Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of Henrico County held in the County Administration Building in the Government Center at Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 2022. Display Notice having been published in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* on August 29, 2022, and September 5, 2022.

Members Present: Mrs. Melissa L. Thornton, Chairperson (Three Chopt)

Mr. Robert H. Witte, Jr., Vice Chair (Brookland)

Mr. Gregory R. Baka (Tuckahoe) Mr. C. W. Archer, C.P.C. (Fairfield) Mr. William M. Mackey, Jr., (Varina)

Mr. R. Joseph Emerson, Jr., AICP, Director of Planning

Secretary

Also Present:

Ms. Jean Moore, Assistant Director Mr. Ben Sehl, Senior Principal Planner Mr. Seth Humphreys, County Planner Ms. Lisa Blankinship, County Planner Mr. Brendan McDowell, County Planner

Ms. Kelly Drash, County Planner Ms. Molly Mallow, County Planner

Mr. John Cejka, Traffic Engineer, Public Works Mr. Justin Briggs, Henrico County Public Schools

Mr. Billy Moffett, Police

Mr. Daniel J. Schmitt, the Board of Supervisors' representative, abstains from all cases unless otherwise noted.

Mrs. Thornton - Good evening, I'd like to call the September 15, 2022, zoning meeting of the Planning Commission to order. We are reconvening from 6:30. We had a work session. Thank you for joining us this evening. If you could please silence your cell phones; turn them off or silence them. That would be great and stand with the Commission for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance]

Mrs. Thornton - Is there anybody in the audience or on Webex from the news media? Okay, well it appears that we have all of our commissioners this evening and I'd like to welcome the Board of Supervisors representative, Mr. Schmitt from the Brookland district. He will sit here and listen to the cases. He can comment but he will abstain from any voting. With that, I will turn the meeting over to our secretary, Mr. Emerson.

Mr. Emerson - Thank you, Madam Chair as you noted the Commission did have a work session earlier this evening to discuss the continuing work on the county's 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was recessed at 6:30 and, of course, you reconvened at 7:01. I would like to join with the Chairlady to welcome everybody to the

Planning Commission public hearing this evening for September 15th. It is requested that all public comments be provided from the lectern that is located to the rear of this room.

For everyone who's watching the livestream on the County website, you can participate remotely in the public hearings by following these guidelines which also appear on the screen. Go to the Planning Department's Meeting webpage at henrico.us/planning/meetings. Scroll down under Planning Commission and click on Webex Event. Once you have joined the Webex Event, please click chat button in the bottom-right corner of the screen.

Staff will send a message asking if anyone would like to sign up to speak on an upcoming case. To respond, select Brendan McDowell from the dropdown menu and send Brendan a message.

The Commission does have guidelines for its public hearings we request everyone follow. The applicant is allowed 10 minutes to present the request, and time may be reserved for responses to testimony. The opposition is allowed a cumulative 10 minutes to present its concerns. And what that means is everyone that has a concern they would like to air be it one person, five people; they have to fit within that 10 minute timeframe. Any questions from the Commission do not count into those time limits and the Commission may waive the time limits at its discretion. Any comments made must be directly related to the case under consideration and this is really important because we do keep verbatim minutes of our meetings. Any commenters must provide their name and address prior to speaking for our record so we have those comments and can contact you if need be.

Thank you again for your participation and interest this evening. With that said the first item on our agenda are the requests for withdrawals and deferrals and those will be presented by Mr. Ben Sehl.

Mr. Sehl - Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. Staff is aware of three deferral requests this evening. The first is on page two of your agenda. This is Keith Malatesta.

REZ2021-00014 Keith Malatesta: Request to conditionally rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to M-2C Light Industrial District (Conditional) part of Parcel 823-701-8476 containing 15 acres located on the south line of Charles City Road approximately 4,120' east of its intersection with Monahan Road. The applicant proposes a commercial and recreational vehicle storage lot. The uses will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Planned Industry. The site is in the Airport Safety Overlay District.

The applicant is requesting this item be deferred to the October 13, 2022, meeting.

Mrs. Thornton - Okay, is there anybody in the audience or on Webex that is opposed to the deferral of this case? Okay.

Madam Chair, with there being no opposition to the deferral I Mr. Mackey -94 move that REZ2021-00014 Keith Malatesta, be deferred to the October 13, 2022, meeting 95 at the request of the applicant. 96 97 Mr. Witte -Second. 98 99 We have a motion by Mr. Mackey, a second by Mr. Witte. All Mrs. Thornton -100 101 in favor say aye. 102 Commission -Aye. 103 104 All opposed? Motion passes. Mrs. Thornton -105 106 Also on page two of your agenda is a request for a 107 Mr. Sehl determination of a Substantially in Accord. This is SIA2022-00001. 108 109 Ironwood Renewables, LLC - Solar Array: The Department of SIA2022-00001 110 Planning has received a request from Ironwood Renewables, LLC to initiate a 111 Substantially In Accord study for a proposed solar array. The proposed site consists of 112 Parcel 832-697-5024 located on the south line of Charles City Road approximately 2,075' 113 east of Turner Road. The existing zoning is A-1 Agricultural District. The 2026 114 Comprehensive Plan recommends Prime Agriculture. The site is in the Airport Safety 115 Overlay District. 116 117 The applicant is requesting this item be deferred to your October 13, 2022, meeting. 118 119 Is there anybody in the audience or on Webex that is opposed Mrs. Thornton -120 to the deferral of this case? Okay. 121 122 Mr. Mackey -Madam Chair, I move that SIA2022-00001, Ironwood 123 Renewables, LLC, be deferred to the October 13, 2022, meeting at the request of the 124 applicant. 125 126 Mr. Witte -Second. 127 128 We have a motion by Mr. Mackey a second by Mr. Witte. All Mrs. Thornton -129 130 in favor say aye. 131 Commission -Aye. 132 133 All opposed? Motion passes. 134 Mrs. Thornton -135 On the same property is PUP2022-00016. Also, Ironwood Mr. Sehl -136 Renewables, LLC. This is a request for a Provisional Use Permit as required by the zoning 137 ordinance for that same solar array. The applicant again requests a deferral to the 138 October 13, 2022, meeting. 139

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148	Mrs. Thornton -	Is there anybody in the audience or on Webex that is opposed
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153	meeting upon the request	of the applicant.
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157	Mrs. Thornton -	We have a motion by Mr. Mackey a second by Mr. Baka. All
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160	Commission -	Aye.
161	Mrs. Thornton -	All opposed? Motion passes.
162 163	WIS. THOMEON -	All opposed? Motion passes.
164	Mr. Emerson -	Madam Chair, we now move on to the requests for expedited
165		presented by Mr. Ben Sehl.
166	items. Those will also be p	nesented by Mr. Ben Geni.
167	Mr. Sehl -	Thank you again. There is one item on your expedited agenda
168		022-00027, Godsey Properties, Inc.
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170	Justin Fournier for Go	dsey Properties, Inc.: Request to rezone from RTHC
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172	Residential Townhouse District (Conditional) to C-1 Conservation District part of Parcel 836-713-7564 containing 3.2 acres located on the north line of E. Williamsburg Road	
173	(U.S. Route 60) approximately 850' southeast of the intersection of Dry Bridge Road. The	
174	applicant proposes a conservation district. The use will be controlled by zoning ordinance	
175	regulations. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Environmental Protection Area.	
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177	Mr. Sehl -	This is to fulfill conditions and requirements of the original
178		aware of any opposition and is recommending approval. I'd be
179	happy to answer any ques	
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181	Mrs. Thornton -	Okay. Is there anybody present or on Webex that is opposed
182	to the approval of REZ202	2-00027, Godsey Properties, Inc.? Seeing none?
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184	Mr Mackey -	Seeing we have no opposition Madam Chair I move that we

recommend approval of REZ2022-00027, Godsey Properties, Inc.

