MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF HENRICO COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN THE HENRICO COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007, AT 9:00 A.M., NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH MARCH 1, 2007 AND MARCH 8, 2007.

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Members Present: James W. Nunnally, Chairman

Richard Kirkland CBZA, Vice-Chairman

Elizabeth G. Dwyer Helen E. Harris

Members Absent:

R.A. Wright

Also Present:

David D. O'Kelly, Assistant Director of Planning

Benjamin Blankinship, Secretary Paul Gidley, County Planner

Ann B. Cleary, Recording Secretary

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Mr. Nunnally - Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, we welcome you to our March 22, 2007 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. We'll ask you to stand and join in the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country**. Mr. Blankinship, will you read the rules for the meeting, please?

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Mr. Blankinship -Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, ladies and gentleman. The rules for this meeting are as follows. As Secretary, I will announce each case and while I'm speaking, the applicant should come down to the podium. We will then ask everyone who intends to speak on that case to stand and be sworn in. The applicant will be given an opportunity to speak and then anyone else who wishes to speak will be given the opportunity. After everyone has spoken, the applicant and only the applicant will have an opportunity for rebuttal. After hearing all of the evidence and asking questions, the Board will take the matter under advisement and they will render all of their decisions at the end of the meeting. If you wish to know their decision on a specific case, you can either stay until the end of the meeting or you can check the Planning Department website this afternoon or you can call the Planning Department this afternoon. This meeting is being tape recorded, so we'll ask everyone who speaks to speak directly into the microphone on the podium. State your name and please spell your last name for us. Finally, out in the foyer, there are two binders that contain the staff report for each case, including the conditions that have been recommended by the staff.

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Mr. Nunnally - Do we have any deferrals or withdrawals, Mr. Blankinship?

36	Mr. Blankinship -	Not that I'm aware of.
37 38	Mr. Nunnally -	All right, sir, thank you. Please call the first case then,
39	Sir.	7 th right, on, thank you. I loade out the mot ease then,
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41	A-005-07	BETTY G. LEGGETT appeals a decision of the
42		ant to Section 24-116(a) regarding the property at 3615
43		nnon Estates) (Parcel 846-708-9615, zoned A-1,
44	Agricultural District (Varina	
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46	Mr. Nunnally -	Is there anyone here interested in this case?
47 48	Mr. Blankinshin	We have plenty of staff, but I don't see Mrs. Leggett
40 49	or her attorney. Should we	
50	of fiel attorney. Orlouid w	e pass by :
51	Mr. Nunnally -	Yes, we'll just hold off and go on to the next one.
52	Will real many	Too, wo in just hold on and go on to the hext one.
53	UP-005-07	DAYTON HUDSON CORP. requests a temporary
54		rsuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) to install a 150' by 50'
55		d (Parcel 783-770-1727), zoned B-2C, B-3C, Business
56		O-2C, Office District (Conditional) (Fairfield).
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58	Mr. Nunnally -	Anyone else here interested in this case? If so,
59	please stand and be swori	n in.
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61		Raise your right hand, please. Do you swear the
62		give is the truth and nothing but the truth so help you
63	God?	
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65	Mr. Nunnally -	Please state your name for the record and tell us what
66	you're requesting.	
67 68	Mr. Bunch -	My name is Barry Bunch. I represent John S. Clark
69		ng for the 150 by 50-foot tent to put up on Brook Road.
70	Company and we are aski	ing for the 130 by 30-100t tent to put up on brook road.
70	Mr. Nunnally -	Can you give us a little background on what you're
72	going to use it for, sir?	Oan you give as a little background on what you're
73	going to doo it for, on .	
74	Mr. Bunch -	This is a lay down yard. We are doing a remodel for
75		rking area. This is a lay down yard. What we are doing
76		To do these remodels, approximately 40 to 50 trailers
77		e remodeling and the restocking of this store. What we
78		s aesthetically for your neighbors and what you have in
79		ttle more pleasing to look at than having the storage
80	containers out by your roa	d and out in front of your businesses.

82	Ms. Dwyer -	Will the whole area be enclosed by fencing?
83 84	Mr. Bunch -	Yes ma'am.
85 86 87	Ms. Dwyer -	What kind of fencing?
88 89 90	Mr. Bunch - barbed wire top on it as we	It's a chain link fence. It's eight foot and it has a ell.
90 91 92	Mr. Nunnally -	How many feet?
93 94	Mr. Bunch -	The tent itself—
95 96	Mr. Nunnally -	I mean the height of it.
96 97 98 99 100 101	•	The height of the fence is eight foot tall and it does here are four gates gated into this entrance area along n get the trucks inside, unload them, and then they will
102	Ms. Dwyer -	Then will you have trailers outside the tent area?
103 104 105 106 107	Mr. Bunch - We're trying to eliminate this area.	Yes ma'am, there will be some more trailers outside. the number of trailers that we have to park in front of
108 109	Ms. Dwyer - will be on the site.	I'm not clear from the packet exactly where the tent
110 111 112	Mr. Bunch -	Are you familiar with the area at all?
113 114 115 116	Ms. Dwyer - plan that shows the tent a area is located on the plan	Yes and we have an aerial photograph. We have a rea, but it's such a close-up, I can't tell where the tent .
110 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126	store is open all the time, you're showing right here, to that. The fenced-in area this little area, our fence s rows are here. Then they	There are two things that are stated in the staff report in open. It says in here that the store is closed. The so they're working normal business hours. In the area there's a McDonald's in the yellow area just adjacent a—Does this work? Okay. This area right here, right in starts right here, comes to the outside of where these will come back around to here. It also says 300 feet actually somewhere in the neighborhood of about 150

127 128	Mr. Blankinship - it's going to remain open,	Three hundred feet is what I would like to see, but if then that's not practical.
129	n o genig to remain epon,	
130 131 132 133 134	drain that actually takes thought they were going	Well, there's another reason for that. This area right ition is going onto the building, there is a storm sewer us into the parking area, which is where we originally to put it. We can't do that because there are services have to take that parking lot off.
135 136 137	Ms. Dwyer -	It's part of the construction area?
137 138 139	Mr. Bunch -	Yes ma'am.
140 141	Ms. Harris -	Had you considered putting it behind the store?
142 143 144	Mr. Bunch - access behind the store w	There's no room for it behind the store. There's no here we could get to it.
144 145 146 147	Mr. Kirkland - the total renovation of the yourself?	I didn't know you were going to put an addition, but in store, will there be any other contractors on site beside
148 149 150	Mr. Bunch -	Yes sir, there are.
151 152	Mr. Kirkland -	Are they going to be in this same area?
153 154	Mr. Bunch -	Yes sir.
155 156 157	Mr. Kirkland - will be in this area?	Everyone that's working on this project, and storage,
157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167	traffic with the trucks and like I said, aesthetically it the other businesses that equipment in there. Also, right in this area right her	Yes sir. We're trying to make sure that everything is in trying to eliminate trailers and we're trying to eliminate everything coming into the area. If we can get a tent, is much more pleasing to look at for the neighbors and an having all these trailers. Everybody will store their the expansion that's going on with the building that's e, our access zone is into the back. The lay down yard and so forth that's coming, we've applied for an area
168 169	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay.
170 171 172		What we've done is the fixtures and everything that's area. The construction trailer will be in this area right greater and so forth will be here and our work area

173 174	will be in this fenced-in everything confined is inside	area so [unintelligible] and where we're keeping de that fenced area.
175 176 177	Mr. Kirkland -	Will this be secured and lit?
178 179 180 181 182	over here. What that does working and there will also	Yes sir. There are four entrances, there are four area right here, one on this side, one right here, and for us is we'll have just two shifts. There's a day shift be people working in the store at night. So, there will s job. We do have our own security staff.
183 184	Mr. Kirkland -	The people security is what I was interested in.
185 186	Mr. Bunch -	Yes sir, we will have that.
187 188 189 190	Ms. Harris - area?	Will you have to divert public parking around the work
191 192 193 194 195	there's another entrance l	No ma'am. What we've done with the fence, there's ly goes all the way around our fenced area here. Then here that's still intact. We won't affect anything within d area for your traffic in and off this parking lot.
196 197	Mr. Kirkland - not there is enough parking	Mr. Blankinship, have you all calculated whether or g once this is taken away?
198 199 200 201 202 203	staff that the store was go about the parking for that	No sir, we have not. Somebody told someone on our ing to be closed during this process, so we didn't worry reason. We'll have to go back and confirm them. You lired number of parking spaces all through the project.
204	Mr. Bunch -	As long as the store is open.
205206207208	Ms. Dwyer - report was written based o	So, we need to defer the case then since the staff n an assumption that the store will be closed?
209 210 211	Mr. Kirkland - there.	That's a big issue because Target's not the only store
212 213 214	Mr. Blankinship - there?	What is your timeline? Are you ready to get out
215 216 217		The fenced area has already been installed. The . They'll be put in place next Tuesday. We didn't affect their

218 219	parking here or this line of affected.	of parking that goes through this area. None of this is
220221222223	Mr. Kirkland - project?	How many spaces are you taking away with this
224225226227		I really don't know. We've taken four of these islands. area right here, we've taken four islands up and come nt. Right there. So, we've gone from here four islands
228 229	Mr. Kirkland -	That's a quarter of the lot.
230 231	Mr. Blankinship -	That's probably between 80 and 100 spaces.
232233	Ms. Dwyer -	Will the entire store be open or just portions of it?
234235236237	Mr. Bunch - Normal business hours. Th	No ma'am, the entire store will stay operational. ney open at 7 and they close at 9:30.
238 239 240 241	Ms. Dwyer - footage in the store that required to have.	What I'm looking for was there a reduction in square would reduce the number of parking spaces you're
242 243 244 245 246	your pharmacy and different	No ma'am, not that I'm aware of at this point. What the store that are being remodeled, the inside, such as ent areas, we're just moving them from where they're ner location in the store. So, it will stay the business as
247248249250251	Ms. Harris - left side. You said the ar and the trailers in the area	Could we see this entire area? I wanted to see the ea behind Target you don't have room to erect a tent.
251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260	probably 12 feet high that fact, it comes all the way slopes around. The constr What we're trying to do environmental standpoint	This is not useable property here. This area that's there is an embankment here that's, I don't know, it's slopes down into the backyard all the way around. In around the building. Where the expansion is it kind of ruction area lay down for steel and brick is in this area. It is eliminate, saying we can control that from an in the back area back here rather than have it up in the lish area. We can control that here.
261 262	Ms. Harris - our guidelines, what would	If we don't have enough parking spaces, according to I you do?

