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5	ITEM 9 DETAILED SITE PLAN DSP 22028 FAIRWOOD SQUARE
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15	BEFORE:
16	PETER A. SHAPIRO, Chairman
17	DOROTHY F. BAILEY, Vice-Chairman
18	A. SHUANISE WASHINGTON, Commissioner
19	WILLIAM M. DOERNER, Commissioner
20	MANUEL R. GERALDO, Commissioner
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## PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: The time is 10:37 and we are starting again. We are starting up with Item 9 on our agenda. Let me make sure that our commissioners have gathered. One, two, three, here we go. All here and accounted for.

Our next on our agenda is Item 9. This is a detailed site plan, DSP22028, Fairwood Square. This was continued from March 30, 2023 Planning Board meeting. The attorney for the applicant is Mr. Tedesco. And we have Mr. Shelly who will give the staff presentation. Let me, before we hear from Mr. Tedesco and Mr. Shelly, this Planning Board -- this is an evidentiary hearing. This may be a new process for some folks but we have taken up the process in this way for a while now.

As an evidentiary hearing in this case, we will require those intending to provide testimony to take an oath. So at this time, I'm going to ask all persons intending to provide testimony to come on screen. You don't have to come on screen but at least want to make sure you are — this helps me to understand that you're hearing us. And I'm going to administer the oath. So let me give folks a second to gather as everybody finds their camera button, and their mute button, and all those things.

Okay. So, for all those who are about to be sworn

1 in, do you solemnly swear or affirm that your testimony will 2 be the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

ALL: I do.

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CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Okay. Thank you, everybody. Consider yourselves sworn in.

Now, back to our order here. We're going to start off with a staff presentation by Mr. Shelly. We will, then, hear from the applicants, beginning with his representative, Mr. Tedesco -- with their representative Mr. Tedesco. We will, then, hear from folks from the public who want to speak. The way we'll manage the time on this is Mr. Tedesco and his team -- I don't know how much time, Mr. Tedesco, you and your team needs. You'll have up to an hour. I don't know if you're going to need to take that much time but you'll have up to an hour.

And then, if there are parties in opposition, we will give the parties that which I see signed up. We will give, collectively, the parties in opposition the same amount of time that Mr. Tedesco takes. So that's how we'll manage the time for this.

And with that, I'm going to start with Mr. Shelly. You do not have a clock, Mr. Shelly. And you can introduce yourself, and the floor is yours.

MR. SHELLY: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of

1 | the Board. Are you able to hear me okay?

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We can hear you fine. Thanks for checking.

MR. SHELLY: All right, great. Thank you.

For the record, my name is Andrew Shelly with the Urban Design section. The item before you is Item Number 9, detailed site plan DSP-22028, Fairwood Square for the development of 200 single-family attached townhouse dwelling units in infrastructure for the future development of approximately 5,000 square feet of commercial/retail uses on Parcel 1. Staff is recommending approval with a rise in conditions as shown in Applicant Exhibit 1, provided by the Applicant and received by the first hearing deadline on March 21st, 20213

As a matter of housekeeping, staff notes two minor administrative corrections to the cover sheet of the staff report. The first correction seeks to reflect the accurate acceptance date of this application as January 18th, 2023. And the second correction seeks to reflect the accurate name of the applicant which is Timberlake Homes BT. This item was continued for one week from the Planning Board hearing on March 23rd, 2023 due to an error listing the increase — incorrect speaker registration in exhibit submission deadline on the Planning Board website for one week.

The Planning Board approved a one-week continuance

to provide the community with time to sign up to speak that was lost due to the website error. The Planning Board also directed staff to email all parties of record to inform them of the continuance date and information on how to participate. This information was sent by staff on Monday, March 27th, 2023. A referral from the Development of Permitting Inspections and Enforcement, otherwise known as DPIE, was received after the staff report was posted and is included in the additional backup dated March 23rd -- 28,

2023.

The referral provides comments to the applicant that should be considered when filing permits with DPIE, but does not provide any recommendations of approval. This item was, then, continued for two weeks by the Planning Board at the request of the applicant to allow all parties of record to review the referral provided by DPIE. The applicant, then, waived the 70-day actual action limit for the case and set a new action limit of April 15th, 2023. The Planning Board, then, directed staff to, again, email all parties of record to inform them of the continuance date and information on how to participate. This information was sent by staff on Monday, April 3rd, 2023.

Next slide, please? The site shown in red is located in Planning Area 71A in Council District 6. Next slide, please? The Fairwood Square site, shown in red, is

located at the eastern quadrant of the intersection of MD450, or Annapolis Road, and MD193, known as Enterprise Road. Next slide, please? The subject properties bordered to the south by properties in the residential or state are RE zone. The subject properties bordered to the east by property zone, Legacy Mixed Community, LMXC, to the west by property zone Rural Residential, or RR, and to the north by MD450 in property zone Commercial General Office, or CGO beyond.

This proposal was reviewed for compliance with the requirements of the MXT zoning of the prior zoning ordinance as permitted by Council Bill 5021, within footnote 144 of section 27-441B. These requirements include density and density standards, in which staff found all regulations were met. A detailed analysis of these regulations can be found on pages 9 through 14 of the technical staff report. Next slide, please?

The subject property contains a wetland in the southwest corner of the site and 11 specimen trees.

Pulmonary Plan of subdivision 4-1058 approved the removal of five specimen trees. No additional trees were requested for removal with this DSP -- or no additional specimen trees were requested for removal with this DSP. A Phase 2 noise study was provided as part of the acceptance of this application. And staff found that no noise mitigation was

required, as discussed on page 22 of this technical staff report. Next slide, please?

This map show the adjacent master plan rights of lighting. The site is fronted on to arterial roads which are shown in red, which are MD450 and MD193. A transportation analysis was conducted as part of an approved certificate of adcory (phonetic sp.), ADQ-2022-020. The site has two proposed access points on Annapolis Road, with one full access point and one right in/right out access point, which are subject to the approval of the operating agency, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration as noted in condition 8 of this technical staff report. Next slide, please?

This aerial shows the existing nursery site with the existing structures on the eastern portion of the site and the existing woodlands to the south. To the north of the site is Annapolis Road, and to the west of the site is Enterprise Road. To the east of the site are existing single-family detached dwellings. Next slide, please?

This detailed site plan, where north is shown to the right, demonstrates the proposed site road layout of the property consisting of 200 dwelling units on 22.29 acres.

These dwelling units are divided into 101 80-foot-wide townhomes which are shown in yellow, 54 20-foot-wide townhomes which are shown in orange, and 45 24-foot-wide

townhomes which are shown in brown. Two site access points are proposed for Annapolis Road.

The access point furthest to the north, or in this case furthest to the right, will have full access to and the southern access point will be limited to right in/right out access. The development will be connected by a network of private streets and alleys and contains 647 parking spaces, including 3 American with Disabilities Act, or ADA, spaces and 12 bicycle spaces as show in the applicant's parking analysis. Four recreational facilities are proposed and spread throughout the site providing both, passive and active recreation opportunities. And these are shown in the yellow circles.

Landscape buffering has been provided along

Annapolis Road to the north and Enterprise Road to the west,

along adjacent family -- adjacent single-family detached

residential property lines to the south and the east, and

along the private internal street network. Staff finds

that -- the applicant's site layout to be acceptable,

subject to the technical corrections as listed in Condition

1 on pages 28 and 29 of the technical staff report.

Can we go two slides, please, I believe? One more. Thank you.

This plan demonstrates the proposed ten-foot shared use path, which is shown in green, that will be

constructed along the property's frontage on Enterprise Road and Annapolis Road. The interior sidewalks, which are shown in red, are proposed to be five feet wide and connect the proposed homes in the development to the four recreational facilities and the proposed shares use pack. 12 bicycle spaces are proposed on bicycle racks located within the onsite recreational facilities. Staff finds this pedestrian bikeway facility plan to be acceptable and analysis of staff findings is provided on pages 14 through 18 of the technical staff report. Next slide, please?

This plan, where now north is facing upward, demonstrates the four provided -- four proposed recreational facilities which are broken up into three phases of development. Subsequent slides will provide illustrations of the proposed recreational facilities in each location. A cost estimate of the proposed recreational facilities can be found in the backup. Staff finds the recreational facilities acceptable, subject to technical corrections listed in Condition 1 in conformance to conditions 5 through 7 on pages 28 through 30 of the technical staff report. An analysis of staff's findings is provided on pages 8, 23, and 24 of the technical staff report. Next slide, please?

The following two slides demonstrate the recreational facilities proposed to be constructed within phase 1, which is required to be constructed prior to the

approval of the 71st building permit. This facility is centrally located within the development with four bicycle racks and 27 adjacent parking spaces, one of which is an ADA space. Recreational facilities proposed include a playground with associated play equipment, benches, and fencing. Next slide, please?

And this slide shows a ren -- an illustrated rendering of Recreational Area 1. Next slide, please?

The following slide demonstrates the recreational facilities proposed within Area 2 of Phase 2, which is required to be constructed prior the approval of the 110th building permit. This facility is located in the southern portion of the development with four bicycle racks and eight adjacent parking spaces, one of which is an ADA space.

Recreational facilities proposed include a gazebo, a wooden pergola, benches, game tables, and an ADA accessible panel play area. Next slide, please?

The following slides demonstrate the recreational facilities proposed within Area 3 of Phase 2, which is required to be constructed prior to the approval of the 110th building permit. This facility is located in the western portion of the development. Recreational facilities proposed include a butterfly garden, benches, and associated infrastructure. Next slide, please?

In this slide, as well as the following slide, a

demon -- provide and illustrated demonstration of

Recreational Area 3 with the butterfly garden provided where
there are the orange and green bushes. Next slide, please?

And again, next slide, please?

The following slides demonstrate the recreational facilities proposed within Area 4 of Phase 3, which is required to be constructed prior to the approval of the 150th building permit. This facility is located in the eastern portion of the development with four bicycle racks and six adjacent spaces, one of which, again, is an ADA space. Recreational facilities proposed include a pergola, fire pit, three picnic tables, two grills, and turf. Two dog park areas, while not recreational facilities, are also provided with dog waste stations, which can be found at other recreational areas throughout the site. Next slide, please?

And the following two slides will provide illustrative renderings of Recreational Area. Next slide, please? And this is the overview, an aerial overview from above. Next slide, please?

This slide provides site details of the proposed recreational facility equipment, which will distributed across the four recreational facilities areas as noted in the previous slides. I would like to draw your attention to the ADA accessible panel area equipment, which is provided

1 in the right -- the top right corner of this plan with those 2 four pieces of equipment. Next slide, please?

This TCP 2 plan has been reviewed and deemed acceptable by staff, subject to Conditions 2 and 3 as indicated on pages 29 and 30 of the technical staff report. An analysis of staff's findings is provided on pages 24 through 27 of the technical staff report. Next slide, please?

These next two slides illustrate the architectural elevations for the 18-foot wide rear-loaded, one-car garage townhouse units. All proposed units for this application will come in multiple façade variations and incorporate a variety of materials, including brick, siding, and stone veneer. Dormers, decks, awnings, and other architectural details are included in the façade designs and add appropriate visual interests to the building designs. The 18-foot-wide units are comprised of a single model, the Madera, which has a base square footage of 1,740 square feet. Next slide, please? And again, next slide, please? That is the rear elevation.

Slide 24 demonstrates the high visibility -- the highly visible side elevations for, both, the 18-foot and 24-foot models. Staff has provided a condition, known as 1J, on pages 28 and 29 of the technical staff report to generate engaging street views for the proposed

architectural elevations. This includes increasing

provide -- increasing the providing -- the provided full

brick, stone, stucco, or other masonry treatment on the

first floor for all highly visible elevations. Next slide,

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- Next three slides illustrate the architectural elevations of the 20-foot wide rear-loaded, two-car garage townhouse units. The 20-foot-wide units are comprised of two models. The Foxglove, which has a base square footage of 1,888 square feet. And the Redwood, which has a base square footage of 2,238 square feet. And this is the front elevation. Next slide, please?
- This is the rear elevation. And next slide, please? This is the highly visible elevations, and the side elevations. Next slide, please?

These next two slides illustrate the architectural elevations for the 24-foot wide front-loaded, two-car garage townhouse units. The 24-foot-wide units are comprised of two models, the Liberty, which has a base square footage of 2,450 square feet, and the Roland, which has a base square footage of 2,831 square feet. Staff finds architectural elevations within this application acceptable, subject to Condition 1J as previously discussed, and 1P, which requires the labeling of all optional and standard of features for the five building models of the DSP cover sheet. Staff

finds the revised conditions in Applicant Exhibit 1 were weighting to architecture acceptable, modifying the number of highly visible end units from 29 to 27, and removing Condition 1I, which was seen as duplicative. Next slide, please? And again, next slide, please?

This slide illustrates the proposed entrance monument sign and the associated landscape plantings. This entrance sign will be located within a landscape island at the northern full access point to the site. The proposed sign will be primarily constructed of brick. The name of the development, Fairwood Square, and the developer, Timberlake Homes, will be presented over painted vertical slats with a metal canopy. The sign will be approximately 10 feet high by 32.5 feet wide. Staff finds the proposed signage acceptable, subject to a condition which requires the applicant to provide a signage schedule on the detailed site plan set. Next slide, please?

The Urban Design Section recommends that the Planning Board adopt the findings of this report and approve detailed site plan DSP22028 and Type 2 Tree Conservation plan, TCP2-003-2023, subject to the recommended conditions, as well as the revised conditions shown in applicant exhibit 1.

This would conclude Staff's presentation. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Shelly. 2 Commissioners, questions for Staff? COMMISSIONER DOERNER: I have a question. Go 3 4 ahead --5 COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Yeah, I have a question. 6 Go ahead, Commissioner Doerner. CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Commissioner. 7 COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Okay. So I'm not a fan of 8 9 front-loading units in townhomes and I don't think we've seen much of this over the past five or six years, maybe --10 11 maybe the past decade in the county. Most of the stuff that 12 we have for townhomes are rear-loading and, sort of, private 13 alley residence behind there, partially because front-14 loading just prioritizes cars. And there's a lack of 15 community and it just looks ugly. It looks terrible. Ιt 16 reminds me of surviving sprawl that we were hopefully 17 getting away from. 18 So why are we okay with that? I mean, what makes 19 it okay to have this as, like, architectural design in this 20 particular project? 21 MR. SHELLY: So I will let the Applicant get more 22 into the details of their proposal. But I would say, it's where the location of the front-loaded units. So these 23 24 units are located -- if we go back a few slides, I believe 25 it is slide number 8, please. Okay. So the front-loaded

units are only going to be the ones in the darkest color, so 1 2 that dark brown. So they are primarily located on the periphery of the site. So we -- staff felt that the -- that 3 4 the architecture and the front-loading was acceptable in those locations.

