1 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF 2 HENRICO COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN THE 3 GOVERNMENT CENTER AT PARHAM AND HUNGARY SPRING ROADS, ON 4 THURSDAY MAY 23, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M., NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN 5 THE *RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH* MAY 13, 2024 AND MAY 20, 2024.

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| 8 | Members Present: | Walter L. Johnson, Jr., Chair |
| 9 | | Terrell A. Pollard, Vice-Chair |
| 10 | | Terone B. Green |
| 11 | | Barry R. Lawrence |
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| 15 | Also Present: | Leslie A. News, Assistant Director of Planning |
| 16 | | Benjamin Blankinship, Secretary |
| 17 | | Paul M. Gidley, County Planner |
| 18 | | Sara Rozmus, County Planner |
| 19 | | Janaya Poarch, Accounting Clerk |
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| 23 | Mr. Johnson - | Good morning and welcome to the May 23rd meeting of the |
| 24 | Henrico County Board | of Zoning Appeals. For all that are able, will you please stand and |
| 25 | join us in the Pledge of | Allegiance. |

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[Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance]

Mr. Johnson And again, good morning. Mr. Blankinship will you now read
 our rules?

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32 Mr. Blankinship-Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. Good morning to everyone with us today. I'd also like to welcome everyone who is joining us on 33 Webex today. If you are only going to observe the meeting and do not intend to speak, 34 then welcome and thank you for joining us. For those of you on Webex who would like to 35 36 speak, we need to know that in advance so that we can connect you at the appropriate time. So, if you are an applicant, or if you have guestions or comments on one of the 37 cases, please press the chat button now. It's located on the bottom right corner of the 38 screen, and when the chat window opens, please select Janya Poarch from the list of 39 participants and let her know your name and which case you're interested in. The chat 40 feature will only be used to identify speakers. So, please do not type questions or 41 42 comments into a chat. But please send a chat to Janya Poarch now.

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So, for those in the room, again, as Secretary, I will call each case and will ask everyone
 in the room who intends to speak to that case to stand and be sworn in. Then a member
 of the Planning Department staff will give a brief presentation on the case. Then the

applicant will give their presentation. Then anyone else who wishes to speak, in favor or 47 in opposition, will be given the opportunity. We will hear from the people in the room first, 48 and then from those on Webex. After everyone has had a chance to speak the applicant, 49 and only the applicant, will have an opportunity for rebuttal. 50 51 This meeting is being recorded. So, for those of you in the room, we will ask you to speak 52 directly into the microphone on the lectern there in the back of the room. Please state 53 your name. And please spell your last name so we get it correctly in the record. Once 54 vour case is over, you're free to leave, there's no need for you to stay until the end of the 55 meeting. 56 57 And with that Mr. Chair, we have one withdrawal this morning. 58 59 CUP-2023-100176 - Juan Manuel Magana: conditional use permit to allow an 60 accessory dwelling unit above a garage at 10505 Gayton Road, Canterbury, 61 Tuckahoe. Parcel 742-745-5373. Zoning: R-2, One-Family Residence District. Code 62 Section: 24-4406. 63 64 Mr. Blankinship-If anyone is here for Conditional Use Permit 2023-100176, 65 Juan Manuel Magana, a conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit above 66 a garage at 10505 Gayton Road, in Canterbury, in the Tuckahoe Magisterial District. That 67 case has been withdrawn, so it will not be heard this morning. 68 69 We also have two requests for deferral. 70 71 CUP-2024-100551 - Chris Pollock: conditional use permit to allow an accessory 72 dwelling unit at 7602 Hampshire Road, Westham, Tuckahoe. Parcel 761-737-2445. 73 Zoning: R-3, One-Family Residence District. Code Section: 24-4406. 74 75 The first is Conditional Use Permit 2024-100551, Chris 76 Mr. Blankinship-Pollock: at 7602 Hampshire Road in Westham in the Tuckahoe Magisterial District. Is the 77 applicant in the room this morning? Okay. This is the one with the accessory dwelling unit 78 that's close to the rear vard and the neighbors expressed concerns. One group went on 79 vacation one week and the others went on vacation the next week. So, they hadn't had 80 an opportunity to meet up with the neighbors. So, they have asked for another month to 81 continue working with the neighbors to resolve their concerns. So, a motion would be in 82 order. 83 84 Mr. Johnson-85 Okay. 86 Mr. Johnson-It's his. 87 88 You want to make a motion on 551? Mr. Blankinship-89 90 Sorry, yes, I would move that we defer. 91 Mr. Broadway-92

