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Administrative Law Judge

May 7, 2024

Howard Alderman, Esquire – halderman@aldermanlaw.net 7505 Mount Vista Road Kingsville, MD 21087

RE:

Petition for Special Hearing & Variance

Case No: 2024-0067-SPHA Property: 8909 Harford Road

Dear Mr. Alderman:

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,

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

DJB:dlm Enclosure

C: Kings Construction, LLC – <u>dlc@kingconstructioninc.com</u> Patrick Richardson – <u>rick@richardsonengineering.com</u> IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE
(8909 Harford Road) * OFFICE OF

9th Election District * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Full House Management, LLC

Legal Owners * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Kings Construction, LLC

Contract Purchasers * Case No: 2024-0067-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for consideration of a Petition for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of the legal owner, Full House Management, LLC, and lessee, Kings Construction, LLC ("Petitioners"), for the property located at 8909 Harford Road, Parkville, Baltimore County, Maryland ("Property"). A Special Hearing is requested pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 409.8B for business parking in a portion of the DR 3.5 zone for the existing and proposed improvements shown on the Site Plan accompanying the petition, to confirm that the applicable side yard setback for a proposed addition is 7.5 ft. per BCZR, § 229.6.C.2, and any other relief as the nature of this case may require for approval of the continued use of the existing and proposed building, parking areas and uses as shown on the Site Plan.

In the alternative, variance relief is also requested. However, variances are not required for the proposed one-story addition or for the existing office building. Pursuant to BCZR § 229.6, permitted uses shall be subject to certain bulk and area regulations, except that the required setback, height and floor area restrictions do not apply to buildings that existed legally or which were approved by the county before the date of passage of Bill No. 180-1995. BCZR § 229.6. Per the SDAT Report included in the file, I find that the existing improvements were constructed in

1956 and predate Bill No. 180-1995. Moreover, the existing and continued use of the property as offices are a permitted use in this CB zoning district. Therefore, I find that the existing office building is a lawful nonconforming structure and as the use remains a permitted use setback restrictions do not apply, thus relieving the property from obtaining variance relief for the existing structure. Setbacks do apply to the proposed rear addition and those will be evaluated below pursuant to BCZR § 229.6.C.2.

A public hearing was conducted on April 30, 3024, using the web-based platform WebEx in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Patrick Richardson of Richardson Engineering, a licensed engineer, appeared on behalf of the Petitioner and submitted the signed and sealed Site Plan. Howard Alderman, Esq. represented the Petitioner. There were no interested parties or protestants at the hearing.

The following exhibits were received and admitted into the record: (1) Site Plan; (2a) Photograph (building front); (2b) Photograph (Harford Road access); (2c) Photograph (location of proposed addition); (2d) Photograph (existing parking); (2e) Photograph (interior); and (3) ZAC comments. The following were received from county agencies and admitted into the record: (1) Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments from the Department of Planning ("DOP"); and (2) Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") comments. County agencies reports do not indicate any opposition to the requested relief.

Findings Fact

Mr. Alderman proceeded by way of proffer. The Property is comprised of two parcels with a combined land area of 12,440 square feet. The Property has a unique "L" shape and is split zoned Community Business (CB) and DR-5.5 with the CB portion improved with a two-story office building constructed in 1956 and currently used as a contractor's office (King Construction LLC),

a detached garage, and an asphalt parking lot. The existing office building has side yard setbacks of 8.8 ft. and 9 ft. See Pet. Ex. 2-C. Mr. Alderman proffered that the Petitioner proposes to construct a one-story rear addition to the existing office building maintaining existing side yard setbacks and to relocate business parking to the rear of the parcel located in the DR-5.5 zone. *See* Pet. Ex. 2-D. Pet. Ex. 2-B shows the existing access from Harford Road to the site which is not modified under this Petition.

The neighborhood is mixed-use in character. The Property itself is located along the Harford Road business corridor with many other business, office, school and church uses located on both sides of Harford Road both north and south from the subject parcel. The site is within the boundaries of the Carney-Cub Hill-Parkville Community Plan which identifies this portion of Harford Road as primarily commercial in character. To the rear of the subject property is residential tract single-family housing. Adjacent to the subject parcel are residential homes separated by existing fencing.

Conclusions of Law

Pursuant to BCZR § 409.8B, the Petition proposes Special Hearing relief to authorize a use permit for business parking for the existing permitted contractor's office in a portion of the lot zoned DR 5.5. The Petition further requests confirmation that the applicable side yard setbacks for the proposed addition are 7.5 ft. per BCZR § 229.6.C.2.

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). Special hearing relief is properly granted if it is within the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and will not harm the public health, safety, or welfare.