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COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Why don't we try and make the units like -- if -- so I'm looking at the, kind of, left-hand side where you've got the yellow and kind of brown units there. Why didn't we try and attach those together and round the alleyways around that a little bit, and maybe make the street between the yellows -- a pathway, like a pedestrian pathway so that way you can have, like, a different kind of design on this? Like, did you -- did you attempt to do that or would the applicant or not?

MR. SHELLY: That was not considered, at this time, I don't believe.

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Okay. Can -- can you go back to, maybe, I think it was like slide 12, maybe, as well. There's, like, a visualization of, like, the playground, kind of area, or like a green -- green kind of area in there. So I'm happy to see, in here, like, bikes, and sort of, the bike racks artistic rendering. I'm not happy to see this is being an island where kids are going to get hit by cars, potentially, coming out of garages or pulling out of the parking spaces right there.

I can see some lady who's about to get hit, who put their dog and their kid in a stroller. This is, to me, like, absurd, at best, in Urban Design who want to have a, sort of, pedestrian friendly kind of community. We've got kids who are going to be running around back and forth between garages to this island of a playground right there where it's protected by cars who are going to hit them as they're pulling out and not watching for them. And there's no crosswalks or anything to protect people that are in their — that are visible.

To me, I -- I hate this design, to be nice. I think it looks terrible. And maybe it's not Staff's fault for this but I expect Staff to do a much better job at pedestrian safety. And I just don't see it here. Like, I don't see any kind of -- I see a number things like if you're in an Area 1 class of how do we kill people. We can point it out as this being, like, a terrible design that's not pedestrian friendly. That would just make me very upset as a professor if I was teaching a class for this to be the design that comes before us as something that comes in our community.

And I'll just -- I'll stop there for right now and I'll let that just kind of sit in. And it's not necessarily to Staff as, like a criticism because you're not doing the architectural design. But this should never have come

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before the Planning Board without it being much better done.
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    And -- and I'm just going to stop there.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Commissioner.
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    don't disagree with you either as we're looking at the
    slides. So I appreciate you bringing that up.
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              Commissioners, other questions for Staff? Mr.
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    Geraldo, I believe you did.
              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: I -- I did have one.
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    is the dog park going to be in Phase -- in the Phase 4
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    recreational area?
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              MR. SHELLY: Yes, that is -- that is correct.
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Okay. And that's -- and
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    that's not inclusive of the $294,000 for the recreation, is
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    that right?
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              MR. SHELLY: Yes, that has not been included in
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    the 240,000. That's just because dog parks aren't in the
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    recreational facility guidelines.
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Okay. All right.
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    you. Well, they said --
              MR. SHELLY: But the --
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: One minute. They -- you
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    said 249 but I'm looking at your staff report and it says
    that the recreational facilities cost estimate is actually
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MR. SHELLY: Yes, that is correct. My apologies.

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             COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Okay. All right. Thank
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Building on your question, Mr.
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    Geraldo. The Phase 4 for the dog park, is that after --
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    what was that threshold number of units for that? Is it
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    150?
              MR. SHELLY: That is the 150, correct.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: So my understanding is there
    will not be a dog park until 150 units are built --
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    permitted?
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             MR. SHELLY: Correct. Based on this proposal,
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: How do we feel about that
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    Commissioners Geraldo?
              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: It's kind of late in the
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    game. You're going to have all those people living there
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    already.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah, I'm having the same
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    reaction. Okay. Let's put this on the list, as well.
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              Other questions for staff? No other questions for
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              Thank you, Mr. Shelly.
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              And let us now turn to the applicant, Mr. Tedesco.
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    You may want to introduce your team such as you see fit.
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1 And also, give me a sense of how much time you think you 2 need and how you want to proceed on this? 3 MR. TEDESCO: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Can you 4 hear me okay? 5 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We can hear you just fine. 6 Thanks for checking. 7 MR. TEDESCO: Great. Thank you. Good morning. Before I have the introductions, I 8 9 - probably 20 to 25 minutes. 10 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Okay. MR. TEDESCO: Okay. I didn't time myself, so it 11 12 may be shorter, it may be a little longer. But I would 13 quess around that time frame. 14 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Sounds good. 15 MR. TEDESCO: For the record, Mr. Chairman, 16 members of the Planning Board, my name is Matthew Tedesco, 17 with the law firm of McNamee Hosea in Greenbelt, on behalf 18 of the applicant, Timberlake Homes, represented here today 19 by a number of members of the Timberlake Homes organization. 20 We also have with us our civil engineers, from Soltesz 21 Engineering, our traffic engineer, although traffic is not 22 germane to a detailed site plan, we do have our traffic engineer, Mike Linhart with us. And we have our acoustical 23

Mr. Chairman, you all may remember this project.

engineer, Mike Staiano with us this morning, as well.

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We before you back in October -- October 20th, 2022 on the preliminary plan of subdivision. Not to be redundant from that hearing, but there are a couple of high points from my presentation from that hearing that I think bare repeating at this hearing. So indulgences is appreciated.

Timberlake homes is the privately held home building company that has been involved in the development and construction of residential homes located in Prince George's County, and regionally within Maryland and Delaware for many decades. Frank's Nursery -- and thank you for putting this slide up, it's the appropriate slide. Frank's Nursery, as it -- as this property is known as currently, has existed until going out of business, and operated for decades on the property.

During that time, the area around Frank's Nursery has dramatically changed. And change is hard, we understand that, we recognize it. But the world around Frank's has changed since Frank's has been there. Major infrastructure has been developed around Maryland 193 and Maryland 450. The 1,104-acre turf farm, now know as Fairwood, was developed pursuant to the MXC, Mixed Use Community zoning. That consists of 1,799 dwelling units, a mix of single-family, detached, attached, and multi-family, over 350,000 square feet of commercial retail office and institutional space.

To the north, the Fairwood Office Park, two high -- two midrise office buildings, a gas station, the Belle Station center, although not developed approved for up to 68,000 square feet of commercial retail space. To the west, you have townhomes along Maryland 450. And in the area, you have big box stores like Home Depot and Lowe's that have come into the marketplace.

Two of the three family members of Frank's Nursery have since passed away. The owner now wishes to sell and has chosen to sell to the applicant who will provide the context sensitive transitional development for the area. As I mentioned, change is hard. We understand. But the world has changed around the property significantly and this property has been left behind. The project has been thoughtfully designed to be context sensitive and appropriate with development in the surrounding area. It conforms to all the regulations pursuant to the zoning ordinance.

As outlined in the staff report at Finding 7, pages 9 through 21. Again, as I mentioned to the north, there's commercially zoned land developed with two office buildings and a gas station, and a recently approved shopping center.

To the east, it's Fairwood, a planned, mixed-use community of over 1,799 dwelling units. To the west, along

450, there are single-family, attached accessed from Maryland 450 and single-family, detached access from Maryland 450 to the south.

The development before you facilitates a thoughtful transition from the intersections of two master plan arterial roadways, which is the second highest classification roadways in the Master Plan of Transportation to the large, plan mixed-use community to the east and the commercial offices to the north and east. This development proposes 200 single-family, attached dwelling units and 5,000 square feet of commercial retail. Although, a separate detailed site plan for the commercial retail, architecture, lighting, and landscaping will be required. It will provide open space, private roads, sidewalks, and private amenities.

After road dedication, this property, which is a little over 22 acres will have 12.37 acres of open space. That's more than 56 percent of the property to remain open space. By comparison, if the new zoning ordinance was applicable, the requirement would be 20 percent of open space required. We're at 56 percent. Under the new zoning ordinance regulations for open space set aside requirements, again that would require 20 percent. This property would qualify for 34.9 percent. So when all components and aspects, the property exceeds any requirement or

understanding of requisite open space.

Moreover, in 2019, the County adopted the comprehensive housing strategy, housing opportunities for all. This project meets those strategies. It encourages new context-sensitive development that expands housing types to serve the County's diverse population and distinct geographical character. It right-sized housing investments to meet the needs of the County and its diverse populations. The strategy recognizes that a wider range of housing opportunities should be implemented.

Further, Plan 2035 adopted in 2014 of page 110, talks about a 25-year forecast in the established communities for which this property is located and projects more than 12,600 new residential units needed in the existing communities alone.

I would like to thank the Fairwood community for its commitment to this project. Leading up to the preliminary plan of subdivision, we had a number of meetings with the HOA Board as well as a general meeting with a number of residents. I think there was over 70 residents attended that meeting prior to the preliminary plan and subdivision.

And more recently, we had a meeting on Monday night. I want to thank the Development Review Committee of the Fairwood HOA, who hosted us on Monday night. We had a

very good meeting with them that evening and answered many questions. I know not to the satisfaction of many of the residents. Many of the residents would like to see Frank's Nursery either remain as is, certainly not be developed as proposed, which we understand.

Where a number of people signed up in opposition as well as letters that were submitted into the record kind of couching the theme of the opposition, you're going to hear today from a number of them the following five categories: traffic and APF, density, noise, legality of CB-50-2021, and the effect of CB-12-2023 on this application. I'd like to address each of those, if I may, very briefly.

First, with respect to traffic, as the Board knows and as your counsel will advise you, traffic and APF is not a subject matter for -- is not germane or subject matter for this detailed site plan. The test and analysis completed with a certificate of adequacy performed at the time of the preliminary plan and approved on October 20th, 2022, showed that pursuant to all of the adopted testing standards, all applicable facilities, to and include, but not exclusively, schools, traffic, public safety, water and sewer, parks and recreation, et cetera, are adequate to serve this development.

You're going to hear comments about how this

project is just too dense on 22 acres at 200 units. I will note that tenant units to the acres half the density allowed in the given land use recommendation for the property. As I previously mentioned, 56 percent or 12.37 acres of the property will remain undeveloped as open space.

Thoughtful and purposeful transition with the 18foot-wide, rear-loaded units fronting on Maryland 450 and
193, which again are two arterial roadways transitioning to
20-foot-wide units in the central portion of development and
ultimately, transitioning to 24-foot-wide unites to the
eastside of the property. This is context-sensitive and
fill development. It's consistent with the character of the
neighborhood to and include all of the large commercial
office retail in the area as well as the 1,799 units in the
Fairwood community, which consist of single-family, attached
and multifamily units.

Third, the noise component, a phase one noise study was done at the time of the preliminary plan. There was a condition on the preliminary plan that required a phase two noise study, which was performed. That study is in your backup at page 31 through 40. The development meets the County's and COMAR's standards and regulations for acceptable noise levels without need for any mitigation. No adverse noise will be caused by this development, itself, given that it is residential, adjacent to residential.

Fourth, you're going to hear comments about legality of CB-50-2021, which was a lawfully inactive legislative bill that amended the prior zoning ordinance pursuant to and in accordance with the powers and the authority granted to the District Council under the Regional District Act.

The law is applicable to all properties that meet certain criteria, and the assemblage of the properties that make up this subject property meet the criteria. And that's analyzed in your staff report at finding seven, pages 9 through 10.

The record for CB-50-2021 at that time demonstrated that that council bill could apply to over 145 assembled properties, not just this property. CB-50-2021 was validly enacted, and it is appropriate for the Planning Board to apply it to this case. CB-50-2021 has never been challenged, and the times to challenged the same as long it's expired pursuant to the landings article.

No case law exists that allows a protestant to wait one year, four months, and 28 days or a total of 513 days, before first attempting to exhaust their administrative remedies to challenge the bill. The time for administrative agencies to consider the alleged issues related to CB-50-2021 was at the time that CB-50-2021 was enacted and within the relevant statutory appeal period,

thereafter relating to the said enactment.

The opponents are barred from attempting to now collaterally attack CB-50-2021 by the equitable doctrine in Laches. It has been 513 days since CB-50-2021 was adopted. Opponents now claim the law is somehow illegal. The applicant has spent hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars, in reliance on CB-50-2021 and obtaining a number of approvals through the development process. Therefore, equity dictates this late challenge as barred.

CB-50-2021 enjoys the presumption of validity, and it is the opposition assuming a challenge to the law was timely made, which it wasn't, who has the burden to demonstrate that the law is illegal. There is nothing in this record or the record of CB-50-2021 that rises to the level of overcoming this presumption.

Fifth, you're going to hear about how CB-12-2023 repeals or renders this application moot. That simply is just a mischaracterization of the law. CB-12-2022 has been appealed -- I do want to note that CB-12-2023 has been appealed and is the subject of legal challenges in circuit court. Notwithstanding that, CB-12-2023 did not repeal CB-50-2021, nor could it.

CB-12-2023 did, however, amend the ability to utilize CB-50-2021 pursuant to Section 27-1900 of the new zoning ordinance, not the transitional provisions under 27-

1 1704. Therefore, the limitation of the utilization of CB50-2021 is exclusively related only to cases filed pursuant
to Section 27-1900 -- or 1903 to be more specific. DSP22028, however, was filed pursuant to a grandfathered
application and is being filed and reviewed pursuant to

Section 27-1704, not 27-1903.

Simply, CB-12-2023 has no effect on this detailed site plan. And let me explain: The preliminary plan of subdivision was filed under Section 27-1900 -- excuse me 24-1900. Section 24-1903(b) states, and I quote, "Once approved, development applications that use the prior subdivision regulations shall be grandfathered and subject to the provisions set forth in Section 24-1704 of this subtitle." Section 27-1704 then provides, "until no less the period of time under which the subdivision approval remains valid expires, the project may proceed to the next steps in the approval process."

And this is important, including any zoning steps that may be necessary and continue to be reviewed and decided under the subdivision regulations and zoning ordinance in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the new subdivision regulations and zoning ordinance.

Thus, although the preliminary was approved after April 1st, 2022, Sections 24-1903(b) and 24-1704(b), when read together, clearly result in a grandfathered preliminary plan

of subdivision, that then triggers the ability to pursue to quote, "next steps in the approval process, including the zoning steps." In this case, the detailed site plan, under part 27 of the prior code vis-à-vis Section 27-1704.

Consequently DSP-22028 was filed under or pursuant to Section 27-1704, the transitional provisions of the zoning ordinance, thereby triggering the utilization of the prior zoning ordinance, which includes CB-50-2021.