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187	Mr. Baka -	Second.
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189	Mrs. Thornton -	We have a motion by Mr. Mackey, a second by Mr. Baka. All
190	in favor say aye.	
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192	Commission -	Aye.
193	Mrs. Thornton -	All opposed? Motion passes.
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196	Mr. Sehl -	Thank you.
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198	REASON:	Acting on a motion by Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Baka, the
199		oted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors
200		se it is reasonable and conforms to the recommendations of the
201	Comprehensive Plan.	
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203	Mr. Emerson -	Madam Chair, that completes our withdrawals and deferrals
204		the evening. We now move into your regular agenda with the first
205	item appearing on Page	One. It is PUP2022-00010, Simon Mueller for Hunt Gunter.
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207		on Mueller for Hunt Gunter: Request for a Provisional Use
208		4-4205 and 24-2306 of Chapter 24 of the County Code to allow
209		737-751-0413 located on the west line of John Rolfe Parkway of the intersection of Ridgefield Parkway. The existing zoning is
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214	The Staff Report will be	presented by Mr. Livingston Lewis.
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216	Mrs. Thornton -	Good evening, Livingston.
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218	Mr. Livingston -	Good evening.
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220	Mrs. Thornton -	Is there anybody here who would like to speak to this case?
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223	Mr. Humphreys -	There is no one on Webex for this case.
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225	Mrs. Thornton -	Okay, thank you. We'll get with you after we've heard from the
226	staff.	
227 228	Mr. Lewis -	Alright, thank you, Madam Chair. This is a request to allow the
229		h on an outparcel at the eastern entrance of the John Rolfe
_ 230		enter, approximately 260' northeast of the John Rolfe Parkway/
231		rsection. The 1.03-acre subject property is zoned B-2C which

requires the approval of a provisional use permit for the proposed use. Surrounding properties include other B-2C uses in the shopping center as well as retail and residential across John Rolfe Parkway.

The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Commercial Concentration for the site.

As shown on this conceptual plan, the car wash would be accessed from the shopping center's internal drive aisle by a one-lane point of entry leading past 6 employee and customer parking spaces to 3 payment kiosks. This merges back into one lane at the entrance to the 100-foot-long car wash tunnel. After the wash, 17 parking spaces would be available for customers to clean and vacuum the interior of their vehicles before exiting back onto the shopping center drive aisle near the original point of entry.

These elevations depict the building's potential appearance, with a mixture of exterior materials and colors, including traditional brick, gray and white siding panels, a gray standing seam roof, and gray vacuum arms.

The County Zoning Code sets development standards for car washes overall, and additional measures can be applied through the PUP process to account for the unique aspects of each site. In this case, the site's location and limited size raised discussions with the applicant regarding architectural compatibility, as well as potential noise and visibility of exterior mechanical equipment. During the applicant's May 5th community meeting, these topics were mentioned, in addition to concerns about loitering, loud music, and car racing in and around the shopping center. The racing and loitering issues have since been addressed by the Division of Police, and a second informational meeting was held July 11th to provide updates on the case and the applicant's recent efforts.

To address the identified issues and continue discussions with county representatives and adjacent neighbors, the applicant has deferred the case three times. They have also revised their building elevations and site layout, and staff has suggested a variety of permit conditions in an effort to help mitigate potential noise and visual compatibility impacts. Based on these collective changes, staff believes the use, as conditioned, could be reasonably consistent with the shopping center if the Commission finds the requested PUP acceptable in proximity to nearby residential properties.

This concludes my presentation, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mrs. Thornton - Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Livingston?

Mr. Baka - I have one. Mr. Lewis, thank you for your diligent work on this case for the past several months. As you look at a Provisional Use Permit how would you assess what standards as far as impacting adversely affecting health, safety and welfare? What type of standards would a Planning Commission typically look at this case through that lens and how would they assess criteria?

Mr. Lewis: Well, you have to look I suppose at the use and its typical operation and as I mentioned in the presentation, car washes do involve traffic, they do involve folks parking their vehicle. They do involve vacuum noise; they do involve the blower noise as vehicles exit car washes. Depending on where the mechanical equipment is located, how it's screened, it could look differently than I guess a normal commercial property such as a restaurant or something of that nature. So, all of those things have to be taken into account, and that's what we've tried to do in the conditions that we have recommended to our best efforts.

Mr. Baka - Thank you. I've no further questions of Mr. Lewis but if the representative from the Henrico Police Department is available. I had a question for Police.

Mrs. Thornton - Okay. Do we have Henrico Police? Yes. How could I miss you? I didn't even see that you were in uniform.

Officer Stein - It's pretty bright.

Mrs. Thornton - Okay.

Officer Stein - It's okay, I was hiding in the back. I'm Officer Emily Stein. I think you all are familiar with Billy Moffett.

Mr. Moffett - Hi, Billy Moffett, CPTED Planner.

Mr. Baka - Thank you both for taking the time to be here tonight. I guess the question I wanted to ask which is not directly related to the case but many of the residents in the area had concerns about the noise from drag racing, car racing on John Rolfe a couple of months ago and then secondly a separate issue about loitering at one of the other commercial outbuildings nearby. Would you be able to address either some of the changes or some of the improvements you've seen in those two areas?

Officer Stein - Certainly. So, we re-met with the HOA, a specific residential community regarding these concerns after it was brought to our attention again and I guess, following the May meeting about this car wash. So, when we met with them again, we compiled; our Captain for Traffic Safety, he was there, and he compiled some data. To just show, just to give some numbers to you; back in November, and December there were 49 summonses issued, 28 were for speeding. May and June when this issue was brought up there were 101 summonses issued. That was specifically because the Traffic Enforcement Unit was assigned that complaint. So, that is an indicator probably why that number went up, 101 summonses issued with 38 speeding. So, he made note that there was I think a 2% decrease in the number of speeding tickets that were written between the first time and the second time. I asked him a couple of days ago what the numbers looked like for July and August, and he said that out of the 18 summonses issued there were 8 for speeding. Just piggybacking off of one of the main concerns being the sound of drag racing and the mufflers, as I'm sure that we might be aware the noise ordinance

has changed. So, as of last Friday we are now allowed to be able to write for illegal exhausts as a primary offense. So, I anticipate that those muffler complaints and loud noise drag racing complaints will decrease as we get out there and start writing tickets for things that are now a primary offense that weren't.

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Mrs. Thornton - Do you have any information on when those tickets were given because I do live nearby there, and the drag racing will happen in the late evening...

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331 Officer Stein - Right.

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333 Mrs. Thornton - ...like when you're going to bed.

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Officer Stein - I don't have the exact times that those tickets were issued but I do know that we were having officers that were specifically assigned to writing tickets in that area at various times of the day. So, I don't know the exact numbers but it's something that I know was staggered throughout.

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340 Mrs. Thornton - Okay.

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342 Mr. Baka - Great.

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Mrs. Thornton - Just curious. Because that's probably where they're complaining...

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347 Officer Stein - Right.

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349 Mrs. Thornton - ...is because they're home trying to sleep and it's quiet...

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351 Officer Stein - Definitely.

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Mrs. Thornton - ...and there's not a lot of cars out and then you just hear them revving and then just take off.

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Officer Stein - Yes ma'am and that's what we.. Car racing throughout the county as well as the city we've seen a huge increase ever since the law changed about two years ago making it no longer a primary offense but now that is able to be a primary offense specifically for Henrico County. The state law changed so that counties can make it applicable to just their own localities so while it might not be illegal in the city or while it might be illegal in the city it's no longer legal here. So, we saw a huge increase in it. We had sometimes had our air unit was trying to follow these car groups that were going around. It's just that they hop around from one jurisdiction to the other and they sometimes even have walkie-talkies in their cars so they send out a spotter car that will see police and tell everyone else to not or not to break any traffic laws. So, it's something that we've been trying to continually address, and I know that whenever there are huge car rallies that whichever shift is working their supervision gets on it pretty quickly and tries to get them out of the county as quickly as possible.

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370	Mrs. Thornton -	Thank you. I haven't heard them lately, so, whatever you're
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373	Officer Stein -	Let's keep it that way
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375	Mrs. Thornton -	You're doing good.
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377	Officer Stein -	Let's keep it that way.
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379	Mr. Baka -	Thank you for your comments. I appreciate, Madam Chair,
380	that this wasn't directly	related to the carwash, but it's been a key concern of the residents
381	in the area.	
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383	Officer Stein -	Yes it has.
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385	Mrs. Thornton -	Yes.
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387	Mr. Baka -	So, thank you for your and thank you for the info. Appreciate
388	it.	
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390	Mrs. Thornton -	Anything else?
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392	Mr. Archer -	I had a question for Officer Stein or Mr. Moffett. I remember
393	back in my youth there	were certain types of mufflers that became prohibited. I remember
394	one called a cherry bo	omb. Cost me \$28.00. I had to take it off. It was on my Camaro.
395	Then all of a sudden,	they did away with that, and you could. The loud mufflers came
396	back again. Thank Go	od I've outgrown all that. But is there a decibel level that is illegal
397	now or are there types	of mufflers that are still illegal?
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399	Officer Stein -	So, the only legal muffler is a factory like one that is
400		de for your vehicle. So, if you go to, I don't even know where you
401		ecause I don't do that but if you were to go find a cherry bomb that
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403	it's the factory-made ve	ehicle specifically for yours.
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405	Mr. Archer -	Thank you. I've been curious about that for years.
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407	Officer Stein -	Well, I'm glad I was able to answer that question for you.
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409	Mr. Moffett -	Thank you.
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411	Mrs. Thornton -	Thank you.
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413	Mr. Baka -	Question. Madam Chair is there anyone, was there anyone in
414	the audience?	