| Mr. Pollard- | Isecond | | |
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| Mr. Johnson- | All in favor say, Aye. | | |
| Board- | Aye. | | |
| Mr. Johnson- | All opposed? None. | | |
| Mr. Blankinship- | And that'll be to June 27th. | | |
| Mr. Johnson- | Okay. | | |
| | lway, seconded by Mr. Green, the Board deferred case CUP- ne 27, 2024 meeting. | | |
| Affirmative: Negative: Absent: | Broadway, Green, Johnson, Lawrence, Pollard 5 0 0 | | |
| front and side yards at | LLC: conditional use permit to build a sports court in the 8901 Brieryle Road, Mooreland Farms, Tuckahoe. Parcel R-1, One-Family Residence District. Code Section: 24- | | |
| Mr. Blankinship- It's Conditional Use Permit 2024-100759 TB3, LLC.: at 8901 Brieryle Road, Mooreland Farms, in the Tuckahoe Magisterial District. The applicant and her contract are both present if the Board has any questions. But this is a similar situation where sor of the neighbors had expressed concerns, and they have been working with t neighbors. They have reached agreement with many of them, but they want to, they ju submitted revised plans on Monday. So, we haven't had time to give them a full revise and we'd like to have that additional month to continue resolving the neighbor's concern | | | |
| Mr. Johnson- | Okay. | | |
| Mr. Broadway- member of the Board has | Mr. Chairman, I would also move for deferral, unless some a question for the applicants. | | |
| Mr. Pollard- | Second. | | |
| Mr. Broadway- | If not, I would go ahead and approve the deferral. | | |
| Mr. Johnson- | It's been motioned and seconded. All in favor say, Aye. | | |
| | Mr. Johnson- Board- Mr. Johnson- Mr. Blankinship- Mr. Johnson- On a motion by Mr. Broad 2024-100551 until the Ju Affirmative: Negative: Absent: CUP-2024-100759 - TB3 front and side yards at 747-733-0150. Zoning: 4404.A.1. Mr. Blankinship- It's Conditional Use Pe Mooreland Farms, in the are both present if the Boa of the neighbors had ex neighbors. They have rea submitted revised plans o and we'd like to have that a Mr. Johnson- Mr. Broadway- member of the Board has Mr. Pollard- Mr. Broadway- | | |

| 139 | Board- | Aye. |
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| 141 | Mr. Johnson- | All opposed? None. Motion passed. |
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| 143 | | way, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board deferred case CUP- |
| 144 | 2024-100759 until the Ju | ne 27, 2024 meeting. |
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| 147 | Affirmative: | Broadway, Green, Johnson, Lawrence, Pollard 5 |
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| 152 | Mr. Blankinship- | Alright, so the first case to actually be heard this morning will |
| 153 | | mit 2024-100689, Liza Yusufi: a conditional use permit to |
| 154 | | lay home at 5417 Wintergreen Road, in the Winterberry |
| 155 | Subdivision, in the Brookla | ind Magisterial District. |
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| 157 | | usufi: conditional use permit to operate a large family day |
| 158 | | een Road, Winterberry, Brookland. Parcel 755-768-3685. |
| 159 | Zoning: R-3C, One-Famil | y Residence District (Conditional). Code Section: 24-4205. |
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| 161 | Mr. Blankinship- | Would everyone who intends to speak to this case please |
| 162 | | se your right hand please. Do you swear the testimony you are |
| 163 | • | the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? |
| 164 | | be seated. In a minute, you'll be back at the podium, but for |
| 165 | now Miss Rozmus. | |
| 166 | Ms. Rozmus- | Thank you Mr. Socretary Members of the Board good |
| 167 168 | | Thank you Mr. Secretary. Members of the Board, good is for a conditional use permit to operate a large family day |
| 169 | | he home is located in the Winterberry Subdivision at 5417 |
| 170 | | ome was built in 1997 and purchased by the Yusufis in 2021. It |
| 171 | • | itions set in the 1995 rezoning, but are not applicable to this |
| 172 | | een operating a Small Family Day Home in their house since |
| 172 | | ported from the HOA or surrounding neighbors. They have a |
| 174 | | ey stager drop-off and pickup. During the day, their operating |
| 175 | | 00 p.m. But they stager those drop-offs and pickups so that |
| 176 | | n. The home is located near the beginning, or the entrance of |
| 177 | • | in so traffic flow is pretty easy, in and out. All sides of the rear |
| 178 | - | sed with a fence. On the left side is a privacy fence, and on the |
| 179 | | r fence. I will just point out that staff did receive a call from a |
| 180 | | t children playing in the street, on the cul-de-sac. However, |
| 181 | - | cul-de-sac. This is an adjacent neighbor just around the corner. |
| 182 | | has been operating a successful Small Family Day Home in |
| 183 | | with no impact. Childcare is a vital community service and Mrs. |