In conclusion -- and before I completely conclude,
I do want to address Commissioner Doerner's comments. But
in conclusion, at least from my opening statements, a
detailed site plan and the development as a whole is in
keeping with Plan 2035 established community's growth
policies, and it's suitable for medium density and the Plan
2035's projections for an additional 12,600 dwelling units
in the established community's area, which again is
reflected on table 17 at page 110 of the general plan.

It is context-sensitive by providing and creating a strategic opportunity for infill development at the intersection of two arterial roadways that responds to the context of the large commercial development to the north and the higher residential density development in the LMX zone to the east being Fairwood. It establishes a thoughtful and purposeful transition to lower density to the south. It is an area where public facilities exist or adequate to serve

the development and meet the needs of the existing and future residents. The development responds to specific targeted strategies of the comprehensive housing strategy.

And finally, while the applicant understands and respects the opposition's assertions in this case, everything you will hear from the opposition or read from the opposition mirrors the assertions and arguments made 20 years ago when the Fairwood community was going through the entitlement process. And I would venture to say -- and I would everyone would agree in this hearing today -- that none of those assertions have been proven true as it relates to the Fairwood community. Similarly, this proposed development will be no different.

In addressing Commissioner Doerner's comments, let me just say this: With all due respect, the notion of front-loaded towns, especially 24-foot towns being anomalies is factually not correct. There are a number of projects for 24-foot-wide towns are front-loaded. Similarly, in transitional area like this, for example -- which this board has approved. For example, Amber Ridge and Bowie off of 301. That has commercial retail, two commercial pad retail sites along the frontage of 301. It transitions to 20-foot-wide townhomes, and then ultimately, it's a 24-foot, front-loaded townhomes that back up to single-family, detached homes in Bowie.

And Mr. Shelly, I think answered that question very accurately with respect to the transition from the locust of activity of two major arterial roadways at 450 and 193 having the smaller units of 18-foot-wides along that frontage being rear-loaded so the fronts face the road, notwithstanding we have berming and significant landscaping along those frontages.

And then transitioning to a wider unit of 20s in the middle of the project and then transitioning to the wider 24-foots, front-loaded so that you have backs of backyards and back of the homes backing up to backyards and back of homes on the Fairwood side, although there is a sliver of property between this property and the Fairwood community, itself. Nevertheless, it's analogous and similar to other projects that have been developed in this fashion.

And I think that's important. I do understand your concern with respect to maybe the design, however, this project very -- it meets or exceeds the requirements of 27-548(h) regulations, which are applicable to this case with respect to materials, percentage of brick, and penetration that it required. It exceeds the size minimums of those regulations. All regulations for this project are met or exceeded.

As it relates to the comments regarding the recreational amenity in the central area, I don't want to

speak for staff, but that was something that was discussed ever since SDRC with respect to that amenity feature having a centralized location of that. The issue with having that location in that central area, one, it most of the time, we're encouraged to have recreational amenities central to the projects. But in order to make sure that the design elements were appropriate so you didn't have fronts of houses backing up to the backs of houses because the 18-foot-wide units along Central Avenue -- excuse me, along Annapolis Road and 193 are rear-loaded, it had to be designed in a way so that the 20s didn't back up to -- or didn't face the backs of homes. So that's why you have the rears facing that amenity area. Otherwise, you would have fronts facing rears, which both staff and the applicant did not feel that was a good urban design treatment.

I will note that there's a circulation plan and a sidewalk plan in your material. I don't have the slide number, but I know Mr. Shelly went through it. We have proposed ten-foot-wide, shared-use paths along the frontage, five-foot-wide sidewalks internal to the site. There are sidewalks internal to that recreational area. I know that image showed residents walking along the driveways. There is actually not a sidewalk on the backs of those driveways. The sidewalks and the crosswalks connect the pedestrian connections to the recreational amenity.

Maybe the next slide -- no, that slide.

So you will see around that amenity -- if you can Zoom into that central location? Yeah.

Yeah. Although the crosswalk is not shown, I believe we're proposing crosswalks if cross -- I mean, I've never had a detailed site where crosswalks weren't shown or depicted as far as required by staff. But crosswalks will be provided. If not, certainly would welcome a condition to provide those, but all of those units have accessibility to sidewalks and to crosswalks to get to that central recreational amenity.

So understanding your strong feelings towards it at the initial outset, I do think Urban Design, your staff, as well as the applicant's design team looked at that very closely and do not feel that some of the issues that you raised will be actually realized given the connectivity of the sidewalks and the overall design of the project.

With that being said, Mr. Chairman, I think that concludes my initial presentation. Happy to answer any questions. We did have one exhibits -- well, we had a few exhibits, but one of the exhibits was Applicant's Exhibit 1 that modified condition 1-I and 1-R.

Condition 1-I was a repetitive condition, a detailed site plan general notes are included what 1-I was requiring, and with consultation with your staff, we removed

two units from the high visible list reducing that only by two. So I think it was 29 originally and down to 27 high end units, and units on lots 192 and 193 were deemed not to be high visible given their locations.

So with that, Mr. Chairman, I would submit and respectfully request the approval of this detailed site plan. I'm certainly happy to answer any questions and certainly happy to address any additional comments and rebuttal.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Tedesco.

Commissioners, I'm sure there's questions for Mr.

Tedesco and his team. I just want to -- because I have a

lot of them, too. I'm just trying to think about how much

we want to get into what might feel like deliberation before

we hear from the public. So let's ask questions of staff,

but also save space for more back and forth when we get to

deliberation because I have some -- I mean, to be blunt, I

have some serious questions about the design of this that I

want to get into with you all, but also want to interact

with the applicant about it too.

So with that said, Commissioners' question for the applicant.

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Yeah. I still have serious issues with this. I'm not concerned, Mr. Tedesco, with the size of the front-loaded units or necessarily like how

you're bringing in the different types of housing. Like, I appreciate that, and I don't really mind about 20- versus 24-foot units.

I don't think in designs that at least I've been hearing and approving with these townhomes that we've been approving front-loaded units in great mass. I know that there are a couple places that are more suburban that have attached townhomes, but not in a design like this that's really compact that we have front-loaded garages like on these units. So I don't think that's necessarily consistent with what we've done because if it is, I pointed that out in other cases as well.

And the one thing that I'm still hung up, though, on is is that exhibit in that island area. I think it absolutely fails on the design guidelines whether or not staff allows you to go forward on it is a different question, but in terms of, like, parking, loading, and circulation that they were supposed to be looking at this, looking at that -- you're the one who submitted the image, and looking at that image, like, does it all meet the couple of guidelines that we have in there for pedestrian and safety, for keeping cars out of like visibility, and minimizing the visual impact of the cars? Sure. It's convenient for the cars. It's not necessarily convenient for pedestrian safety. It definitely is visually obtrusive,

and I have no idea what the pedestrian pathways are around it.

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I absolutely agree that like the visual impact on the map is fine is terms of the centralized amenity, but the design around that is just horrible, and I know you've got kids. Just think about walking -- having your kids, if you were living there, walking out into the backyard and getting hit as they're trying to go over to the parking area or to the playground area. And that's what I think about when I see this because I lived in a community like townhomes like these, and if I had a townhome over there, like, I'm just kind of envisioning my kid running out of the garage and just, boom, getting hit by a car pulling back out from the playground area or running around in one these parking areas because what you've given us here is maybe different than what you're intending on designing, but this is what we have before us. And I'm looking for some way of thinking about, like, why this is actually remotely possible or acceptable.

You may need some time to think about that. If you want to come back later with some of your experts to kind of talk about this. So if you need some time to confer with them, but I'm not at all convinced about this one amenity. I want the amenity and stuff like this, but like, how it's set up, I think it's just not very well thought through.

1 MR. TEDESCO: I mean, I don't --2 MR. CHAIR: Is your --MR. TEDESCO: I don't know if this very --3 4 MR. CHAIR: Mr. Tedesco, I just want to make sure, 5 Commissioner Doerner, is this question for Mr. Tedesco, or 6 do you want to --7 MR. DOERNER: Yeah. If he has, then I'm open. I mean, I'm always happy to hear and like what 8 9 he -- because he and others will convince me that, hey, this isn't what we're actually trying to do, and that's what I'm 10 looking for to be able to vote in favor, if it comes to that 11 12 point, for a project like this, but as of now, like, I don't 13 see it, and I'm hoping that he has other materials or other 14 ways of kind of demonstrating that. MR. TEDESCO: Well, I think we're focusing in on 15 this illustrative, which is really designed to show the --16 17 show the amenity space, itself, as it relates to the area. 18 And if I understand your -- is the concern the fact that 19 there are units facing the amenity, or is the concern the 20 parking around the amenity? I will say, I don't believe and we don't believe 21 22 and I don't think your staff believes that there's a safety issue here or else we would have -- it would have been 23 24 addressed much earlier. We do have internal sidewalks

connecting this. I think this image, in fairness, is a

little misleading in the sense that it shows, you know, pedestrians along the driveways on both the right and top portion of it. Those are not sidewalks. And that's why I think the sidewalk exhibit that was shown before, actually tells the better story with respect to the connectivity, pedestrian connectivity, and safety as it relates to this amenity.

Having amenities central to these projects is not unusual. I've worked on a number of projects where these amenities exist in this fashion with parking around it. You know, we are still trying to balance the need to have parking. I will note that, you know, from a code perspective, 408 parking spaces are required. We're at 645. So if this issue the parking around it, we are at a surplus of parking. However, we are trying to balance the need for these townhouse communities to make sure they're sufficiently parked and not under parked, which has been another balancing component that design teams have been coming up.

But you know, there is a possiblity to reduce the parking around this area, if that is something that is causing concern or ire for you. I will acknowledge the image is a little misleading with respect to those future citizens walking along the driveways. This is illustrative. The site plan, itself, I think shows the pedestrian

connections in that one exhibit much better and how the central location will be accessed.

I don't know if anybody from Soltesz or the design team has any further thoughts on that? I would yield to them, if they do. Or if Mr. Lenhart has any thoughts on it with respect to a circulation standpoint.

MR. LENHART: Yes. Good afternoon -- or good morning. Mike Lenhart for the record. One thing I might add is that we could include a series of crosswalks, either they can be raised crosswalks with all-way stops at those locations, efforts on making sure that site distance is appropriate, the shrubs and bushes and things don't impede sight distance so that there is clear line of sight. So pedestrians and motorists, alike, can see, you know, if there's anyone in the crosswalks, crossing the street, or approaching. And there are a series of things that can be done to -- possibly speedhumps along the internal roads as well to control traffic.

MR. CHAIR: All right. Mr. Doerner, do you -COMMISSIONER DOERNER: In terms of the things that
bother me, it's like everything about this image. And I
realize this is illustrative, and it might not be what it
ends up being, but this is what you turned in to give us an
idea of what the case is going to be and what it's going to
look like. And when we're looking at our criteria, we have

to look at, like, safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the site. There's nothing safe about this picture.

And then we have to think about, like, is it visually and obtrusive in terms of the loading areas to minimize conflict of vehicles and pedestrians? Not at all. And then vehicular and pedestrian circulation on site should be safe, efficient, and convenient for both pedestrians and drivers. It's not convenient for pedestrians, unless I'm going to get hit, and you want to send them into harm's way. So I don't know how you want to redo this, and I don't really -- I'm not a big fan of, like, just loading a bunch of cars. I realize you have to park them somewhere, but if you want to get rid of them in this area, I think that would be a start to improving, like, the pedestrian safety.

I think this image is probably upside down in terms of the orientation for other kind of like images that we have on the map. But at least on this image on the right side of that kind of alleyway, if you would get rid of that and turn that into green space and connect it with what I think is a green over there that's more contiguous, that would certainly make it more safe, and I think alleviate some of my concerns there.

But as of right now, like, I don't think there's anything convincing to me that you had all prioritized

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MR. CHAIR: All right. Thank you, Commissioner.

MR. TEDESCO: May I respond?

MR. CHAIR: Sure.

MR. TEDESCO: I would just draw your attention to the sidewalk exhibit, which I think your staff has analyzed. I mean, no staff, no agency has recommended anything other than approval for this project and have not drawn the same conclusions that you've drawn based upon what's proposed. I understand the concern. That being said, I think circulation and pedestrian accessibility has been thoroughly analyzed and reviewed by the experts, and I don't believe and I would not agree that the design is going to kill people. It wouldn't be recommended for approval if it would.

But that being said, as Mr. Lenhart said, you

know, if there's additional traffic calming devices that are, the board, in its discretion, feels are necessary, we're happy to implement those, whether that be signage or speedbumps or whatever. High-definition crosswalks, et cetera, are all things that can be easily accommodated to these (audio interference).

But no time has anyone at the County, your staff indicated any of the concerns with respect to that particular design from a pedestrian circulation loading standpoint or a safety concern, obviously.

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Mr. Tedesco, if you had people who actually worked in the County offices who are reviewing these live in a place like this, they would immediately raise these kinds of concerns because I live in place like this. I don't care if somebody at DPIE doesn't live in one of these houses and says it's okay because I'm looking at it from different criteria.

I have kids who wander out into the alleyways and stuff, and I have to think about these things and on a team based because I'm a user, and being on the Planning Board, I am one of the ones that has to approve this, and I'm telling you right now, you're not getting my approval if this is how it goes. So I don't care if you say, oh, well, we'll have crosswalks or we can do these things and stuff like -- give me concrete things, and think about, like, how are you

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              MR. CHAIR: Commissioner?
              MR. DOERNER: -- and be safe --
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COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Okay. Yeah. Let's

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Commissioner Doerner, other questions for staff?

COMMISIONER DOERNER: No. That's it. Thank you.

MR. CHAIR: Or for the applicant rather. Other Commissioners, questions for the applicant?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not at this time.

MR. CHAIR: So let me flag for you, Mr. Tedesco, if we can throw up the design, the overall site plan. should be good -- no, not the recreation area. Yeah. we go. That.

So yeah. This is building a bit off where Commissioner Doerner is as well, but at the more macro level for this development. And I hear you that staff has approved this, and I disagree with where we are on this. mean, part of the concern for me is that even where this is located, that the amenities for folks who live here, they ain't walking to it, right? They're not walking across Annapolis Road, 193. So really what serves this community is going to amenities that the immediate service the community the amenities that are there.

You know, I want to see this enhanced. the amenities for this site are really important, and I think -- you know, I would like to see -- I think the only way to do this is to see a little bit less density and a little bit more pedestrian orientation and centralized greenspace.

