

Howard County Board of Appeals

George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

MINUTES October 16, 2025

BA 818D and BA 819D – Agila Sundaram and Mukesh Kumar Hybrid Hearing (Banneker Room and Webex)

Board Members Present:

Gene Ryan, Chair Lynn Foehrkolb, Vice Chair Robbyn Harris Marisa McCurdy Felita Phillips

Staff:

Kel Berg Tsega Girma Kiasten Miller

Call to order at: 9:06 a.m.

Administrative Matters

Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2025 Motion – Lynn Foehrkolb, 2nd Felita Phillips

Yea: Board Members Foehrkolb, Harris, Philips and Ryan. Abstain: Board Member McCurdy. Approved 4-0. The motion passed.

<u>BA 818D – Agila Sundaram and Mukesh Kumar</u> Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision and Order dated August 4, 2025, which denied Appellant's appeal of DPZ decision letter for alternative compliance application WP-25-066 (3956 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043).

<u>BA 819D – Agila Sundaram and Mukesh Kumar</u> Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision and Order dated August 4, 2025, which denied Appellant's appeal of DPZ decision letter for alternative compliance application WP-25-045 (3956 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21043).

All members present confirmed that they completed a site visit of the subject property.

Preliminary Matter: For clarity of the hearing, Appellants agreed to consolidated the cases.

Opening statements by Sang Oh, Esquire, on behalf of Appellants.

Appellants' case.

Witnesses for the Appellants:

Sam Alomer

Direct examination of Sam Alomar by Sang Oh.

Appellants' Exhibits:

Exhibit 1 – Mitchell Greens Supplemental Plan of Subject Property

Exhibit 2 – Howard County GIS Aerial Map

Exhibit 3 – Regional Map of Tiber Watershed

Exhibit 4 – Howard County GIS Printout of Tiber Watershed with Streams

Exhibit 5 – Stormwater Management Summary Table Report

Questions for Mr. Alomar by Ms. Girma Kyere.

Board member discussion with Office of Law regarding the authority of the Board of Appeals in the Howard County Zoning Regulations to grant variances.

Board member questions for Mr. Alomar.

Follow up questions for Mr. Alomar by Sang Oh.

Recess

End of Appellants' case.

Appellants are asked to provide a brief to the Board of Appeals, due by October 23, 2025. The brief shall include answers to the following: what jurisdiction does the Board have in the case; what materials does the Board need to execute its responsibilities; what remedies are available based on the Board's decision, and what legal authority does the Board have with respect to an administrative agency review matter.

The next hearing date to continue the case is November 6, 2025 at 9 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Kel Berg 11/7/2025