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416	Mrs. Thornton -	There wasn't anyone. He is the applicant.
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418	Mr. Baka -	Okay. Can we ask again is there anyone in the audience
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421	Mrs. Thornton -	Yeah, there was
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432	Mrs. Thornton -	Okay.
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438	Mr. McGovern -	Yes, ma'am.
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441	WIS. THORIGOT -	Okay, if you go to the back of the Thank you.
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444	Mrs. Thornton -	He already knows.
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446	Mr. McGovern -	Ready?
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448	Mrs. Thornton -	Yes.
449	WIS. THORIGOT -	Tes.
450	Mr. McCovern	My name is Coorge McCovern Llive et 2229 Perennial Circle
451	Mr. McGovern -	My name is George McGovern. I live at 2228 Perennial Circle
452		directly across from where they're planning to build a carwash.
453		or the time to allow us to speak and I want to thank you for your
454		nd what you do. We are against the rezoning of this from a
455		rspective, and I want to address it in three different areas. First
456	is the zoning. When you set this B-2 permit up in there you had the insight and good judgment to understand that this is a neighborhood shopping center, okay. And it's perfect	
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458		ents that live in it. Now, you're being asked to go against that
459		ovisional Use Permit that will allow this carwash to come in and
460	it is noise, it is safety issi	ues that I'll address in a minute pertaining to that. This is not

really for the residents; it's purely for the use of money and to lease the land. One point one mile down the road at Church and Pump they're building a brand-new carwash down there. And this could adversely affect not only the neighborhood but with sound and noise on a constant basis affecting the values of the homes that surround it as well. When you look at the areas where this is zoned - there's one near my office up at Brook and Parham; there's also another one of these style carwashes that is at Arthur Ashe Boulevard. And when you look at the scenarios there and where they're zoned for, you'll understand why this Provisional Use Permit does not fit the model of where those other things were zoned because of safety and noise. So, on the safety side of it our understanding is that at its peak regardless of whether it's weather-related or whatever this thing could bring in possibly a couple hundred cars a day. Now, my question is to you all, I sent an email, and I thank Livingston for getting it to you all, it showed sort of the layout of the parking lot with the blue lines and all that. Did you all get that?

Mr. Baka - Mmhmm.

Mrs. Thornton - Yes.

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Mr. McGovern -Okay, so, when I look at that and you look at the design of that parking lot and that shopping center which has been zoned that is a back access road to take the pressure off the pedestrian traffic along the front end of where the businesses are. It's also to keep people from cutting through the parking lot. If this is rezoned and that lot or that access road gets blocked because there are cars out there, then those cars are going to have one of two options. You're going to have excess cars trying to move through that parking lot from a safety perspective and they're either going to start moving horizontally or cut horizontally through the parking lot or they're going to put a lot more traffic up in the pedestrian areas along where the stores are. And that's a safety issue. There are a lot of elderly people who live in these neighborhoods as you well know if you live over in that area, okay and that could be an issue from the traffic patterns. And as they move through those that's a real safety issue that has our concern. It'll also bring a lot more cars in because our understanding is down the road the Tuckahoe ball fields that will be an area of entrance, right, when the Tuckahoe ball fields are allowed to go in there causing more pressure onto that shopping center in that neighborhood. And then again, I reiterate where the zoning is from a safety issue and all that where the ones are on Parham or the ones that are on Arthur Ashe you've been to those, you'll understand why. The next thing is the noise. I know it's easy to sit there and say, "oh we'll put up some trees" and they can put all the cosmetic looks on the buildings that they want but this thing has 19 vacuum cleaners and I sent you a video of the one. I sent it to Livingston, he passed it on to you I saw the email, of the noise that comes out. That compressor runs all the time. There's vacuuming going on. I also can tell you that one of my friends who is in one of the businesses next to the one at Arthur Ashe when those individual cars are in the parking lot they're blaring their music, okay; loud, the bass and things like that. We all know a lot of kids and things in that neighborhood that would use that carwash that are in the Godwin school zone district. Those blowers that they talked about, that Livingston talked about as you come out of there are an issue too so it's easy to say, "Well, the employees will have a handle on that, the employees will monitor that," but nonetheless

they want the repeat business, so we don't anticipate that happening. And then finally you know the issues that have already been addressed with the AutoZone that we had before. So, the opposition will tell you that they're going to reduce the operational hours to make it more conducive; they're going to tell you that the number of cars won't affect the traffic pattern in there; they're going to tell you the employees will monitor this and they'll chain it and there won't be loitering or anything else along those lines; and they will tell you that all the business owners that they've talked to in the shopping center have been talked to and no one had any issues, which is not accurate because I passed out flyers as did one of our other residents and the lady who owns the jazz and dance studio right next to it knew nothing about this happening. So, those are things that are against it. So, what I'm asking is and what we're all asking you is that you don't change your mind. That you use the original good judgment that you had when you zoned it. Livingston showed us the various businesses that are allowed to be in here and that you don't grant a Provisional Use Permit when they can go 1.1 miles down the road and get another car wash or do whatever they want. Thank you for your time.

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Mrs. Thornton - Thank you. Does anybody have any questions?

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Mr. Baka - No thanks. Thank you.

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Mrs. Thornton - We had somebody else in the audience. We have. You want to speak too? Is there anybody on Webex?

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Mr. Humphreys - No, there is no one on Webex for this case.

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532 Mrs. Thornton - Okay, thank you.

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Hi, my name's David Johnson. I'll be real quick because I'll Mr. Johnson just echo what George said. I live at 2222 Perennial Circle also in the townhomes right across from there. Just to sum this up. The shopping center there now co-exists with the neighbors. It's, I don't want to say it's perfect. We had problems with AutoZone but the nature of it now works. What we're talking about is bringing a carwash there that doesn't fit the other businesses there. George talked about old folks. There's a martial arts studio there that's all for after school kids. The Twist Gymnasium right next door to where this is going to be- I gave her a letter last week. She had no idea this was coming in and was appalled when I told her about the number of vacuum cleaners. I was there at 4:30; her place was packed with small children for their gymnastics lessons. Their parking lot already can't handle it. They're parking across that roadway at the back of the Publix parking lot and the little kids are running across the street. My son grew up at Tuckahoe Little League and that was our back entrance. I drove through there yesterday. There were cars lined up on the entrances, they always are, and kids running in and out of there. The cars going into this carwash are not going to come in from John Rolfe. They have to get into that parking area, and it's a huge safety concern. It's going to change the nature of what works now for a carwash that is not needed. As George said, they're building a mega car... it's a carwash that's been there a mile away right by the BP. They tore it down, razed it and now building a huge carwash. This is not a need in the area. We can go there; we can go on Lauderdale. There's plenty of carwashes. I'm not sure there's a lot of carwashes of any size that can go in there and not change the nature of that. This one they've got, they're saying 17, I saw 19, they say 17, 19. That's an enormous amount of vacuum cleaner bays. They're obviously expecting an enormous amount of business and we've got 66 homeowners that are extremely worried about this and we just, I'll just echo what George said - please don't change your mind. It works the way it is now. Yeah, the noise and a lot of people are working from home these days and are going to continue working from home. We knew when we moved in, we were on John Rolfe and Ridgefield. We knew that, and we accepted that. But we also moved in with an established shopping center across the street and this is going to change the nature of that shopping center. So, we urge you please not to do this. Thank you.

Mrs. Thornton -

Thank you.

567 Mr. Baka -

Thank you.

> Ms. Bryson -Good evening, I'm Tiffany Bryson, I live at 2132 Perennial Circle. I'm actually the HOA President for Ridgefield Green Townhomes. I wanted to give you a little bit of a backstory about this noise. I contacted the police, and the Board of Supervisors, when we had this issue. We got absolutely no traction. It was only when the carwash to be built when everybody stood up and started taking action. To me, that is very disappointing. My husband is a police officer, so this is not pointed towards the police. This just tells me that Wilton has political pull and is able to do what they want to do, and they were trying to get this carwash in. I personally met with Hunt Gunter several times to try to negotiate a solution about the concerns with my community. When I met with him, I was never told that these vacuum cleaners were going to be this large. I only found out when we went to another meeting and the plans were pulled out. I took that information back to my community and my community said it wasn't for them. I'm asking the Board to ask themselves, "How will this better my community?" I'm also asking you to ask yourself, "Would you personally want a carwash 80' from your front door?" If you can't honestly answer those, "Yes," I'm asking you to deny this motion. Thank you.

Mrs. Thornton - Thank you.

Mr. Baka - Thank you.

