddinger	CASE # 2023-0026-SPH The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, with bold a virtual hearing (via Weblex) on the property identified herein as follows: SPECIAL HEARING: From the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") Secton 500.7, to determine the following:
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 2/22/2023

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2023-026-SPH

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 323 Riverside Drive

Petitioner: Sussex Community Association Inc. et al.

Zoning: DR 5.5

Requested Action: Special Hearing

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to determine:

- 1. If the current use of the property as a storage lot for vehicles is in compliance with its DR 5.5 zoning;
- 2. If the current use of the property is commercial in nature and in violation of its DR 5.5 zoning;
- 3. If the current storage of inoperable vehicles on the property constitutes a violation of BCZR Section 428.1; and
- 4. If the property and its usage otherwise comply with all other applicable Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

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Based on the Department of Planning's review of the submitted petition and the Zoning Regulations, the use of the property as a storage lot is not consistent with the DR 5.5 zoning.

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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: February 24, 2023

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0026-SPH

Address: 323 Riverside Dr. Legal Owner: Sandra Rivera

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 27, 2023.

 \underline{X} The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has reviewed the subject zoning petition for compliance with the goals of the State-mandated Critical Area Law listed in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 500.14. Based upon this review, we offer the following comments:

1. Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

The subject property is located within an Intensely Developed Area (IDA) of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (CBCA) and is subject to Critical Area requirements. Any proposed development of the property must meet IDA requirements for 10% pollution reduction. The lot is not waterfront but a stream is present on the property. A 100-foot non-disturbance buffer off the stream is required. Any proposed or ongoing impact to the buffer requires a Critical Area Administrative Variance. If the applicant complies with any mitigation required to meet 10% pollution reduction and 100-foot buffer requirements, the requested amendment will result in minimal adverse impacts to water quality.

2. Conserve fish, plant, and wildlife habitat;

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3. Be consistent with established land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts;

This is a grandfathered lot. Provided that the applicants meet the IDA requirements for 10% pollution reduction for any new development and that 100-foot buffer requirements are met, then the relief requested will be consistent with the established land-use policies.

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Libby Errickson 2/24/23

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 2/22/2023

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2023-026-SPH

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 323 Riverside Drive

Petitioner: Sussex Community Association Inc. et al.

Zoning: DR 5.5

Requested Action: Special Hearing

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to determine:

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Peter Max Zimmerman/rmw

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio /rmw

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 17th day of February, 2023, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was emailed to Donny Ankri, 6803 Cherokee Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21209, DA@donnyankri.com, Representative for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman/rmw

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE OFFICE 323 Riverside Drive; NE/S of Riverside Drive, 195' NW of Cedar Avenue * OF ADMINSTRATIVE 15th Election & 7th Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): Sandra Rivera * HEARINGS FOR Petitioner(s) * BALTIMORE COUNTY * 2023-026-SPH * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of February, 2023, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was emailed to Leah Biddinger, President, Sussex Community Associations, Inc., 327 Margaret Avenue, Essex, MD 21221, Leahmbiddinger@gmail.com, Representative for Petitioner(s).

<u>Peter Max Zimmerman/rmw</u>

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

- RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
 1309 Malvern Avenue; SE/S of Malvern
 Avenue, SW 125' to c/line of Ruxton Road
 9th Election & 2nd Councilmanic Districts
 Legal Owner(s): Robert Williams
 Petitioner(s)
- * BEFORE THE OFFICE
- * OF ADMINSTRATIVE
- * HEARINGS FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * 2023-028-SPH

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JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

C. PETE GUTWALD, AICP, Director Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

Note To File:

February 10, 2023

RE: Case No. 2023-0026-SPHA Special Hearing 323 Riverside Drive

To the Administrative Law Judge:

This letter serves to clarify the uncommon request by the petitioners in this case. The Sussex Community Association, Inc. has filed this petition, as they believe it, relates to conditions at this property. The property has been the subject of numerous Code Enforcement complaints, and Zoning Review has previously provided the community association with answers to these questions. The community association feels it is in their best interest to have these questions answered by the Administrative Law Judge.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Shaun Crawford