184 Yusufi is very experienced and educated in childhood development. Staff has found no 185 detrimental impact to the surrounding area and recommends approval of this request.

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| 187 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Any questions? |
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| 189 190 | Mr. Lawrence- | I have a question, Mr. Chair. |
| 190 191 192 | Ms. Rozmus- | Can I answer any questions? |
| 192 193 194 | Mr. Johnson- | Any questions? |
| 195 196 197 | Mr. Lawrence- from the applicant. | I would like to ask a question, Mr. Chairman, before we hear |
| 198 199 | Mr. Johnson- | Go ahead. |
| 200 201 202 203 | | The staff report indicates that the lots in this neighborhood, n't think it's just this lot, but all the lots in this neighborhood are g to, what is it, R-3 zoning? |
| 203 204 205 | Ms. Rozmus- | Yes. |
| 206 207 208 | Mr. Lawrence- have a neighborhood dev | I'm a little curious as to how that came about. How do you elop that doesn't comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements? |
| 209 210 211 | Ms. Rozmus- because I don't know. | That's a great question. I'm going to refer to Ben for that |
| 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 | which was a feature in ou controlled density develo removed that provision experiences that I won't developed under those p | Well, it did comply at the time that it was developed. That's ather than unlawful. This was a controlled density development, r code from, I want to say, 1969 until 2001. After 2001, no more pments were approved. And with the 2021 code update we entirely from the code because we had some negative belabor the Board with. So, there are subdivisions that were rovisions at the time. So, of course, they continue to operate were in effect when they were established. |
| 221 222 223 | Mr. Lawrence- frontage? | So, is the only non-corforming aspect of the property the |
| 224 225 | Mr. Blankinship- | I think it's |
| 226 227 | Ms. Rozmus- | Yeah, I think it's the width. |
| 228 229 | Mr. Lawrence- | This is, what, 70 feet and the ordinance requires 75 or 80? |
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| 231 232 | Mr. Blankinship- | I believe it is 80. | |
| 232 233 234 | Ms. Rozmus- | I think 80, yeah. | |
| 235 236 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. | |
| 237 238 239 | Mr. Lawrence- questions. | Let's hear from the applicant, Mr. Chairman, if nobody has any | |
| 240 241 | Mr. Johnson- | Thank you. We'll now hear from the applicant. | |
| 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 | almost nine years in child of So, since 2021, we got zon our home, with no inciden time, we manage to Bec our cars in the garage and in the past two years. And think that's a need in our of and explained. They had s that they are supporting of we have the plan to talk we care to monitor our pickup | Yes. My name is Najeebullah Yusufi, presenting this is for my ildcare I can not say business, but she has experience of development. She was working with different childcare centers. ning approval up to five kids. So, we have our own business in nts. Currently we have four kids. So, the pickup and drop-off ause we have four car driveway and a garage. So, we can park have four spaces in our driveway. We didn't have any incidents also, there were no complaints. The HOA is supporting us. I community. The HOA reached out to us, and we talked to them ome questions from the neighbors, and then they sent an email ur business. So, I don't think there's anything, any issue. Still, ith families. And in case we have 12 kids, a Large Family Day o and drop-off in a way that they should not come all together. inutes, or maybe 20 minutes based on their timing to see that r neighborhood. | |
| 258 259 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Any other questions for the applicant? | |
| 260 261 262 | Mr. Lawrence- question. | Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Or you go ahead if you have a | |
| 263 264 | Mr. Johnson- | Go ahead. | |
| 265 266 267 | Mr. Lawrence- are, that you all watch? | Sir, could you enlighten us as to what the ages of the children | |
| 268 269 270 | 0 | So, the age of the kids that we have, because we are also nty, the four kids that we have are all subsidized. So, we are om babies at 12 weeks to 12 years. | |
| 271 272 273 | Mr. Blankinship- | Full range there. That would basically be | |
| 273 274 275 | Mr. Lawrence- | Yeah. So, pre-school through elementary school age? | |