Mrs. Thornton - Is there anybody else that would like to speak to this case? Ok. Mr. Baka? Would you like to hear from the applicant?

Mr. Baka - I'd like to hear from the applicant to respond to the concerns that were addressed. Yes, please.

Mr. Johnson - Good evening. I'm Rich Johnson. I'm President of the Wilton Companies. I know many of you have made reference to Hunt Gunter. He is out of town this evening. He has been more closely involved with this case than I have. So, I'm handling it this evening for him. I'm here tonight to provide you with a very detailed

information log regarding this project and our request at John Rolfe to have this PUP approved. It's our fact, it's our opinion that the facts will clearly support the Planning Commission recommending approval once we go through a bit of information here. The public part of this case started on March 20th when we sent out the normal letters to the community to about 120 neighbors inviting them to a community meeting on May the 5th. At the request of Mrs. O'Bannon, we also sent a second letter out on April 25th and that letter also included the names and direct-dial phone numbers of two folks at Wilton that are handling this matter and to date, Wilton has received zero correspondence or phone calls with regard to those letters that were sent out. On April 28th, the staff report was issued in which the staff affirms, and I quote, "The use as conditioned should be considered compatible with the shopping center," unquote. And, of course, as always, that would be if the Commission agrees. Wilton has scheduled not just one, but two community meetings as confirmed by the staff report. The first meeting on May 5th was attended only by 4 citizens. Two from neighboring subdivisions who advised that they had no objections to the site and two from Ridgefield Green who expressed concerns. But their concerns at that meeting were not about this case. Rather their concerns were about loitering at the AutoZone and about loud music and street racing on the adjacent public streets. They stated they had been in touch with the county and HPD to no avail. They wanted to be sure that this would not, and I quote, "Add to the existing ongoing issues." In response to the concerns raised, Wilton scheduled another meeting on May 10th which was attended by HPD Officer Stein who you just heard from a moment ago; Tiffany Bryson who you just also met and heard from a moment ago who's President of the Ridgefield Green HOA, and by representatives from Wilton. Their concerns again about existing neighborhood problems were detailed. And, as a result of that meeting, and the progress that was made as a result of that outcome, neither Wilton nor Henrico PD have received. report having received, any calls on this issue since the progress made on May 10th. And that's supported by the facts that Officer Stein had recited to you a moment ago. Additionally, historically, the website NextDoor, which is a popular website about neighborhood issues has routinely had postings from the HOA, especially about street racing. And there have been zero postings since this meeting on May 10th except for one posting on June 22nd which was no longer about street racing but about break-ins to vehicles within the subdivision. So, it would clearly show that this meeting and the extra efforts by HPD at Wilton's, instituted by a meeting called by Wilton, have been measurable and acceptable. As for the Wilton Companies, we commend HPD and the Community Resource Officer, E.C. Stein for their success and their hard work in this effort in achieving this progress. We know it's a tough problem and you can't, it's like finding a needle in the havstack finding the kids that are racing, but they've got to do the best they can, and the progress today has been very measurable. Moving forward on May 17th and 18th there were communications between HOA President Bryson and the Wilton Companies listing concerns of the HOA per email communications from Ms. Bryson on 5/18. Wilton has addressed 100% of those issues, 100%. Further, these issues were addressed by Planning staff as well with solutions as provided for in the proffers. This includes, the constant noise running referred to, at mutual agreement number, the hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and HOA has expressed concern that that doesn't mean a soft 8:00 p.m., that means 8:00 p.m. sharp at which time the gates will be closed, or chains will be put up to avoid. And we do have a firm commitment, we're willing to proffer

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8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. sharp. The entrance to the facility would be closed, gated or chained off when not open for business. Again, covered in the proffers. No problem. The vacuums would be placed were requested to be placed on the shopping center side, that is sometimes called the Publix side of the building, and not on the side facing the street or the townhomes roadway. Again, all the vacuums are over on the opposite side of the building from the neighborhood. They are facing the shopping center drive lanes. The changing of the appearance to be of materials and colors consistent with the shopping center has been completed as reported by Mr. Livingston. The further adjustments to the stacking lanes and reducing the size and quantity of the signage has been completed. The installation of evergreens between the building and the roadway to soften both the visual impact and further the sound attenuation has been agreed to in concept and this will be dealt with when we go through the landscaping plan and subsequent Planning Commission issues. Next, on June 22nd, Mrs. O'Bannon organized a meeting with the HOA and Officer Stein. Wilton was not invited to this meeting...

Mr. Baka - That's not true.

Mr. Johnson - ...because it was called to discuss traffic and loitering enforcement. Wilton staff was, however, invited to attend by the HOA and we thank Ms. Bryson for that and her team for that information, for that invitation. We once again reassured the attendees by defining the changes being made as requested in Ms. Bryson's email of 5/18. This very specifically addressed the willingness to add evergreen trees between the building and the street, all to be formalized again based on the approval of the landscape plan. On July 11th, Mrs. O'Bannon organized another meeting, Wilton again was not invited to this meeting...

Mr. Baka - That's not true

Mr. Johnson -...so I cannot define what was said there. However, two days later Mrs. O'Bannon called Wilton to advise that she had received comments that there, quote "might be loud noise..." unquote from patrons while using the vacuum. Once again, we are confirming specifically, the carwash will be staffed 100% of the time during their open hours and the staff can address any noise issues. Two, the vacuums are located on the shopping side of the building, not on the street side with both the building and the distance and the trees and a 15' elevation difference between this and where the subdivision lies, all acting to as an insulator for sound attenuation. Third, there will be extra landscaping and in a worst-case scenario, HPD has expected a high-level responsiveness to address this issue on noise and we got a noise citation which Officer Stein just updated us on and in a worst-case scenario, which we don't believe we'll ever get there, we do have that to fall back on as a worst-case conclusion. So, in conclusion I'm going to say that Wilton has met with the community members multiple times and with their seemingly most critical concerns being street racing and loitering have already been successfully addressed. It is significant that this use is already permitted in the current zoning if it's developed as part of a service station or gas station. However, we're thinking that a, we suggest to you that a less intensive use of the car wash without the gas station certainly should not be reasonably denied. If you can legally put the carwash there as part of a gas station, why can't you put it there without the gas station because certainly clearly

there's far less traffic if the gas station doesn't exist. And, as per Planning staff as we said at the beginning comment, conversation, as to Mr. Livingston, it is quote, unquote "compatible," subject to your interpretation. Lastly, the Wilton Companies has been and continues to be a high-quality operator of commercial properties in Henrico County. We have over 40 shopping centers and 100s of thousands of square feet of other retail and office and warehouse use and we have always, and I with great pride, say always been responsive to the ongoing issues related to our properties as evidenced by our efforts in May to coordinate bringing the police involvement in to address the racing problems which are not even on our property but as well as the loitering problems with the AutoZone that was there so. This project will be an asset to the community and to the Henrico tax base. The fact that there's competitive carwashes in other areas really is not an issue. There's always someone with a better product and an opportunity in our environmental and our entrepreneurial world to build a better mousetrap. This operator is a successful womanowned business. She has over 50 units successfully operating throughout the mid-Atlantic. She is prepared to move forward. We are agreeable to all the proffers except Proffer #9. And the portion of Proffer #9 that runs, that defines that the car wash hours will run from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, which is great, but provides that the vacuums would only run from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm during the week and from noon until 6:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This makes really no sense as it would be comparable to telling a Wendy's customer that he can come through the drive-in window and order a hamburger but not a drink. I mean you can't have a carwash operation and say, "but you can only use half of it." So, but for the exception of that one small portion of the proffers we are agreeable to all the other proffers verbatim. And again, we stress that we've addressed every issue that has been presented by the HOA repeatedly and we've come back with, despite the issues having been addressed, with strong rejection which we are struggling with. In closing, the facts presented prove that this case deserves a positive recommendation with all the proffers in place with the exception of the small issue regarding the proffers. We thank you for your consideration and I'm prepared to answer any guestions that you may have.

Mrs. Thornton - Does anybody have any questions?

Mr. Baka - Yes. Alright.

726 Mrs. Thornton - You go ahead.

Mr. Baka - I believe I do. Mr. Johnson, thank you for taking the time to make a presentation tonight and I appreciate your comments. One thing I'll point out, proffers are items that accompany rezoning cases. In this instance, I believe staff drafted conditions for a Provisional Use Permit. Condition #9 was drafted, folks can correct me if I'm wrong, in response to concerns that we heard. I mean tonight we heard testimony from Mr. McGovern, George McGovern, David Johnson, and Tiffany Bryson, and also spoke with Tawanna Hicks previously. Your comments, if I may, they addressed what you've done to date. The question is, I didn't hear a whole lot tonight as far as addressing the concerns that were raised in verbal testimony tonight, so. Do you feel, my question is do you feel there is anything more you can do from a development standpoint to address

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the concerns you've heard tonight or are you at the end of your rope? Is this as much as you can do? This is as much improvements as you can put into it?

