

APPLICANT: James Beveridge	PETITION NO:	Z-26
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REPRESENTATIVE: Ellen W. Smith	HEARING DATE (BOC):	03-17-15
PHONE#: (770) 661-1216 EMAIL: esmith@hnzw.com	PRESENT ZONING:	R-20
TITLEHOLDER: The Board of Trustees of the Mount Zion United		
Methodist Church and Johnson Ferry Holdings, LLC	PROPOSED ZONING:	RA-5
PROPERTY LOCATION: East side of Johnson Ferry Road, south of		
Bishop Lake Road	PROPOSED USE: Single-F	amily Residential
(1668 Johnson Ferry Road).		
ACCESS TO PROPERTY: Johnson Ferry Road	a	3.96 acres
	DISTRICT:	16
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO SITE: Vacant, wooded	LAND LOT(S):	827, 830
	PARCEL(S):	6, 32
	TAXES: PAID X DU	UE
CONTIGUOUS ZONING/DEVELOPMENT	COMMISSION DISTRICT	: _2

NORTH: R-20/ Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Property

SOUTH: R-20/ Ivywood Subdivision

EAST: R-20/ Bishop's Hollow Subdivision

WEST: R-20/ Hunters Trace Subdivision

OPPOSITION: NO. OPPOSED___PETITION NO:____SPOKESMAN ____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

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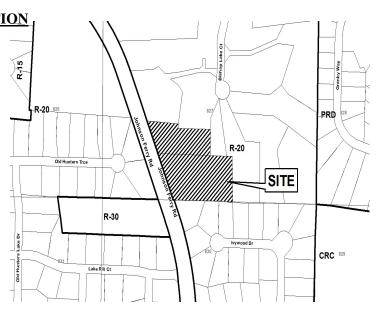
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECISION

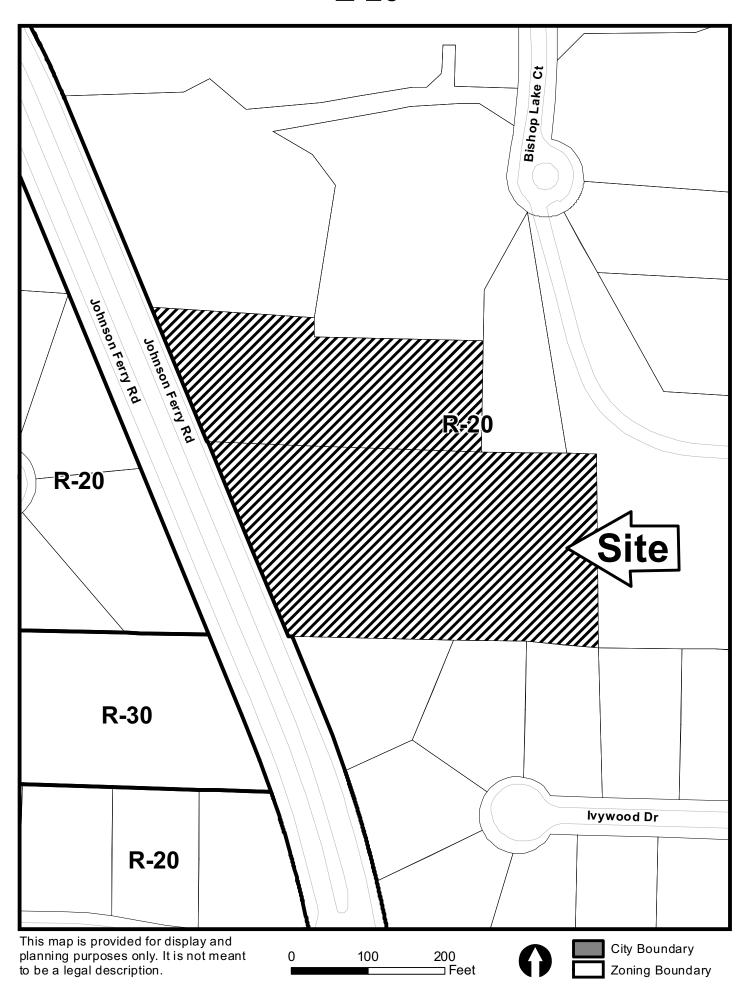
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STIPULATIONS:





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ZONING COMMENTS: Staff Memb	oer Responsible: Terry Martin, Ml	PA
Land Use Plan Recommendation: Low Der	nsity Residential (1-2.5 units per ac	re)
Proposed Number of Units: 10	Overall Density: 2.52	_ Units/Acre
Staff estimate for allowable # of units: 7	Units* Increase of: 3	Units/Lots
*Estimate could be higher or lower based on engineered natural features such as creeks, wetlands, etc., and other		npe of property, utilities, roadw

The applicant is requesting a rezoning of the property from the current R-20 single-family residential district to the RA-5 single-family detached residential district in order to develop a 10 lot subdivision. The proposed single-family, detached homes will be 2,800 to 4,500 square feet in size and consist of European or Traditional architecture. The community anticipates the use of a mail kiosk as required by the United States Postal Service and has located it upon its own lot to be owned and maintained by the Homeowner's Association.

As presented, the applicant's site plan anticipates the granting of a variance on the rear setback from the required 40 feet for exterior lots to 20 feet while still complying with the Code required 10 foot landscape buffer around the perimeter where the community abuts adjacent properties of a more restrictive zoning designation.

<u>Cemetery Preservation</u>: No comment.

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SCHOOL COMMENTS:

			Number of
		Capacity	Portable
Name of School	Enrollment	Status	Classrooms
Timber Ridge	609	Over	
Elementary Dodgen	1,226	Over	
Middle Walton	2,674	Over	

High

• School attendance zones are subject to revision at any time.

Additional Comments: Approval of this petition could <u>seriously and adversely</u> affect the enrollment at Timber Ridge Elementary, Dodgen Middle, and Walton High schools, all of which are <u>severely</u> over capacity at this time.

FIRE COMMENTS:

When projects contemplate less than 20 foot separation between units, guest parking shall be provided or the streets shall be labeled as a fire lane.

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PLANNING COMMENTS:		
The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-20 to R acre site is located east side of Johnson Ferry Road, so		residential. The 3.96
Comprehensive Plan		
The parcel is within a Low Density Residential (designation. The purpose of the Low Density Reside suitable for low density housing between one (1) and category presents a range of densities.	ential (LDR) category is to provi	ide for areas that are
Master Plan/Corridor Study		
Not applicable.		
<u>Historic Preservation</u>		
After consulting various county historic resources surv trench location maps, staff finds that no known signi- application. No further comment. No action by applic	ficant historic resources appear t	•
Design Guidelines		
Is the parcel in an area with Design Guidelines? If yes, design guidelines area Does the current site plan comply with the design requirements.	Yes ■ No irements?	
Incentive Zones		
Is the property within an Opportunity Zone? The Opportunity Zone is an incentive that provides \$3 jobs are being created. This incentive is available for not seem to be a seem of the contraction of the		e areas if two or more
Is the property within an Enterprise Zone? The Enterprise Zone is an incentive that provides qualifying businesses locating or expanding within des		
Is the property eligible for incentives through the Program? The Commercial and Industrial Property Rehabilitatio ad valorem property taxes for qualifying redevelopment.	Yes ■ No n Program is an incentive that pr	•

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PLANNING COMMENTS: (Continued)		
Special Districts		
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #1 ☐ Yes ■ No	(hotel/motel fee)?	
Is this property within the Cumberland Special District #2 ☐ Yes ■ No	(ad valorem tax)?	
Is this property within the Six Flags Special Service Districe ☐ Yes ■ No	et?	

PRESENT ZONING <u>R-20</u>				PETI	TION FOR $RA-5$
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WATER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comment	s reflect on	aly what facilitie	s were i	n existe	ence at the time of this review.
Available at Development:	✓	Yes	[N	10
Fire Flow Test Required:	✓	Yes	[□ N	No
Size / Location of Existing Water Main(s):	12" DI / I	E side of Johns	on Ferr	y Rd	
Additional Comments:					
Developer may be required to install/upgrade water mains, bas Review Process.	sed on fire flo	w test results or Fire	e Departmo	ent Code	. This will be resolved in the Plan
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SEWER COMMENTS: NOTE: Comm	ents reflect	only what facil	ities wer	e in exi	stence at the time of this review.
In Drainage Basin:	✓	Yes		□ N	O
At Development:		Yes		✓ N	o
Approximate Distance to Nearest Sewer:	300' W c	on western side	of John	nson F	erry Rd if elevations allow
Estimated Waste Generation (in G.P.D.):	A D F=	1,660		Pea	ak= 4,000
Treatment Plant:		Sutt	on		
Plant Capacity:	✓	Available		Not A	vailable
Line Capacity:	✓	Available		Not A	vailable
Proiected Plant Availability:	✓	0 - 5 vears		5 - 10	vears over 10 vears
Drv Sewers Required:		Yes	✓	No	
Off-site Easements Required:	✓	Yes*			*If off-site easements are required, Developer must submit easements to CCWS for
Flow Test Required:		Yes	✓	No 1	review/approval as to form and stipulations prior to the execution of easements by the
Letter of Allocation issued:		Yes	✓	N_0	property owners. All easement acquisitions are the responsibility of the Developer
Septic Tank Recommended by this Departr	ment:	Yes	~	No	
Subject to Health Department Approval:		Yes	~	No	
Additional It appears that an existing w	ater/sewe	r easement in I	Hunters	Trace	is available for use