Planner

Zoning Review

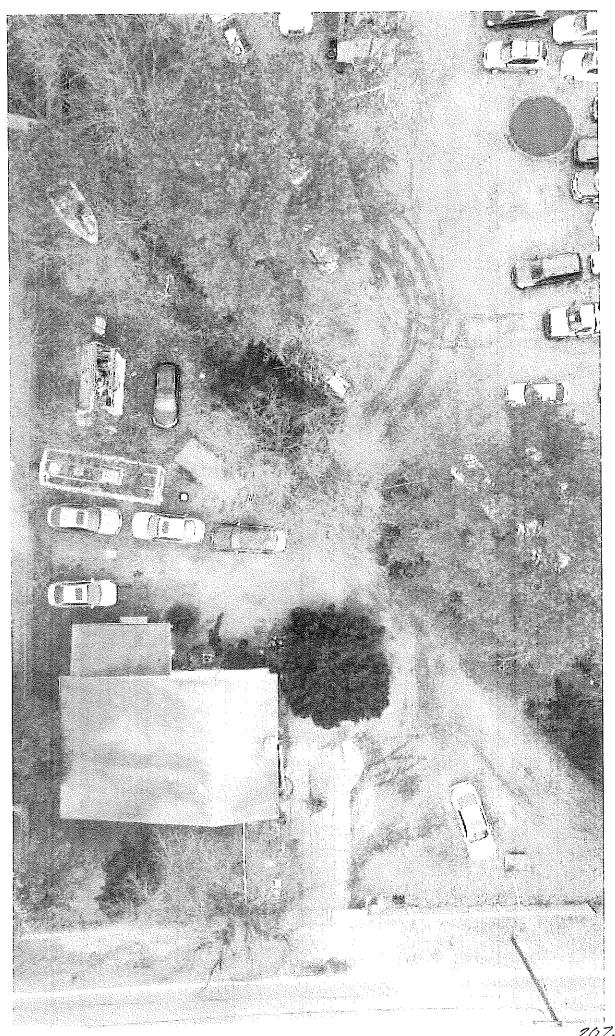








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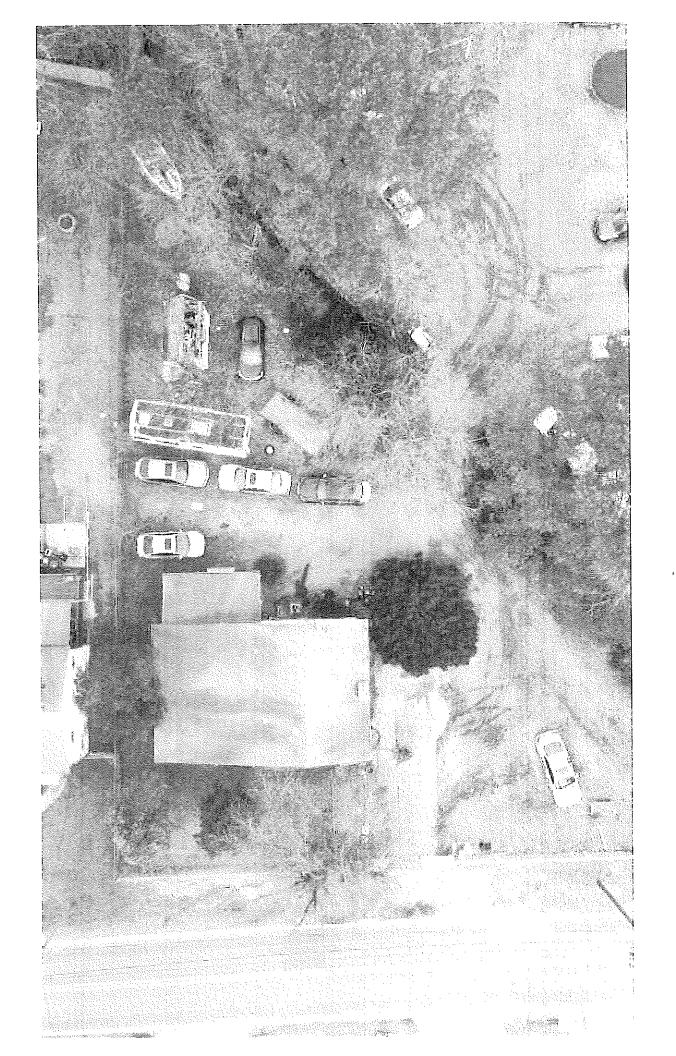
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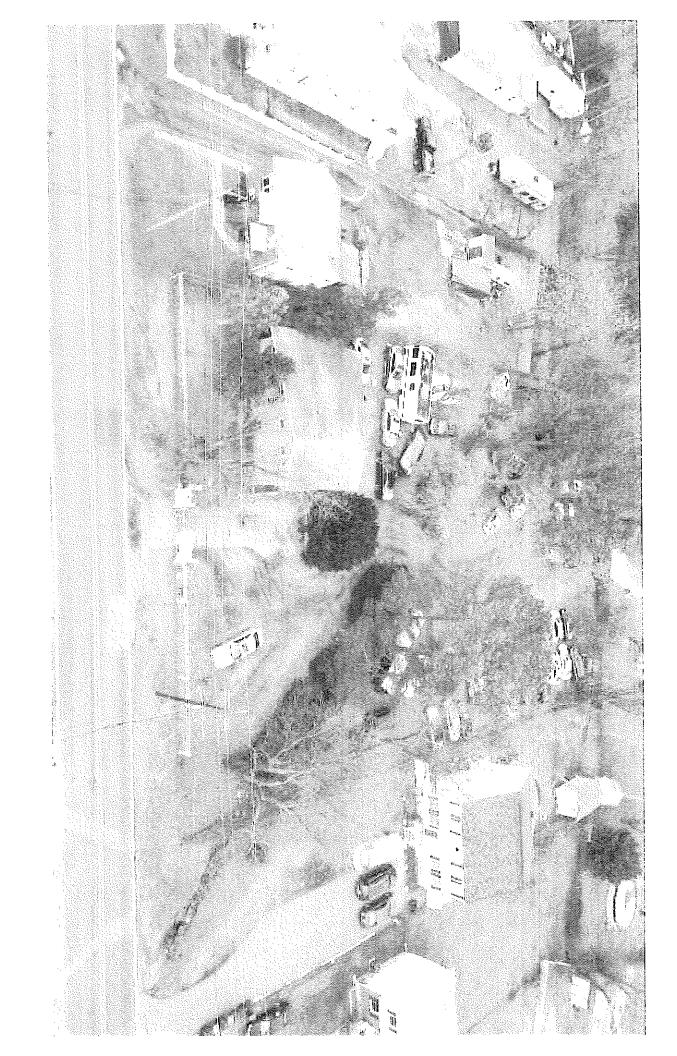
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ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ROOM 123, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING DISTRIBUTION MEETING February 20, 2023 FORMAL OR INFORMAL RESPONSE DUE AT February 27, 2023 Meeting

* Agenda Only+ Agenda and Petition& Agenda and Plat# Agenda, Petition and Plat

Distribution:

- * Administrative Law Judge, Commissioner (Paul M. Mayhew), MS #4103, dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov; dmignon@baltimorecountymd.gov
- * PAI, Zoning Review H.O. Hearing File (Kristen Lewis), klewis@baltimorecountymd.gov
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* Highways (Tom Hargis), MS #1003 thargis@baltimorecountymd.gov

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- & State Highway Administration, Access Permits Division (Steven Autry), SAutry@mdot.maryland.gov
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- # DEPS (Jeff Livingston) 2 copies of each, MS # 1319, jlivingston@baltimorecountymd.gov; Steve Ford, sford@baltimorecountymd.gov
- # IF FLOODPLAIN, Maryland Department of the Environment, kevin.wagner@maryland.gov
- # Public Works (Terry Curtis), MS #1315, tcurtis@baltimorecountymd.gov
- * IF ELDERLY HOUSING, Community Development, MS #1102M
- * IF TOWER, Tower Coordinator, c/o OIT, MS #2007
- # IF HELICOPTER, Police Department, Aviation Unit (Officer Taylor or Sgt. Wines)
- # IF PAWN SHOP, Police Department, Burglary/Pawn Unit (Det. Kropfelder), MS #1102E

The attached information is being forwarded to you for comment. Your comments should reflect any conflicts with the codes, standards, or regulations of your office or department. Development representatives that attend the meeting should be prepared to submit their agency's response as either "no comment", "written comment" or "more review time required" within one week at the next meeting. If no written response is received within two weeks, it is assumed that your agency has "no comment". All written comments must reference the ZAC item number. All comments received will be compiled and included in the zoning/development file for review and consideration by the hearing officer during the course of the upcoming zoning/development hearing.