264 265		We'd have to go back and look at what we could do. useable area. As we said before, to do one of these
266	· ·	to 50 trailers of equipment coming in to make this
267		think that's what they had applied for earlier in this
268		or the tent was aesthetically, back to your neighbors, it
269		Il these trailers sitting out in your front yard. That was
270	the reason for the tent.	in those trainers staining out in your mont yard. That was
271	the reason for the term.	
272	Ms. Dwyer -	What does staff recommend as far as this dilemma
273	about parking spaces. Mr.	
274	about parking spaces. Wit.	Biaritationip.
275	Mr Blankinshin -	As I said, we hadn't really considered it because we
276	•	ould be closed. Normally, my first instinct is to say they
277		uired number of parking spaces. I assume that they
278	•	ave more spaces than the Code requires, so they could
279	take up some.	avo moro opacco man ano ocac roquiros, so moy ocaia
280	tano ap como.	
281	Ms. Dwyer -	Even if we approved it today, if they didn't have the
282	•	ng spaces, they couldn't put the tent up until they
283	assured the [unintelligible]	
284	accented and farmine managers.	
285	Mr. Blankinship -	They would have make adjustments.
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287	Mr. Bunch -	The one thing that we could do, if you look right in this
288	area right here, the tent i	s actually set to go from here up. We could actually
289	move this fence if we nee	eded to. We could pull this fence here. We'd have to
290	relocate some of the other	r trailers to a different area, if we needed to. We're at
291	the back of this island at this point.	
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293	Mr. Kirkland -	So, all the trailers have to come in at the same time,
294	they can't be in and out.	If you empty one out, it goes away. Do you have to
295	have all 50 of them there the	he whole time?
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297	Mr. Bunch -	Yes sir. There are different sequences to the trades
298	and most of the fixtures an	d things that come in are in one trailer.
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300	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay.
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302	Mr. Bunch -	During the floor sample, for instance, to keep the
303	•	ly do so many square feet at night and it's done during
304	the night while the store's	closed.
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306	Mr. Kirkland -	Right.
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Mr. Bunch - We'll take it out and put it back. These trailers will house the things that go into each one of these pieces. It would be worse if we

310 311	were bringing trailers in ar time.	nd out because the traffic would just be constant all the
312	Mr Kirkland	Livet wondered if any of them aver get emptied during
313	Mr. Kirkland -	I just wondered if any of them ever get emptied during
314	the process and could be	movea.
315	Mr. Dunck	When they do we remove them we have them nulled
316	Mr. Bunch -	When they do, we remove them, we have them pulled
317	out.	
318	Mr Kirklond	Okov
319	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay.
320	Ma Harria	Mr. Plankinghin do the neighbore know of this
321	Ms. Harris -	Mr. Blankinship, do the neighbors know of this
322 323		property is on the opposite end and I was concerned ed for the other businesses in this complex.
324	about parting boing anout	ou for the ether businesses in the complex.
325	Mr. Blankinship -	We've notified everybody with adjoining property, as
326	we always do.	
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328	Mr. Bunch -	We have notified them as well that the construction
329	has started. Each one of	of the adjoining customers all know that this is all
330	happening as we speak.	, ,
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332	Ms. Harris -	The adjacent neighbors are all those in that complex?
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334	Mr. Bunch -	I'm sorry?
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336	Ms. Harris -	You have notified your adjacent neighbor or have you
337	notified all of the business	es in that complex?
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339	Mr. Bunch -	Everybody in the complex. When we arrived on site,
340	everyone was notified that	we were beginning construction and things were going
341	to begin to happen as far	as the equipment and trailers and other things coming
342	in and out of the parking lo	t. So, we've already notified everybody as such.
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344	Ms. Harris -	You have had no objections?
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346	Mr. Bunch -	None that I'm aware of, no ma'am.
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348	Ms. Dwyer -	Mr. Blankinship, is the parking calculation for Target
349	based on just the yellow	r-bounded area that we're looking at or is it a total
350	shopping center calculatio	n?
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352	Mr. Blankinship -	Normally, it's done by the shopping center. I'd have
353		pment to confirm that was the case here, but typically,
354	that's what we do.	
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356 357 358 359	•	What about this parking area in the back? Is it eack there and be less disruptive to the flow of traffic in er?
360 361 362	Mr. Bunch - Target.	We don't have that property, that doesn't belong to
363 364	Mr. Blankinship -	Their property line follows the zoning [unintelligible].
365 366 367 368	Mr. Bunch - another easement we'd heighbor.	That's someone else's property, so that would be have to go through to try to get that with the other
369 370 371 372	Ms. Dwyer - just concerned what the s didn't have the required nu	I understand you're under the time constraint, but I'm tatus of this case would be if we approved it and you mber of parking spaces.
373 374 375 376	Mr. Bunch - known that, I could have h realize that was an issue.	I understand. I didn't know that was an issue. If I had ad the number calculated prior to coming. But I didn't
377 378 379 380	•	What would be the process, Mr. Blankinship, if we ave the proper number of parking spaces. How would ld the County—
381 382 383 384	•	Well, we're holding the building permit. We don't tuntil they find some way to comply with the parking
385 386	Ms. Dwyer -	As long as you know that.
387 388	Mr. Bunch -	Okay. What are we looking at as a timeframe?
389 390 391 392 393	•	The next couple of days. We understand that you're of research, it's just we'll need to get the Plan of out how it was calculated and see what you've got, if
394 395 396	Ms. Dwyer - to be met? The plan has be	What about this 300-foot requirement that's not going een submitted and apparently—
397 398 399	Mr. Blankinship - was written, again, on the think that would be prefera	If the store is open, I don't think that's practical. That understanding that the store was going to be closed. I ble, but—
400 401	Ms. Dwyer -	How would we reword that condition?

402 403 404	Mr. Blankinship -	I would [unintelligible] just to striking.
405	Ms. Dwyer -	Is that agreeable with you, Mr. Clark? Number 2.
406 407 408	Mr. Nunnally -	Did you hear Ms. Dwyer's question for you, sir?
409 410	Mr. Clark -	Yes sir.
411 412	Ms. Dwyer - case?	Have you read the conditions to be imposed in the
413 414 415	Mr. Clark -	Yes ma'am.
416 417 418	Ms. Dwyer - which requires the tent to	We're thinking that we will eliminate condition #2 be 300 feet from Brook Road. Is that agreeable to you?
419	Mr. Clark -	Yes ma'am.
420 421	Mr. Nunnally -	Do you have any questions, Ms. Harris?
422 423	Ms. Harris -	I think we've answered them all.
424 425	Mr. Kirkland -	I'm fine, sir.
426 427 428 429		Any other questions from the Board or staff? Let me ne here in opposition to this case? Hear none, that let you know something later on, sir.
430 431	Mr. Bunch -	Thank you, sir.
432	Mr. Nunnally -	Thank you for coming.
434 435 436 437 438 439 440	hearing. The required nur They have provided 577.	Mr. Chairman, before we have a motion on that, Mr. d a little research while we were continuing with the mber of parking spaces for that shopping center is 468. So there are 109 more parking spaces on the ground They could occupy up to 109 parking spaces without he Code.
441 442	Mr. Nunnally -	Okay.
443 444	Ms. Dwyer -	So they may not have a problem.
445 446 447	Mr. Blankinship - spaces, they should be ok	If they can design it so that it occupies less than 110 ay.

448 449 450 451 452 453	Ms. Harris - I would like to move that we approve this use permit, eliminating condition #2, "The tent shall be set back at least 300 feet from the right-of-way of Brook Road." I understand that condition was there because he thought the store would be closed and the store will remain open. That is my motion.	
454 455 456	Mr. Nunnally -	Okay, motion by Ms. Harris.
456 457 458 459 460	Mr. Kirkland - there that as long as the places?	Ms. Harris, do you mind if we put another condition tent and trailers do not occupy more than 110 parking
461 462	Ms. Harris -	Would that be governed by the building permit?
462 463 464 465	Mr. Blankinship - question.	I'd like to have it in the use permit, just so there's no
466 467	Ms. Dwyer - number required, just in ca	Shall we specify the number or just say as the ase there's some problem with the calculation.
468 469 470	Mr. Kirkland -	That would probably be best.
471 472	Ms. Harris -	Okay, I would like to add that condition.
472 473 474	Mr. Blankinship -	Shall not occupy any required parking spaces.
475 476 477	Mr. Nunnally - Kirkland?	Motion by Ms. Harris and seconded by you, Mr.
477 478 479	Ms. Dwyer -	Second.
480 481 482	Mr. Nunnally - there, right Mr. Blankinshi	Seconded by Ms. Dwyer. We added a condition p?
483 484	Mr. Blankinship -	Yes sir.
485 486 487	Mr. Nunnally - be approved. All in favor s	Motion by Ms. Harris and seconded by Ms. Dwyer it say aye. All opposed say no. It's been approved.
487 488 489 490 491 492 493	Ms. Dwyer, the Board gra use permit to install a 15 1727), zoned B-2C, B-3	c hearing and on a motion by Ms. Harris, seconded by inted application UP-005-07 for a temporary conditional 50' x 50' tent at 10100 Brook Road (Parcel 783-770-BC Business District (Conditional), and O-2C, Office field). The Board granted this use permit subject to the

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495	•	on the plan filed with the application may be i	
496		 Any additional improvements shall comply v 	
497		he County Code. Any substantial changes or a	dditions
498	may require a new condition	onal use permit.	
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500	2. [DELETED]		
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502	3. The applicant shall ob	tain a building permit for the tent and shall com	ply with
503	all requirements of the Off	ice of Building Construction and Inspections.	
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505	4. The tent shall be	erected such that the parking surface and i	required
506	landscaping shall not be d	lamaged.	
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508	5. The tent shall be remove	ved from the property on or before October 16, 2	2007, at
509	which time this permit sha	ll expire.	
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511	6. [ADDED] The tent and	d laydown area shall not occupy any required	parking
512	spaces.		
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515	Affirmative:	Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally	4
516	Negative:		0
517	Absent:	Wright	1
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520	Mr. Nunnally -	Do you want to recall the first case, Mr. Blan	kinship,
521	and see if they're here?	·	·
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524	director of planning pursua	ant to Section 24-116(a) regarding the property	
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526	Agricultural District (Varina		,
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528	Mr. Nunnally -	Is anyone else here interested in this case? If	so, will
529	you please stand and be s	•	,
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531	Mr. Blankinship -	Raise your right hand, please. Do you sw	ear the
532	•	give is the truth and nothing but the truth so h	
533	God?	· ·	. ,

Mr. Nunnally - Okay, ma'am, if you'll come forward and state your name for the record and tell us what you're requesting.

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538 Ms. Cosby - Certainly. My name is Ann Neil Cosby and I'm 539 attorney with Sands, Anderson, Marks and Miller. I'm here this morning

representing Mrs. Leggett. I do want to apologize to the Board for our late arrival. We were actually here at 8:30 standing outside the boardroom. Somebody came down and told us that the meeting had been moved to the third floor of the annex building. So, we went over to the annex building and a very nice lady in Public Utilities made some phone calls and redirected us here. So, we were here bright and early, and so I do apologize for that.

