



# Prince George's County Council

## Sitting as the District Council

### Zoning Agenda Item Summary

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**Case No.:** DSP-20002 **Councilmanic District:** 1  
**Meeting Date:** 1/22/2024 **Zone(s):** RR (prior R-R Zone)  
**Case Name:** Giac Son Buddhist Temple  
**Applicant:** Giac Son Buddhist Temple Corp  
**Location:** Located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of MD 197 (Laurel Bowie Road) and Snowden Road (1.64 Acres; RR Zone (prior R-R Zone)).  
**Request:** Requesting approval of a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for development of a 4,625-square-foot place of worship and will maintain an existing single-family detached dwelling as an accessory parsonage.

#### Companion

**Case(s):**

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#### DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATION:

**Technical Staff:** Approval with conditions

**Planning Board:** Approval with conditions

**Zoning Hearing Examiner:**

**Municipality:**

**Opposition:**

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#### LEGAL DEADLINES:

**Appeal date:** 11/2/2023

**Review date:** 11/2/2023

**Action date:** 1/22/2024

*Comments:*

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**Staff:** Andrew Shelly

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#### HISTORY:

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<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
M-NCPPC Technical Staff	08/24/2023	approval with conditions
M-NCPPC Planning Board	09/28/2023	approval with conditions
Sitting as the District Council	10/23/2023	elected to review

**Notes:** Council elected to review this item (Vote: 8-1-1; Absent: Council Member Watson).

Aye: 8 Olson, Harrison, Oriadha, Ivey, Burroughs, Fisher, Dernoga and Blegay  
Nay: 1 Hawkins  
Absent: 1 Watson  
Abstain: 1 Franklin

- Person of Record 11/02/2023 filed  
**Notes:** *G. Macy Nelson Esq., attorney for Citizen-Protestants filed and Appeal and Request Oral Argument Hearing.*
- Person of Record 11/02/2023 filed  
**Notes:** *Barbara Sollner-Webb, Person of Record filed an appeal of the Planning Boards Decision.*
- Clerk of the Council 12/12/2023 mailed  
**Notes:** *Notice of Oral Argument Hearing was mailed to Persons of Record.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Paula Price, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Catherine Williams, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Tim Carter, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Gabrielle Masten, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Kenny and Barbara Lammers, Person's of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *Leah and Teresa Washington, Person's of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/08/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *South Laurel Civic Association, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Person of Record 01/09/2024 filed  
**Notes:** *James Hitaffer, Person of Record, filed written testimony.*
- Sitting as the District Council 01/16/2024 hearing held; referred for document  
**Notes:** *Joshua Mitchum, M-NCPPC planning staff, provided an overview of the Detailed Site Plan application. Stan Brown, People's Zoning Counsel, provided an overview of the case and commented on the factual and legal arguments presented by the parties. Traci Scudder, attorney for applicant, Ram L. Shrestha, Dawn Nguyen, Minh Diep Nguyen and Vy Do spoke in support. Alex Votaw Esq., Attorney for citizens protestants, Barbara Sollner-Webb and Jeffrey Hitaffer, spoke in opposition. Council referred this item to staff for preparation of a document of remand to the Planning Board. (Vote: 9-0; Absent Council Member Franklin and Oriadha).*
- Aye: 9 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Watson

Absent: 2 Franklin and Oriadha

Sitting as the District Council 01/22/2024 remanded

**Notes:** Council adopted prepared order of remand (Vote:10-0; Absent: Council Member Franklin).

Aye: 10 Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent: 1 Franklin

Person of Record 01/23/2024 filed

**Notes:** Robert Lammers, Person of Record, filed written testimony.

Clerk of the Council 01/25/2024 mailed

**Notes:** The Notice of Final Decision of the District Council was mailed to Persons of Record.

Clerk of the Council 01/26/2024 transmitted

**Notes:** Memo transmitted to James Hunt, Division Chief, M-NCPPC Development Review Division, that District Council voted to remand the case to the Planning Board.

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**Document(s):** DSP-20002 Presentation Slides, DSP-20002 Hitaffer to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Price to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Williams to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Carter to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 SLCA to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Masten to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Washington to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Lammers to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Lammers to Brown (Written Testimony), DSP-20002 Notice of Oral Argument Hearing, DSP-20002 Nelson to Brown (Appeal and Request for Oral Argument) 11-2-2023, DSP-20002 Sollner-Webb to Brown (Appeal Letter) 11-2-2023, DSP-20002 Planning Board Resolution, DSP-20002 PORL, DSP-20002 Technical Staff Report, DSP-20002 Planning Board Record\_, DSP-20002 Transcripts 09-07-2023, DSP-20002 Transcripts 07-27-2023, DSP-20002 Transcripts 06-22-2023