276 Mr. Yusufi-277 to support the community and consider their needs as well.

Mr. Lawrenceworked out for staggering the children, which lightens the impact on the neighborhood. Which sounds like a good plan. Staggering five children is probably somewhat less challenging than staggering 12 children. How do you plan to address that?

Mr. Yusufito eight kids, but still we needed this approval. But in the future, we will hire more teachers and staff, so they also assist us. I am assisting my wife in terms of logistics, like arrangements and planning. Currently we have two families. Three kids belong to one family. So, we might have another family with two kids, or three kids, that we can accommodate them easily.

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291 Mr. Lawrence- Okay. Thank you.

293 Mr. Johnson- Okay.

- 294 Mr. Green-You know, as long as I've been on here, we've heard these 295 cases. It's the first time I've heard staff being complimentary of their staggering of children. 296 And obviously, it's not happening in other areas. And even though it's not happening in 297 other areas, not staggering doesn't seem to be problematic. Because we never had 298 complaints about that. So, you know, I'm going to compliment him on staggering. And 299 even if they went away from that, that's no different than what's happening across the 300 county with other families. Just, this is the first time I've heard them compliment for that. 301 302
- Mr. Johnson- And you're basically going to be keeping about six children? And you said that's going to be on the first floor?
- Mr. Yusufikids ... our plan that we could manage, then we can go up to 12. But currently the plan is between six to eight.

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| 310 | Mr. Johnson- | Six to eight. Okay. |
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| 312 | Mr. Johnson- | Any other questions for the applicant? |
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| 314 | Mr. Lawrence- | I just had one more question for staff, Mr. Chairman. |
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| 316 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Thank you. |
| 317 318 | Mr. Lawrence- | Have we received any concerns or opposition from any of the |
| 318 | neighbors? | have we received any concerns or opposition from any of the |
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Ms. Rozmus-321 Just the one. A gentleman called, who's is down the street, and his concern was children playing in the cul-de-sac. Which I don't even know if it is 322 directly related, so. 323 324 325 Mr. Lawrence-Well, just to respond to that concern, this house is located... It's the second house in the subdivision and there's an older house on the corner that's 326 not part of the subdivision, it has a pool in the back. And then there is one house and then 327 this house. And it's a pretty good trek down the road before you hit the cul-de-sac. So, I'd 328 be very surprised if this property had anything to do with cul-de-sac children. Did they say 329 what the ages were of the ...? 330 331 Ms. Rozmus-332 They did say they were teenagers, so... 333 Mr. Lawrence-That would also, if we're looking at preschool to 12 years, that 334 335 would be unlikely that any of those folks would be associated with this property. 336 Was this also the one where the Homeowners Association 337 Mr. Blankinshipcontacted you to discuss the limits on the number of children? 338 339 Ms. Rozmus-340 They did not. 341 That was a different one. 342 Mr. Blankinship-343 That was a different one, yeah. I didn't get contacted by the Ms. Rozmus-344 HOA, but I do know that the Yusufis reached out to the HOA, and I have proof that they 345 are informed and are fine with the project. 346 347 Mr. Blankinship-Okay. I had it confused with another case. 348 349 And just to clarify for any citizens that might be here, are Mr. Lawrence-350 listening, or are interested in this case. Of course you have to have a State, is it Health 351 Department permit? 352 353 Ms. Rozmus-It's Social Services? 354 355 It used to be Social Services, but now I think it's Education. Mr. Blankinship-356 357 Mr. Yusufi-Education. 358 359 Mr. Lawrence-Education Permit. But in terms of the County's involvement, if 360 you have five or fewer children the County has no jurisdiction over that, right? 361 362 Correct. Yes. Ms. Rozmus-363 364 Mr. Lawrence-What triggers the conditional use permit is when you exceed 365 that five-person threshold? 366