Ms. Dwyer - We're always here.

Ms. Cosby - I think she may have gotten us confused with the Board of Equalization because I believe they're meeting there. I think she was maybe trying to be helpful, but at any rate. Mrs. Leggett is here today seeking to appeal the zoning determination that was issued on January 4, 2007. Her property is—I believe you have the site map. It's located in Sandston on Malpas Drive. On January 4th, 2007, she was issued a Notice of Violation for having more than one dwelling unit on the property and for having that dwelling unit located improperly to the rear of a principal dwelling. We are here and appealing because we believe that Notice of Violation was incorrect on the law and the facts, and I'd like to explain why.

A little bit of background. Mrs. Leggett— who is here with neighbors and her daughter—purchased this property in 1998. Mr. Leggett passed away January and Mrs. Leggett, who is now 73, continues to live in the property, in the home by herself. The home was built in 1970 and when the property was first purchased by the Leggett's, there was a small accessory building to the back of the property, sort of in the rear side yard, which has been referred by the Leggett's and believe the neighbors as "the cottage." So, I'll refer to it as "the cottage." What the cottage is, is what we're here today to decide.

After Mr. Leggett passed away, Mrs. Leggett began having some health problems and it became apparent to her daughter that perhaps the best thing to do was for her daughter to move into the cottage on the property. This cottage has been occupied consistently since the house was first built. This cottage was built simultaneously, so it has always been there. It has always been occupied. I believe there would be some neighbors that can respond to any questions that you might have about occupancy. It has been the same structure and occupied since the 1970's.

When Mrs. Leggett and her daughter decided that it would be best for her daughter to come and live nearby, they discussed first enlarging the cottage to make it a little bit bigger, give her daughter a little bit more room. They called the County to ask, first of all, if there was any problem with her daughter living there in the cottage and then secondly, whether or not they could enlarge the cottage. That first phone call to the County took place on October 16th of 2006 to the Planning Office. The individual advised Mrs. Leggett. Mrs. Leggett told her she was 73 and she was having health problems. Her daughter wanted to come and

586 587 588 589	live nearby so that she would be there, as happens all the time, to take care of her mother. The staff person advised her at that time that under the Zoning Ordinance, the cottage would be considered a caretaker's quarters and that her daughter living there was permitted.	
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591	Mr. Nunnally -	Ms. Cosby, let me stop just for a moment.
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593	Ms. Cosby -	Certainly.
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595	Mr. Nunnally -	How many people live in this house with Mrs.
596	Leggett? Just Mrs. Legge	tt alone?
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598	Ms. Cosby -	Mrs. Leggett currently is the only occupant of the
599	principal dwelling, yes.	, , , ,
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601	Mr. Nunnally -	Why can't her daughter move in that house? That's a
602	large house; I rode by their	
603	large flouse, Frode by the	o yesterday.
604	Ms. Cosby -	Mrs. Leggett's daughter is a grown woman and I think
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605		e, and just for privacy. She can be nearby but not
606	underfoot. They are both grown women and it seems to be a better fit for them	
607		be room in the main house. Again, it was just preferred
608	to use the structure that w	as already there and had been occupied.
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610	Ms. Dwyer -	Ms. Cosby, you say this cottage, as you call it, has
611	•	1970's. Has it been consistently occupied as a second
612	dwelling or has it been occ	cupied as a guesthouse intermittently?
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614	Ms. Cosby -	We would say as a guesthouse. It's been relatives or
615		n, Mrs. Leggett can respond as to particularly who has
616	been there. It's not been	used as a boarding house or rented to transients or
617	advertised as being an apa	artment or anything like that. It's always been—
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619	Ms. Dwyer -	So, Ms. Leggett will testify today as to who has lived
620	in the house since she's b	een there in '98.
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622	Ms. Cosby -	Yes.
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624	Ms. Dwyer -	Is there anyone to testify as to how the cottage was
625	used prior to '98?	is there anyone to toomy do to now the contage was
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	Ms. Coshy	I boliovo so. Thore are two neighbors, one across the
627	Ms. Cosby -	I believe so. There are two neighbors, one across the
628	-	nt property that can certainly answer any of the Board's
629		and her daughter believed that her daughter would be
630	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	cottage as a living quarters. Unfortunately, what staff
631	either missed or dian't fu	Ily explain was that under the Zoning Ordinance, the

only accessory use—and this would be an accessory use. It wouldn't be another principal use. This cottage would not be a dwelling, per se, a principal dwelling; it would be an accessory living quarters. The Zoning Ordinance only permits living quarters for persons employed at the principal dwelling. Mrs. Leggett never indicated to this staff person that her daughter was going to be employed by her. In our society, that would be really a reasonable assumption, that if you've got an elderly parent and the daughter is coming nearby, that's an employee/employer relationship. I would certainly think that that would be something quite obvious to this Board, that each of you would understand that that was really not a reasonable assumption to have even made. Certainly, the staff person could have asked and certainly Mrs. Leggett would have said, "No, absolutely not. I'm not going to pay her; she's my daughter. She's just going to live nearby."

At any rate, Mrs. Leggett filed for a building permit to try to expand the structure. That was turned down due to drainfield problems, which was fine. No further plans went forward to do the expansion. The property just started to be cleaned up and carpet removed and some interior changes made, but nothing that changed the structure any more than what it was.

On November 14th, an adjacent property owner called the County and complained about, presumably, this cottage being used as a residence, even though it had always been used as a residence, and there are neighbors here who will testify that even before these particular neighbors moved in it was always used as a residence. It was quite obvious.

Ms. Dwyer - Ms. Cosby, let me stop you there. You said this earlier and it's a question that came to mind. Let's assume that the occupancy of this cottage was illegal and has been since it was constructed. Are you suggesting that because it's been illegally occupied or unlawfully occupied until now, that that unlawful occupation should therefore continue?

Ms. Cosby - Absolutely not. This is not actually a non-conforming case. My advising you that folks have been living there is really just background so you will know the situation with the property. But no, we don't believe this is a non-conformity at all. We're not asking for a non-conforming determination. The legality or illegality of the prior use really doesn't mean much to my argument other than just letting the Board know the situation.

After the adjacent property owners called the County, a different member of County staff—I think a different department, actually—came out. There were subsequent inspections because this inspector told Mrs. Leggett that no, in fact, she couldn't use the property the way she wanted to use it. So now Mrs. Leggett is very confused and called the County again. She's talked to, I think, at least five different people in the County offices and every time it's just a slightly different version of what can be done and folks, obviously, trying to do what they can do,

given that they're picking up in the middle of something. At any rate, she has tried her very best and has followed-up.

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I would like at the end of this to submit, at least for the record, her notes just memorializing every time she has called the County, to whom she spoke, what she said. She took very copious notes. She has spoken to Mr. Blankinship and followed-up with a letter. I would like to, for the record, ask that that just be made a part of the record, the draft letter to the County, again, memorializing what she did. I don't want to belabor what Mrs. Leggett understood and what staff had said, and I certainly don't want to get up here and start an argument with Mr. Blankinship because I have all respect for Mr. Blankinship. Frankly, I don't think even what transpired is absolutely relevant to our appeal. Again, I just want the Board to know that this is the situation, Mrs. Leggett has tried. She comes to you as an innocent landowner. If there's any question that she is somebody who has been trying to skirt the rules or not comply, that's certainly not the case.

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I would take issue factually with—My client absolutely does not recall anyone ever telling her at any time that this cottage could not be a guesthouse or that it couldn't—Because a guesthouse can't have a kitchen and may only be occupied temporary. Frankly, that's what we think this structure is. Given everything I've just explained to you as background, our basis for our appeal today is that this structure is a legal accessory questhouse under the Zoning Ordinance. If I could, I'd like to go over the statutory standard of proof, which I'm sure you all know very well. But just to sort of set the framework of this, of your decision—The BZA decides whether or not the zoning inspector was correct and the BZA has to look at the ordinances. This is under 15.2-2309 of the Code. The BZA "must consider the purpose and intent of any applicable ordinances, laws, and regulations in making its decision." So clearly, you have to focus on the ordinance at issue. Mrs. Leggett's property is A-1. The accessory uses that are permitted in A-1 are those that are permitted in most of the residential districts. That would include a guesthouse. The Zoning Ordinance—I have it here; I'm sure Mr. Blankinship has it up there—does not define "guesthouse." So, it's for this BZA to determine if what Mrs. Leggett has there falls under a guesthouse. In addition to the statutory framework that the Board has to think about, there's also statutory [unintelligible] and that's really what this Board needs to do today. One of the first tenets of statutory construction—And I hate to sit here and site case law and all that because it can get very tedious, but one the first principals of statutory construction is that because zoning ordinances are contrary to the common law—they limit freedom—they have to be strictly construed. If there's any doubt, they have to be determined in favor of the property owner. That's not my language; that's the Virginia Supreme Court in 1992. So, it's in favor of the property owner unless it's very clear otherwise. We start, in other words, with the assumption she's permitted to do this unless the ordinance clearly states that she cannot.

In the A-1 District, guesthouses are permitted. What's a guesthouse? It's not defined. The Board of Supervisors, unfortunately, hasn't given me or you or Mr. Blankinship any direction in this, and the Board of Supervisors is the only body that can restrict what a guesthouse is. If it's plain on its face, they are the only body that can add restrictions. Staff can't add restrictions; I can't add restrictions; you can't add restrictions. That's only for the Board to do.

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Another rule of statutory construction is that when there is no expressed definition of a term, the general rule is you look to the plain meaning of the language. All it says is "guesthouse." What do courts do, and lawyers and other You go to Webster's Dictionary. What's the definition of a people do? guesthouse? Webster's Dictionary says it's, "a building for guests or a separate establishment on a private estate for the accommodation of guests." Begs the question, what's a guest? A guest is simply, "a person to whom hospitality is extended," or, the common understanding is that a guest is someone—maybe a legal understanding—who has no legal right to be on your property, to whom you have invited to be there, to remain, and to whom you can ask to leave at any time. So, a guest is more somebody who doesn't have a right. It's not defined in Webster's Dictionary as somebody who can only be there for a day, or two days, or three days, or a month. There is no temporal aspect of a guest in either Webster's Dictionary or the legal definition. There's certainly nothing in the ordinance that says a guest can only be your guest for a month. I think it would be unusual for a guestroom in your house, that a Board would say, "You may only keep your family as your guest for two months or three months, and a guesthouse is really just a larger guestroom off your property." So again, I think the BZA needs to be very careful if it is concerned that there is some type of a limit on how long a guest can be there because it's not borne in the ordinance. The ordinance doesn't say it; Webster's Dictionary doesn't say it. It would be sort of an arbitrary how long can a guest be there.

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Ms. Dwyer - Ms. Cosby, would you agree that the time a person is there is a fact that the Board could consider in determining whether a person is a guest or a resident? Are you saying that we're somehow not permitted to consider the time that they've been there or the time they intend to be there at all?

