



Howard County Council Zoning Board of Howard County

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MINUTES

June 17, 2020

ZB 111M – Erickson Living Properties

Board Members Present: Opel Jones, Chair; David Yungmann, Vice Chair; Deb Jung; Christiana Mercer Rigby; Liz Walsh

Staff: Ann Nicholson, Recording Secretary; David Moore, Board Counsel, Diane Jones, Administrator; Robin Regner, Board Administrator

The Board went on record at 4:42pm

The Chairman put forth the minutes from 3/11, 6/3, 6/10, 2020

Ms. Walsh had not reviewed the minutes; therefore the minutes were not considered at that time.

Mr. Moore read the official documents into the record.

Counsel for the Petitioner: William Erskine, Esq. Sang Oh, Esq. and Thomas Coale, Esq.

Hiruy Hadgu representing Howard County Citizens Association

Kelly McLaughlin representing Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition

Preliminary Matters:

Mr. Erskine put forth the revised plan and accompanying documents which have been loaded onto the Zoning Board website for public review

Petitioner Exhibits:

1. Initial petition to amend the Zoning maps
2. 2/28/19 Supplement to initial petition
3. Non-substantial refinements submitted on June 10th

Susan Smith, Village Manager for River Hill Community Association had a procedural question regarding Tony Miceli testifying in favor before the Board.

Ms. Walsh asked for clarification on where the additional documents are on the website.

Ms. Walsh expressed her objection to the proceedings.

Ms. Walsh asked questions about financial disclosures relating to this case and asked that they be posted on the Zoning Board website. Mr. Erskine had a continuing objection to her discussion of this issue. The Board discussed the issue.

Ms. Walsh reiterated her displeasure with these hearings being held virtually without a rule change and more procedural explanation.

Hiruy Hadjgu with HCCA objected to the hearings based on age discrimination.

Amy Gowan, Direction of the Department of Planning and Zoning presented a power point presentation regarding the DPZ technical Staff Report

Ms. Gowan was cross examined by Grace Kubofcit, Joel Hurewitz, Alan Schneider and Chris Alleva, Mr. Bobotek, Jack Guarneri, Hiruy Hadgu, and Stephen Curtis.

The Board discussed having other County employees who contributed to the Technical Staff Report come before the Board for questioning.

Motion CR – 2nd LW motion to include housing – not voted on

Motion DJ – 2nd CR – motion to have someone from Housing and a traffic engineer come to the next hearing – unanimously adopted.

Case was continued to July 15th at 4:30pm

CR motion to adjourn – DJ 2nd. Board voted unanimously to adjourn

The Board adjourned at 8:48pm

Minutes Approved

Am 6/24/20