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Comments:

Developer will be responsible for connecting to the existing County water and sewer systems, installing and/or upgrading all outfalls and water mains, obtaining on and/or offsite easements, dedication of on and/or offsite water and sewer to Cobb County, as may be required. Rezoning does not guarantee water/sewer availability/capacity unless so stated in writing by the Cobb County Water System. Permit issuances subject to continued treatment plant compliance with EPD discharge requirements.

PRESENT ZONING: <u>R-20</u>	PETITION FOR: <u>RA-5</u>
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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS	
FLOOD HAZARD: YES NO POSSIBLY, N	NOT VERIFIED
DRAINAGE BASIN: Unnamed Trib to Willeo Creek ☐ FEMA Designated 100 year Floodplain Flood. ☐ Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance DESIGNATED FL ☐ Project subject to the Cobb County Flood Damage Preven ☐ Dam Breach zone from (upstream) (onsite) lake - need to	ntion Ordinance Requirements.
WETLANDS: YES NO POSSIBLY, NOT	VERIFIED
Location:	
The Owner/Developer is responsible for obtaining any recorps of Engineer.	required wetland permits from the U.S. Army
STREAMBANK BUFFER ZONE: YES NO	POSSIBLY, NOT VERIFIED
 Metropolitan River Protection Area (within 2000' of undisturbed buffer each side of waterway). Chattahoochee River Corridor Tributary Area - County re ✓ Georgia Erosion-Sediment Control Law and County Ordi ✓ Georgia DNR Variance may be required to work in 25 for ✓ County Buffer Ordinance: 50', 75', 100' or 200' each side 	eview (<u>undisturbed</u> buffer each side). nance - County Review /State Review. ot streambank buffers.
DOWNSTREAM CONDITIONS	
☐ Potential or Known drainage problems exist for developm ☐ Stormwater discharges must be controlled not to exceed t drainage system.	
 ☑ Minimize runoff into public roads. ☑ Minimize the effect of concentrated stormwater discharge ☑ Developer must secure any R.O.W required to receive naturally 	
Existing Lake Downstream Bishop's Hollow S/D.	and and
Additional BMP's for erosion sediment controls will be re Lake Study needed to document sediment levels. Stormwater discharges through an established residential Project engineer must evaluate the impact of increased	neighborhood downstream. volume of runoff generated by the proposed

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CTODAMATED MANACEMENT COMMEN	NTS Continued
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMEN	N1S - Continued
SPECIAL SITE CONDITIONS	
☐ Provide comprehensive hydrology/stormwater control ☐ Submit all proposed site improvements to Plan Revie ☐ Any spring activity uncovered must be addressed by ☐ Structural fill must be placed under the direct	ew. y a qualified geotechnical engineer (PE).
engineer (PE). Existing facility.	
 Project must comply with the Water Quality requested County Water Quality Ordinance. Water Quality/Quantity contributions of the existing 	
conditions into proposed project. Calculate and provide % impervious of project site.	g take/poild on site must be continued as basefine
Revisit design; reduce pavement area to reduce runo:	ff and pollution.
INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION	
No Stormwater controls shown Copy of survey is not current – Additional comment are exposed.	s may be forthcoming when current site conditions
No site improvements showing on exhibit.	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 1. This site is located just east of Johnson Ferry Road and is surrounded by Ivywood Subdivision to the south and Bishop's Hollow Subdivision to the north and east. The site is wooded with a mixture of soft and hardwood and average slopes are mild to moderate (5-14%). The entire site drains to the east to an existing stream channel at the rear of the site.
- 2. A drainage easement will likely be required along the side of Lot 6. This will impact the usable building area on this lot since there is a 10-foot landscape strip shown that the easement will not be able to encroach.
- 3. As indicated in the Downstream Conditions Comments, there is a lake located immediately downstream of this site. A pre- and post-sediment survey will be required to document any changes in sediment levels during construction.