You know, there is -- I'm looking at this, and I don't really see anything that's close to a central green or anything like that or any kind of a pedestrian-oriented gathering place. It feels like it's just more a rabbit ward of townhomes, and it's, you know -- let me just say it.

Maybe I'm channeling Commission Doerner a bit, but I'm coming off of my own experience, and sometimes that matters.

So I had experience in a townhome development quite like this called Greenbelt Station where I stayed for about five months. And one of the things that I loved about that, some of the things are actually quite similar to this, which is with all due respect, Mr. Doerner, there were front-loaded townhomes, front-loaded park townhomes along the edge of the development similar to what's being proposed here, and I actually thought that it worked.

But the other thing that it had, Mr. Tedesco -the other thing that it had was a centralized green where
the amenities were there, and folks would walk there, and it
became the focal point for the development, and it was a
very important part of the development. I don't get that
here. I'm missing it in some way, shape, or form. So I'm
concerned about the design.

And then there's the piece around the elevations that are more visible from the roads, and I want to -- I didn't quite get where staff was coming from on that either, but I didn't like what I saw. I'd like to revisit that a bit and more of a conversation around that.

So I have some concerns about the overall design of this and the way the density is set up here that give me pause. So that's what I want to get at, and with my fellow commissioners, you know, maybe under deliberation because I also want to hear what folks from the public have to say about this, too, but I would like us to take this up under deliberation, and see where you all land with this design because at this point, if I were voting on this right now --but I haven't heard from the public yet either -- but I would be more inclined to send them back and have them come to us with a redesign of this that's going to make this a more pedestrian-oriented and amenity-focused development.

So Mr. Tedesco, if you want to react to that, feel free, but also commissioners, I'm wondering if you have any other questions around that as we move to hear from folks from the community?

COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Mr. Chair, I don't have any questions, I mean, other than I thought, one, with the dog park being -- coming in so late in the process. But the other thing is, it just -- it appears very dense, the

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planning, and that's a concern I have with all that density
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: It certainly doesn't look
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              MR. CHAIR: No. And I'm with you Commissioner.
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    available to them because I think they're not exceeding any
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              MR. TEDESCO: The only thing, if I have the
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MR. CHAIR: Yes, sir, please.

MR. TEDESCO: Yeah. We're certainly amenable to working with staff on conditions that address these issues. I'm quite confident between your staff and the applicant, we could address all of this, vis-à-vis a condition. That being said, you know, with the Climate Action Plan that was recently adopted, I think we all have to kind of get used to the idea of having more cluster density to accommodate Climate Action Plan to have additional open green areas.

So you know, all of these projects have an economic component to them, and I know visually how it may feel or appear, but that's going to become normal, and this project is no different with respect to ensuring environmental stewardship, open space, green areas. We're going to have to have more cluster density in closer locations. That is actually what the direction the County is going in with, the Climate Action Plan and other types of plan while also balancing the need to accommodate the Housing Strategy Plan that was adopted to create a variety of housing types or multiple opportunities so that everyone has the opportunity to own a house in Prince George's County. There's nothing that builds well more than home ownership. And so we have to accommodate all these things.

And while I hear the concerns, which I understand, we, as a design team, and the applicant's design team and your staff are intimately familiar with these types of

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              MS. OLIVER: I'm here.
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              MR. CHAIR: Ms. Oliver, are you there?
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              MS. OLIVER: Yes.
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              MR. CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Oliver.
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              MR. CHAIR: Jessica Larkin? Jessica Larkin, are
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    her another shot, if it's her, I assume.
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              MR. BAUMGARDENER: Yes, sir.
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              MR. CHAIR: Mr. Bridges, I see you as well.
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              Ms. Bruce, I see you as well.
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              MR. DOBY: Yes, sir.
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              MR. CHAIR: Okay. For folks who are in opposition
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    If you're with the applicant's team, don't worry about it.
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    But did I miss anybody who's not part of the applicant's
    team and wishes to speak in support, opposition, or no
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    position?
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              Okay. And again, as we get to it, if I miss
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    somebody, you know, feel free to pop on, and we'll make
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    sense of it and make sure you sign up. So with that in
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    terms of --
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              MR. BRIDGES: Chair?
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              MR. CHAIR: Yeah.
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              MR. BRIDGES: This is Mike Bridges. Can I ask a
    favor?
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              MR. CHAIR: Yes, sir.
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              MR. BRIDGES: I am out of the country, and need to
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    catch a flight. Is there any way I can speak early, first,
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    if possible.
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              MR. CHAIR: Mr. Bridges, we'll have you go first.
              MR. BRIDGES: Okay. Thank you.
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              MR. CHAIR: So the way I'm going to do this is
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    individuals have up to three minutes to speak.
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- 1 Organization, if you're representing an organization, you 2 have up to five minutes to speak. I don't believe the 3 opposition -- and correct me if I'm wrong, I don't believe 4 the opposition is organized in such a way where there is a 5 party who is representing the majority of folks in 6 opposition. Is there? So then, we'll work it this way --7 Mr. Suhar, I'm sorry. You had something to say? MR. SUHAR: No, I did not. I'm sorry. 9 silence mine. I thought it was --10 MR. CHAIR: No worries, no worries. 11 So then we'll take it this way, and if it's your 12 turn to speak and for some reason, you feel like you need a 13 little bit more time and we're working within the parameters 14 that are set for us by how much time the applicant took, 15 we'll have some flexibility around this, but the assumption 16 will be up to three minutes for individuals, up to five 17 minutes if you represent an organization, okay? 18 And we will start with Mr. Bridges. Mr. Bridges, you have up to three minutes. You can introduce yourself 19 20 for the record, and the floor is yours. 21 MR. BRIDGES: Good morning, Chair and Planning 22 This is Mike Bridges. I'm a resident of Bowie. I'm testifying to establish my opposition to DSP-22028 on the 23
- grounds that it's based on an illegal text event permit, CB50-2021, that violates the uniformity requirements of land

use Article Section 22-201(b)(2)(i).

Specifically, the ZTA granted a special high-density favor to a property in the RE zone while denying that same benefit to other RE zone property owners without that benefit being based on any public policy served. An examination of CB-50-2021 reveals no articulation of a public policy served. The Planning Board has the authority to reject the DSP as long as the reasons for that rejection are neither arbitrary nor capricious.

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals has ruled on a similar matter involving freeway airports, ESAREG-0472-2021, and this new case law issued on June 29th, 2022, supports a finding of fact that CB-50-2021 is indeed illegal. I ask that the Planning Board consult their legal counsel, review the evidence, including the Court of Special Appeals' ruling and also review the text of CB-50-2021 and determine independently whether you all agree that CB-50-2021 violates the uniformity rule and therefore constitutes a reasonable, nonarbitrary and noncapricious rationale for rejecting DSP-22028.

Notwithstanding, the money spent by the developer thus far, the project is not vested according to existing case law because there are no footings in the ground.

Planning Board should not be allowing developments that rest on illegal foundation.

I also feel that the rejection of DSP-22028 should not be allowed because of the violation of Plan 2035 growth goals. If you look at both the 2019 five-year evaluation and the review of growth policies presented to the County Council on January 10th, 2023, it indicates that the County continues to veer off course with regards to achieving its Plan 2035 growth goals, specifically as it relates the established community's growth policy areas and the regional transit district policy areas.

Basically, the units went from a percentage of 46 to 49 percent in the EC area when the goal is 20 percent, which is the wrong direction, accelerating in the wrong direction. And the RTD growth distribution in units went down from 25 percent to 23 percent when the 2035 goal is --

MR. CHAIR: Mr. Bridges, wrap up, please.

MR. BRIDGES: Okay. Will do. So that's in the wrong direction. So basically, the development of the 22028 is in the EC growth area and not context-sensitive infill, and it further exacerbates the undesired accelerating growth relative to the RTD areas and should therefore be rejected. Thank you.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Bridges. And let me say, your piece around the legality of this, we're going to hear -- I know we're going to hear a lot about that from folks in the community. After we go through this process,

- we'll hear from folks in the community, Mr. Warner, who is our principal counsel, I'm going to ask you to weigh in as well, and perhaps staff will have further comments on this as well just to layout your position.
  - You've communicated to us clearly to us why you all have communicated this, why you feel this is -- the application -- the applicant is within their rights to proceed as they have laid out, but we'll want to hear from that because we're going to hear from lots of folks in the community have concerns about that.
  - So Mr. Warner, Mr. Hunt, you may want to prepare yourselves for that. And Mr. Bridges, thank you very much for taking the time, and have a safe flight.
  - MR. BRIDGES: Thank you.

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- MR. CHAIR: Okay. We will go on to -- I'll take
  it from the top of my list. We'll start with Ms. Oliver,

  Jill Oliver, Fairwood Community Association resident. Ms.

  Oliver, introduce yourself for the record, and you have up
  to three -- you have up to five minutes, Ms. Oliver. I'm
  sorry. And the floor is yours.
  - MS. OLIVER: I am not going to take five minutes. I'll speak as a resident because Mr. Baumgardner will speak for the Association.
- MR. CHAIR: All right.
- MS. OLIVER: Okay.

MR. CHAIR: We'll bump you down to three minutes,
Ms. Oliver, but take it away. The floor is yours.

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MS. OLIVER: Okay. Thank you. Good morning,
Chair Shapiro and Planning Board members. For the record,
my name if Jill Oliver, and I am the president of the
Fairwood Community Association, which represents almost
2,000 homeowners -- homes. I'm speaking specifically on my
own behalf and also on the behalf of many residents who
could not be here today.

And I want to register opposition to DSP-2020-22028 for the same reason stated by Mr. Michael Bridges who just spoke. Homeownership, as stated earlier, is important, but it's important if it's done the right way. Like many other communities, Fairwood has been victimized by the zoning text amendment process that allowed this developer and others to move forward in the development process without engaging Fairwood residents.

Fairwood residents have had to continuously spend significant time and resources to stop assault on our community. The use of text amendments usurps the rights of residents and will always act to silence community voices. This is not the right to do development and should not be supported because of the legal issues that are involved and the fact that the community has not been brought into the fold.

The applicant committed to Fairwood Community residents that our concerns would be addressed, but they weren't. And I agree with what has been stated by the commissioners that the design is terrible and should not be allowed to move -- and this application should not be allowed to move forward.

You know why this design is terrible? Because there should be no townhouses there. The zoning, original zoning, was for single family and/or commercial development, and that plot of land was supposed to be for that type of development, and the current zoning has now gone back to the original zoning noting that this land, this particular plot of land is really not consistent with -- townhouses are not consistent with this type of land mass and for this type of development.

So in the end, we would encourage the developer to work with the community to get to a design that supports and complements the surrounding community. And with that, I thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Oliver. Much appreciated. Ms. Oliver, question for you? You said Mr. Baumgardner is actually representing you and other of the folks in opposition?

MS. OLIVER: He is representing Fairwood Community
Association. So he should have five minutes.

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              MR. CHAIR: Excellent. No problem at all. Do you
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    care where he goes in the order? I'll leave it to you to
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    to go next, what's going to be helpful for you?
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              MS. OLIVER: Derek, it's up to you. Please let me
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    know what your preference is?
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              MR. BAUMGARDNER: Thank you, Ms. Oliver.
    Chairman, my argument is legal only.
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    like to hear a legal argument with regard to the
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    applicability of the prior zoning ordinance.
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              MR. CHAIR: So let's have you go last because I
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    know that we're going to have our team pick this issue up,
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person on our list, and then we have Janet Gingold. Ms. Gingold, you'll have up to five minutes representing the Sierra Club, and if you could introduce yourself, and the floor is yours.

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MS. GINGOLD: Good morning. I'm Janet Gingold. I live in Kettering, and I'm speaking today of the Prince

George's County Sierra Club. We seriously need to change how we decide what to build where and how. Townhouse developments belong in towns where people can easily walk the common destinations. This is not such a place. This development is not consistent with Plan 2035, which calls for focusing development near transit and in designated activity centers. This place is nowhere near a Metro station. It's not within a designated activity center. It will put 200 new households where they will be dependent on cars to get where they need to go.

The fact that it can be developed as an M-X-T based on a footnote in an outdated zoning ordinance doesn't mean that it should. It's not pedestrian-friendly or bikefriendly. How will residents walk or bike safely to the Safeway or to work across 450. That's nowhere in there that it's bike- or pedestrian-friendly.

There's a new bill, CB-52-2023, currently before the County Council, which would limit new townhouse developments like this to properties that are within specified regional transit centers, local transit centers, and local centers designated within the current general plan within council, government, designated activity centers, or designated transit-oriented or revitalization areas.

I refer you to the whereas clauses of that bill for the rationale for not building new developments like

this outside the designated activity centers. For thriving communities today and into the future, evaluation of new developments should include potential climate impacts and plans related to energy use, especially for higher density developments. Anyone who moves into brand new housing deserves to be able to trust that their new home meets building standards for the future, including energy performance standards. Sneaking under the wire to avoid compliance with new requirements is not in the best interest of future residents.

If there is uncertainty about what new building energy performance standards will apply, approval should be deferred now so that we can get it right for the future.

It's abundantly clear that future developments should be all electric and powered by renewable energy with battery storage for resilience. Where will the electric power come from? Where are the solar panels? Where are the charging stations? Where do the battery storage units go? Will this community be connected with its microgrid? Where is the neighborhood resilience hub?

Maybe these elements of infrastructure are not required by current code, but they're essential responsible development as we look toward the next half century. Please do not authorize building this development that will dig us deeper into our dependence on fossil fuels and automobiles

with high per capita vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. Use the authority you have to ensure that what is built on this property does not just compound the problems of our dependence on fossil fuels, but provides part of the solution going forward. Thank you.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Gingold.

Next we have David Boulet.

MR. BOULET: Yes. Hello. My name is David
Boulet. Thank you, Chair and Planning Board. I am speaking
as a resident of the Fairwood Community and also a member of
the Fairwood Development Committee. My conversation is not
going to be legal at all. It's going to be about
aesthetics, what it really means to be context-sensitive.

I don't know if any of you have ever tried to call your bank to dispute something, and to better serve you, we have a new phone system, and you end up pressing buttons for an hour and can never get through to an agent. And you think of the irony and the mistruth behind that better serve you comment. That's what this context-sensitivity is all about in this presentation from Mr. Tedesco.

I think context means what are the adjacent communities doing? What are the neighboring plots that are connected to this community doing? And they're all single-family homes, diagonally across the street, to the left, and the right. Sure. There's commercial across the street.

That's commercial. That's not residential. And even by the (indiscernible) station, more residential.