Well, let me start from about 60,000 feet and say repeatedly Mr. Johnson there's been concession after concession in development adjustments and we're happy to do those things. You know we've got over 75 years of working with the county, of working with the residents and since I've been president of the company, over 20 years of successful compromises and being a good neighbor. So, in the sense of working on additional issues, what have we done to date? Again, we've agreed to additional landscaping which would be a visual buffer as well as a noise buffer to some degree, but much more significantly, the vacuum cleaners have been reduced in quantity, they've been reduced and located on the side of the building as requested by the HOA to face the shopping center and not the street and therefore the HOA property and so again you've got a large distance between those areas of some 150 plus feet, you've got a reduction in the number of vacuum units, you've got a reduction in the capacity of where traffic can stack out into the roadways, as was brought up, by putting further stacking and triple stacking lanes on site for the cars coming in. We do meet all the code requirements that Henrico has developed with great detail over time to ensure that the stacking lanes for any type of business of this nature as well as fast foods and other drive-thru operations are very closely defined. We do meet all of those requirements and in fact slightly exceed those requirements and...

Mr. Baka -

Okay.

 Mr. Johnson - ...so, I feel like we've done everything that we can predictably do. The number of vacuum cleaner stations, again, has been reduced. Is it possible to potentially reduce those slightly further? The answer is there's always room for negotiation if it would help.

Mr. Baka - I'm not sure if that one topic would make the distance, but Condition 9 is drafted. You're saying you're not willing to accept what the staff has drafted in a response to the citizen concerns for limiting the hours of the vacuums?

Mr. Johnson - I regret to say that is not acceptable. It would be poison to the carwash operator for them to tell them that their services are only partially available despite the fact that they are there to pay that to do those. And it's certainly not consistent with the restrictions that other businesses have been asked to live with.

Mr. Baka - Alright. I don't have any other further questions tonight.

Mr. Witte - I...

Mrs. Thornton - He has a comment.

Mr. Witte - I've got a few comments, concerns actually. They've had two community meetings. In the notes it said that only 5 people attended the July one. And

community shopping centers are supported only by the community. By far to be successful the community has to support them, or they go out of business. If it doesn't work, I haven't seen a carwash go out of business but if it didn't work and the community didn't support it, it would go out of business. It wouldn't be there long anyway. But I'm kind of disappointed we didn't have a bigger turnout from the community if it's such an issue. I mean there's thousands of people in that one-mile radius and we've got 5 people attending a meeting and three show up for the community, for the Planning Commission. So, I'm not saying it's a good idea or a bad idea, I'm just saying they bent over backwards to accommodate and meet all the issues. There's got to be a good reason for there being an issue to this. Now, I have one in my district I'm hoping is going out of business but it's not a carwash, but the community showed up and this place was packed, and they ended up building the facility and the community's not supporting it real well and hopefully next year or two it will be out of business. But that's neither here nor there. I just have concern that we have so few people here to speak of it.

Mrs. Thornton - I have a comment. Did you go to the existing customers that are already there in your building like the Twist Gymnastics next door? Apparently, he took a notice over and she found out that way. I would think you'd want to make the people that are already there paying the money to rent, and I know Twist Gymnastics has been there for a long time and an outstanding you know citizen and brings in a lot of business. So, did you reach out to the surrounding businesses?

Mr. Johnson -I'm not in a position to speak specifically to Twist, but yes, we did reach out to the existing businesses. As for the dance studio one, I can speak specifically to that. We did speak to a principal there and have complete buy-in from there. As for the person, the representative that was spoken to, another employee or person there, it would not certainly be uncommon to talk to a person and then another person in the business not be aware of it. I don't know the details on Twist. I do know the one as to the dance studio. But yes, we have circulated that information around to the businesses, but again, businesses are owned by multiple people, and I doubt seriously in the urgency of operating a small business in today's environment that the topic of this nature would be a wide point of discussion within that employee base. But I can tell you and represent to you yes, we have talked to the businesses there, and who was spoken to at each individual one, specifically regarding to Twist, I don't know, but yes, we have done that. As a matter of practice, we maintain a close relationship with every tenant we have in every shopping center and the vast majority of the people we are on a first-name basis with, so we have solid communications with all of them and we have a buy-in on this use.

Mrs. Thornton - Okay, I just had one question about the vacuums. Are they constantly on and when you pull the hose away it makes a louder noise? Just so I can get an idea of the noise that you're - because if it's a constant that's 17 constant vacuums going all the time.

Mr. Johnson - I have a, actually, well there's 2 compressors there. There's not 17. There's 17 different hose extensions but there's 2 compressors.

830 831	Mrs. Thornton -	Correct, but if you've ever
832 833 834	Mr. Johnson - compressors run 24, run when the hoses are detact	And we have an engineer here who's on top Do the 8:00 am to 8:00 pm constantly, or do they or they're on only ched?
835 836 837	Mr. Baka -	The podium
838 839	Mrs. Thornton -	Continuous.
840 841 842	Mr. Emerson - heard? Thank you. And p	Excuse me, sir. Could you go to the lectern so you can be lease identify yourself.
843 844 845 846 847 848	throughout the Mid-Atlant	Evening. My name is John Lombardo and I'm with the Hutton nt Group and we are the owners/operators of ModWash ic as was previously mentioned. The compressors that pull the are running continually and the customer when they pull their ou know
849 850	Mrs. Thornton -	Engages.
851 852	Mr. Lombardo - holster So that's how it	engages it, but then they reinsert the nozzle back into the operates right now.
853 854 855	Mrs. Thornton -	Right. So, how many compressors do you have?
856 857	Mr. Lombardo -	There's two. Two compressors for the site.
858 859	Mrs. Thornton -	One on either side. So, it's a constant
860 861 862 863	Mr. Lombardo - parking and there's a co compressor. It's depicted	On each side of the parking aisles, so like there's a row of empressor, there's another row of parking, there's the other on the site plan.
864 865	Mrs. Thornton -	Yes.
866 867	Mr. Witte -	So, they're only on when somebody's using it.
868 869 870	Mrs Thornton - when you take the hose of	No, it's a constant noise and then the louder noise comes out, engage it.
871 872	Mr. Witte -	Oh, okay.
873 874	Mrs. Thornton -	You ever not washed your car?
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Mr. Witte -

But they're not 17 individual...

Mrs. Thornton - No, there's two compressors but every time you pull the vacuum. You could have 17 vacuums going at once, correct?

Mr. Johnson - If there were 17 customers using the vacuums all at one time there could be 17 different hose connections open to the compressor, but the compressor as confirmed does run constantly from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and then each hose is run off of one or the other of those two compressors. If it would make the difference, I'm here to tell you today that we could put an additional sound attenuation cover over each of those compressors to further diminish the sound and I would be willing to commit that to the Commission and to the Board of Supervisors at the appropriate time as a proffer that we would put an additional covering over top of those to further control the sound. They're already enclosed, but this would be a secondary enclosure over top of it which we can do and which this and which is possible to do, and we will commit to do it. It's unusual but again in an effort to address, further address, I'll emphasize further address the noise issue, we would put a secondary covering over top of those to address that.

Mr. Baka - I'm not certain that would address the concerns of the citizens, but thank you for your comments tonight, sir.

Mr. Johnson - Thank you. In closing I think I'd just like to say one more time that this is a use that's allowed in this zoning situation if it's attached to a gas station, and from our point of view, we cannot see how a less intensive use of a car wash without the gas station could be offensive if a car wash with a gas station is a by-right use. We'll close with that thought and we thank you for your consideration and wish you a good evening.

Mr. McGovern - May I address the group?

904 Mr. Thornton -

I'm sorry. The public comments, we're done. Thank you.

Mr. Baka - Does anyone, does any member of the Planning Commission have any questions?

Mrs. Thornton - No.