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Ms. Cosby - I would say that unless and until the Board of Supervisors puts that in there—I hate to use this example in Virginia before this BZA, but Cato Caitlin in OJ Simpson, I don't know how—He was living in the guesthouse. He's probably the most famous occupant of a guesthouse ever to make national TV. He was living in that guesthouse two, three, four years. I don't know. OJ Simpson couldn't get rid of him. I think you want to think of a guest as somebody who stays for a limited period for time, but again, the Board hasn't said that, which it could, arguably.

Ms. Dwyer - We have to give the term plain meaning. My thought is, as you're speaking, that the time a person is there is one factor. It's not a determining factor. You're right, we can't say as a BZA we define "guesthouse" as a house occupied by a person less than three years, or pick an arbitrary time. I would agree with you on that, but I think the time a person is there is one fact that this Board could and should consider in trying to determine the plain meaning of the word, "guest."

Ms. Cosby - That is certainly for the BZA to decide. Again, I would just counsel that Webster's Dictionary, the plain meaning, certainly doesn't have that. Again, the Board could do something like that. If the BZA did believe that there should be some sort of a limitation, then the question would arise, well, what is that? Once you start staying, well, what is that, then you start weighing policy. Then you start sort of thinking about health, safety, welfare issues, and then that starts sounding like, "Well, that's really for the Board to do." While yes, this is a body that has to make these determinations, you're absolutely right, I think, again, if your mind starts going—If your ruling is she can't be a guest because she's there more than—and you supply the "more than," I would say that's going into a policy determination versus a straight—We need to look at the ordinance as it's written and strictly construe it in favor of the property owner.

Ms. Dwyer - Could you just proceed with your case and what facts do you want to present to show us that this is a guesthouse?

Ms. Cosby - Certainly. I do have photographs, which I'll pass up. There are several sets.

Mr. Kirkland - Mr. Blankinship, I'm sure there's no building permit for this so-called cottage or guesthouse on record many years ago.

Mr. Blankinship - We don't have a copy of the building permit, but I don't doubt that there was a building permit. It was constructed in 1970, so we don't have a copy of that permit.

Ms. Harris - Attorney Cosby, as we look through these pictures, my question is did Ms. Leggett ever consider adding a wing to her house for her daughter and her daughter's friend?

Ms. Cosby - I don't know that she did, but I don't know that she could, given the setbacks of the property. I think the answer is no, she never did. I would defer to Mr. Blankinship, who I think has seen this property somewhat, as to whether setbacks or drain fields, she could do that. I don't know.

810 Ms. Harris - These are the interior?

812 Ms. Cosby - Yes ma'am.

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814	Mr. Kirkland -	Was this like this when she purchased it in 1998?
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816	Ms. Cosby -	Yes.
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818	Mr. Blankinship -	She should probably come to the podium.
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820	Ms. Cosby -	She can, certainly.
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822	Mr. Nunnally -	Ms. Leggett, if you want to come up.

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Ms. Cosby -I just had a few more remarks. This is, of course, the outside and the inside of the cottage. One bedroom, bathroom, small kitchen. With respect to the statement, I think, in the staff report that kitchens aren't permitted, again, that language isn't in the guesthouse definition. Importantly, I think, it is in the definition for a guestroom. So, the Board has chosen where it wants to limit kitchens and it has chosen to do it in guestrooms, but no definition and no limitations are in the guesthouse. That's also another principal of statutory construction. When a governing body puts it purposefully one place and doesn't put it another place, there's a big Latin term, but basically it means it was intended. So, I think there's no question as far as the limitation on kitchens is adding language to the statute. I would guote the Virginia Supreme Court in Amherst versus the Board of—the Amherst Board of Supervisors, rather, that said, "We," and by that, they're talking about the Virginia Supreme Court, "may not be interpreting or otherwise adding language to a statute which the legislature has chosen not to include." So, if it says, "questhouse," without anything else and it's by decision or interpretation, you're adding language kitchen, how long you can be there, anything, square footage; you can't do that. The Supreme Court can't do it; none of us can do it.

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Ms. Dwyer - Well, again, Ms. Cosby, the Board has not chosen to even define "guesthouse," so we have to find a practical definition of "guesthouse." We can consider the time period a person has occupied it. I think we can also look at other factors. It doesn't prevent us from looking at whether or not there is a full kitchen in the guesthouse. I would just respond to you in that way. Certainly, we can't define it specifically, any house that has a kitchen therefore cannot be a guesthouse. We certainly wouldn't do that. But again, I don't think it prevents us from considering that as one factor.

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Ms. Harris - Ms. Cosby, you said in your definition that a guest doesn't have a right. Do you think that implies a non-permanent condition, a person doesn't have a right, they can be asked to leave by?

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Ms. Cosby - I think it implies—Well, you're there at the invitation and desire of the person who lets you there. If that person wants you to be there for a significant amount of time, you could do that. I have a guestroom in my

home and if I wanted my sister to come live there, stay there, I could kick her out 859 at any time, but it's up to me. That's a guest, I believe, based on Webster's 860 Dictionary and the legal term. It's almost confusing a visitor with a guest. A 861 guest is more of a legal you're here at my invitation. You don't have a lease; you 862 don't have title to the property; you don't have an easement; you don't have 863 anything. You're only here as my guest. I have all rights to this property. You 864 can remain there as long as I say. 865 866 Ms. Harris -So, is that temporary, is my question. 867 868 869 Ms. Cosby -I would say no. I would say maybe a visitor, if it were a visitor or a lodger is something different. No, I don't think there's anything in a 870 guest, legally speaking, that would require they can only be there for some 871 amount of time. 872 873 Ms. Harris -874 No, I didn't say for a certain amount of time. I said is 875 it temporary. 876 Temporary. Again— 877 Ms. Cosby -878 Ms. Harris -That's [unintelligible] time. 879 880 Ms. Cosby -I think it may be temporary, but it may not be 881 temporary. 882 883 Mr. Kirkland -Are the utilities, the electrical and maybe cable or 884 whatever's in there, is that paid for by Mrs. Leggett or is that paid for by the 885 person that lives there? 886 887 This would probably be a good time for Mrs. Leggett 888 Mr. Blankinship to come up to the microphone and state your name for the record. I think we'll 889 have several questions. 890 891 Ms. Cosby -Certainly. I'm sorry, go ahead. 892 893 894 Mrs. Leggett -My name is Betty Jean Leggett and I reside at 3615 Malpas Drive and I am [unintelligible]. 895

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901 Mrs. Leggett - It's paid by my daughter.

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903 Mr. Kirkland - Therefore, it's a permanent situation.

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the cottage and whether cable television or any other utilities, are they paid for by

Mrs. Leggett, does the electrical service that goes to

905 906 907	Mrs. Leggett - at any time.	Not necessarily. This is something I can [unintelligible]
907 908 909	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay.
910 911	Ms. Dwyer -	The utilities, then, are separate.
912 913	Mrs. Leggett -	They always have been separate.
914 915	Ms. Dwyer -	Okay.
916 917 918	Mrs. Leggett - cottage and one for the ma	There always has been two meters, one for the ain house.
919 920 921	Mr. Kirkland - anyone living in the cottage	When you purchased the property in 1998, was e?
922 923 924 925	• •	No, the property was empty at the time. Mrs. Thomas erty was empty from the time Mrs. Thomas died until I as the only time the property was vacant.
926 927	Mr. Kirkland - you until someone moved	In 1998, the service on the cottage was paid for by in it, is that correct?
928 929 930	Mrs. Leggett -	Was paid by me until someone moved in, yes.
931 932	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay. Thank you.
933 934 935	Ms. Dwyer - address or do they come—	Do the bills for the cottage come to a separate
936 937	Mrs. Leggett -	No, they come to the same address.
938 939 940	Mr. Blankinship - Leggett. Do you know how	I'm looking at the photograph of the kitchen, Mrs. v long that refrigerator has been there?
941 942 943	Mrs. Leggett - one that was in there was	The refrigerator? It's a recent purchase because the not operating any more.
944 945	Mr. Blankinship -	Okay. What about the countertop?
946 947 948	different member of family	The same thing. The cottage was in really bad been occupied since the 1970's and occupied by a y or friends. No repairs had been done, no cleaning since the reason for the repairs inside that I started in

950 951 952	November. The place waapart.	as falling apart and I'm not going to let my property fall
953 954 955	Mr. Blankinship - what that part of the cotta	Can you describe what that wall that is now a kitchen, ge was like when you acquired it in '98?
956 957 958 959 960 961 962	from pots that were sat of as temporary people or p	It was a rug on the kitchen floor. The rug was stained. There were stains everywhere, cigarette burns, burns on the counter. Apparently, people who had lived there erhaps guests had probably the same kind of reaction I a place and doesn't take care of it because when it's not a going to use it.
963 964 965	Mr. Blankinship - counter as wide as this or	So, there was a sink there with a counter. Was the ne?
966 967	Mrs. Leggett -	It's the same size, exactly the same size.
968 969 970	•	Was there a refrigerator there when you bought the y or did you have to buy it?
971 972	Mrs. Leggett -	Yes there was.
973 974	Mr. Blankinship -	The refrigerator conveyed with the sale?
974 975 976	Mrs. Leggett -	Yes, yes.
977	Mr. Blankinship -	Was there a stove or range?
978 979	Mr. Blankinship -	The stove was there, too, yes.
980 981	Mr. Blankinship -	You didn't bring one and put it there.
982 983	Mrs. Leggett -	Yes.
984 985	Mr. Blankinship -	It conveyed with the property.
986 987 988 989	Ms. Dwyer - accessory building?	Mrs. Leggett, how long has your daughter lived in this
990	Mrs. Leggett -	She moved in on December the 15 th .
991 992	Ms. Dwyer -	Of this past year?
993 994 995	Mrs. Leggett -	2006.