You have to go down the street to find townhomes, and if we're going to talk about left behind, another one of these better serve you quotes, those are older townhomes that were built before the single-family residences. So if you want to keep up with the times, wouldn't you also be interested in following the single-family residence wave?

So I go through my community, and what makes
Fairways special is aesthetics, the brick homes, the very
focused architecture on Colonial and Federal, you know,
motifs. If we were being context-sensitive and using the
Fairwood name on our sign, wouldn't we have hired an
architect to design buildings that keep in harmony? No.
These buildings look like they belong by a new count and
Metro station.

Sure, they're hip and they're cool, and maybe they're slick looking, but that's not this community.

That's done by The Home Depot. And I don't see that with oh, go down to the Home Depot and find architecture, build it here, and call it context-sensitive because that was mentioned, too.

Home Depot is down the street. You want to build a home that looks like it belongs by Home Depot, go build it there. So I'm really bothered by the mischaracterization of

terms used to kind of give nice flavors to things as though
someone is doing us a favor by building townhomes here. Far
from it.

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And even the phrase of transition from the arterial roadways with more dense, smaller townhomes to more larger homes, who needs a transition? There's nothing that says oh, with arterial building requires a highly dense home so you can then feather out to less dense homes. Build them all less dense.

When we asked this question in the meeting where Mr. Tedesco joined the other night with our development committee, that question was posed; couldn't you have all larger townhomes?

And the answer was, no, there's an economic component, which is really another phrase from the telephone company which is code for we wouldn't make as much profit doing that. So rather than a profit-motivated development exercise here, I would rather have something on this land that truly serves the community, and improves our home values and our quality of life. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Boulet. Appreciate it.

Next, we have Jessica Larkin. I was looking for you before. I didn't hear from you, Ms. Larkin. Are you on the line? No.

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    yourself. There you are, and the floor is yours. You have
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    up to three minutes to speak. Take it away.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We can't -- we can hear you
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              MS. BRUCE: (Indiscernible).
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Bruce, we can't hear you.
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    waiting, but we can't hear you.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Bruce.
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              MS. BRUCE: -- also on the development committee.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Bruce, hold on one sec. We
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    are not hearing you very well, and I want to make sure we
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    can hear you.
              MS. BRUCE: Is this on? Can you hear me?
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- 2 | reenter, okay? Can you, maybe if you just reboot. We will
- 3 get to you. We won't lose you, okay. But so drop off,
- 4 reboot, and come back.
- 5 MS. BRUCE: I have this on. I don't know why you
- 6 can't hear me.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: -- come back to Ms. Bruce.
- 8 | We'll come back to Ms. Bruce.
- 9 Next, we have a Mr. Richard Elliott. Mr. Elliott,
- 10 | are you on the line? No Mr. Elliott.
- 11 Okay. Mr. Doby, Kevin Doby.
- MR. DOBY: Can you hear me? (Indiscernible).
- CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We can hear you, but it's very
- 14 muddled, your sound.
- MR. DOBY: Okay. Because (indiscernible) can you
- 16 hear me now?
- 17 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: It's really hard, Mr. Doby.
- 18 | Here's a suggestion, Mr. Doby. We can see you. What if you
- 19 | call in rather than use your computer --
- MR. DOBY: I'll do that.
- 21 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Do you have the call in number?
- 22 MR. DOBY: Yes, sir. I've got it right here.
- 23 | I'll give us a call in right now.
- CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Mute this, and then call in.
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              MR. DOBY: Not yet.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Say something now in your
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    phone.
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              MR. DOBY: I'm in.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Hey, that's perfect. Sound
    quality is great. Now, we can see you and hear you, Mr.
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    Doby. The floor is yours. You have up to three minutes.
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              MR. DOBY: Okay. My name is Kevin Doby. There is
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    a reverb. Okay. So my name is Kevin Doby. I'm a resident
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    of Glenarden. This isn't my first detailed site planning
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    hearing, so it's a -- it's a little too familiar for me.
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    22028, Fairwood Square.
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    So my issue is with the amount of water that will be used,
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    used by the creation of this development. Globally, we're
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But I wanted to bring something to you all's

attention because there seems to be a bit of an attitude with a lot of developers that this is the only development that is being built or is in the works, and so the effects on the environment will be minimal.

But I'd like to bring to you all's attention

Senate Bill 516 that sits on the Governor's desk as we speak. And this relates to cannabis licensing. Just hang in there with me. In the coming years, we are to expect an influx of dispensaries within the state of Maryland. I'll bring this home for you all. We are to expect 200 new dispensaries in the state of Maryland, 100 new growers within the state. Now, this will use an, an unprecedented amount of water, and it could eventually lead us to circumstances similar to what's being faced in Colorado with extreme drought.

Now, back to the design of the project, not only does 200, or the density, the density of the project use up a lot of water, but it doesn't allow anywhere for water to go once it falls. There are no permeable surfaces, and the green space looks like it will just be covered with turf and non-native trees, which always presents a problem.

I'll wrap everything up by saying I'm tired of the ticky-tacky designs that keep being pushed into Prince George's County. We deserve a lot better. I am so thankful for Mr. Doerner's objections. I'm glad to see that the

people are paying attention.

And Chairman Shapiro, I'm also happy that you are chiming in on this because we are tired of this poor design.

And I'd like to say in closing, Mr. Tedesco brings up that none of the issues or fears that we had regarding the Fairwood development would ever come to fruition. But I'd like to turn his attention to the year 2019 when a young man, I believe of the age of 14, Jamaal Karshed (phonetic sp.) was killed in an accident off of Church Road. The issues that we are bringing up are real issues. There are too many problems to address at the moment, but right now the design is just tacky, and it doesn't prepare us for the global crisis that we are all facing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you very much, Mr. Doby.

Next, we'll have Ms. Nuriddin.

MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. Can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Bruce. We can, we can hear you perfectly. And then, Ms. Bruce, will get to you after Ms. Nuriddin.

MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. For the record, my name is Ms. Terry Nuriddin, and I'm speaking on behalf of my family. Our primary resources for these notes was the staff notes from the Commission, the Prince George's County climate action strategies, and select board documents.

We want Bowie and the Prince George's County to be

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    this development. We want public officials to look out for
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    future. We believe zoning codes, building codes, and the
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Nuriddin, we lost you.
              MS. NURIDDIN: -- and infrastructure. Is it on --
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah. Ms. Nuriddin, we have
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    lost you. You froze. Why don't you turn off your mic, turn
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    off your camera, and --
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              MS. NURIDDIN: (Indiscernible).
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Ms. Nuriddin, turn off your
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CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We will come back to Ms.

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Ms. Bruce, let's see if we get lucky with you.

MS. BRUCE: Good afternoon, Denniese Bruce. Can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah, we can hear you fine and we can see you fine.

MS. BRUCE: Yes, great, great.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: You have -- we're going to reset the clock for you. You'll have three minutes to speak. If you can introduce yourself for the record and take it away.

MS. BRUCE: Thank you. I'm Denniese Bruce. I'm a resident of the Fairwood community, and specifically in the Prospect section, which abuts right directly behind this proposed development. I oppose DSP-22028, and align myself with the comments of my neighbors who have expressed similar opposition.

I also feel that there needs to be a more in-depth traffic study done with the new development that's underway with the senior community on Enterprise Road. The traffic at 450 and Enterprise is already extremely problematic. I can only imagine what is going to happen to the traffic when you have another two to 400 people who decide they want to make a left turn on 450 and are unable to. So they'll go across all the lanes to get to the light and make a U-turn.

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    environmental study. I feel that another more in-depth
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    study needs to be conducted. Thank you for your time.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Ms. Bruce.
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    Appreciate it, and I'm glad we could work out the technology
    and hear what you had to say.
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              MS. BRUCE: Yes, thank you.
              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: So next, we'll go to, back to
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    Ms. Nuriddin. Ms. Nuriddin, can you hear us? Can you hear
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    me okay? You're on mute if you can hear us. Take yourself
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    off mute. Can't hear you, still on mute. Oh what? Try
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    now. No.
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              MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. Can you hear me now?
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah. Now, we can hear you.
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    Okay. Yes. Take your -- take your camera off though. Just
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    go audio. Maybe that will work better.
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              MS. NURIDDIN: (Indiscernible) go ahead.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: All right. We're going to keep
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    going, and we'll come back to Ms. Nuriddin again.
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              MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. Can you hear me?
              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah. Now, we can hear you.
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MS. NURIDDIN: Hi. If I understand --

1 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: All right. Take it away. 2 We're going to start your clock over again. Yeah. 3 Nuriddin, we're going to start the clock over again and --4 MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. Can you hear me? 5 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yeah. We can hear you fine. MS. NURIDDIN: Okay. 6 7 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yes. MS. NURIDDIN: Okay, great. Well, I'll just say 8 9 that, okay, great. So sorry, everybody. 10 My family did research based on your notes and the climate action strategies, and I'll just fall into the last 11 12 part in that what Frank's Nursery represented to terms of 13 small and rural, and with the impact of the climate change, 14 the change in temperatures, and the necessity of planned 15 communities in terms of the financial hardship and 16 responsibility, that is why we were recommending that all 17 the streets be public, that the dog park and the 18 recreational facilities be public and managed by Bowie or 19 the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning, that the houses be reduced to 125 or no more than 150, but more 20 importantly that the green space woodlands be increased and 21 22 that as a marker, the Frank's Nursery concept embracing gardening, xeriscaping, environmentally friendly terrains, 23 24 and flood prevention strategies by limiting impervious

surfaces, and that you implement logistical strategies that

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reduce dangerous traffic patterns and ensure safe patterns for school buses and commuters within the community.

In close, and my family believe that the continued aftermath of COVID has a lasting impact on our lives, especially our youth and their families and should inspire us to be better community planners and stewards. And I think this needs to starts now because the financial hardship of managing those recreational facilities will manifest itself, and that community, as I saw from the plans today, it's very poorly situated to engage a sense of spirit within the community.

Thank you for your patience.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Ms. Nuriddin. I'm glad we got to hear from you, glad we worked through the technology, and you were patient with us. I appreciate that.

MS. NURIDDIN: Uh-huh. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: I think we have about five or six people who did not come on the line. So besides Mr. Baumgardner, am I missing anybody? Is there anyone else who has signed up who wishes to speak besides Mr. Bumgardner?

MR. SUHAR: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Oh, Mr. Suhar, I apologize.

I so apologize, Mr. Suhar, missed your list. So take it away. The floor is yours. And you are

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two community associations,
Mr. Chairman, the Wingate Homeowners' Association, and also
Gabriel's Run Homeowners' Association.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Okay. We'll give you five minutes, and the floor is yours..

MR. SUHAR: Thank you, very much. And good afternoon now since it is just after noon.

Chairman Shapiro, and the Planning Board, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on behalf of my clients I represent. I'm with the firm of Nagle and Zaller. I am an attorney, and represent, again, Wingate Homeowners' Association and Gabriel's Run Homeowners' Association. Both associations oppose -- both associations, which are in the vicinity of the applicant's property, they oppose the application for several reasons.

And so in their application, the applicant, for a detailed site plan, the applicant claimed that Prince George's County Planning Board its findings, of the information presented within CB-50-2021, which was adopted by the District Council on November 16th, 2021.

The applicant claims that this bill allowed townhomes and commercial uses that are generally permitted in the mixed-use transportation oriented zone M-X-T. That was true. However, on January 17th, 2023, as the Planning

Board knows, the District Council adopted CB-12-2023, which repealed CB-50-2021.

It's important to note that date because the Planning staff, as they stated at the beginning of today's meeting, noted that the application for DSP was received, accepted on the day after, which was January 18th, 2023. So it's my opinion, and our position, that the application for DSP is — they're not — the applicant is no longer entitled to the M-X-T zone. They cannot build townhomes on this property anymore. The density is too great, and the zoning does not allow for — no longer allows for the townhome development on this property. And so the preliminary plan of subdivision that was approved in this case was not a development application, and therefore, the applicant in this case would not be able to proceed with their plan's townhomes in the R-E zone. Again, CB-50, which allowed the higher density townhomes, was repealed by CB-12-2023.

Now, based on this, the applicant, in my opinion, my humble opinion, they're in crisis mode now. They're trying to figure out a way to try and convince you that somehow that they don't fall under this, that the CB-12-23, 2023 is -- does not apply to them. And so they've tried to get creative in their arguments. And pursuant to a March 21st, 2023 letter, they claim that the -- that the DSP that was filed under Section 27-1.704 pursuant to a grandfathered

preliminary plan of subdivision, and it was not -- and not, it was not filed under Section 27-1.900.

They're relying upon this argument; it all falls under whether which section of the code applies. And but it's our position, just one moment, that the -- that because they filed the application, their application after the April 1st cut off, the deadline at April 1st, that they could no longer rely upon that prior zoning ordinance.

I also I see that I'm running out of time. But I also, notwithstanding the arguments that it's illegal, they also are attempting to -- and if the Planning Board does not agree with that, and still allows the townhomes, the applicant's attempt here to maximize the density on this, on this property, it's atrocious.

The townhomes that are on an adjacent lot in Fairwood are much larger townhomes than what they propose, and the minimum -- they're proposing over 100 townhomes to be developed with 1,700 square feet. That's ridiculous. And my client, my clients, both of my clients are very opposed to this, to this extremely dense proposal. And I'm glad to see that Planning Board members are saying that it's too dense, and they're having a problem with the park, I guess, that was located in the middle of the roadways. It's unsafe and so again, my -- I submitted a letter dated --

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: We have your written testimony

- 1 as well, Mr. Suhar.
- 2 MR. SUHAR: You have the written testimony, okay,
- 3 March 20th. Thank you very much for allowing me to be
- 4 heard. It is my time up?
- 5 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Yes.
- 6 MR. SUHAR: It is, okay. I have much more to say,
- 7 | but I appreciate. If you have questions, I'll be happy to
- 8 answer those questions. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Suhar. I
- 10 appreciate it.
- Before we get to Mr. Baumgardner, I just want to
- 12 make sure I've exhausted the opportunity for other persons
- 13 to speak. I'm going to run through it one more time. Kim
- 14 | Perry (phonetic sp.)? Arthur Washington (phonetic sp.)?
- 15 Richard Elliott? Inga Crarey? Torie McDonald? Jessica
- 16 Larkin?
- Okay. With that, Mr. Baumgardner, I will turn it
- 18 over to you. You have up to five minutes for your
- 19 presentation. Introduce yourself for the record, and the
- 20 floor is yours.
- MR. BAUMGARDNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
- 22 members of the Board. For the record, my name is Derek
- 23 Baumgardner from the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor, and
- 24 Preston.
- I am out of town this week and appearing before

you from our satellite office. I would ordinarily be wearing a suit and tie when I would be before you. I do apologize for that. This is the best shirt I have with me at the moment.