Mr. Baka - I have a few comments and I want to just say I'm supportive of small businesses and business enterprises in their success and I wish them success, but I have a great number of concerns about this case which I think are either echoed by Mr. McGovern and his neighbors or their concerns echo mine or vice versa. We heard a little bit about the market. Let me just speak a bit briefly about the market. If there is another car wash a mile away or a half mile away or two miles away it doesn't matter. We don't zone uses based on need, if there's another carwash a mile away. If the market allows for this many then so be it, the market will take care of that, and the successful ones will do well and the other ones may not. As far as safety and circulation goes, I think from a traffic engineering, we'll call it internal circulation standpoint, I think an engineer could draw an excellent plan to make sure that cars could safely navigate around it. It

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would be different. That would be some change. The inescapable issue on this case though becomes the noise. It's the noise. It's simply the noise that I think citizens have offered here. I want to thank the members of the homeowner's association for coming out, but in addition, there were 30 or 35 at least homeowners who signed a petition that I believe Ms. Bryson submitted to Mr. Lewis in opposition or concern about the magnitude of this use and the scope of its noise near the townhouse development across the street. Another issue mentioned a couple of times was about invitations to the meetings. Mrs. O'Bannon did confirm that her assistant did send a letter for the July 11th meeting to the business address of the applicant. Period. There was a concern addressed about whether a stand-alone carwash would be different than one that has a gas station with it. A gas station, if a gas station has a carwash, then it's allowed, the carwash is allowed by right if it goes together with that gas station, however in this instance that particular reasoning or that particular explanation isn't, doesn't necessarily apply when you're looking at a Provisional Use Permit for the B-2 district. As I mentioned at one of the community meetings to some of the residents, the zoning ordinance was drafted in such a way not to allow this use as a matter of right. If it was a matter of right in B-2 we wouldn't be having this hearing tonight but to allow as a Provisional Use Permit and allow this Commission the discretion to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors as far as what they think would be the best effort that wouldn't adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the area. I'm not as concerned about the market and the safety and the circulation engineering. I really do think some of those things could work out. The inescapable issue here is the noise and also represented by 30 or 35, and I'm sorry Ms. Bryson I don't have the exact number of the folks who signed the petition, but I appreciated the information you sent in early on. We do have the leadership of the homeowner's association Board of Directors here tonight. I would say that I asked the Police Department to get involved. There was no sway by any group or people as somebody had unreasonable sway. I asked them to get involved so I don't know if the police wasn't involved prior to this, but I'm glad you are now. Thank you and thanks for being here tonight. I know you may not have been expecting to come to speak or come be here but thank you for taking the time, officer. With that, unless other members of the Planning Commission have any comments, I have a statement I'd like to read. While stand-alone carwashes are considered potentially appropriate in the B-2 zoning district under some circumstances, they are required to receive Provisional Use Permit approval because the surrounding land use context of some B-2 sites can be very different from one location to the next. Hence, you have this proposed site directly across from Perennial Circle, the townhouses there. Developing a carwash on a major thoroughfare surrounded on all sides by other businesses may be appropriate in many instances, however, placing one at the entrance of a neighborhood shopping center, or call it a community shopping center, is a lot different than putting in an arterial, commercial corridor like Broad Street or like Route 1. Laburnum. I can name a few others. But that's the key context you want to get here in our recommendation to the Board of Supervisors next month is that this is a neighborhood or community shopping center. Its impacts are magnified more than it would be if it were in an arterial, commercial corridor like one of those major roads mentioned. So, in that case placing one of these in close proximity, placing a carwash at the primary entrance of a neighborhood shopping center in close proximity to the residential townhouses is less desirable or may be incompatible in this case. While the

applicant has diligently worked through a number of issues - and I appreciate that, you had made some strides - to potentially mitigate some issues, the Board of Supervisor member had asked for continued work with the neighborhood to see if further work could be done through a community meeting or further progress could be made. And there are certain site divisions, certain site design revisions, that have been made. There are still, important concerns that remain from the citizens and from the neighbors here. These issues of which have been echoed from residents on several occasions related to the following: the level of noise of vacuums or related air compressors; the noise from stereos of parked vehicles being vacuumed; the noise from drying blowers of vehicles exiting the tunnel, the carwash tunnel; the visual compatibility of the use in the remainder of the shopping center; and potential traffic flow concerns at peak times. So, with that in mind these issues are not unique to this proposed tenant, ModWash. They are not particularly unique to this applicant or carwash. Despite the applicant's best efforts, these concerns have remained unresolved over the course of several months reviewing this case. Therefore, Madam Chair at this time I move that PUP2022-00010, Hunt Gunter be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for denial.

Mrs. Thornton - Second. We have a motion by Mr. Baka, a second by Mrs. Thornton, All in favor.

Commission - Aye.

Mrs. Thornton - All opposed? Motion passes.

Mr. Baka - Thank you.

REASON: Acting on a motion by Mr. Baka, seconded by Mrs. Thornton, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors deny the request because of concerns regarding noise, visual impacts, and peak traffic flow, which could have a detrimental effect on property owners in the vicinity.

Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, this item will appear on the Board agenda on October the 11th. Moving on to the next item on your agenda this evening. REZ2022-00028, Andrew M. Condlin for Bradford Homes, Inc.

Andrew M. Condlin for Bradford Homes, Inc.: Request to conditionally rezone from R-2 One-Family Residence District to R-3C One-Family Residence District (Conditional) Parcels 749-739-4015, 749-739-4127, and 749-739-4237 containing 2.519 acres located at the northeast intersection of Derbyshire Road and Midway Road. The applicant proposes a single-family residential development. The R-3 District allows a minimum lot area of 11,000 square feet and a maximum gross density of 3.96 units per acre. The uses will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffered conditions. The 2026 Comprehensive Plan recommends Suburban Residential 2, density should not exceed 3.4 units per acre.

The staff report will be presented by Mr. Brendan McDowell.

Mrs. Thornton or on Webex? Okay. Hi. Is there anybody here that would like to speak to the case

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1018 Mr. Humphreys -

There is no one on Webex for this case.

1019 Mrs. Thornton -1020 1021

Okay. We just have one here in the room. Two. Two? Okay. We will hear from staff, and we'll hear from you in just a minute. Okay? Thank you.

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Alright, thank you Madam Chair, members of the Mr. McDowell -Commission. So, as stated, this case is a request that would allow up to six detached single-family residences. Surrounding uses include detached single-family residential zoned R-3 to the north and west and R-2 to the south. To the east is the Derbyshire Baptist Church, zoned R-2. You received revised proffers and a concept plan this evening, dated September 13th and September 8, 2022, respectively. Time limits do not need to be waived. In addition to the proffers in the staff report, the revised proffers would require the construction of a sidewalk along Derbyshire Road within the public right-ofway; ensure every dwelling be constructed with no less than a two-car garage; limit construction hours 7:00 am-8:00 pm Monday through Friday and 8:30 am-6:00 pm Saturday restricting direct access of construction vehicles to Midway Road, and requiring plantings equivalent to a TB35 planted within a 25' buffer along Derbyshire Road, which would include a decorative fence.

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> So, proffers, the proffered conceptual layout shows 5 lots facing an internal cul-de-sac, with Lot 6 facing Midway to be consistent with the adjacent home to the north. All driveways would access the cul-de-sac which exits to Midway Road and no lot would have direct access to Derbyshire or Midway Road.

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The applicant has also proffered elevations, shown here, that illustrate two-story construction with materials as listed in the proffers. So, the applicant held a community meeting on September 12th at Quioccasin Middle School. Items discussed at the meeting included density, home size, sidewalks, landscaping in the transitional buffer, and traffic along Derbyshire Road. Proffers and the concept plan handed out this evening were developed by the applicant in response to these concerns.

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So, the Comprehensive Plan designates the property as Suburban Residential 2 with a recommended density of no more than 3.4 units per acre. This request is consistent with the intent and density recommendations of the SR2 designation. In addition, assurances provided with this case are consistent with similar developments in this area and should mitigate impacts on adjacent communities. For these reasons, staff supports this request.

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This concludes my presentation. I'm more than happy to try to answer any questions you may have at this time.

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Mrs. Thornton -Thank you. 1060 Mr. Baka - Thank you Mr. McDowell. I was going to ask if you could leave 1061 that map up. First of all, thanks and welcome. If I'm not mistaken this might be one of your 1062 first cases here before the Commission.

1064 Mr. McDowell - Correct.

Mr. Baka - So, welcome and I'm glad you're here. The SR-2 refers to Suburban Residential 2 so I just wanted to point out by the map here that the Comprehensive Plan shows a land use, correct me if I'm wrong, but the Comprehensive Plan shows a future land use plan designation of Suburban Residential 2 which is the same as reflected of the homes west on Burkhart, north, and even that parcel of land to the east. So, that's correct? That's all...

1073 Mr. McDowell - That is correct sir.

Mr. Baka - And then could you go to the zoning map? There you go. So, the R-3 requested is similar to what's there on the west. Burkhart north, Midway and I believe that's Avalon, right?

1079 Mrs. Thornton - Mmhmm.

1081 Mr. Baka - Ok. That's helpful to see. Sorry. I have no further questions of staff. I just wanted to point that out.

Mrs. Thornton - Okay, thank you.