996 997	Ms. Dwyer -	Did she live somewhere else before?
998 999	Mrs. Leggett -	She owned her own house in the city, yes.
1000 1001 1002	Ms. Dwyer - house or did she move?	She had her own house. Does she maintain that
1002 1003 1004	Mrs. Leggett -	She sold it.
1004 1005 1006 1007	Ms. Dwyer - lives.	So, this is her primary residence. This is where she
1007 1008 1009 1010	Mrs. Leggett - is mine, really. The proper	Well, I wouldn't say her primary residence because it ty is mine.
1010 1011 1012 1013	Ms. Dwyer - apartment or any other ho	But she doesn't live anywhere else or have any other use or any other place to live.
1013 1014 1015	Mrs. Leggett -	Yes.
1016 1017 1018	Ms. Dwyer - daughter?	This is where she lives. Who lived there before your
1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024	vacate his house after it was for a while and then later of until June the 30 th , 2006.	Before my daughter? When we moved here in 1998, on-in-law needed a place to stay because he had to ras built. We let him stay in the cottage. He was single on was married. He and his wife resided in the cottage He moved in, in November 1998 and stayed until June bjection from any of my neighbors.
1025 1026 1027	Ms. Dwyer -	Who was this? Your son-in-law, you said?
1027 1028 1029	Mrs. Leggett -	A friend of my former son-in-law.
1030 1031 1032	Ms. Dwyer - 2006.	Oh, friend, okay. So, a friend lived there from '98 to
1033 1034	Mrs. Leggett -	Yes ma'am.
1035 1036	Ms. Dwyer - will live there as long as sh	As to your intent, is it your intent that your daughter ne—For how long?
1037 1038 1039 1040 1041	downhill. I've had couple	In view of what has been going on with me in 2006, I rs to begin with, and after that, my health started to go of trips to the emergency room. I had a couple of falls, had to stay in the hospital. I feel like I need someone

with me. I have this property, this dwelling, or cottage, whatever you want it to be named as. I have a daughter who had her own house, was willing to sell her house and come in with me so she could help through this. To me, it would be ludicrous to have to hire somebody and pay somebody else when I have a daughter willing and [unintelligible] enough to take care of me and help me through this. This was our reason for [unintelligible] any time to go against County rules and do anything to be objectable [sic]. We didn't have any idea that there would be any objection from our neighbors since the place had been occupied for so long without anything being said at any time. It was a shock to me and it was also a sad thing because I don't believe that this kind of situation should exist between neighbors. So, now, here we are, we have this. Whichever way this is going, we will still be neighbors. So, what do we do, look at each other and don't talk to one another for the next 10, 15 years. I don't believe in this kind of situation. Like I said, I didn't try to offend anybody. I'm trying to maintain my place as well as I can. I'm a quiet person and we are quiet people. Frankly, I don't know where the issue is and I don't understand why there was a complaint filed since that place has never been empty. Why now?

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1060 Mr. Nunnally - Who did you purchase this home from?

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1062 Mrs. Leggett - From Mr. Thomas?

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1064 Mr. Nunnally - Mr. Thomas?

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1066 Mrs. Leggett - Yes.

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1068 Mr. Nunnally - He was a contractor, right?

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1070 Mrs. Leggett - Yes sir. His son was a contractor, too, I understand.

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1072 Mr. Nunnally - Wasn't he using that cottage as an office space back

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Mrs. Leggett - You know, this was [unintelligible] different thing at one time. Different people have called it different things. One time it was called a shed; one time it was called an office. Mark Thomas sold the property. Mark Thomas is the son. Mark and Sheila, his sister, sold the property to us.

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Mr. Nunnally - Okay. Does anyone else here want to speak in favor of this? We've got to get along here; we've been on it for about an hour now.

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1083 Mrs. Leggett - Thank you very much.

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1085 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you, ma'am.

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1087 Ms. Askew - Good morning.

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1089	Mr. Nunnally -	Good morning.
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1091	Ms. Askew -	My name is Jane Askew and my husband and I live
1092		Drive. We've been living there since 1986. Every since
1092		Pete and Conky lived next door, somebody always was
1093		ways were. It's never been a problem. We don't
1094		my husband, too, why all of a sudden. There's never
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1100	Mr. Nunnally -	Okay.
1100	Wii. I varii aliy	Okay.
1101	Ms. Askew -	It's not like it's 50 zillion people or anything next door.
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1103		ere until she got married. We had more traffic with a
1105	•	the friends. It's always been quiet over there.
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1107	Ms. Dwyer -	Ms. Askew, do you have a cottage, too? I see an
1108	accessory building on the-	·
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1110	Ms. Askew -	No ma'am, that's my garage. Mark, the son, built that
1111		ainting booth and everything, before he built the house,
1112	my house. I don't have a	
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1114	Mr. Nunnally -	Okay, thank you, ma'am.
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1116	Ms. Askew -	Thank you.
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1118	Mr. Nunnally -	Anyone else?
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1120	Mr. Haynes -	My name is Wayne Haynes and I live at 3614 Malpas
1121	Drive. I do not see any re	ason that Mrs. Leggett's daughter would not be allowed
1122	to be there. I know that in	the late 70's that Mr. Thomas had fixed the building up
1123	so that it had living quarte	rs in it and had always, like we've said, been somebody
1124	living in it. Never been an	y problem. The place has been looked after very well,
1125	taken good care of. I do	n't know why anyone would be complaining now when
1126	nothing is different than it	was in the late 70's, even before the other neighbors
1127	ever lived there.	
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1129	Mr. Nunnally -	You say somebody's always lived there.
1130		hat house, who lived in the cottage, somebody in his
1131	family or somebody from o	outside the family?

1133 Mr. Haynes - Yes, he had family members that lived in it. His daughter had lived in it; his oldest son had lived in it; his grandson had lived in it. Various ones have been there.

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Mr. Nunnally - Okay, thank you. Anyone else to speak in favor of it?
All right. Do we have any opposition to this? Anyone in opposition? We'll give you time to rebut after while, Ms. Cosby. All right, sir, please state your name for the record.

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1142 Mr. Carpenter - I am John Carpenter.

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1144 Mr. Nunnally - John who?

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1163 1164 Mr. Carpenter -John Carpenter. I live at 3613 Malpas Drive where I have lived for 25 years. When I bought this lot, it was a one-acre lot zoned as a single-dwelling lot in a nice neighborhood. The one acre provided me with a couple of things. One, it provided a small unit that would be easily maintained. Number two, it was large enough that it afforded some privacy. unauthorized secondary dwelling in the lot just next to me has seriously compromised my privacy. If you will see where it is, the orientation of the building and its proximity to my backyard, it makes any activity in my backyard, as well as on the back of my house, rather like that of a baseball player on a baseball field with a press box overlooking it. There is a better picture. Not only does it affect the privacy, it also affects my property value. Any potential buyer would look at the front of my house and assign a value to it. Then, on coming to the back and seeing that this accessory dwelling next door is almost in my backyard would reduce his idea of the value of my property. Not only that, if you allow this to proceed, if you authorize this dwelling, it will invite others with structures in the neighborhood to convert them to a rental apartment. One thing I'd like to point out is that dwelling was rented from that November of '98 until June of '06. It was rented. Not a guest, but a rental. Because of these concerns, I ask that you reject this appeal. Restore my privacy and restore my property value and preserve the value of the neighborhood.

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Mr. Nunnally - Mr. Carpenter, you said it's almost on your property line. How far is it off your property line, do you know?

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1170 Mr. Carpenter - It is a car width, less than 10 feet from the property line.

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1173 Mr. Nunnally - Okay. Thank you, Mr. Carpenter.

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1175 Ms. Harris - Questions.

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1177 Mr. Nunnally - Oh, I'm sorry.

1179	Ms. Harris -	Mr. Carpenter, do you have any assessment that will
1180		e has declined since this cottage was here? Do you
1181	have any assessment rep	orts that will show a decline in your property value?
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1183	Mr. Carpenter -	I have none.
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1185	Ms. Harris -	Okay. You're just going by market value based on
1186	your perception?	
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1188	Mr. Carpenter -	Yes.
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1190	Ms. Harris -	Thank you.
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1192	Mr. Nunnally -	Any other questions for Mr. Carpenter? Thank you,
1193	sir. Anyone else in opposi	tion?
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1195	Mr. Kirkland -	Let's hear from the County.
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1197	Mr. Nunnally -	Please state your name, please.
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1199	Ms. McHugh-	Good morning, my name is Regina McHugh.
1200	Mr Kirkland	Could you apoll your lost name, malom?
1201	Mr. Kirkland -	Could you spell your last name, ma'am?
1202	Ms. McHugh -	Yes sir. It is M-C-H-U-G-H.
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1204	Mr. Kirkland -	Thank you.
1205	Wii. Mikialiu -	mank you.
1207	Ms. McHugh -	You're welcome.
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1209	Mr. Nunnally -	All right.
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1211	Ms. McHugh -	I'm the zoning inspector for the Department of
1212	<u> </u>	. I am the zoning inspector responsible for writing the
1213		property. I would like to bring several things to bear.
1214		as been called several things: a shed, an office, a guest
1215	,	I'm sorry, a cottage, and a caretaker's cottage. We
1216	•	nt things that we have now called this structure. It is not
1217		dinance. Section 24-93(e): "No lot shall contain more
1218	_	ilding in the rear of a principal building on the same lot
1219	· ·	purposes." Obviously, throughout the whole testimony
1220	•	what has happened. Because it has been illegal from
1221		ecessarily mean that it should continue to be illegal. I
1222	3	ere. I'm certainly available for questions.
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Ms. Dwyer -Did you write the Notice of Violation? It looks like you 1224 did. 1225 1226 1227 Ms. McHugh -Yes ma'am. 1228 That's in our packet. You cited 24-93(e), which is a 1229 Ms. Dwyer general building regulation that says on a single-family lot, you can only have one 1230 dwelling. 1231 1232 Yes ma'am. 1233 Ms. McHugh-1234 1235 Ms. Dwyer -There are, you recognize, exceptions to that. Accessory uses are permitted and one of those accessory uses that is permitted 1236 is a questhouse. 1237 1238 1239 Ms. McHugh-Correct. 1240 What facts can you cite to us to say to us as a Board 1241 Ms. Dwyer that this is, in fact, a guesthouse and not a residential dwelling? 1242 1243 Ms. McHugh-I believe a questhouse— 1244 1245 Ms. Dwyer -I'm sorry, you would be arguing the opposite. 1246 1247 Ms. McHugh-Well, I believe a guesthouse is not supposed to have 1248 a kitchen for dwelling purposes. I can certainly pass over the legal opinion #18 1249 dated May 2, 1960. In the third paragraph, and I'll read, "It would seem to follow 1250 that a guesthouse would not come, within the definition of an accessory use, if it 1251 contains in its component parts all of the facilities necessary to provide for 1252 regular and customary everyday living." By this, I mean if a guesthouse has 1253 living, sleeping, bathing, cooking, or dining facilities, then it would, then, in and of 1254 itself be a self-contained structure. It would not be dependent or related to a 1255 main use. If that's the case, there would be two family dwelling units, regardless 1256 of the present or proposed use to which any particular person would intend the 1257 same. So, a guest cottage, we assume it to be for a guest not a permanent or 1258 dwelling structure, which everybody has admitted has been done since the 1259 building was actually constructed. Again, because it has been illegal for however 1260 long, does not necessitate that it should remain illegal. 1261 1262 1263 Ms. Dwyer -You're saying this can't be defined as accessory because it's self-contained, it's fully functional as a separate residence. Those 1264 1265 are facts that you're pointing to. 1266 Ms. McHugh-Correct. I would also like to state that when I spoke 1267 1268 with Mrs. Leggett, and I've also had opportunity to speak with her daughter, we