Based on the evidence presented I find that special hearing relief should be granted. The Property is large enough to comfortably accommodate the parking plan proposed and access to the lot via Harford Road is not modified under this Petition. *See* Pet. Exs. 2a-2e. Further, the proposed one-story rear addition will not increase or decrease traffic volume to such a degree that traffic patterns or safety on Harford Road will be impacted. The parking area has been used for business parking for many years and the proposed modification to existing parking spaces will have no adverse impact on the community. I conclude that the Petition can be granted and a use permit issued for business parking in a DR zone as indicated in Petitioner's Site Plan (Pet. Ex. 1) as I find that the relief requested is within the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and will not harm the public health, safety, or welfare.

Further, pursuant to BCZR § 229.6.C.2, I find that the applicable side yard setback for this property is 7.5 ft. The property is zoned Community Business ("CB") and the existing structure was constructed prior to 1995¹ and thus qualifies for a reduced setback of 25% of the 10 ft. minimum for additions, resulting in an applicable side yard setback of 7.5 ft. The proposed side yard setbacks for the proposed one-story rear addition maintain the existing setbacks of the existing

¹ See SDAT Report

structure of 8.8 ft. and 9 ft. and therefore satisfy the 7.5 ft. side yard setback requirement without the need for a variance.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 7th day of May, 2024, by this Administrative Law Judge that the Petition for Special Hearing from BCZR §409.8B for business parking in a portion of the DR 5.5 zone for the existing and proposed improvements shown on the attached Site Plan is **GRANTED**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicable side yard setback for the proposed addition is 7.5 ft. per BCZR, § 229.6.C.2; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that because of the relief granted under this Special Hearing, no variances are required for the existing or proposed structures;

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

DJB/dlm



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

To the Office of Administrative	Law of Baltimore County for the property located at.			
Address 8909 Harford Road	which is presently zoned OB and DR 3.3			
Deed References: 13501/173	10 Digit Tax Account # 14-08-006971 14-08-006970			
Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) FULL H	OUSE MANAGEMENT LLC			

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:

1. xx 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

2 a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described pro	perty for
a Community Building as set forth in BCZR Sec. 230.3	

3. xx a Variance from Section(s)

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

SEE ATTACHED

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition)

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

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, which is the subject of this / these Petition(s)	d are to be bounded by the zoning regulations t, that i / We are the legal owner(s) of the property
Lessee: Legal Owners (Po	etitioners)
KINGS CONSTRUCTION LLC Full House Manage	ment LLC ,
Name Type or Print By: By:	Name #2 – Type or Print
Signature #1	Signature # 2
8909 Harford Road Baltimore MD 8909 Harford Ro	ad Baltimore MD
Mailing Address City State Mailing Address	City State
21234 /410-668-1700 x 32 , dlc@kingconstructioninc.com 21234 /410-	382-4444 , dic@kingcanstructionine.com
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address Zip Code T	Telephone # Email Address
Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to	be contacted:
Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. / ALDERMAN LAW LLC Rick Richardson,	PE Richardson Engineering, LLC
Name-Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature By: x Signature	
7505 MOUNT VISTARD KINGSVILLE MD 7 Deneison Street	Timonium Maryland
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21087-1759 ,410-929-9113 ,halderman@aldermanlaw.net 21093 ,410-	560-1502-x1 rick@richardsonengineering.net
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CASE NUMBER 2004 - 0007 SMA Filing Date 3/15/24 Do Not Schedule Dates:

Attachment 1

CASE NO: __2024- __SPHA

Address: 8909 Harford Road

Legal Owner: Full House Management LLC

Tenant: Kings Construction LLC

Present Zoning: CB and DR 3.5

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

A request that the Administrative Law Judge, in accordance with BCZR § 500.7:

- approve a Use Permit, pursuant to BCZR § 409.8B, for business parking in a potion of the DR
 3.5 zone for the existing and proposed improvements shown on the plan to accompany this Petition; and
- ii) confirm that the applicable side yard setback for a proposed addition is 7.5' per BCZR Sec. 229.6.C.2.; and
- iii) grant such additional relief as the nature of this case may require for approval of the continued use of the existing and proposed building, parking areas and uses as shown on the plan which accompanied this Petition.

PETITION FOR VARIANCE REQUESTED RELIEF:

A Variance from:

- i) BCZR § 229.6.C to permit a side yard setback for an existing structure of 8.8' in lieu of the 10' required; and
- ii) If the Special Hearing determination of side yard setbacks is not confirmed as requested, a variance from BCZR § 229.6.C.2 to permit a side yard setback for a proposed addition of 8.8' in lieu of the 10' required; and
- grant such additional relief as the nature of this case may require for approval of the existing and proposed buildings, uses and conditions as shown on the plan which accompanied this Petition.