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TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

The following comments and recommendations are based on field investigation and office review of the subject rezoning case:

ROADWAY	AVERAGE DAILY TRIPS	ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION	SPEED LIMIT	JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL	MIN. R.O.W. REQUIREMENTS
Johnson Ferry Road	39,300	Arterial	45	Cobb	100'

Based on [2009] traffic counting data taken by Cobb County DOT

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Johnson Ferry Road is classified as an arterial and according to the available information the existing right-of-way does not meet the minimum requirements for this classification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend applicant be required to meet all Cobb County Development Standards and Ordinances related to project improvements.

Recommend sidewalks within subdivision.

Recommend deceleration lane for the Johnson Ferry Road entrance.

Recommend right-in/right-out only.

Recommend applicant consider entering into a development agreement pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-71-13 for dedication of the following system improvements to mitigate traffic concerns: a) donation of right-of-way on the east side of Johnson Ferry Road, a minimum of 50' from the roadway centerline.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

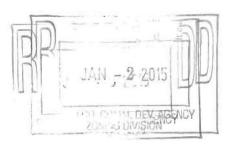
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- A. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal may permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties. The area contains single family houses and churches. Predominately a residential area, nearby subdivisions include Ivywood and Hunters Trace Unit 1 developed at 1.83 units per acre and 1.59 units per acre, respectively.
- B. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal may not have an adverse affect on the usability of adjacent or nearby property. The applicant's proposal is more dense than nearby subdivisions. Staff would suggest deleting the request to R-15, which fits the character of the area much better.
- C. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal may not result in a use which would cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. This opinion can be supported by the departmental comments contained in this analysis.
- D. It is Staff's opinion that the applicant's rezoning proposal is not in conformity with the policy and intent of the *Cobb County Comprehensive Plan*. Located within an area delineated as LDR Low Density Residential which forecasts developments ranging from 1 to 2.5 units per acre, the applicant's proposal can be viewed as in keeping with the *Plan* as it proposes a yield of 2.52 units per acre.
- E. It is Staff's opinion that there are existing and changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for deleting the applicant's rezoning proposal. The applicant's proposal will result in a community that is slightly more dense than those existing in the area. Deleting the request to R-15 would fit the area better, which has R-15 and R-20 sized lots.

Based on the above analysis, Staff recommends **DELETING TO R-15** subject to the following conditions:

- Site plan to be approved by District Commissioner;
- Maximum eight lots;
- Water and Sewer Division comments and recommendations;
- Stormwater Management Division comments and recommendations;
- Fire Department comments and recommendations;
- Department of Transportation comments and recommendations; and
- Owner/developer to enter into a Development Agreement pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-71-13 for dedication of system improvements to mitigate traffic concerns.

The recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Staff are only the opinions of the Planning and Zoning Staff and are by no means the final decision. The Cobb County Board of Commissioners makes the final decisions on all Rezoning and Land Use Permits at an advertised public hearing.



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Summary of Intent for Rezoning

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	a)	Proposed unit square-footage(s): Mix of 2,800 to 4,500 sq. ft.	
	b)	Proposed building architecture: European or Traditional (see Summary of	Intent
	c)	Proposed selling prices(s):	
	d)	List all requested variances: Reduce Minimum lot Width at	
	fran	it setbach to 60' an som lots as shown an six plan	
	Non-res a)	sidential Rezoning Information (attach additional information if needed) NOT APPLICABLE Proposed use(s):	
	b)	Proposed building architecture:	
	c)	Proposed hours/days of operation:	
	d)	List all requested variances:	
Part 3		r Pertinent Information (List or attach additional information if needed) attached Summary of Intent	
	(Please	of the property included on the proposed site plan owned by the Local, State, or Federal Govern list all Right-of-Ways, Government owned lots, County owned parcels and/or remnants, etc., an early showing where these properties are located).	

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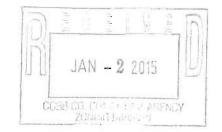
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January 2, 2015



BY HAND DELIVERY

Zoning Division
Community Development Agency
Cobb County, Georgia
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SUMMARY OF INTENT

Re: Application for Rezoning, Cobb County, Georgia ("*Application*") by James M. Beveridge ("*Applicant*") with respect to that certain approximately 3.96-acre property commonly known as 1668 Johnson Ferry Road, Georgia (the "*Property*")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This law firm has the pleasure of representing Applicant with respect to the Application. Applicant respectfully submits for consideration the Application, seeking to rezone the Property from R-20 to RA-5 (Detached) to allow the development of the Property as a 10-unit single family subdivision.