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| 368 | Ms. Rozmus- | Six, yeah. |
| 369 | Mr. Pollard- | Six or more. |
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| 372 373 | Mr. Blankinship- | But the maximum is 12. We can not approve more than 12. |
| 374 375 | Mr. Lawrence- | Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. |
| 376 377 | Mr. Johnson- Anyone else wish to spea | Okay. Any other questions for the applicant? None. Okay. k in opposition or favor? |
| 378 379 | Mr. Blankinship- | There's no one on Webex. |
| 380 381 382 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Alright. Thank you. |
| 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390 391 | what he's proposing to do Road so I think the traffic of parking in his driveway, I don't think. Having said permit subject to the co Comprehensive Plan and | Mr. Chairman, the number of children gives me a little bit of he neighbors support what the applicant is doing currently and b. It is close to the front of the subdivision right off Springfield impact will be minimal. I've seen the property. He's got plenty so there shouldn't be any issue of cars lining up on the street, all that, I'd like to move that we approve this conditional use onditions recommended by staff. It is consistent with the I the Zoning Ordinance. The location is suitable for a Large need rear yard will protect the neighbors. |
| 392 393 394 | Mr. Pollard- | Second. |
| 395 396 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. It's been motioned and seconded. All in favor say, Aye. |
| 397 398 | Board- | Aye. |
| 399 400 | Mr. Johnson- | All opposed? None. Motion Passed. |
| 401 402 403 | On a motion by Mr. Lawre 2024-100689 subject to the | nce, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board approved case CUP - ne following conditions: |
| 404 405 406 407 | 1. This conditional use per regulations of the County | ermit authorizes a large family day home. All other applicable Code remain in force. |
| 408 409 | 2. All vehicles associated on the right-of-way of Win | with the family day home must be parked on the property, not tergreen Road. |
| 410 411 412 | 3. Hours of operation are | limited to Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. |
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Affirmative: 414 Broadway, Green, Johnson, Lawrence, Pollard 5 Negative: 415 0 Absent: 416 0 417 418 419 Mr. Blankinship-The next case is Conditional Use Permit CUP-2024-100767, Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC: a conditional use permit to extract materials from the 420 421 earth at 11400 Staples Mill Road, in the Brookland Magisterial District. 422 CUP-2024-100767 - Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC: conditional use permit to 423 424 extract materials from the earth at 11400 Staples Mill Road, Brookland, Parcels 756-425 773-3302 and 759-773-4746. Zoning: A-1, Agricultural District and M-2, General Industrial District. Code Section: 24-4205 and 24-4327. 426 427 Mr. Blankinship-428 Would everyone who intends to speak to this case please 429 stand and be sworn in. Do you swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Thank you. Mr. Gidley. 430 431 432 Mr. Gidley-Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of the Board. The subject property is located near the intersection of I-295 and Staples 433 Mill Road. The property first received a conditional use permit for use as a guarry back in 434 1965. The way this operates is granite is removed from the walls of the guarry and then 435 it's taken to an area where it's washed, crushed, and sorted into various sizes for sale to 436 contractors and customers. In 1991, this area here, where the washing crushing and 437 sorting occurs, was rezoned M-2C General industrial District, and it received Plan of 438 Development approval. So, this aspect of the operation is no longer subject to the 439 conditional use permit. Over the years, approval has been given to expand the quarry in 440 both area and depth. Currently it is approved for its current size of 89 acres with a depth 441 of 300 feet. Back in 2005, following the construction of new subdivisions across I-295, the 442 County did receive several complaints regarding blasting on the site. In response to this, 443 444 this Board held a Show Cause Hearing and the applicant agreed to change the way that they blast. Shortly afterwards a recession hit and blasting activity essentially ceased. 445 Since then, the use permit has been renewed three times with essentially the same 446 conditions. There have been no complaints regarding the guarry since 2006. 447 448 In Evaluating this request, the site is zoned A-1 Agriculture, except for the crushing 449 facilities which are zoned M-2C. Quarries are permitted in the A-1 district with a 450 conditional use permit. The surrounding uses include the Chickahominy River to the 451 north, Staples Mill Road to the east, I-295 to the south, and the old county landfill to the 452 west. So, there are some pretty good buffers around the site. Traffic exits the site onto 453