For Additional Information Contact:

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Alderman Law LLC 7505 Mount Vista Road Kingsville, Maryland 21087-1759

(410) 929-9113 halderman@aldermanlaw.net 2024-0067-SPHA

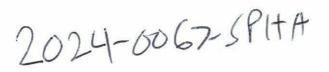
ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 8909 HARFORD ROAD 14th ELECTION DISTRICT 6th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Beginning at a distance of 171'+/- southwesterly of the intersection of Harford Road and Edgewood Avenue. Running away from the southeast side of Harford Road (1) South 39 degrees 9 minutes East 150.00 feet, (2) North 51 degrees 6 minutes East 50.00 feet (3) South 39 degrees 9 minutes East 49.40 feet, (4) South 51 degrees 5 minutes West 100.00 feet, (5) North 39 degrees 9 minutes West 199.40 feet (6) North 51 degrees 6 minutes East 50.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing a net area of 12,440 square feet or 0.29 acres +/-.



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY ME, AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, LICENSE NUMBER 16597, EXPIRATION DATE: 08-15-2025



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: 2024-0067-5PHA
Property Address: 8909 HARFORD POAD
Legal Owners (Petitioners): FULL HOUSE MANAGEMENT, LLC
Contract Purchaser/Lessee: KINGS CONSTRUCTION
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Company/Firm (if applicable): Doug Collonel
Address: 8909 HARFORD RD
BALT MD 21234
Telephone Number: 410 - 382 - 4444

^{*}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.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: March 26, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0067-SPHA

Address: 8909 HARFORD RD

Legal Owner: Full House Management, LLC

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 26, 2024.

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

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Earl D. Wrenn

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

	2024-0067-SPHA RE: Case No.:
	Petitioner/Developer:
	Kings Construction, LLC
	April 30, 2024 Date of Hearing/Closing:
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204	
Attn: Jeff Perlow:	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
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The sign(s) were posted on	(Month, Day, Year)



Sincerely,

April 9, 2024

(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date)

SSG Robert Black

(Print Name)

1508 Leslie Road

(Address)

Dundalk, Maryland 21222

(City, State, Zip Code)

(410) 282-7940

(Telephone Number)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: March 20, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM: Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0067-SPHA

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

DPR: No comment

DPW-T: No Exception taken.

Landscaping: If Special Hearing and Zoning Relief is granted a Landscape Plan is required per the requirements of the Landscape Manual. A Lighting Plan is also required.

Recreations & Parks: No Greenways affected.

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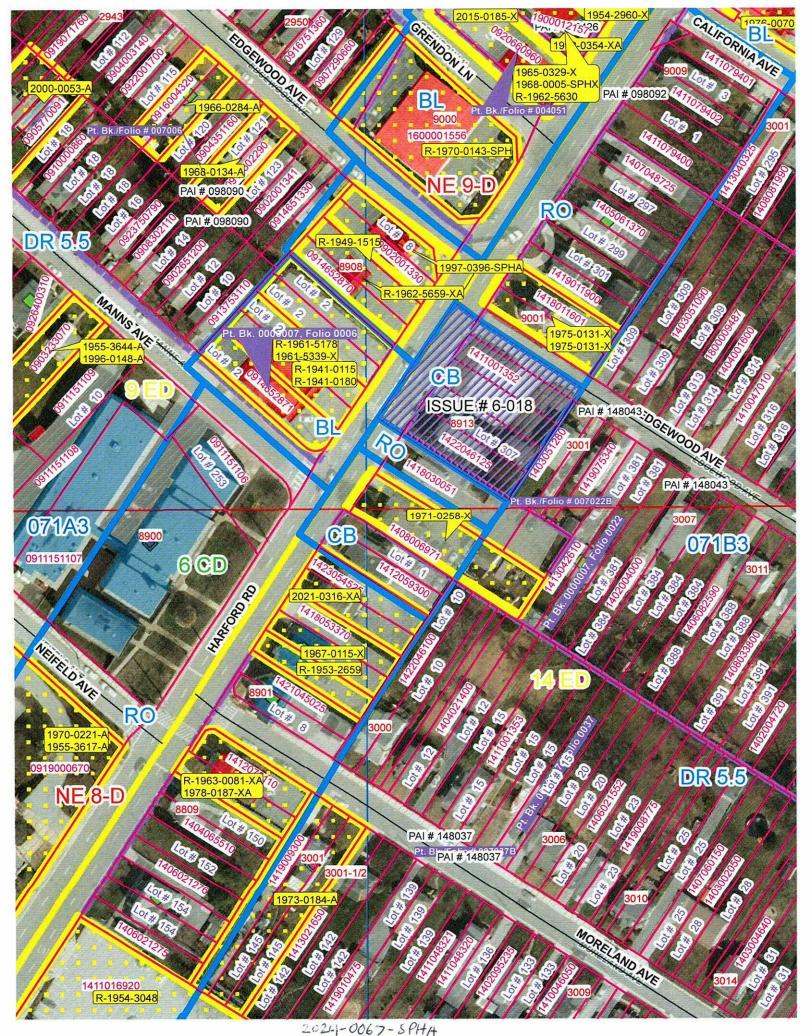
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald DATE: 3/21/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0067-SPHA