1086 Mr. Baka - Thank you for the maps.

1088 Mrs. Thornton - Mr. Baka, we have a couple people that want...

1090 Mr. Baka - Yeah, we'd like to hear from the folks with concerns in the audience.

Mr. Singal - Hello, my name is, excuse me, my name is Jack Singal. I live at 8807 Watlington Road in the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood that's just immediately south of Derbyshire there. The concerns that I will discuss here are shared by some of my neighbors. And our concerns are related to traffic. Derbyshire Road is a two-lane road with no shoulder and no sidewalks. It is heavily congested. Especially in the morning and afternoon and rush hours and you might be aware that right off of Derbyshire is Maybeury Road and Mooreland. Maybeury serves the Maybeury Elementary School. Mooreland serves the Collegiate School. So, all of those, both of those schools have a large amount of students so there's drop-offs and pickups and backups of cars all through there. I might go so far as to say that Derbyshire must be one of the most heavily trafficked and busiest residential streets in our county. It's a major artery between Parham and Gaskins and it's just overly trafficked. Because it's just one lane in each direction with no shoulders and no sidewalks and because you can see it on the map there, there are no parallel streets

that go through. That's a feature of this neighborhood there's a lot of cul-de-sacs there. So, emergency vehicles that are trying to get through would have to be on Derbyshire and the more it backs up the more they would be stuck. This development would then have all of the increased traffic flowing onto Midway there and then attempting to turn on to Derbyshire at what is an un-signaled intersection. And we are concerned about not just the, not just the increased number of cars for the residents there which I guess would be at least 12 given that they're having two-car, minimum of two-car garages but of course, there would then be all of the delivery vehicles. All of the lawncare crews and everything else that comes with, that comes with increased residents like that. And so, I really encourage the Commission here to consider the unique status of Derbyshire Road as a very heavily trafficked artery for a residential area and has, it has very many driveways along it where the residents are attempting to turn out and turn in and because of the traffic from Maybeury and Collegiate it's just very backed up. So, we feel like adding this many more vehicles that would be attempting to turn from Midway onto Derbyshire at an un-signaled intersection would just compound the problem that's already there and maybe I'll close by quoting from the Master Plan. Which, Article 3 on Zoning Districts. Residential Districts on Section 24-3301 that, under the General Purposes of Residential Districts Item D is "provides for safe and efficient movements for vehicles and pedestrians in residential areas." And it's our belief that this rezoning would not do that. It would do the opposite of that. It would impede the safe and efficient movements of vehicles and people and including emergency vehicles and pedestrians. Let me just, I suppose, close with also Derbyshire Road is used by students who are going to Maybeury Elementary and to a lesser extent to Collegiate and so the students walk along it, they cross it, and it adds to the general issue especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Thank vou.

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Mr. Baka - Thank you.

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Mr. Benson -Thank you for your time. My name is William Benson. I live at 514 Wimgrow Road, directly across Derbyshire Road from the proposed development. And I want to echo the sentiments and I'm here with my neighbor across the street, Miller Trevvett here who supports my comments. I want to echo the sentiments of the previous gentleman and not only state that there are students from Maybeury and Collegiate that require transportation to and from school but at Derbyshire Baptist Church directly next door to this property for which I'm a member. And they host other schools there as a result of their capacity and the desire of those schools to set to set up their facilities there and so the trend is for there to be more students in that direct area, more transportation of taking students back and forth along Derbyshire and essentially directly next door Derbyshire Baptist Church which with the dwindling numbers of members is increasing its ability to host students for pre-school and elementary school there. For 75 years there was a single dwelling on that property. It faced Derbyshire, it looked nice, and it complemented the neighborhood. And now we're being asked to accept a high-density six-dwelling development that we've been told the minimum square footage is 2500 square feet. Which is the average square footage of the surrounding homes, but we were

never told what the exact square footage would be. If it goes to 3000 square feet or 3500 square feet which it looks like it is from those photographs, then that development is going to dwarf the size of the homes in the surrounding area and clearly offset the aesthetics of it. Not only that, we're going to be looking at the back of those homes off of Derbyshire not the front of those homes like we've been traditionally seeing with the single dwelling that's there right now. So, in my opinion, it's like putting 10lbs of sand in a 5lb bag. The density of this housing exceeds the aesthetics in that of the neighborhood. It increases the traffic. You've got a school next door at Derbyshire Baptist Church and everybody's going to be looking at the backs of those homes driving down Derbyshire. It's also because they look fairly high, all two stories minimum two car garage. You're looking at extra noise bouncing off between the back of those homes and the homes across the street and that's not insignificant at night when the Harley's come down Derbyshire. So, I just don't think it fits the neighborhood. It's too big. I'm hearing \$950,000 per dwelling. The average price of our dwellings in that neighborhood is \$250,000. Just do the math here. Three times the value probably 50% larger. That's just going to stick out like a sore thumb. I think there's something to be said about appropriate size housing that fits that of the neighborhood that is surrounding it. And that's not what we're getting here. We're getting into McMansion territory, and it seems a little over the top for what our neighborhood has sustained for the last 60-75 years. I want to thank you for your time.

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Mrs. Thornton - Thank you.

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Mrs. Thornton - Anybody have any questions?

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Mr. Baka - Madam Chair. I'd like to hear I guess from a couple people.
I'd like to hear from the applicant and then after that I have a couple questions perhaps for the county's traffic engineer.

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1188 Mr. Baka - Would you be able to address some of the concerns that were raised by the citizens?

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Ms. Lacy Yes, absolutely. Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Planning Commission. My name is Kim Lacy. I'm not Andy Condlin. I am one of his law partners here tonight with Brad Groome and Ed Hofmann. I certainly thank everyone for coming out and expressing your concerns. First, in terms of traffic as Mr. McDowell pointed out. This is currently zoned R-2 where we're permitted by right to develop five lots on the property now. We're asking to rezone to R-3 which will provide one additional lot so really, we're talking about a change from five lots to six lcts. So, for one additional lot.

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And also, there's no access on Derbyshire into this subdivision and in terms of safety, we did proffer the addition of a sidewalk along the north side of Derbyshire Road. So, this will increase safe pedestrian movement in the area. There were some concerns that there was an already existing condition where you have a lot of walkers in the area, and they don't have a sidewalk to walk on. And so, we are proffering construction of a sidewalk for them. And also, in terms of the homes, there's a 25-foot buffer along Derbyshire Road. This is a proffered condition with a transitional buffer 35 plus a decorative fence which will provide a buffer with landscaping and vegetation. So, with that I think that addresses really most of the community concerns at this point. Do you want me to go ahead with the presentation that I have?

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Thank you Mr. Baka. So, Mr. McDowell already very well went Ms. Lacy through the presentation from staff. We know the property is 2.519 acres in the Tuckahoe district at Derbyshire and Midway Road currently zoned R-2 which permits by right 5 lots as I just mentioned so we're rezoning, to R-3 is the request, to obtain one additional lot. We are in the county Comprehensive Plan designated a Suburban Residential 2 which calls for residential use on the property with a density not to exceed 3.4 units per acre. With our six lots our proposed density is 2.38 units per acre which is well below the Comprehensive Plan of 3.4. Also, as we saw in the zoning map as Mr. Baka pointed out that all of the area surrounding north of Derbyshire Road except for the church property is zoned R-3 currently. And there's also a mix of R-2, R-3 and R-5 in the entire area so this proposal is not only consistent with the Comprehensive Plan but also the surrounding zoning in the area. In this case, we've brought forward substantial proffered conditions with a maximum of six homes, the minimum of 2600 square feet, a two-car garage, the exterior materials are higher grade. It's brick, stone or cementitious siding. There's no vinyl. All the lots will have to be sodded and irrigated - all six lots. And we do have the limited hours of construction as Mr. McDowell explained. Which, also I wanted to add that construction on Sundays is prohibited. And also adding sidewalks which would be built to county standards. In response to the concerns, we added the sidewalk and added the additional proffered conditions as discussed and this case comes before you with staff support. We're in compliance with the county Comprehensive Plan, we're consistent with surrounding zoning and for the addition of one lot we're proffering substantial conditions and we ask that you follow staff recommendation for approval and recommend this case to the Board of Supervisors. Thank you.

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Mrs. Thornton - Thank you. Mr. Baka?

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Mr. Baka - I have no questions of the applicant.

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Mrs. Thornton - Okay. Does anybody have any questions for the applicant?

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Mr. Baka - I do... Thank you very much for your presentation. I do have a question for Mr. Cejka if I could. I appreciate what the applicant had done. Originally there was no sidewalk along Derbyshire but after the community meeting and some input there,

there's now proffered a sidewalk along Derbyshire. So, I have a couple of questions. What are the...there were some concerns in the emails I've received even from a couple of members of the audience here about pedestrians trying to get from the south side of Derbyshire safely across the road so one question is: what's the prospect or possibility for a mid-street crosswalk there to tie in from....