454 Staples Mill Road where there is a signaled intersection, and the signaled intersection 455 does help reduce any traffic impact from the quarry. With regard to health safety and 456 welfare, the working quarry is approximately a thousand feet from the nearest dwellings. 457 As mentioned at one time blasting was an issue with these residents, but following 458 changes made by the operator, again, there have been no complaints for the past 18

years. Finally, a reclamation plan showed the site will end up as an 89-acre lake
surrounded by permanent vegetation.
In conclusion, the quarry has been in operation since 1965. Other than blasting related

in conclusion, the quarry has been in operation since 1965. Other than blasting related
 issues back in 2005, which were corrected by the applicant, there have been no
 complaints. As a result, staff can recommend approval of this request subject to the
 conditions in your staff reports. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer those.
 Thank you.

468 Mr. Johnson-

Okay. Any questions for the staff?

Mr. LawrenceGidley, the staff report mentions that this is the only rock quarry located in Henrico County.
I know there's a quarry on Pouncey Tract Road. I can't remember if that's Vulcan or might
be Luckstone. Is that quarry not, is that in Hanover and not Henrico?

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Mr. Gidley- I think that's Goochland where it's at.

477 Mr. Lawrence- Or Goochland?

479 Mr. Gidley- That's correct.

Mr. Lawrence- Okay, because it's really close to the line, I know.

483 Mr. Gidley- That is.

I used to take my kids there to do a little fishing and hanging Mr. Lawrence-485 out. But we were actually in a different county. Yeah, I'm not sure I knew that, but okay, 486 thank you for clarifying that. The second guestion I have is the neighborhood that I believe 487 that was most directly affected by the blasting before, and I very well remember that 488 working for the County. Those discussions came up back in 2005 or so, four or five. The 489 490 neighborhood that was most directly affected was Hartley Plantation. They are right across interstate 295. Do you recall what year that neighborhood began development? 491 492

Mr. Gidley I don't right offhand, but a lot of those neighborhoods were
 built, you know, around 2000. And so, as they came into development, all of a sudden,
 you know, we started getting complaints.

497 Mr. Lawrence-498 I think it was in the, maybe the latter port of the 1990s. And 498 when was the quarry established?

500 Mr. Gidley- 1965.

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| 502 | Mr. Lawrence- | So, | the | quarry | preceded | the | neighborhood | by | at | least | 30 |
| 503 | years or so. | | | | | | | | | | |
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505 Mr. Blankinship-The quarry preceded I-295. In the old records it's known as the Springfield Road Quarry because you used to take Springfield Road all the way up to 506 this property. 507 508 Mr. Lawrence-Okay. 509 510 511 Mr. Blankinship-Stone from the quarry was used in the construction of I-295. 512 513 Mr. Lawrence-Okay. Interesting. Yeah, I guess that was before my time in Henrico. And the other question I have is, and I guess I was aware of this, but was 514 reminded in the staff report that the Jones family, and they in fact, still own property in 515 516 that area. In fact, they own property at the end of the street I live on. But the Jones family 517 has a cemetery located between the Landfill and the guarry. And have we ever received any concerns from the Jones's about any of the blasting activity disrupting, you know, the 518 519 cemetery? I'm thinking in terms of, you know, like, tombstones being cracked or that sort of thing. Have we ever received any sort of concerns or complaints to your knowledge? 520 521 Mr. Gidley-I've never heard of any. 522 523 524 Mr. Blankinship-To answer your earlier question, Mr. Lawrence, the houses directly across the interstate were built between 1994 and 2001. 525 526 Okay. That's all I had for staff. Thank you, Mr. Gidley. 527 Mr. Lawrence-528 529 Mr. Gidley-Yes, sir. 530 Okay. Other than the 2005 issue, there haven't been any other Mr. Johnson-531 532 complaints? 533 Mr. Gidley-No, sir. 534 535 536 Mr. Blankinship-Actually, I had a phone call yesterday from a neighbor who said he was thinking about coming this morning to speak in support, but he didn't rise 537 when we called for speakers, so I guess he had other commitments. 538 539 Mr. Johnson-Okay, we'll now hear from the applicant. 540 541 542 Mr. Wilson-Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Mr. Secretary. I'm Jack Wilson and I represent Vulcan in connection with this conditional use 543 permit renewal. We fully agree with the staff report and the staff presentation. Agreeance 544 in with the conditions that are proposed in the staff report, those are the conditions that 545 we've been operating under, I believe, since the 2006 renewal, again without incidents, 546 so we would just ask for your favorable vote, and I'd be happy to answer any questions 547 548 that I can regarding the application. 549 Mr. Johnson-Okay, any questions for the applicant? 550

