AGENDA ITEM: AGENDA DATE: 4/16/15

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Prince George's County Planning Department **Development Review Division** 301-952-3530



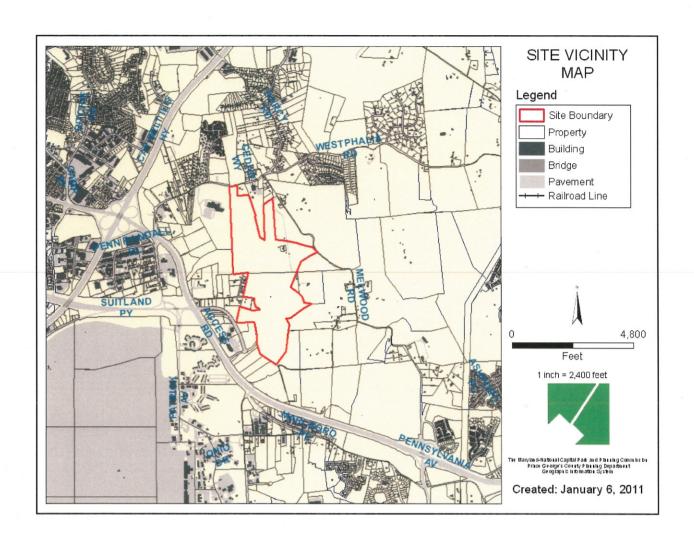
Note: Staff reports can be accessed at www.mncppc.org/pgco/planning/plan.htm.

Specific Design Plan SDP-1003-06 Waiver of the Rules

Application	General Data	
Project Name: Smith Home Farm, Sections 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 Location: Approximately 3,000 feet east of the intersection of Westphalia Road and Pennsylvania Avenue (MD 4).	Planning Board Hearing Date:	04/16/15
	Memorandum Date:	03/25/15
	Date Accepted:	01/13/15
	Planning Board Action Limit:	N/A
	SDP Acreage:	250.85
	Section 3 Acreage:	27.85
Applicant/Address: SHF Project Owner, LLC. 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90067	Zone:	R-M
	SDP Dwelling Units:	1,114
	Section 3 Dwelling Units:	275
	Gross Floor Area:	N/A
	Planning Area:	78
	Council District:	06
	Election District	15
	Municipality:	NA
	200-Scale Base Map:	206SE08

Purpose of Application	Notice Dates	
WAIVER OF THE RULES: Alejandro Villegas, Vice President of Dewberry Consultants LLC, by letter dated March 25, 2015 requests a Waiver of the Rules of Procedure on behalf of their client, SHF Project Owner LLC, to allow the April 16, 2015 Planning Board hearing to proceed. The applicant is asking for relief for one day of the required 30-day posting of the property.	Informational Mailing:	06/26/14
	Acceptance Mailing:	01/08/15
	Sign Posting Deadline:	03/17/15

Staff Recommendation		Phone Number: (30	Staff Reviewer: Ruth E. Grover, MUP, AICP Phone Number: (301) 952-4317 email address: ruth.grover@ppd.mncppc.org	
APPROVAL	APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS	DISAPPROVAL	DISCUSSION	
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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Elizabeth Hewlett, Chair Prince George's County Planning Board Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission County Administration Building, 4th Floor Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

RE:

Specific Design Plan 1003/06

Smith Home Farm

Planning Board Agenda Date: April 16, 2015

Dear Chairwoman Hewlett:

I am writing to request a waiver of the Planning Board's Rules of Procedure on behalf of our client, SHF Project Owner, LLC, to allow the April 16, 2015 Planning Board hearing on SDP 1003/06 to proceed. The nature of the revision to this Specific Design Plan is to revise the layout of Section 3 of the Smith Home Farm and to add architecture.

Section 2 of the Planning Board's Rules of Procedure provides that notice of public hearings shall be in accordance with Section 3 of the Administrative Practice for the Planning Department and/or the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 3 of the Administrative Practice for the Planning Department provides:

The applicant is responsible for posting and maintaining the required public hearing sign(s) on the subject property at least 30 continuous days prior to the Planning Board's hearing, in the accordance with the general location and legibility requirements specified in Section 27-125.03 of the Zoning Ordinance. Hearing signs shall be prepared by staff and released to applicants for posting no less than 31 days prior to the hearing. The signs shall be removed by the applicant within 15 days after the hearing.

For the April 16, 2015 hearing, signs needed to be posted by March 17, 2015. Dewberry personnel posted several signs on the property on March 17, but did not finish posting the signs until March 18, 2015. High winds on March 17, coupled with a faulty staple gun, hindered our efforts to post the signs with confidence they would stay up. A decision was made in the field to wait until the next day to make sure the signs could be erected securely.

Given that some of the signs were posted on time and the rest were posted the next day, we believe that we have substantially complied with the notice requirements and that no harm has come to the public by the one day delay in posting some of the signs. Part of the site was posted a full 30 days prior to the hearing and the remainder was posted 29 days prior. Therefore, we respectfully request a waiver of the rules to allow the April 16, 2015 Planning Board hearing on the merits to proceed.

Vice President

Sincerely

cc: Marva Jo Camp, Esq. Susan Lareuse Ruth Grover