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 8909 Harford Road

Petitioner: Full House Management, LLC

Zoning: CB, DR 5.5

Requested Action: Special Hearing, Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for:

Special Hearing:

- 1. To permit a Use Permit, pursuant to Section 409.8B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), for business parking in a portion of the DR 5.5 zone for the existing and proposed improvements shown on the plan to accompany this Petition;
- 2. To confirm that the appliable side yard setback for the proposed addition is 7.5', per BCZR Section 229.6.C.2;
- 3. To grant such additional relief as the nature of this case may require for approval of the continued use of the existing and proposed building, parking areas, and uses as shown on the plan which accompany this Petition; and

Variance:

- 4. From Section 229.6.C of the BCZR to permit a side yard setback of 8.8' for an existing structure in lieu of the required 10';
- 5. From Section 229.6.C.2 of the BCZR to permit a side yard setback of 8.8' for a proposed addition in lieu of the required 10', if the Special Hearing determination of side yard setbacks in not confirmed as requested; and
- 6. For such additional relief as the nature of this case may require for approval of the existing and proposed buildings, uses, and conditions as shown on the plan which accompany this Petition.

The subject site is two parcels totaling approximately 12,440 square feet in the Parkville area. The two lots make an "L" shape, with a longer, relatively narrow parcel and then a square parcel at the rear. The site is split zoned Community Business (CB) and DR 5.5, with the CB zoned portion of the site being along Harford Road, and the DR 5.5 portion of the site being at the rear of the lot. The site is improved with a two-story office building for a construction company, a detached garage, and asphalt surface parking. Based on Google Maps aerial imagery, it appears that the land immediately behind the detached garage is used for some sort of outdoor storage. The asphalt surface parking is to the rear of the office

building and connects to the parking lot at the rear of the adjacent property, 8911 Harford Road. The existing office building on the subject site has side yard setbacks of 8.8' and 9'.

Per the site plan submitted with the Petition, the petitioner wishes to add a one-story addition to the rear of the existing office building. This portion of the property is currently used as parking. The side yard setbacks of the addition are proposed to be the same as that of the existing office building (8.8' and 9'). Since the parking will be removed for the construction of the addition, the petitioner wishes to relocate the parking to the rear of the lot, behind the detached garage.

Uses surrounding the subject site along Harford Road are a mix of commercial, office, and institutional uses. Adjacent to the subject site are various offices, including an asset protection company and an insurance agency. Southwest of the subject site, at the signalized intersection of Harford Road and Putty Hill Avenue, are various stores, as well as Saint Ursula's Catholic Church and Evans Funeral Chapel. Across Harford Road from the subject site is an Indian take out restaurant, a dance studio, Saint Ursula's Catholic School, and St. John's Lutheran Church. Uses behind the subject site are primarily residential single family detached dwellings. The side and rear of the subject site is separated from the neighboring dwellings with an existing fence.

The site is within the boundary of the Carney-Cub Hill-Parkville Community Plan, adopted May 3rd, 2010. The Plan provides background information on the plan area; strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within the plan area boundary; and recommendations on how to improve the area. The Plan calls out this stretch of Harford Road as being primarily commercial, stating "most of the commercial development is located along Harford Road and Joppa Road. Commercial is the predominant use along Harford Road from the City line to just north of Joppa Road" (page 10).

The setbacks of the office building are existing, and the setbacks of the proposed addition are the same as the existing setbacks of the office building. As such, the Department of Planning has no objections to the Special Hearing and Variance requests relevant to the side yard setbacks of 8.8' and 9' in lieu of the required 10'.

In regards to the request for a Special Hearing to permit business parking in the DR 5.5 zone, the Department of Planning has no objections, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. No construction trucks, materials, or debris shall be stored in the DR 5.5 zoned portion of the property;
- 2. The existing fence dividing the subject site and the neighboring residential dwellings shall be properly maintained to screen the parking from the neighboring residence to the greatest extent possible;
- 3. Evergreen screening shall be provided along the inside of the fence line surrounding the proposed parking area to screen the parking from the neighboring residence to the greatest extent possible; and
- 4. If any lighting is proposed, it shall be done in such a way that it does not spill over to the neighboring residential properties.

The Department finds that the above-mentioned conditions will make the parking possible without adversely impacting the neighboring residences.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Taylor Bensley at 410-887-3482.

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

Division Chief:

Jenifer G. Nugent

SL/JGN/KP

c: Rick Richardson, PE – Richardson Engineering, LLC
Howard Alderman, Jr., Esq. – Alderman Law
David Birkenthal, Community Planner
Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review
Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review
Office of Administrative Hearings
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