551 552 Mr. Lawrence-I have a question for the applicant, Mr. Chairman. 553 Mr. Johnson-554 Okay. 555 Mr. Lawrence-Sir, the, the staff report, obviously, the conditional use permit 556 is for an extension of five years, and it provides it... The staff report, you know, references 557 finishing excavation in 2029 and then reclamation being completed by 2030. Is that the 558 plan? Do you expect the quarry will reach its end life in that time period, or is that just 559 part of the condition and that requires coming back for an extension? 560 561 Mr. Wilson-The latter, sir. Yeah, so the, the plan, the quarry has several 562 decades worth of reserves depending on economic conditions and demand. But those 563 564 conditions are related since the permit's only good for five years. If the permit were not to be renewed in 2029, then the reclamation would be required to begin and be completed 565 within a year. But at this point we would anticipate being back in, probably won't be me, 566 but back in 2029 seeking a renewal of it again. 567 568 May not be either of us, we'll see how things go! I wanted to Mr. Lawrence-569 compliment you on the appearance of the property too. I rode back there recently, and I 570 hadn't been back there in years, but I probably only live maybe a mile or two as the crow 571 572 flies from the property and I'd almost forgotten you all were there to be honest with you. And certainly, appreciate the efforts you all made back in 2005. Because I know there 573 574 were some concerns in the neighborhood, and you all addressed those and I'm really happy to hear that the neighbors seem satisfied and we haven't had any issues since that 575 time. So that's been what almost 20 years ago. 576 577 Mr. Wilson-That's why I've got gray hair, probably from that process. 578 579 Mr. Wilson-But yes, it worked out well and the neighbors were very 580 cooperative, and we were pleased that we were able to address their concerns then. And 581 obviously have operated since then without any concerns since then. We're cognizant of 582 the neighbors and their concerns and address them wherever we can. 583 584 Mr. Lawrence-Very good. And that property I think is going to be a valuable 585 property too, given where it's situated and the appearance of it, so. Be interesting to see 586 what happens post quarry, but it sounds like that'll be sometime down the road. 587 588 Mr. Wilson-589 I believe so. 590 So, Mr. Chairman, that's all I had for the applicant. You might 591 Mr. Lawrencewant to check if anybody else has any questions, maybe check and see if there's any 592 opposition. 593 594 Mr. Johnson-They have power driven machinery? 595 596