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would assume that a caretaker would be there on the property or at least be

there in case something happened to Mrs. Leggett. Her daughter indicated to 1270 me she has three jobs. 1271 1272 1273 Mr. Blankinship -Mrs. Cosby made it clear that they were not making the argument that this is a dwelling for persons employed on the premises. 1274 1275 Okay. So, needless to say, though, three jobs would 1276 Ms. McHughmean that you're not going to be there very often. It would seem that if you were 1277 seriously concerned about your health, you would have somebody there to be 1278 1279 there on a fairly regularly basis, in addition to the fact that it's not just her daughter that lives there; it's her daughter's boyfriend. There's two people, not 1280 just one. That's all I have. Thank you. 1281 1282 Any other questions? Anyone else in opposition? Mr. 1283 Mr. Nunnally -O'Kelly, do you have anything you'd like to say? 1284 1285 1286 Mr. O'Kelly -No sir. 1287 Okay, we'll call Ms. Cosby. 1288 Mr. Nunnally -1289 Ms. Dwver -I do have a question of Mrs. Leggett. If you're going 1290 to do a rebuttal, if you could bring Mrs. Leggett up as well. I have a follow-up 1291 question for her. Mrs. Leggett, you mentioned earlier that someone had lived in 1292 the house from 1998 to 2006. Did that person pay rent? 1293 1294 1295 Mrs. Leggett -Yes ma'am. We did not know we were doing something wrong, we declared it to the IRS. 1296 1297 Ms. Dwyer -Okay. Does your daughter pay rent? 1298 1299 My daughter doesn't pay rent, per se, but my 1300 Mrs. Leggett daughter cooks for me, she does the shopping. There is no exchange of dollars 1301 1302 per se. 1303 1304 Ms. Dwyer -Okay. 1305 1306 Mrs. Leggett -There is exchange of services that she does for me. 1307 1308 Ms. Dwver -Based on your previous statements, is it fair to say that in your view your intent is for your daughter to stay in this accessory building 1309 indefinitely? 1310 1311 I'm 73 years old. I don't know how long I'm going to 1312 Mrs. Leggett be around. My time is getting short. I would like for her to stay, if it's possible. 1313 1314

Ms. Dwyer -

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Indefinitely.

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1317 Mrs. Leggett - If it's possible, yes. I would also like to say that all of this business is very sad to me and I just hope that we can come to some kind of

understanding.

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1321 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you, Mrs. Leggett.

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1323 Mrs. Leggett - Thank you.

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1325 Mr. Nunnally - Ms. Cosby, you want to have a short rebuttal now.

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Ms. Cosby - Certainly. I don't know the memo that went up to you. I believe it was a legal opinion and I haven't had an opportunity to read that opinion. Again, attorney's can differ. We always say when there's a good AG opinion, he or she is just another lawyer. Again, just because one lawyer has said it, obviously, I would give that the credence of another attorney standing here before you. It's certainly not a Virginia Supreme Court opinion or anything else. It certainly is argument to you, but again, I think that statutory construction, I think that goes against statutory construction, again, in looking at the plain language of the guesthouse.

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Two quick points I do want to make because I think the question of whether or not a guesthouse may not be a guesthouse if somebody is paying rent or some compensation. I actually spent about two hours in the library over in the Circuit Court and tracked "guesthouse" since the first ordinance was adopted in Henrico County. I believe, by my notes, September 3rd, 1953, the original "guesthouse," as I said, has not been defined, but it was originally included in Henrico's ordinance as a non-commercial questhouse. That's not what it is now. That language was intentionally removed by the Board of Supervisors sometime between—and unfortunately, they don't have the entire minutes from all of these. Sometimes between 1953, I can tell you in 1980, the Board intentionally took out, "non-commercial," which would indicate that the intent is, yes, there can be some compensation here. I don't think that fact alone—I think that's actually one of the clearer things in this because you do have some intent from the Board. I would also just point out, I have been using the term "guestroom" in common language, like my guestroom at home. Technically, the definition for "guestroom" in the County ordinance is, "a sleeping room which is designed or intended for occupancy or which is occupied by more than one guest for compensation." Internally, there's an idea of not something that's temporary and compensation. In fact, in the County's own ordinance, again that section says, "But in which no provision is made for cooking." I do believe that statutory construction, which is direction to this Board from the Virginia Supreme Court, makes is clear that when language is included in one section of a statute or an ordinance, it is expressly intended not to be included in the other section. I could cite cases to you, if you believe that's necessary, but I truly don't. Again, I think that you've had a lot of information before you and I would just keep in mind that the statutory rules, please, and the fact that zoning is against the common law. Mrs. Leggett has a right to use her property unless and until there is a zoning ordinance that specifically and clearly and intently prevents her from doing what she otherwise freely has to do under the Constitution. I don't intend to make some grand statement at the end of this but it works. Thank you very much and we would ask that the decision be reversed and she be allowed to be considered a guesthouse with the kitchen as it is with no limits on occupancy. Thank you very much.

Mr. Nunnally - Thank you, ma'am.

Mr. Gidley - Ms. Cosby. Before you go, I just have one quick question. The inspector cited a provision stating that you can't have two dwellings on one lot, and yet the section for the guesthouse that you're coming under as an accessory use said every single-family residential district. Unless they want to nullify their prohibition on two dwellings per lot, what's the different in your opinion between a dwelling and guesthouse?

Ms. Cosby - I think it's the language in—Well, I'll turn to it so I can cite precisely. In 24-93, the first part of that is except as otherwise permitted—pardon me— "Except as otherwise provided herein, no lot shall contain more than one dwelling." It is permitted. Generally, no, you can't have two dwellings on one lot, but as Ms. Dwyer pointed out, an accessory guesthouse, or if this had been a living quarters, that's a dwelling. I had the same question about is that a problem. I think Mr. Blankinship and I had this question about the remaining part of that ordinance and if this structure, whether it's a guesthouse, whether it would be a living quarters, is found to be accessory, the rest of 24-93 doesn't apply. This is only for two principal dwellings.

Mr. Blankinship - I'm not sure you answered the question. If this building is not a dwelling, what is?

1394 Ms. Dwyer - How would you define the difference between a dwelling and a guesthouse?

Mr. Blankinship - Where do you cross that line, if including a full kitchen doesn't cross the line? If having occupancy for an indefinite period of time doesn't cross the line, what does?

Ms. Cosby — I think it can be the same thing. A dwelling—and if you'll give me just a minute. It says, "A dwelling is any building or portion thereof occupied or designed to be occupied exclusively for residential purposes." So, a dwelling—It says, "Not including a tent, cabin, travel trailer, or room in a hotel." So yes, under the ordinance, a guesthouse is a dwelling, but your own definition of a dwelling would include a temporary nature. It's an accessory dwelling and only accessory dwellings—and here are only two in the County that I can find—I

might be wrong—the living quarters for a watch person and a guesthouse. Those two are accessory dwellings. So, yes. Do they meet the definition? Absolutely. They would always fall under this definition. As a matter of law, I think all—Even if somebody were only living there for—If it's for residential purposes, if they're staying there. A residence can be—

Ms. Dwyer - You're responding with a legal argument which says a guesthouse can be a dwelling, but it's a special exception that's allowed, a second dwelling, if it's a guesthouse, is allowed. I understand that, but what we're getting at is, factually, what makes a guesthouse different from a [unintelligible] dwelling? This looks for all purposes like two dwellings on a single lot.

Ms. Cosby — Sure, and that's the question. A guesthouse—And it's the legal title to it. You and I own it, a dwelling; we have title to it. That's a principal—Is it a single-family dwelling? Is it the residence? That's Mrs. Leggett's house, no question. She owns title to it. She has another property there that somebody lives in. It's a guesthouse; it's a dwelling, but you could call it a guest dwelling because they don't have title to it; nobody has a right to be there. Can it be used for residential purposes? Under the ordinance, absolutely, and it would be defined as a dwelling. Any structure in the County that somebody lives in, except for tent, cabin, or travel trailer, is going to fall under this definition. Guesthouses are considered accessory. I guess if you thought about it that way, every guesthouse would be a dwelling and what would be the purpose of even having a guesthouse or a watchman's quarters. That's going to be a dwelling. But those are permitted.

1435 Ms. Dwyer - That's a tough question to answer.

1437 Mr. Nunnally - All right, thank you ma'am.

1439 Ms. Cosby – Thank you.

Ms. Harris - Before we leave this case, those persons who are in opposition who did not speak who are neighbors, I would like to see who they are.

Mr. Blankinship - Are there any others? These are all County staff here. Mr. Carpenter spoke.

1448 Ms. Harris - He's the only one? All right, thank you.

1450 Mr. Nunnally - Do I have a motion on this?

Ms. Dwyer - I'll make a motion that we uphold the decision of the Director of Planning and deny the appeal. The reason for that is I think the

citation was correct under 24-93(e) that only one dwelling is allowed on this particular lot. The question then becomes whether the second accessory building is, in fact, a residential dwelling that is not permitted, or whether it's a guesthouse, which is permitted as an accessory use. In listening to all the facts that have been brought forward, it seems to me that a reasonable understanding of the facts is that this is being used as a residential dwelling and not as a The facts are this has all the incidents of a self-contained, independent dwelling. It has a full kitchen, which I think is a factor that we can consider and should consider in determining whether it's a full-time residence versus a guesthouse. The owner of the property indicated that she wants her daughter to live there for an indefinite period of time. The person who is living in the accessory building now separately pays for utilities. People who had lived there for years before this actually paid rent to live in the house. The person who is living there has no other dwelling place to visit back and forth. Clearly, this is a full-time residence indefinitely for the daughter. Some of the other issues that have been raised are one, it's been used for a long period of time, so why should we be looking into it now. The answer to that is if it's been illegal for 10 years, it doesn't really matter. Now that it has come to the attention of the County, now that a complaint has been filed and we've been asked to review it, we have to examine whether it's permissible. If it's not permissible, it doesn't matter that it's been impermissibly used for a long period of time in the past.

The other statement that was made I think by the attorney had to do with the fact that the word, "non-commercial" had been taken out of the definition. I think that probably another interpretation of that is that "non-commercial" was taken out of the definition because the legislature wanted to include both commercial and non-commercial. They didn't want to make that distinct, not that they were permitting non-commercial uses on these lots.

 That's all I can think of at the moment to support it, but basically, this is not a cottage used as a guesthouse. It seems to me to be a permanent residence that's been used as such for many years and it is unlawful to have two residences or dwelling places used as a full-time residence on one single lot.

Mr. Kirkland - I second the motion.