I'll be very brief, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Mr. Baumgardner, I'm not even wearing a tie myself. So you're fine.

MR. BAUMGARDNER: Understood, sir. Thank you.

I will be brief. I did submit a letter into the record on Tuesday morning, summarizing our argument. I am here on behalf of of the Fairwood Community Association to present a legal argument with regard to the applicability of the prior zoning ordinance versus the current zoning and subdivision regulations.

To be brief, as this Board is very well aware, there are essentially two paths in the current subdivision regulations and the current zoning ordinance, which are generally referred to as the transitional rules or the transition rules. They are Sections 24-1.700, 24-1.900, and then the zoning regulations 27-1.700 and corresponding Section 27-1.900.

The preliminary planned subdivision was approved and adopted by this Board under Section 24-1.900. The applicant here, in our opinion, is essentially trying to bootstrap those two transitional sections to be read in

common, when our position is they are to be read separate.

The 1.700 sections, I will call them, are a transitional rule which is very common and occurs in many different jurisdictions where you have development approvals, permanent approvals that precede the adoption of a new ordinance but are not fully entitled. They're not fully through that development process. Certainly, those folks should be entitled to complete the development process under the law and the regulations in which they had applied. So the Section 1.700, both under the subdivision regulations and under the zoning ordinance, it's our position to apply to projects that received development approval prior to April 1st, 2022.

This particular application does not meet that requirement and they simply don't meet that timeline. All approvals before the preliminary plan stormwater concept all occurred several months after April 1st, 2022.

Let me turn to Sections 24-1.900 and 27-1.900.

This is a separate kind of pathway that the District Council found was appropriate and enacted into law to allow developments to what I call have a choose your law preference; are we going to be developed under the prior zoning regulations or the current zoning regulations.

As my colleague stated earlier, and I agreed with the position of the neighboring associations, in that

design, there is a provision which is 27-1.903(f), which the District Council enacted, that essentially pulled back the zoning text amendments that the District Council had identified as being problematic.

It's the Fairwood Community Association's position that that provision bars application of that, CB-50-2021, which is the provision that allows townhouse development on this site. If the Planning Board agrees, that would essentially remove the ability to place townhouses on this property.

I am running out of time. I will mention two other items quickly. Number one, this concept of grandfathering. Grandfathering is not new. This Board is very well aware of how grandfathering works. However, grandfathering generally applies when you are taking an approval of a use or regulation under a prior law or zoning ordinance, and you're allowing it to continue under a present zoning or subdivision regulation or law because it was already there essentially or there's some other provision that keeps it alive.

Under this particular application, we're not grandfathering. If you accept the applicant's argument that it's a grandfathering position, then they should be under the current zoning regulations and not under the prior zoning regulations.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman, commenting on Commissioner or Mr. Doerner's comments, as well as your own, sir, and (indiscernible) comments, frontloading garages, rear-loading garages, the location of the recreational facilities, these are all designed to maximize density, and that's exactly what has been planned and that's what's before you. That is certainly a purposeful plan. That's not to necessarily criticize that, but that's certainly the purpose of having that particular design.

With that, I will conclude my comments unless there are any questions from the Chairman, members or the (indiscernible). Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Baumgardner. Appreciate your time, your patience, and your remarks.

Commissioners, I'm going to turn -- I want to see if there's any questions for any of the folks who's testifying.

If not, I'm going to turn to Mr. Tedesco for the opportunity for rebuttal and then close. And then, we'll take up our process. I'm wondering whether we should hear from Mr. Warner before we hear from Mr. Tedesco. Let's hear -- no, let's just follow the process. So we'll turn to Mr. Tedesco for rebuttal, and then close. And then, we'll turn to our staff, Mr. Warner, and others.

So Mr. Tedesco, take it away. The floor is yours

for any rebuttal that you have, and then any final closing arguments.

MR. TEDESCO: Okay, thank you. Excuse me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the Planning Board, thank you for your indulgence and your patience in this case. And thank you to all the citizens and my brethren of the bar for presenting their arguments here this morning/afternoon. We appreciate it.

While I respect everything that I heard, I obviously disagree with many of it, and I will go through that very briefly.

There's a lot to undress there, but a lot of it was mentioned in my opening arguments with respect to the opposition's basis in this case.

With that being said, I do want to respectfully remind the Planning Board, you've heard a lot about density. There have been some questions about it. There's been some statements about it. But this Board has already approved 200 single-family attached lots for this project. That preliminary plan was approved in October. All the necessary adequate public facilities, including transportation, were all previously determined to be met and found.

That being said, I think the record bears repeating that all the studied intersections in this case, pursuant to the certificate of adequacy, currently operate

at levels of service A. And the reason for that is because these roads that are arterial classifications are fully built out. We often, and I was at a community meeting last night, we often hear about these roads need to be in place before this development occurs. This is what exactly is occurring in this case. The roads and the infrastructure is in place to support this development as well as the surrounding development.

So the traffic issue is just simply a red herring. There's already been findings of determination that were made. I did want to -- I meant to correct one thing Mr. Shelly indicated regarding the access points. There are two proposed access points on Annapolis Road, Maryland 450, one is a right in, right out. The other one, Mr. Shelly had represented as a full access movement, which I think may have caused a little bit of confusion. That second access point, which is to the north, which is the main access point to the project is a right in, right out and a left in. It is not a left out.

So the movements are somewhat restricted for safety reasons, and that's pursuant to the State Highway Administration. So there's one right in, right out, and then there's a separate right in, right out with a left in, meaning cars traveling west on Maryland 450 can turn left into the site, but cars cannot turn left out of the site.

So I just wanted to clarify that for the record.

We heard a lot about CB-50, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Suhar, Mr. Baumgardner with respect to the effects of CB-50, its legality, their position that it is and the effects of CB-12. I did go through that in great detail in my opening.

I just want to state for the record with respect to Mr. Bridges' argument with respect to public purpose or policy, CB-50 identifies locations for the provisions of housing within the county, which is in line with the general purposes of the zoning ordinance. Therefore, the enactment of that law is consistent with a defined public policy set forth in the general purposes of the prior zoning ordinance. Also, general planning conformity is not a requirement of this detailed site plan.

That being said, you all did fine conformity at the time of preliminary plan. But even if it was, established communities anticipate growth, and this project does not violate the growth limitations set forth for established communities. The argument that concentrations need to be in town centers is relevant since the density being proposed for this project no way exceeds the growth density set forth in the established communities.

Ms. Gingold testified with respect to townhome should be located in towns within walking distance to commercial retail. That's precisely why the applicant

proposing in the master plan of transportation involves the master plan for the Bowie and vicinity proposed a ten-foot-wide hiker/biker, shared hiker/biker trail along the frontages of these right of ways. People will be able to --pedestrians will be able to access that shared hiker/biker trail and walk to the existing or surrounding commercial retail safely along existing commercial, excuse me, existing sidewalks.

That's, again, context sensitivity as far as having this types of density and this type of development, townhomes. She said it herself, should be in locations where people it's walkable. This is walkable. We're proposing a ten-foot-wide shared hiker/biker trail along the frontage to encourage that and provide pedestrian connectivity to the adjacent commercial shopping center, which were not designed and developed to serve only Fairwood.

We do believe, notwithstanding some of the comments with respect to context sensitivity that this is exactly that. Context sensitivity doesn't necessarily mean everything looks exactly the same. Context sensitivity means are the land uses compatible with each other given the surrounding environment? And as I mentioned, and as you can see from this image on your screen, Fairwood is 1,799 units, hundreds of attached product and multi-family products,

small lot single-family residence at the entrance.

If you were to turn into the Fairwood community, from Maryland 450, the first thing that you see is the shopping center. The next thing you see are attached products. So how anyone could argue that this is not in keeping with that and not being context sensitivity just simply is ignoring the reality. It just simply doesn't want townhomes on this property, which you're entitled to that opinion. We're not suggesting that you're not, but as long as the laws and the regulations are being followed, this Board has a legal obligation to administer them, and there is no legal basis, which I'll turn to in a minute, for this detailed site plan to be denied.

Turning to Mr. Suhar and Mr. Baumgardner's arguments, first let me be abundantly clear, Mr. Suhar, both in his written arguments as well as his oral arguments here today said repeatedly that CB-12 repeals CB-50-2021. CB-12-2023 does not in any way repeal CB-50-2021. In fact, the word repeal is not even in CB-12-2023. CB-12-2023 only limited the ability for somebody to utilize certain ordinance provisions in the prior zoning ordinance pursuant to Section 27-1.900. It did not repeal it.

That carries into Mr. Baumgardner's argument with respect to he wants this Board, and I know why he does, but he wants this Board to not follow long-established statutory

construction rules and read these sections separately. We all know that we must read all the sections of the ordinance together so as not to render any one section a nullity. Mr. Baumgardner wants you to do exactly that, he wants you to read 24-1.900, 24-1.700 separately, and he wants you to read 27-1.900 and 27-1.700 sections separately. That would render one a nullity, which is a violation of statutory construction.

Mr. Suhar made a comment that we are scrambling and in crisis mode. He could be further from the truth. We are not. We are following the law as the District Council adopted it when they adopted the new zoning ordinance, which implemented through the CMA. And a plain reading of the statute is quite clear. Although I said it before, I'll say it again, Section 24-1.903 provides, and I quote, again, the preliminary plan was filed under 24-1.900, but it provided, in 1.903(b) provides, that once approved, being once the preliminary plan of a subdivision that's been filed under the 1.900 provisions is approved, development applications that utilized the prior subdivision regulations shall be considered "grandfathered", and subject to the provisions set forth in Section 24-1.704.

Now, Mr. Baumgardner wants you to stop your analysis there. But the code directs you to 24-1.704. So let's turn to 27-1.704(b). It says, "until and unless the

period of time under which the subdivision approval remains invalid expires", our preliminary plan was approved in October of 2022, it's valid until 2024, "the project may proceed to the next steps in the approval process, including any zoning steps that may be necessary, and continue to be reviewed and decided under the subdivision regulations and zoning ordinance in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the new county subdivision regulations and zoning ordinance".

- Thus, when you read those sections together, would you are required to do, the preliminary plan is grandfathered, as that term is used in Section 27-1.704, excuse me, in 27-1.903(b), and it triggers the next steps in the approval process pursuant to Part 27 of the code, which triggers the 27-1.704 provisions. That's precisely in the proper legal analysis that your staff has made. I presume your counsel will opine on it as well, why CB 12-2023 does not apply or render CB 50 a nullity in this case. And you have the full authority to review this application as presented.
- In closing, and to further address Commissioner

  Doerner and Mr. Chairman's comments with respect to that one recreational amenity, the applicant is willing to proffer in response to that a handful of things.

One, and we would accept conditions to this

effect, one, elevating the trigger for the amenity including the dog park to be done at the 50th building permit as opposed to, I think, it was the 120th or somewhere north of 100, move that up significantly into the development process at the 50th permit.

Two, the alley that Commissioner Doerner was referencing that had adjacent, I think, eight parking spaces that cut off the other green element, the applicant, and I think staff had a chance to review this as well. So I'll defer to Mr. Hunt on that. But we would accept a condition to remove that portion of the alley to connect those two green areas and remove those eight parking spaces, significantly enlarging that amenity space and green area in that location and providing, to Commissioner Doerner's point, in response to that, I think a better, safer scenario. Although I'm not conceding that the prior one was unsafe. But certainly, clearly from the comments, there was the ability to make those modifications at the time of certification that we think are very responsive in addressing the concerns that were raised.

So with that, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Board, and members of the community, I thank everybody for their time and their passion in this case. I think staff recommendations, in addition to the proffers that were just made, as conditions, warrant approval of this application,

and we would respectfully request that. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Mr. Tedesco.

Okay. We have heard from the applicant on rebuttal and close. Commissioners, it is for us to -- oh, I'm sorry. We're going to hear from Mr. Warner first on the legality.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, one question, please, before we leave Mr. Tedesco. And that is as it relates to charging stations, Mr. Tedesco. I know one of the citizens did testify about charging stations. And I'm curious, especially in light of the EPA's new proposed rules about two-thirds of vehicles being all electric by 2032, will there be charging stations on the property or at least the infrastructure in place for that?

MR. TEDESCO: So you know, currently all the homes are adaptable for chargers in the garages. All these homes will have or are proposed to have garages. Obviously, individualized charging availability for the homes will be there pursuant -- as it is for all of us in our homes today.

As far as as actually charging areas, we don't have any proposed. It may be more appropriate for those to be considered and designed at the time of the detailed site plan for the commercial component of that to provide areas for charging stations.

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    questions for the applicant after his close?
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              MR. DOERNER: Yeah. So on the proffers and
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    Tedesco had mentioned earlier was potentially raised
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    the townhomes there, there's sidewalks that are on opposite
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MR. TEDESCO: Yes. And I think, thank you for putting this image back up. So the proffer would be so if you're looking at your screen, the alley to the right side of the recreational amenity, and there's, I believe, eight parking spaces there right where the cursor is, well, yeah, in that area, that would become a green, and those parking space and that alley would become a green and that would be opened up.

In addition, we would proffer raised crosswalks to connect the site sidewalks to the recreational facilities.

And I -- I don't want to speak for Mr. Hunt, but I believe they've been working on conditions to that effect, which the applicant would agree to. So I think with the raised crosswalks providing the connectivity as well as the removal of that alley and those eight parking spaces will fully address the issues that you raised.

MR. DOERNER: Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you, Commissioner. No other questions, Mr. Warner, we're going to turn it over to you.

1 MR. GERALDO: I have a question.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: I'm sorry. Commissioner Geraldo, ves.

MR. GERALDO: No, that's fine. I'm trying to envision. I'm more of a person that has to see things. So you're going to reduce or eliminate the parking, and I'm looking at it through my screen, it would be on the right side; is that what you're saying, Mr. Tedesco?

MR. TEDESCO: Commissioner Geraldo, that's correct. So if you see, there's two white cars, a dark-colored car --

MR. GERALDO: Yeah.

MR. TEDESCO: -- another white car, those spaces would be removed. That would be all made, you know, green area. And then, all of the asphalt alley that extends to the right of the screen connecting where the yellow-orange tree would be, that would be connected green area that, you know, increasing the size of that because off the screen of this there's additional green open space further to the right that extends to another part of the development. So you would have one contiguous green in that capacity.