Mr. Cejka - Wimgrow?

1252 Mr. Baka - Wimgrow which intersects Watlington further down from
1253 Wimgrow to a proposed sidewalk that the applicant would put in? And then secondly how
1254 would you address the concerns about the safe and efficient movement of vehicles on
1255 Derbyshire?

Mr. Cejka - Currently Derbyshire Road has between 8,500 and 10,000 cars a day depending on where the traffic counts are located. It can handle over 14,000 cars a day. I understand...I got a couple of photos yesterday and today about the traffic backing up on Derbyshire from Mooreland. That was news to me. I'm glad I got the photos so now we can go out. We'll do some traffic counts out there and possibly adjust the timings accordingly. To alleviate the traffic and backup. I did look at the timings and just glancing at them now, I think they can be changed easily so that would alleviate some of the traffic. I looked at the traffic crashes along Derbyshire the entire length from Gaskins to Parham and this year there have been five for the entire length of the roadway since January. Last year there was 10, the year before there was only three. That's actually not a large amount of crashes for that length of road with 10,000 cars a day basically on it.

Mrs. Thornton - What's the speed limit?

Mr. Cejka - The speed limit's 35.

1273 Mrs. Thornton - 35.

1275 Mr. Cejka - To address the crossing at Wimgrow, the applicant would 1276 have to connect the sidewalk to the pavement by piping in the ditch or somehow. I don't 1277 do piping, connect the sidewalk to the pavement so it would be ADA accessible. So 1278 anybody that would be in a wheelchair, a bike or a stroller, whatever could cross. Once 1279 that's done the county could come in and we'll put in a cross walk with pedestrian crossing 1280 signs.

Mr. Baka - So, the applicant would have to do that...pardon me for interrupting on the north and south side?

1285 Mr. Cejka - Just the north side.

1287 Mr. Baka - Just the north?



Mr. Cejka - Yeah, the sidewalk that they've proffered would just have to connect with the asphalt at Derbyshire and Wimgrow.

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Mr. Cejka - Yes, I'm sorry. I tried to do it. So, I guess they're proffering a sidewalk along here, we'll put a crossing here. We can't put in the crosswalk and have a pedestrian or an ADA accessible, not having ADA accessible ramp going into a ditch. Now, if you had if you're in a wheelchair or a walker or you had a stroller if you went from Wimgrow trying to cross the street to get to the sidewalk they'll have no way to get to the sidewalk. They'd have to walk down the street to come over here so that's why a crosswalk isn't installed today.

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Mrs. Thornton - Is there a need? Is there a lot of people that cross right there?

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Mr. Baka - I was there this morning.

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1306 Mr. Cejka - I was told there was a lot of children who cross at that point.

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No, to go to Maybeury actually. So, two items. To answer your Mr. Baka question Madam Chair. I've received emails from Ms. Compton and others, and I believe the gentleman here on Watlington that a number of students will come up there to go to Maybeury and secondly, I was there this morning for better or worse I was there the other day at 8:30. I was told that was too late. So, I was there at 7:55, 8:00 am this morning and at Midway and Derbyshire and pulled off. And it backed up in front of Hunter School at Derbyshire Church. It backed up a good ways there. That's good to hear that you said you might be able to look at the signal timings and perhaps adjust that because when I left Midway this morning after 8:00 and went down to Mooreland there was a hold up at that light, at Mooreland with all the parents heading to Collegiate and that way so I had the opportunity to see that in person. So, the crosswalk could go in after a sidewalk is installed and I guess a separate question I may have for the applicant later would be, since the sidewalk is part of a buffer, the buffer would be part of the trees separate, somewhat separated, from the development of the property. I can come back to that question in a minute for the applicant. I'm wondering if the sidewalk could be installed sooner rather than later, and I don't know the timing of all that. But, let me come back to that in a minute. So, Mr. Cejka if there's 8,500 to 10,000 cars a day. I think the real concern is not the overall volume of the day or ADT, it's the peak hour impact and afternoons I bet you are spread out more but Hunter, the staff was able to find out I think Hunter starts around 8:00 am, Collegiate starts around 8:30 although Collegiate many people come in at different times so it's more than peak hour impact that I would just encourage you to try to find ways to address. With this zoning case right here if I'm

understanding correctly. Five lots are allowed by right in R-2. We're literally here talking 1334 y'all about one additional lot tonight, so it's keeping that in perspective. 1335 1336 Yep 1337 Mr. Ceika -1338 Mr. Thornton -How much traffic does it yield typically do you see? 1339 1340 Mr. Ceika -One additional house would be roughly 11 cars. Eleven trips 1341 which would be five in, five out, five in, six out. Peak hours you're going to have one, 1342 possibly two. Keep in mind some people go to work before the peak hour and some 1343 people go to work after the peak hour. So, that's why it's only one or two. 1344 1345 Mr. Baka -And I guess for the Commission's sake I point out Madam 1346 Chair that the Commission's the recipient of 18 or 19 proffers for that one additional lot. 1347 1348 1349 Mrs. Thornton -Right. 1350 Mr. Baka -There was an advantage there. 1351 1352 Mrs. Thornton -Right. 1353 1354 Mr. Baka -No further questions for Mr. Ceika. I guess I do have one 1355 follow-up question for the applicant then sorry. Apologies. About the timing of the sidewalk 1356 and how soon could that be installed while the construction phase is underway? 1357 1358 Yes. We were just discussing something to the effect of 1359 Ms. Lacy proffering phasing in terms of adding the sidewalk prior to the issuance of the first 1360 certificate of occupancy, prior to the first COO. 1361 1362 Ok. In your housing construction phase I mean the Mr. Baka -1363 construction process is about how many months? Is it six, nine, 12 months give or take? 1364 1365 Ms. Lacy -About six. 1366 1367 Mr. Baka -Just trying to get an understanding of how long the 1368 construction process would be for six houses so the neighbors have some idea of what 1369 might be there. 1370 1371 Mr. Groome -My name is Brad Groome with Bradford Homes. We own the 1372 property here before us tonight. And so, in terms of the timing, the timeline to build a 1373 home is about six months. And I guess going through the development process, the plan 1374 process you know, once zoning occurs, is probably about nine months, and then as the 1375 development is going in, in terms of the asphalt and putting in the road and the curb and 1376 1377 gutter that's when we would look at prepping and installing the sidewalk as well. 1378

Mr. Baka - Ok. Thank you very much. I'm prepared to make a motion. I don't have any more questions at this time.

Mrs. Thornton - Ok. Does anybody else have any comments or questions?

Mr. Baka - I appreciate the concerns of many citizens involved. I realize we're talking about the incremental increase from five lots that could be built without any proffers or six lots that could be built with proffers with a sidewalk built by the applicant and extra steps for the county to put it a striped crosswalk. I guess also with safety reflective signs for safety's sake. I'll continue to ask Mr. Cejka to look at the timing intervals on the lights and understand that there is a great deal of traffic there in the am peak hour rush but at the same time when you look at the Comprehensive Plan map it's planned for single-family residential there. When you look at the zoning map, R-3 zoning seems to fit there so with that I would, Madam Chair, I move that we recommend approval of REZ2022-00028, Bradford Homes, Inc. to the Board of Supervisors with the revised proffers dated September 13, 2022.

Mr. Mackey - Second.

Mrs. Thornton - We have a motion by Mr. Baka, a second by Mr. Mackey. All in favor say aye.

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Mrs. Thornton - All opposed? Motion passes.

Aye.

REASON: Acting on a motion by Mr. Baka, seconded by Mr. Mackey, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (one abstention) to recommend the Board of Supervisors grant the request because it reflects the Comprehensive Plan and zoning of the area, and the proffered conditions will provide appropriate quality assurances not otherwise available.

Mr. Emerson - Madam Chair, that case will also move forward to the Board of Supervisors at their October 11th meeting. Moving on your agenda to page two the next item we have this evening is a discussion item. The Commission again it's to discuss scheduling a work session potentially for your October 13th meeting to review materials related to the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. We may or may not need this, but I did want you to note it on your schedule. A lot of it depends on the timing of the receipt of these reports that we'd like to go over with you as you heard this earlier this evening, but I believe we could start at 6:00pm as we did this evening if that meets with your schedules.

Mr. Mackey - Yeah.

Mrs. Thornton - Ok. Is everybody okay with six pm?

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1432	Mr. Emerson -	Alright, well thank you. If you'll just hold that we'll firm that up
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1446	Mrs. Thornton -	We have a motion by Mr. Mackey a second by Mr. Baka. All
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