Mr. Nunnally - Motion by Ms. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Kirkland it be denied. All in favor say aye. All opposed say no. It's been denied.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, the Board **denied** appeal **A-005-07**, sustaining the decision of the Director of Planning with regard the property at 3615 Malpas Drive (Old Cannon Estates) (Parcel 846-708-9615), zoned A-1, Agricultural District (Varina). The Board determined that the accessory building on Mrs. Leggett's property is a dwelling, and not a guesthouse

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1506	Mr. Nunnally -	Okay, next case.		
1507	UP-006-07	EAGLE CONSTRUCTION OF VIRGINIA,		
1508		ditional use permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(
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1510	install a temporary sales trailer at 10624 Smith Point Way (The Oaks at			
1511	Crossridge) (Parcel 763-765-1289), zoned R-2C, One-Family Residence District (Conditional) (Brookland).			
1512	(Conditional) (Brookland).			
1513	Mr. Nunnally -	Is anyone else here interested in this case? If so,	will	
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1517	Mr. Blankinship -	Raise your right hand. Do you swear the testim	าดทุง	
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1519	you're about to give to the	and nothing but the train of help you bout.		
1520	Ms. Wolf -	I do.		
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1522	Mr. Nunnally -	Please state your name for the record, ma'am,	and	
1523	tell us what you're request			
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1525	Ms. Wolf -	Members of the Board, good morning. My nam	e is	
1526	Joyce Wolf. I'm with Eagl	e Construction of Virginia. We are the homebuilde		
1527		The Oaks, Section 2, and are requesting a temporary		
1528	sales trailer office for hon	ne sales in that section of the subdivision. The tr	ailer	
1529	would be of a temporary n	ature. We're requesting a one-year time period and	d we	
1530	would be operating the sa	les in the trailer from—I'm trying to remember what	our	
1531	hours would be. I don't ha	ave our application in here. Monday through Satur	day.	
1532	I believe it was 8 a.m. unt	il 5 p.m. It's on the application. I don't have it with	me,	
1533	sorry. We would offer par	king spaces and there would be a handicap-access	sible	
1534	ramp to the trailer. We	would also have sanitary facilities on site. We	are	
1535	required to install some la	andscaping that will make it look a little more palat	able	
1536		now, there are no homes under construction in		
1537		g Section 1, as you can see, the closest home is		
1538		separated by a large common area that is comple	etely	
1539	wooded. I'd be happy to a	answer any questions you might have.		
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1541	Ms. Harris -	Did you use a similar trailer when you constru	cted	
1542	Section 1?			

1544	Ms. Wolf -	No, I believe we had a construction trailer; we did not
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1546	from Crossridge, which is	right next door.
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1548	Mr. Kirkland -	Is there any reason you can't do that this time, or is it
1549	separated now or what?	
1550	NA - 101-16	We are noted. Our anishes in a noted accommits for
1551	Ms. Wolf -	It's separated. Crossridge is a gated community for
1552		tually have control over the clubhouse, of the pavilion.
1553		section 2 of The Carriages, but that is strictly for sales
1554		t the same type of dwelling that we would be selling in
1555	The Carriages.	a single-family; these are detached that we're selling in
1556	The Camages.	
1557 1558	Mr. Kirkland -	The bathroom in the trailer, will that be a port-a-potty,
1559		onnected directly in? It says here it's going to be
1560		ays it will be a port-a-potty in one sentence also.
1561	connected in and then it so	ays it will be a port-a-porty in one sentence also.
1562	Ms. Wolf -	We actually have three options here. The utilities are
1563		on in this section of the subdivision. As soon as those
1564	_	connecting the bathroom in the trailer to the public
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1566	behind the trailer.	,
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1568	Mr. Kirkland -	Yes.
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1570	Ms. Wolf -	Or we could also have an accessible port-a-potty, or
1571	port-a-john outside.	
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1573	Mr. Kirkland -	That would be screened, of course.
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1575	Ms. Wolf -	Yes, yes sir. We can do that with a fence or
1576		temporary nature because we do intend to connect
1577	public utilities as soon as t	they are available.
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1579	Mr. Kirkland -	This site would be the site of the first home or next
1580	door to it? Do you think it?	Il take until March 2008 to get to that?
1581	NA- \A/-I4	There are 20 lets in this section. Herefully sales will
1582	Ms. Wolf -	There are 22 lots in this section. Hopefully sales will
1583	•	t, but we generally operate on a 17-week construction
1584		so starting roughly five a month—We would hope to
1585		able to get rid of this use, but we have asked for one
1586 1587	year.	
1588	Mr. Kirkland -	Okay.
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1590 1591 1592 1593		As far as building the first model home, it just whether or not it would be in our best interest to have a the purpose of selling 21 other homes in here.
1594 1595	Mr. Kirkland -	Is this the last section?
1596 1597	Ms. Wolf -	Yes sir.
1598 1599	Mr. Kirkland -	This will be it?
1600 1601	Ms. Wolf -	Yes.
1602 1603 1604	Mr. Nunnally - will be available?	Did they give you any idea when the public facilities
1605 1606 1607 1608 1609		They're currently installing water at this time. I would 60 days we'd have tentative acceptance of utilities so by facilities would be very temporary, or 30 to 60 days, I
1610 1611	Mr. Nunnally -	All right.
1612 1613	Ms. Harris -	Were you developers for Section 1?
1614 1615	Ms. Wolf -	I'm sorry?
1616 1617	Ms. Harris -	Were you the developers for Section 1?
1618 1619 1620	Ms. Wolf - all of Crossridge right nex	Yes ma'am. We built all of the homes in Section 1 and t door.
1621 1622 1623	Ms. Harris - landscaping plan, will the	In Condition 3 where there's a mention of a detailed existing trees be a part of the landscaping plan?
1624 1625 1626 1627 1628 1629 1630 1631 1632	cleared the front portion of no ma'am, we would be photograph has been take where the house site is.	Actually, the front portion of this lot has been cleared. a picture in your packet showing the lot. We have f the lot. The trees behind this trailer would remain. So, installing. All of that has been cleared since that aerial ten. It's been cleared back to probably 30 feet behind That's typically what we do. We would certainly provide trailer and skirting under the trailer to make it more
1633 1634 1635	Mr. Kirkland - from like a wetland or a co	Ms. Harris, it looks like a lot of the area is buffered ommon area.

Ms. Wolf -That's correct. 1636

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Mr. Kirkland -It's kind of like in a little cove around there. I looked 1638 1639 at it yesterday.

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Thank you. 1641 Ms. Harris -

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Mr. Nunnally -Any other questions for Ms. Wolf? May I ask once 1643 again, is anyone here in opposition to this case? Hear none, that concludes the 1644 case. We'll let you know later on. 1645

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1647 Ms. Wolf -Thank you.

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Mr. Kirkland -1649 I move we approve this trailer. It will not affect the health, safety, or welfare of any of the persons residing in the neighborhoods 1650 adjoining it. I went by the site yesterday and everything looks pretty good. It's 1651 1652 buffered by trees.

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Ms. Harris -Second. 1654

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Mr. Nunnally -Motion by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Harris 1656 that it be approved. All in favor say aye. All opposed say no. It's been approved. 1657

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1659 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Kirkland, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board granted application **UP-006-07** for a temporary conditional 1660 use permit to install a temporary sales trailer at 10624 Smith Point Way (Parcel 1661 763-765-1289), zoned R-2C, One-Family Residence District (Conditional) 1662 (Brookland). The Board granted this use permit subject to the following 1663 conditions: 1664

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1666 1. Only the improvements shown on the plan filed with the application may be constructed pursuant to this approval. No substantial changes or additions to the 1668 layout may be made without the approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable regulations of the County Code. 1670

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1672 2. The trailer shall be skirted on all sides with a durable material as required by 1673 the building code for a permanent installation.

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3. A detailed landscaping and lighting plan shall be submitted to the Planning Department with the building permit for review and approval. landscaping shall be installed as soon as the weather permits. All landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy condition at all times. Dead plant materials shall be removed within a reasonable time and replaced during the normal planting season.

1682 1683 1684 1685	4. The bathroom in the trailer shall be connected to sanitary facilities approved by the Virginia Department of Health. This facility shall be screened from adjacent property.			
1686 1687 1688 1689	5. The trailer shall be rem which time this permit sha	noved from the property on or before March 24, Il expire.	2008, at	
1690	Affirmative:	Dwyer, Harris, Kirkland, Nunnally	4	
1691 1692 1693 1694	Negative: Absent:	Wright	0	
1695 1696	Mr. Nunnally -	The Board is going to take a five-minute reces	S.	
1697 1698	FIVE MINUTE RECESS			
1699 1700	Mr. Nunnally -	Call the next case, Mr. Blankinship.		
1701 1702 1703 1704 1705 1706 1707	804-679-8140), zoned R-2 street frontage requirement street frontage, where the	STEPHEN C. WINKS requests a variance-family dwelling at 1457 Crystal Springs Lane 2A, One-family Residence District (Varina). Thent is not met. The applicant proposes 0 fee e Code requires 50 feet public street frontagence of 50 feet public street frontage.	e (Parcel le public et public	
1708 1709 1710	Mr. Nunnally - you please stand and rais	Is anyone else here interested in this case? I e your right hand and be sworn.	f so, will	
1710 1711 1712 1713	Mr. Blankinship - the truth and nothing but t	Do you swear the testimony you're about to he truth so help you God?	give is	
1713 1714 1715	Mr. Winks -	I do.		
1716 1717 1718	Mr. Nunnally - what you're requesting.	Please state your name for the record, sir, an	d tell us	
1719 1720 1721	Mr. Winks - Crystal Springs Lane in Va	Thank you. Steve Winks. I'm a resident arina.	of 1457	
1722 1723	Mr. Nunnally -	All right, sir.		
1723 1724 1725 1726 1727	and we have a large field	The purpose of the petition this morning is prings Lane. It was a house that my father bui in front of our house. We've owned this proper spin the field off as a building site. What that	It for me ty for 50	

doing that is that we would lose our access to Osborne Turnpike, which is the blue line there. We've been using Crystal Springs Lane for 50 years as our access to our home. It appears as though in order for us to use the field as a building lot, we would have to divide the field into 150-foot type lots. As you all know. Varina is a beautiful rural area and we're trying to maintain the frontage, 283 feet of frontage on Osborne intact so it won't be divided. The Zoning Ordinance does not allow that. The option for us is to build a \$100,000 road in for access to my house, which I don't think is reasonable or fair. We are basically asking for a variance that would keep the frontage of our field intact so we can maintain the rural character of Osborne Turnpike in Varina. In doing so, we are consistent with Randall Arendt, who is a very famous land planner who specializes in rural land planning who has been engaged by Henrico County to, basically, advise the County on zoning-related issues. Randall Arendt's suggestion is to maintain the rural character; you keep as much road frontage as possible intact.