So Commissioner Doerner's comments were, yeah, I think it gets a little confusing because the plans kind of get turned around. But if you zoom in, if somebody could zoom in to the central area, you can see it much better.

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              MR. TEDESCO: All that, yes. I mean, we would
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              MR. TEDESCO: -- to address your concern.
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- coming back to this issue around design. So we're going to

  be taking this up again in a few minutes because I hear you

  loud and clear. I have some concerns about it.
  - But let's turn to Mr. Warner. I just I want to focus on this issue around the legality of this and CB-50 and the repeal or not repeal and the laws and regulations being followed. Just focus on that, and then we can make a decision around that. And then, I'd like to take up the design issue if we come to some resolution around the legality issue, okay.
- 11 Mr. Warner. Mr. Hunt?

- MR. WARNER: Thank you, Chairman. David Warner, principal counsel.
  - Both the applicant and the opponents submitted, you know, four to five pages of legal analysis each. So you know, I'm not going to go step-by-step through the legal analysis, especially since both of them have already provided their positions.
  - I will tell you about the positions they've given that I agree with. First off, I do agree with Mr. Tedesco that CB-12-2023 did not repeal CB-50-2021. Instead, the District Counsel said that except in certain cases, CB-50-2021 could not be used for processing applications. That's a little kind of indefinite term. If you recall, CB-50-2021 is an amendment to the use table. It wasn't an amendment to

the process for filing and reviewing detailed site plans.

And I will also agree with Mr. Tedesco that in the transitional provisions, both in the subdivision regulations and the zoning ordinance, the language that he cites very clearly allows this application to be reviewed under the prior zoning ordinance. I agree wholeheartedly that the sections that he cites do give the Planning Board the authority to review this application under the prior zoning ordinance.

I don't agree that it's crystal clear. And we have navigated this issue on more than one application in trying to work through our understanding of the transitional provisions, which are the 1.700 provisions, and the two-year application window provisions of 1.900. And they don't work together smoothly.

And I don't believe that Mr. Suhar or Mr.

Baumgardner, although I would rephrase some of the sections they quote because I think they kind of got some of the sections wrong in their submitted materials, but I think that they make, at least, a facially acceptable argument that perhaps the Council intended that this application was not to be reviewed under the prior zoning ordinance.

I don't believe though that it's in any way crystal clear. And when I reviewed both arguments, I tended to think Mr. Tedesco's was the better argument. As you

know, if you put two or more attorneys in a room, we'll probably never agree, right, on exactly what a law means.

But as your counsel, I would advise this Planning Board that it has the authority to review this application under the prior zoning ordinance, and that it should do so because to not do so, and then have this application go to the County Council, and the County Council to tell us we should have would be a mistake.

So in this case, I think what we are doing is appropriate under the law, and it's supported by the law. And you know, should the County Council feel like our determination of the law was incorrect, if this gets reviewed by them, they will have the opportunity to make that clear on appeal or on (indiscernible).

So I hope that sufficiently enters the legal question, but if you have any specific questions about anybody's legal opinions in the presentations, I'm happy to discuss those.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: And to be clear, Mr. Warner, I mean, ultimately the decision is in the final authority of the District Council. So regardless of which way we go, they'll, to your point, they will tell us if they believe in their clarification if they had a different legislative intent, they will let us know.

MR. WARNER: Correct. So when this gets appealed,

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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Okay. Thank you --
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              MR. WARNER: -- that authority, yep.
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              CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: So Commissioners, just on this
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    comfortable with staff and our attorney's interpretation
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    this issue up separately from any design issue. So
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              UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
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    disconnected for a long period of time, and that was one of
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    my questions. But I came back just in time to hear Mr.
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    Warner. So I'm glad that that discussion occurred because I
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CB-12-2023. So thank you very much for that.

CHAIRMAN SHAPIRO: Thank you. All right. So if

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park that issue. We will assume that the applicant has the right to proceed.

And so now, let's take up discussion, deliberation on other issues. I mean, let me start with the design piece. And first of all, let me say I don't want anything that I've said to be misconstrued by staff to suggest that, and Mr. Hunt, this is for you and your team. I want to be clear, I think you all are doing your job and doing it well, right. And we are within our authority to consider the design in different ways, and that's all that I think is happening. I think you all, again, you all are doing your job fine.

From the design piece, the piece for me that, I think, is missing most, and we were getting at it when we were looking at this issue that Mr. Doerner brought up around that park and the piece in the middle, that I think that's moving in the right direction.

But I really, I think this housing product, and I don't have a problem with townhomes even in this location, it's for me it's more around the design of the project.

What I would really like to see some kind of a more thoughtful central park in a development of this style. I do not think because of where this is located, I think it's very important that folks have access to those kind of amenities right there on site.

So I think taking, if we could zoom in, Kenny, on that park again. I think taking that park, and I think what's being proposed, proffered by the applicant, you got the zoom in? There we go. What I believe is being proffered by the applicant is that park where the hand is right now, and the roadway to the sort of upper left of that will connect with that little sliver of green space up above, the triangle shape, and I think that's what they're proffering. So I think that moves this development towards having a central park, but it feels like it's pigeonholed in.

And I would like them to, I would like them, to go back to the, maybe not the drawing board, but go back and spend some real time thinking about how you design this in a way that it has more of a pedestrian orientation with that central focus. And I, you know, I think that's worth a little bit of time. So that's the direction that I want, that I would like to with this.

And taking a little more time means that, because we're up against the statutory deadline and the action limit. So we would need the applicant to ask for some kind of a waiver. I don't think it's a long one. I mean, maybe it's, you know, 30, 45 days or something like that. But I would like to see a little bit more work go into that piece of the design. So that's my two cents. Let me throw that

out, and I'm curious to see where you all are and where we land with this.

MR. GERALDO: I'll jump in because I was asking a lot of questions before. And I'll reiterate what you said in terms of, like

MR. MALE 1: And my comments were towards Mr. Shelly or other staff in terms of their — the way that they've been analyzing this because there's no way that they're also going to interpret, or know how to interpret, how I'm going to react or how any of us are going to react to some of these projects. Part of this learning process, and it's an evolutionary learning process, is we see clients come through we may go to conferences or read stuff online. We're going to develop our own ideas where what we think things are evolving, or how they might best evolve in different ways particularly as we're trying to fit in with the new zoning ordinance and just kind of styles of urbanism and how that's changing.

And I appreciate Mr. Tedesco's proffers because that triangle kind of area was my largest complaint. I'm not terribly thrilled with the whole design of the whole project because to me it looks like a convoluted maze that my son would draw. And when I'm thinking of urban design, I'm thinking of, like, grid kind of network and facilitating kind of pedestrian safety throughout here, connectivity and

stuff. And it's just, like, totally zigzag mess, when I'm looking at this stuff. Sure, it fits a lot of townhomes in there. Don't necessarily think that it's the best way to do this or that it's prioritizing pedestrian safety or connectivity in any way, shape, or form, how it originally came out. I think connecting that green space -- yeah, like where you can kind of see where that yellow oval is right now, in sort of in the middle of the screen, yeah, where the cursor is -- to the top left of there is that asphalt area that Mr. Tedesco is proffering to connect in to the green space. And I think that starts to get at more connectivity and more safety.

I'm still really concerned, though, about having townhomes back out right into the parked garage kind of area there. I don't know necessarily -- and one of the problems is that as you kind of go down and to the left right there, you still have an access point going out that has no sidewalks running between on the side of the townhomes. And people are pictured in the picture we had seen before walking to that area, which they will. But there's no safety metrics for them to kind of be okay as they're walking through there. And I say this because I live in townhomes, and we're tight around here. And literally last night we just went through a discussion of taking our private streets and putting raised crosswalks and some other

kind of measures in there to calm traffic because we have people who are speeding through the alleyways. And the main concerns as a group of parents when we're standing out there trying to catch the bus and get our kids around, that we don't want our kids getting hit. And they have -- we have less cars parked and kind of going in there and less kind of directions and things to be sort of thinking about to keep our kids safe. And all of the people in these pictures have -- or not all of them, I guess. Most of them are -- have kids in this picture. So to me I think we're kind of getting closer to what I would be okay with. I'm still not totally comfortable with it because I think it's still somewhat of a danger.

What I was -- what I was kind of mentally thinking about is that there's to the left of that kind of island is a set of townhomes that kind of go up. And if those townhomes were just (indiscernible) back down, kind of spun down and rotated and were connected more in a row, and maybe if there was kind of a cut through that was like eight feet or ten feet between, you would have a connectivity with the townhomes. And you would all of a sudden open up that green space quite a bit more. And I would actually be -- as much as it pains me to say it, I would be more accepting of front-loading garages for -- if those are to become front-loading garages and get rid of that interior street in there

by that island and make all of that a park. I think that would be a much more compelling centralized area.

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But right now at -- the way that it is -- like, I appreciate Mr. Tedesco's proffers, but I still think that we have a conflict in some of the design guidelines that we have to support. And when we're looking at these design quidelines, we have to find conformance with the zoning ordinances that are mentioned in there. And it talks about parking, loading, and circulation. And it's helping get me closer to being comfortable with it, but I'm still not there. And I think it was nice to see that, but this design is just kind of a mess in how it is. And I think it's trying to get to that density that is a bit too much for my comfort zone right now. And it may only necessitate like losing three townhomes or two townhomes as you kind of rotate those around and put a space into there. It's going to reduce some of the parking. I for one would be supportive of having an amendment to not worry about minimum parking if we get to that, or we're looking to somewhere else because to me pedestrian safety is more important than losing a few parking places because I don't want anyone getting hit.

And that's really my legitimate concern in this area because I've seen it happen. We've had a neighbor get hit in an area like this, and because of my experiences of

1 living in very dense areas, in these kinds of townhomes sit 2 just makes me a lot more reactionary, just seeing bad 3 designs that, like, I just immediately kind of, like, curl 4 back from because I can just imagine very quickly and 5 easily, like, how this can go wrong in a ton of different

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- 7 So I I'm not going to vote in favor of the project right now. Even if it does offer up --- I think it's 9 getting closer. I'm still not -- I'm not convinced. I can get there with like a potential, like, redesign of -- to 10 11 some ways of that. But it's really that central area that 12 to me makes me most uncomfortable. And that's coming from --
  - MR. CHAIR: Please sit down. Thank you. I -- let me just join in a little bit with that because I agree. If this were -- if there was more of a central green designed into it that was pedestrian-oriented, and if I look at the rest of it I do see access points from all the sections that sort of carry -- that could carry you right into that central green. And I think that's going to be something that sort of works for me.

But again I -- for Commissioner Geraldo, Vice-Chair Bailey, Commissioner Washington, I'm sort of curious where you are, if this matters as much to you, if you can support that direction, or do you think that we're being

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              COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: No. I certainly don't.
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    Commissioner Doerner's comments because -- and quite frankly
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    you've raised some things that I just would never have
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    thought about. But you have lived experiences in that
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              MR. CHAIR: It's just, as far as I understand, the
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              MR. CHAIR: Mr. Geraldo or Vice-Chair Bailey?
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Yeah. I'm still stuck on
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it just looks too dense in the way it's -- the way it's designed. I'm not happy with it. I mean, it's really dense and I just think it was designed in such a way as to maximize the number of towns. And I kind of agree with both you and with Commissioner Doerner that we have to -- I mean safety is a primary concern. And I just don't know if -- even with the proffers that was made by Mr. Tedesco, which I appreciate, just -- it just seems like everybody is so isolated.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) counselor.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you for that. And again, I know that it's annoying to tie this to my one experience of my one development, right? But when I think of that greenbelt station experience, it was a wonderful place to live for a short period of time because it was so -- it was dense like this is dense, and it was so pedestrian-friendly because everything oriented toward the green areas, the central parks and other amenities. And so it -- my experience, as it were, so of course that experience is going to influence how I look at a development like this, which does not feel like it's oriented the same way at all. So Mr. Geraldo, I think that's why I'm reacting the way that I am --

COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Um-hum.

MR. MALE 1: -- reacting about it because I look at this and I think, no, with just these little peaks and

maybe yeah. Maybe that means you lose five or ten townhomes to reorient this and to create that central park. I that's okay, right? I mean, I know that that hits the bottom line, but the bottom line for us is let's make this development work, and let's bring the amenities to the people who live there because they're a bit landlocked with the highways up by you.

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Madam, Vice-Chair, thoughts, reactions?

MADAM VICE CHAIR: Mr. Chair, you've caused me to think a little bit more about it. I had not seen it the way that you see it through your eyes, initially. I relied on staff's interpretation and staff's version of what they saw and how they felt when I looked at it. And I know that's not always the best thing to do, but that's where my source of information comes from in many situations. So I was not certainly opposed to either the design or -- when I initially looked at it. But now that you've brought it up and now that I've heard other discussion, I am beginning to look at it through a different set of lenses, and there may be something that we could do that that could be done to highlight and make this a more community-friendly atmosphere. I don't know. I'm not sure. But I'd be willing to have staff and the applicant look at it again, but I don't want -- I don't think that we should prolong it forever and ever and ever but at some point --

2 MADAM VICE-CHAIR: -- we definitely will have to make a decision about it and see what can be done and how 3 4 it can work within that community. So it gives us an 5 opportunity to see if an addition of vision works, and we 6 will know when it comes back to us. But it was not my 7 initial thought. My initial thought was --MR. CHAIR: No. I appreciate that. 8 9 MADAM VICE CHAIR: -- what the staff --MR. CHAIR: Yeah. (Indiscernible). 10 11 MADAM VICE-CHAIR: -- and I was good with that. 12 MR. CHAIR: Yeah, I'm with you. And it was a bit 13 triggered by -- Commissioner Doerner's comments have got me 14 thinking about this, again pulling back my own experience. 15 So I appreciate your comments. 16 So Commissioners, let me turn to -- actually, Mr. 17 Hunt, I think -- again, you represent the team as well. I 18 just want to make sure that you hear and they hear that I 19 feel like you all were doing your job and doing it well. 20 And it is our prerogative to look at this through different 21 lenses and then bring our own experience to it. So yes, 22 it's sort of where Vice-Chair Bailey was. I tend to look at things through your all's lenses, and in this case like, Mr. 23 24 Doerner, I'm just seeing a little bit more than I think we 25 can do and that's our authority.

MR. CHAIR: Agreed.