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If you have any questions regarding a particular zoning petition, please contact the Zoning Review Planner (see initials after item number) at 410-887-3391.

Case Number: 2023-0025-A

Reviewer: Jason Seidelman

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Blackwater Development, LLC

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: Yes Flood Plain: Yes Historic: No. Election Dist: 12 Council Dist: 7

Property Address: 8622 SANDY PLAINS RD

Location: Property located on the Northeast side of Sandy Plains (40 feet), 581 feet Southeast of Quentin Rd. (60

feet).

Existing Zoning: DR 3.5

Area: 8,480 SQ FT.

Proposed Zoning:

VARIANCE:

BCZR 1B02.3.C.1: To permit a replacement dwelling with a combined sum of side yard setback of 20 feet and a lot

width at the foundation line of 47 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet and 70 feet, respectively.

Attorney: Not Available Prior Zoning Cases: None Concurrent Cases: None Violation Cases: None

Closing Date:

Case Number: 2023-0026-SPH

Reviewer: Shaun Crawford

Existing Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: SPECIAL HEARING Legal Owner: Sandra Rivera

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

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

Property Address: 323 RIVERSIDE DR

Location: Property located beginning at the Northeast side of Riverside, 195 feet Northwest of Cedar Ave.

Existing Zoning: DR 5.5

Area: 39,878 SQ FT.

Proposed Zoning: SPECIAL HEARING:

BCZR 500.7: To determine the following:

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Attorney: Not Available

Prior Zoning Cases: 2007-0326-A

Concurrent Cases: None Violation Cases: cc2214605

Closing Date:

Case Number: 2023-0027-A Reviewer: Jason Seidelman Existing Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Michael and Lauren Andrews

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No Election Dist: 6 Council Dist: 3

Property Address: 10 TIMBERSHED CT

Location: Property located on the Northwest side of Timbershed Ct. (50 feet), 2210 feet Southwest of Slab Bridge Rd.

Existing Zoning: RC 8 (RC 4)

Area: 2.95 ACRES

Proposed Zoning:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE:

BCZR 400.1 and 400.3: To permit an accessory building (detached garage) to be located in the front/side yards with a

height of 22 feet in lieu of the required rear yard placement and maximum height of 15 feet, respectively.

Attorney: Not Available Prior Zoning Cases: None Concurrent Cases: None Violation Cases: None Closing Date: 03/13/2023

Miscellaneous Notes:

Case Number: 2023-0028-SPH Reviewer: Gary Hucik Existing Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: SPECIAL HEARING
Legal Owner: Robert Williams

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: Yes Historic: No Election Dist: 9 Council Dist: 2

Property Address: 1309 MALVERN AVE

Location: Property located on the Southeast side of Malvern Ave. Southwest 125 feet to centerline of Ruxton Rd.

Existing Zoning: DR 2

Area: 1.65 ACRES

Proposed Zoning: SPECIAL HEARING:

Special Hearing/Waiver from Section 500.7 of BCZR; Building Code Parts 123, 124, 125; and BCC Sections 32-4-414, 32-4-107 (a) (2), and 32-8-301: To permit a proposed second story addition on an existing house which is partially

located in a riverine floodplain.

Attorney: Not Available
Prior Zoning Cases: None
Concurrent Cases: None
Violation Cases: None

Closing Date:

Case Number: 2023-0029-A

Reviewer: Christina Frink

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Douglas and Amy Honbarrier

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Election Dist: 11 Council Dist: 3 Historic: No

Property Address: 12538 REGWOOD RD

Location: Property located on the West side of Regwood Rd.; 75 feet South of Upland Rd.

Existing Zoning: RC 5; RC 2

Area: 3.31 ACRES

Proposed Zoning:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE:

BCZR 400.1: To allow an accessory structure (detached garage) in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard.

BCZR 400.3: To allow an accessory structure (detached garage) with a height of 28 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet.

Attorney: Not Available Prior Zoning Cases: None Concurrent Cases: None Violation Cases: None Closing Date: 03/13/2023

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