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We're not trying to do anything crazy here; we're just trying to gain use to our property. From a financial standpoint, the lots in Varina are very expensive. Gratz Farm has just been sold and they're developing two-acre lots. Those lots will go for about 125,000 bucks. So, this is very important from a financial consideration as well. The motivation here is to optimize the value of the property. That's kind of the whole thesis of the thought there. I can go into a lot of other background, which I don't think is necessary. Varina is a rural area and there's a presumption with the Zoning Code that we have public water and sewer, but we don't. In fact, if you were to take Osborne Turnpike from the city limits all the way down to where it terminates at Kingsland Road at the James River, there are only five state-maintained roads immediately off Osborne Turnpike. None of these thousands of acres on the river side of Osborne have public water and sewer. So, we are all well and septic, private roads, and we suddenly find ourselves in a situation where if you own five acres, as I do, or if you own 50 acres, as Joe Morrissey, my neighbor, does, and you have less than 300 feet of road frontage, you're stuck. You can have one house and that's it.

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I want to hopefully get a better understanding in terms of whether I can or cannot use this field. My concern here is simply that if I can't spin the field off, I basically am losing 125,000 bucks. That's kind of the story.

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Mr. Nunnally - Do you have this property up for sale now, sir?

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Mr. Winks - I do, I do. We have several people who are interested. In fact, we've got some contracts on it. This lady was asking me what's the financial difference between the two. I can tell you that if I had that as a separate lot, there's a least \$125,000 difference in what I can get for the property with or without the field being a lot.

1773	Ms. Dwyer -	Mr. Winks, this lot was purchased as 5-and-some-odd	
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1776	Mr. Winks -	Yes, in 1956.	
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1778	Ms. Dwyer -	Okay. So, this is the first time that you've sought to	
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	divide it.		
1780	Mr. Winks -	We've never divided the property	
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1783	Ms. Dwyer -	So, it's been a whole lot, as you say, every since	
1784	you've owned it.		
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1786	Mr. Winks -	Right, and my parents before me.	
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1788	Ms. Dwyer -	You said that there's a presumption in the ordinance	
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1790	lots without water and sev	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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1792	Mr. Winks -	That's part of it. We didn't realize the field was zoned	
1793		ot lots, and, of course, we don't have public water and	
1794		the only way you could have 80-foot lots. We thought it	
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	was A-1. There is this presumption, because when you talk to the County about the use of the property and that sort of thing, it's, oh, you can do this, that, and		
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1798	well, you can't do any of the	nat.	
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1800	Ms. Dwyer -	You're not suggesting there's some unreasonable	
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1803	Mr. Winks -	No, I understand perfectly.	
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1805	Ms. Dwyer -	—[unintelligible] wells and septic systems.	
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1807	Mr. Winks -	I understand perfectly. The issue here is can I use	
1808	this property to its highes	st and best use. There might not be any legal reason	
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1810	•	ximize the value of the property. I think I should have	
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1814	•	our state-maintained roads that go north away from the	
1815	•	who has owned property for a while is kind of stuck	
1816		quired to put in these beautiful, wide, lovely state-	
1817		cost prohibitive for us as individuals in order to just get	
1818	any utility out of the prope	erty. I argue on my behalf, but I can tell you that there	

are hundreds of people that are in Varina that would love to see the rural character of the area maintained. It is consistent with Randall Arendt's thoughts of what would be a wonderful way for the river side of Osborne to be developed, or even the eastern part of Henrico County developed. What's happening now is that anybody who owns any property in Varina of any size is pretty much required to put in a state-maintained road, which for individuals is almost impossible. I ask you to consider the plight of property owners in Varina and that we basically as ascribe zero value to this field unless I have a state-maintained road. I'm kind of stuck. I've been told that there's a zero chance of getting this approved. I'm asking for this Board to reason through people who own property in Varina and consider the plight that we're in and why is it that we can't use 3-1/2 acres or 3.1 acres of property as we choose fit. Apparently we can't, but it just doesn't seem right.

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1833 Ms. Dwyer - You've had reasonable use of the five-and-some-odd acres for the time that you've lived there.

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1836 Mr. Winks - Fifty years, yes.

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1838 Mr. Nunnally - Any questions?

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1844 Ms. Harris - What would be your alternative if this variance were

Any other questions?

No questions.

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Mr. Kirkland -

Mr. Nunnally -

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Mr. Winks -Well, the alternative is basically doing what I'm doing. 1847 I don't expect it to be approved, but I don't think it's right. The alternative is to 1848 sell it and to go someplace else, to move someplace else. I love Varina. I'm 1849 1850 active in all the civic organizations, etcetera, but when you are put in the situation where you've been a lifelong resident of Varina and you have property that you 1851 have planned on—I had planned on selling this to finance college educations. If 1852 you can't sell the property to finance college educations, that's not right. I will sell 1853 it and I'll move someplace else. That's pretty much it. Thank you. 1854

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1856 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you. Is anyone else here in favor of this application? Anybody in opposition? Please come forward.

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Mr. Cousins - I'm Charles Cousins. I live at 1462 Crystal Springs, which is directly across the street from Mr. Winks. When I bought the property almost two years ago—I have a large beside me that's probably two acres—and I was asked could that ever be used for building. I was told then that the only thing being considered at that time was a hardship. Even today, I can't see where Mr. Winks' case is a hardship. He told us this morning that if the road had

to be built, he would have to put four or five houses in there to justify the expense. That would not be a two-acre tract of land like he was speaking of down the road. Also, the motion does not meet the criteria of a variance. There's no hardship, the variance would make the original house on Crystal Springs Lane illegal by not having road frontage needed to be in compliance. I'd like to see the area stay like it is. The lady who's behind me, she has dedicated her property to a sanctuary. She wants it to be a bird sanctuary when she passes. It's a real nice area. To put a small development in here just doesn't seem feasible, especially with the water and sewer problems we now have. Thank you all.

1875 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you. You have a short rebut? Yes sir. Does anyone else want to speak in opposition? Hold on, Mr. Winks.

1878 Mr. Kirkland - We have one more opposition.

1880 Mr. Nunnally - We have one more lady to speak.

1882 Ms. McDonough - Good morning.

1884 Mr. Nunnally - Good morning.

Ms. McDonough - My name is Jennifer McDonough. I understand where Mr. Winks is coming from; however, my feeling is one of not personal issues but future issues as Mr. Winks has this entire property for sale, thus the variance would follow the property and those property owners. Potential decisions here today could affect me. I live at 8788 Osborne, which is adjacent to that field. Decisions here today could affect me in the future because it's kind of setting the standard for the property that is between myself and Mr. Cousins, property to my left along Osborne and along all of Osborne, I believe. I moved to the area because I wanted lots of land between us. Again, I agree there is no hardship. This entire parcel of land is for sale currently. He's lived there for 50 years without a problem and now that the parcel of land is for sale, there is now a changing of that situation.

1899 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you, ma'am. Go ahead, Mr. Winks. Short 1900 rebuttal.

Mr. Winks - Thank you. My intention is to keep that as one lot. I would not want to subdivide it; I would not want to put in a state-maintained road. I would hate to see that put into 80-foot lots, but this is kind of like a last-ditch effort on my part to preserve the property, the property that I grew up on. If I sell it, I can assure that whoever buys it is going to consider putting in a state-maintained road and there's nothing you can do about it. More importantly, when you put in a \$100,000 road, you can't do that for a lot; you're going to have to have more than one lot. So, whoever buys this property certainly has the right to put in a state-maintained road and to put in as many lots as possible. I hate the

thought of doing that, and frankly, that's one of the reasons why I'm selling. I don't want to be the guy who does it. Be careful what you pray for, because you might get it. Thank you.

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1915 Mr. Nunnally - Thank you. All right, anyone else? That concludes 1916 the case. Do we have a motion?

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1918 Mr. Kirkland - I move we deny it.

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1920 Mr. Nunnally - Motion by Mr. Kirkland it be denied.

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1922 Ms. Dwyer - Second.

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Mr. Kirkland - Reason being the effect of the Zoning Ordinance on the property under consideration as it stands does not interfere with the reasonable uses of the property taken as a whole. Therefore, that's what I see as a Cochran/Cherrystone combination case here. I still move we deny it.

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Ms. Harris - I have a discussion on this motion. This is a problem, as we know, in Varina, as Mr. Winks indicated. It's occurring probably less now that it has previously, but still it is occurring because of the enormous amount of vacant land in Varina. This is an issue that I really believe the Board of Supervisors needs to give us directives or it certainly needs to be addressed. I'm hoping that we can pass this information along to them.

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Mr. Kirkland - Mr. Blankinship, since this is the last frontier of Henrico County, I guess it would be good if they met with their legislators on this thing. We're going to have to get a really good [unintelligible] new ordinances and laws put into place on this. This is going to start to be a frequent thing.

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1941 Mr. Blankinship - It is a frequent topic of conversation.

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1943 Mr. Kirkland - In the East End, especially.

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1945 Ms. Dwyer -I think we have to remember that at one time, the County was very undeveloped everywhere and utilities and public services were 1946 not available everywhere. This issue has been faced by each segment of the 1947 County as it has gone from essentially a rural community to a more developed 1948 community. This tension between people wanting to make the most money they 1949 can off their land and fitting within what their Board of Supervisors has described 1950 as the land use requirements in the Code I think have always been there and 1951 they're just being felt now by Varina. They've been felt by Fairfield and 1952 Brookland and Tuckahoe and Three Chopt as well, as those districts have also 1953 been developed. I think the Board has established the standards for 1954 1955 development, and those standards are road frontage and that's required. While that might not enable people to make the most money they would like to make off 1956

1957	their property, at this poin	t, the Board has spoken so we really have no bas	sis for
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1960	Mr. Kirkland -	Correct.	
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1962	Mr. Nunnally -	All right, let's take a vote on that. Motion b	y Mr.
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1967	Ms. Dwyer, the Board denied application A-006-07, requesting a variance to		
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1969	zoned R-2A, One-Family	Residence District (Varina).	
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1977	Mr. Nunnally -	All right, the minutes of February.	
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1979	Ms. Harris -	I have one correction on page 16, line 683. The	word
1980	"from," should be "for." "It	's been disturbing them for quite some time."	
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1982	Ms. Dwyer -	What line is that?	
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1984	Ms. Harris -	Line 683 on page 16.	
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1986	Mr. Nunnally -	All right, any other correction? Do I have a motion	n?
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1988	Ms. Dwyer -	I move we accept the minutes as amended.	
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1990	Ms. Harris -	Second the motion.	
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1992 1993		Motion by Ms. Dwyer and seconded by Ms. Harr orrected. All in favor say aye. All opposed say no.	
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1995	On a motion by Ms. Dwye	er and seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approve	d the
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2003	Ms. Dwyer -	I move we adjourn.
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2005	Mr. Nunnally -	Move we adjourn by Ms. Dwyer. Do I have a second?
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2007	Ms. Harris -	Second.
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2009	Mr. Nunnally -	Second by Ms. Harris.
2010	There being no further b	usiness, and on a motion by Ms. Dwyer, seconded by
2011	Ms. Harris, the Board adjourned until the April 26, 2007 meeting at 9:00 a.m.	
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