Background - The Property

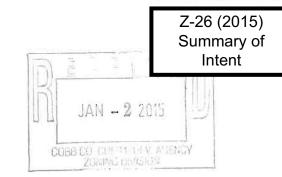
The Property is owned by the Board of Trustees of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and Johnson Ferry Land Holdings, LLC (collectively, "Owner"), and is an approximately 3.96-acre tract zoned R-20, with frontage along Johnson Ferry Road. The Property is unimproved, and is surrounded by property zoned R-20 on all sides although there is R-30 just to the southwest, and north of the Church. Owner has contracted to sell the Property to Applicant, subject to the approval of his requested rezoning.

Proposed Rezoning

Applicant seeks to rezone the Property from R-20 to RA-5 to allow for the installation of a single street, 10 home subdivision within the Property. Currently, the property has remained

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undeveloped as a result of the difficulty of obtaining sewer service. Applicant has been able to resolve this issue, and accordingly, seeks to develop the Property for single family use. The density proposed by Applicant will serve as a buffer from the Church use on the Property to the north and the existing single family subdivision to the south.

Application Requirements

Section 134-121 of the Zoning Ordinance sets forth the various requirements applicable to requests for rezonings, some of which are addressed above and the remainder of which are addressed in supporting documents. Specifically, in support of the Application, Applicant submits the following documents:

- (1) Original notarized signatures of Owner, Applicant and representative;
- (2) Copies of the deeds to Owner;
- (3) Metes and bounds legal description of the Property;
- (4) Copy of the paid tax receipts (or evidence of exemption with respect to the Church-owned portion of the Property;
- (5) Copy of current boundary survey depicting all required items;

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Applicant notifies Cobb County of its constitutional concerns with respect to its Application. If the Board denies the Application in whole or in part, then the Property does not have a reasonable economic use under Chapter 134 of the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia, as amended from time to time (the "Zoning Ordinance"). Moreover, the Application meets the test set out by the Georgia Supreme Court to be used in establishing the constitutional balance between private property rights and zoning and planning as an expression of the government's police power. See Guhl vs. Holcomb Bridge Road, 238 Ga. 322 (1977). If the Cobb County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") denies the Application in whole or in part, such an action will deprive Owner and Applicant of the ability to use the Property in accordance with its highest and best use. Similarly, if the Board rezones the Property to some classification other than the RA-5 zoning district without Applicant's consent, or if the Board limits its approval by attaching conditions to such approval affecting the Property or the use thereof without Owner's consent, then such approval would deprive Owner and Applicant of any reasonable use and development of the Property. Any such action is unconstitutional and will result in a taking of property rights in violation of the just compensation clause of the Constitution of the State of Georgia (see Ga. Const. 1983, Art. 1, § 3, para. 1(a)), and the just compensation clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution (see U.S. Const. Amend. 5). To the extent that the Zoning Ordinance allows such an action by the Board, the Zoning Ordinance is unconstitutional. Any such denial or conditional approval would discriminate between Owner and Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in an arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable and unconstitutional manner in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph 2 of the Georgia Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Finally, a failure to grant the Application or a conditional approval of the Application (with conditions not expressly approved by Applicant) would constitute a gross abuse of discretion and would constitute an unconstitutional violation of Applicant's rights to substantive and procedural due process as guaranteed by the Georgia Constitution (see Ga. Const. 1983, Art. I, § 1, para. 1) and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution (see U.S. Const. Amend. 5 and 14). Applicant further challenges the constitutionality and enforceability of the Zoning Ordinance, in whole and in relevant part, for lack of objective standards, guidelines or criteria limiting the Board's discretion in considering or deciding applications for rezonings. Applicant remains optimistic that Cobb County's consideration of the Application will be conducted in a constitutional manner.

Z-26 (2015) Summary of Intent

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- (6) Site Plan reflecting proposed improvements;
- (7) Zoning Application Disclosure forms;
- (8) Application and Sign Fees;
- (9) This Summary of Intent.

The Application, this letter and accompanying documents support Applicant's request for rezoning, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Zoning Division recommend approval of the Application to the Board. Applicant is happy to answer questions or provide any additional information that the Zoning Division may have with regard to this Application.

Sincerely

EWS/ews

cc: Mr. James M. Beveridge

James M. Ney, Esq.