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              So maybe the question then is to Mr. Tedesco.
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              MR. TEDESCO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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    parts of the board for the opportunity to address you. Once
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    again, we do hear you, and I understand exactly. And I
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    think, if you give the opportunity -- not telling you what
    to do, but suggesting the opportunity for Mr. Hunt to
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    perhaps respond. We haven't heard from staff since Mr.
    Shelly concluded his presentation, despite all this back and
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    forth. I would welcome the opportunity, if the board would
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    allow it, for Mr. Hunt to be heard. I'm very, very
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    confident that the applicant and staff prior to
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    certification can work through all of these issues pursuant
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    to proposed conditional language that requires it. You have
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    full faith and confidence in your staff, and it's not
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    unusual for the planning board to have -- see things through
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    a different lens. And the staff is quite aware of the
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MR. CHAIR: I'm open to that. And before we hear

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    from Mr. Hunt, I think Commissioners, it's an interesting
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    up with that tweak on the design so that it meets where
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    Mr. Hunt, why don't we hear from you, see what you think?
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              MR. HUNT: Yes. (Indiscernible).
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              MR. CHAIR: Are you are we at risk of over-
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    authorizing you if we go down that road?
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MR. HUNT: Oh, no. No, Mr. Chairman. I apologize. Buy yeah, for the record, James Hunt with the Development Review Division. I want to first off, first of all thank all the commissioners today for their comments on this detailed site plan. We do appreciate everything that you have said. We have taken your comments into careful consideration. And just as has been discussed earlier, we really want to -- if you allow us to do this, we'll be able to work with the applicant prior to certification and make this central part more so a central park area that you're talking about. In addition to that, focus on pedestrian crossings and making the crossings much more safe than what they are currently alluding to at this point in time. We're

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    going to have definitely a closer conversations with our
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    transportation planning team relative to pedestrian safety.
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    applicant on redesigning the site to make it more functional
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    today to allow us to do that. We would be happy to do that
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    recommended revised conditions as well, which Mr. Shelly is
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    ready to read into the record. If you would like us to add
    anything to those particular conditions, staff is definitely
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    amenable to those revisions as well.
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MR. CHAIR: All right. I mean, Commissioners,

I'm -- first of all, I would very much like to hear from Mr.

Shelly and you, Mr. Hunt. And Commissioners, I'm open to

this sort of modified approach, which is we hear from staff,

we authorize them to move it in the direction that we've

talking about because these -- even though it's -- it'll

have a big impact in the grand scheme with this design, it's

a smaller piece if it's done right, and we can authorize

staff to do that. I really like the pedestrian-orientation

of this and making sure you have the right markings and

wherever these paths are so you're visually prioritizing

pedestrians over automobiles. I think that's the key.

MR. CHAIR: Absolutely.

MR. CHAIR: So why don't we keep here for Mr.

1 Shelly, here what those are. And then Commissioners, we can 2 talk to feel like if that's adequate or if we really do want Mr. Tedesco to come back to us. 3 4 Mr. Shelly? 5 MR. SHELLY: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman. And 6 for the record again, Andrew Shelly. 7 MR. CHAIR: And Mr. Shelly, you heard the love, right? 8 9 MR. SHELLY: Yes. Thank you. For the record again, Andrew Shelly with the urban design sections. 10 11 The revised conditions that have been proffered by 12 the applicant and reviewed by staff are as follows: 13 Revision to condition E, striking the 645 parking 14 spaces and stating that the parking proposed on sheet 1 of the DSP shall be corrected to reflect the revised central 15 16 green area. Then for condition K, which is revised 17 18 recreational facilities construction timeline and the 19 recreational facilities provided scheduled, on sheet 1 of 20 the detailed site plan to reflect the recreational facilities plan, and the recreational facilities cost 21 22 estimate. The revision which shall include the completion of Phase 4, or the issuance of the fiftieth building permit 23 24 instead of the 150th building permit.

Then there are three additional conditions.

Condition 1-T, which would be revise the circulation of the private alley, located on Parcel O to end at Lot 91, which shall be accepted and approved by the transportation planning section. The alley and parking removed shall be

replaced with green space.

- Condition 1-U, which is provide raised sidewalks that connect the site's sidewalks to the provided recreation facilities or -- my apologies. Provide raised crosswalk to connect the site's sidewalks to the provided recreational facilities.
- And condition 1-V, which is the applicant shall further revise the layout to provide a central green area between recreational areas 1 and 2, shall be accepted and approved by urban design staff.
- MR. CHAIR: Mr. Shelly, I have one questions. I can't see well enough. When you say connecting areas 1 and 2, what are you talking about?
- MR. SHELLY: So my apologies. Recreational area 1 is the playground and recreational area 2 is facilities further south which are the gazebo, the ADA panels et cetera. So we would be looking to revise the site layout in this vicinity to create that central green area that is proposed.
- MR. CHAIR: So what I'm looking at is this small yellow oval in the middle, and I'm looking at the larger

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    yellow oval to the left of it.
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              MR. SHELLY: Correct.
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              MR. CHAIR: Is that where you're talking about?
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              MR. SHELLY: Correct. And Mr. Hunt --
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              MR. CHAIR: All right. So these two pieces,
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    Doerner had thought, can they get rotated? Maybe they need
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    somewhere else. But the bottom line is it will be a central
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    those two things combined.
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              MR. SHELLY: Correct. And I would also like to
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    state after receiving an additional comment that perhaps
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    condition 1-T would not be necessary that I read into the
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    record based on the revision of the layout. Condition 1-T
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    that I read stated the circulation of the private alley,
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    where that circulation would end because that may be moot
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    based on the revision to create the central green area.
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              MR. CHAIR: That's right.
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              MR. SHELLY: I've --
              MR. CHAIR: That's right. Okay. So thank you,
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So Commissioners, we have a decision to make.

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              COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: Yeah.
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    happy with it.
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: I'm good with -- how about
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              MADAM VICE-CHAIR: And what is the time frame?
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              COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: As I understand it, we
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              MR. CHAIR: But --
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              COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: I mean, that's what I --
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              MR. CHAIR: Can I jump in, folks because I want
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    Mr. Hunt to weigh in on this? He weighed in on -- say
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    something for the record related to this that could help
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              MR. HUNT: Absolutely, Mr. Chairman. Just to kind
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    on this to make that determination a little bit further
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: And which is why --
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              MR. CHAIR: So the applicant needs to hear that
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    loud and clear, yeah.
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: But how does the applicant
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    feel about that process is my question.
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              MR. CHAIR: Yes.
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              MR. TEDESCO: If I may, Mr. Chairman?
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              MR. CHAIR: Yes, Mr. Tedesco.
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              MR. TEDESCO: Thank you. Commissioner Geraldo,
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    the applicant would agree to the revised conditions ad Mr.
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    Shelly read them and would respectfully request the board to
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    move this forward today with the conditions as
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              MR. CHAIR: And you understand that this is very
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              MR. TEDESCO: We understand that it will require a
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    redesign to satisfy the planning board's desire of this. If
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    that's the end result, we understand that. Yes, sir.
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              MR. CHAIR: Okay. And I'm not suggesting you have
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    lose units, but you very --
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              MR. TEDESCO: Okay.
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              MR. CHAIR: -- well may, and we are authorizing --
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              MR. TEDESCO: Yeah. And I'm not --
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              MR. CHAIR: -- the planners to negotiate.
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              MR. TEDESCO: I'm not saying that we will, but I
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    think we all recognize there's a possibility, yes.
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              MR. CHAIR: Yeah.
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              Mr. Hunt, that's good enough for you?
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              MR. HUNT: Absolutely, Mr. Chair.
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              MR. CHAIR: Okay. Vice-Chair? Concerns?
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              COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Yes. I'm still concerned
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    about the alleyways. Like, I'm not concerned about giving
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    staff their leeway to defend and negotiate and work this. I
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    don't feel the need to micromanage stuff and get involved to
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    that degree, but we still have this kind of zigzag alleyway
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    alleyway goes down after that turn by the road and goes down
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    to where we have a kind the brown units through that, that
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    alleyway is dangerous for pedestrian activity right now
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    because there's no sidewalk running alongside the townhomes
    there. One way to do it, why I had suggested kind of
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    rotating those townhomes around is you could rotate around,
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    (indiscernible) routes and have a connection going through.
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    That would then turn these units into kind of an open area.
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    If we were to lose kind of the alleyways around that island,
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    we'd have a huge central park area. And if that's the goal,
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    I would be supportive of the application to do that. And I
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    would even be supportive of those townhomes turning into
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    front-loading townhomes right there if that's what it needs
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    to because they wouldn't have that back alleyway.
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    don't really know what we're kind of going forward with if
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    that's not kind of like the vision of what's being proposed.
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              MR. CHAIR: I think we might --
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              MR. TEDESCO: I may, Mr. Chair --
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              MR. TEDESCO: If I may, Mr. Chairman?
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              MR. CHAIR: Yeah.
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1 MR. TEDESCO: I'm sorry to inter -- I believe as 2 the representative of the applicant, and I'll defer to Mr. 3 Hunt. But I believe the conditions that Mr. Shelly read 4 into the record have driven towards that goal and to that 5 result, Commissioner Doerner. 6 MR. CHAIR: That's my understanding as well. 7 MR. TEDESCO: Yeah. MR. CHAIR: I think that both the applicant and 8 9 our staff is hearing loud and clear that there needs to be a central green, which means that those eight, ten townhomes 10 that are right there, they're either going to get 11 12 reoriented, reduced, or short of it, they're not going to be 13 there anymore. They may end up getting absorbed somewhere 14 else in the development, but that issue will be moot with 15 this central green redesign. 16 COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Okay. Yeah. I'm fine with 17 that as long as we're not just sticking to, like, the 18 existing stuff that we have right now. Like, I would not be 19 supportive of that. And I would vote no today. 20 MR. CHAIR: Okay. 21 COMMISSIONER DOERNER: But if staff understands 22 and that's okay, then I think we can move forward. Procedurally, though, what happens if there's a disagreement 23 24 between staff and the applicant in terms of, like, what the

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optimal design is?

MR. TEDESCO: We would not be able to get the DSP certified.

MR. HUNT: Right. Certification would not happen.

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Okay. Yeah. I'm fine with that. I think that's a -- that's big enough threat for a small chink of area hopefully to make it a winning kind of project.

MR. CHAIR: All right. So a bit of a work in progress. I feel like staff has a clear sense of where we're going with this. I mean, I think staff has done a good job of gotten us about ninety percent there from what I would like to see. This central park and the pedestrian-orientation is key and that maybe shifting of homes -- and again if Mr. Tedesco and his team doesn't want to hear it, it may even mean losing some units. But it doesn't mandate that by any stretch. And I think you've heard Mr. Doerner's concerns and the other commissioners.

And if there's no other thoughts or questions around this, Mr. Hunt, do you feel like you and your team -- Mr. Shelly, you have clear direction from us -- clear enough direction from us?

MR. SHELLY: Yes. Mr. Chairman, we do.

MR. CHAIR: Okay. All right. Commissioners, then what would in order would be a motion to approve with the conditions that were proffered by the applicant and which

staff is in agreement with as well.

I move that we adopt the findings to include the technical corrections as noted by staff at the top of his presentation. And with that approve DSP-22028 and TCP2-003-2023, along with the associated conditions as outlined in staff's report, with conditions 1-E and 1-K modified as read into the record by staff, and the conditions as further modified by Applicant Exhibit Number 1, and also to include the applicant-proffered conditions 1-U and 1-V as read into the record by staff. And I would ask that staff would ensure the reordering is appropriate, since he struck condition 1-T as part of his final report.

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Second.

MR. CHAIR: Did you capture it, Mr. Hunt?

MR. HUNT: Absolutely. We've got it.

MR. CHAIR: Madam Vice-Chair, you need something?

MADAM VICE-CHAIR: I'm -- yes.

MR. CHAIR: Okay. Oh. Oh that was a motion to second. So we have a motion by vice-chair by Commissioner Washington, second by Vice-Chair Bailey, under discussion. Let me just say, clearly this is a different process for us. So I wouldn't quite call this an experiment, but I would say let's be mindful of how it works and what it feels like for staff to be authorized in this way. And for the applicant

I'd be curious to hear as well. And we want to be mindful of this as well, but I think it feels appropriate because we want to both get it right but also encourage the type of development we think is helpful for the county. And so maybe, maybe this is the sweet spot, and let's see how it goes, okay?

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So any other discussion of the motion?

COMMISSIONER DOERNER: Yeah. I just want to add to the discussion that when we get to the point of -- or somebody gets to the point of having the DSP go forward and get confirmed, then I just want to see the image. Not for like voting purposes or anything. It could even be after I just kind of want to see where you get to so that way we know, like, what do we need to tweak? If we give this kind of authority out and allow, like, the benefit of the doubt, I just want to see what comes up with it. I'm also just kind of curious just to see how it ends up. And I'll thank Mr. Tedesco for being willing to entertain my criticisms as well as staff too. I don't say it in any kind of like derogatory or attacking way, even if I may sound aggressive. I apologize if that happens. I just get interested in these projects probably a little bit too much so. But I like this stuff, so thank you for indulging me.

MR. CHAIR: Oh. I appreciate it. And for what it's worth, Commissioner, not only is it your job, but I

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              COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: I vote aye.
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              MR. CHAIR: Vice-Chair Bailey?
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              MADAM VICE-CHAIR: Well, this is definitely an
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              MR. CHAIR: And Commissioner Geraldo?
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              COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Okay. I vote aye.
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    to thank especially all of the residents who came in and
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    expressed their views. I understand the legal argument, and
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    applicant being more flexible and understanding the concerns
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    that we were expressing on behalf of future residents of the
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    community. So I vote aye.
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COMMISSIONER DOERNER: I vote aye.

1	MR. CHAIR: I vote aye as well. The ayes have it
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3	Thank you, Mr. Tedesco. Thank you Mr. Shelly, Mr
4	Warner (phonetic sp.), Mr. Hunt, for all of your work on
5	this.
6	And Commissioners, I don't think we have anything
7	else before us. Mr. Hunt, any further business from your
8	side?
9	MR. HUNT: Mr. Chairman, there are no additional
10	business items before the planning board today.
11	MR. CHAIR: Thank you. So Commissioners, without
12	objection, we are adjourned. Thanks everybody.
13	COMMISSIONER GERALDO: Thank you.
14	COMMISSIONER WASHINGTON: Have a good rest of the
15	day.
16	COMMISSIONER GERALDO: And a good weekend.
17	MR. CHAIR: You too. Have a good weekend.
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