Mr. Wilson-There is related, I mean, you've got, you know, vehicles, 597 loaders that move the rock, and then you've got the rock crushing operation. But again, I 598 599 think, I believe, and Mr. Gidley could correct me, but I believe all of those are contained within the M, or the industrial portion of the site, which is not related to the conditional use 600 permit. Obviously, it's an integrated system, but it has two separate zoning classifications. 601 602 Mr. Johnson-603 Okay. 604 Mr. Blankinship-The condition is basically that it has to stay where it is. 605 606 Mr. Wilson-Exactly. We can't move off of where it is, yes. 607 608 Mr. Johnson-Oh, okay. Alright, any other questions for the applicant? 609 Anyone else want to speak in opposition? None. Okay. 610 611 Mr. Blankinship-There's no one on Webex. 612 613 Mr. Johnson-614 Okay, thank you. 615 Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion. Given there's no 616 Mr. Lawrencepublic comment on this, I move that we approve this conditional use permit, subject to 617 conditions recommended by the staff. It is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and 618 the Zoning Ordinance. The guarry has been in operation since 1965. The applicant will 619 reclaim the site when extraction is complete. 620 621 622 Mr. Pollard-Second the motion. 623 624 Mr. Johnson-It's been motioned and seconded. All in favor say, Aye. 625 626 Board-Aye. 627 Mr. Johnson-All opposed say, Nay. None. The motion passed. 628 629 On a motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board approved case CUP-630 2024-100767 subject to the following conditions: 631 632 1. This conditional use permit is subject to all requirements of Section 24-4327 of the 633 Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the operation must be conducted in accordance with 634 the plans and narrative submitted with the application and the conditions below. 635 2. The applicant must maintain a financial guaranty in the amount of \$3,000 per acre 636 for each acre of land to be disturbed, for a total of \$267,300, guaranteeing that the 637 land will be restored to a safe, stable, and usable condition. The form of the financial 638 guaranty will be subject to approval by the County Attorney. 639

- If required, the applicant must apply for and obtain approval of revised erosion and sedimentation control plans from the Department of Public Works (DPW).
 Throughout the life of the operation, the applicant must continuously satisfy DPW that erosion and sedimentation control is performed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan. The erosion control bond must remain active throughout the life of the project.
- 4. The applicant must maintain a mine license from the Virginia Department of Mines,
 Minerals and Energy.
- All areas approved for mining under this permit must be marked with metal posts 5
 feet high and 5 inches in diameter, painted in alternating 1-foot stripes of red and white.
- 651 6. The applicant must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and all state 652 and local regulations administered under such act applicable to the property and 653 must provide the Planning Department copies of all reports required by those 654 regulations.
- Hours of operation will be limited to 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday for
 blasting, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday for shipping, and 7:00 am to
 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday for all other operations that are audible at the
 property line. No operations audible at the property line (including blasting and
 shipping) are to be conducted on Sundays or national holidays.
- 8. All access to the property must be from the established entrance onto Staples Mill
 Road as shown on the approved plans. The applicant must maintain the gates at the
 entrance to the property, which must be locked at all times except when authorized
 representatives of the applicant are on the property.
- 9. The existing access road leading from Staples Mill Road to the property must be
 maintained in good repair. All roads used in connection with this use permit must be
 effectively treated to eliminate any dust nuisance in accordance with the latest
 version of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook.
- The applicant must maintain a sign at the entrance to the site stating the name of
 the operator, the use permit number, the mine license number, and the telephone
 number to reach the operator in case of emergency.
- 11. The applicant must maintain a continuous fence around the quarry and must maintain "No Trespassing" signs every 250 feet along the perimeter of the property.
- Trucks must be covered to prevent overloading or spilling of materials onto any
 public road.
- Excavations must be benched in conformance with MSHA and DMME regulations.
 The applicant must maintain the property, fences, and roads in a safe and secure condition.

- All power-driven or power-producing machinery must be located within the boundary
 of the 89-acre disturbed area and must be at least 600 feet from any adjacent
 property.
- 15. Offsite-generated materials must not be deposited on the mining site without prior
 written approval of the Director of Planning.
- A superintendent, who must be familiar with all the requirements of Section 24-4327
 of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as the conditions of this use permit, must be present
 at the beginning and conclusion of operations each workday to ensure that all
 applicable requirements are observed.
- Any blasting must be conducted in conformance with standards promulgated by the
 Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and must not endanger the
 public health or safety. The amount of explosives must not exceed 1,000 pounds
 per time delay. Blasting must not be conducted when atmospheric conditions would
 produce undesirable effects. The operator must submit a record of all blasting to the
 Planning Department every three months.
- A progress report must be submitted to the Board on or about April 30 of each year
 stating how much property has been mined to date of the report, how much land is
 left to be mined, and how much rehabilitation has been performed.
- Excavation must be discontinued by April 30, 2029, and reclamation completed by
 April 30, 2030, unless a new permit is granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 Reclamation will be considered complete when the mined area is covered
 completely with permanent vegetation or water as shown on the reclamation plan.
- Failure to comply with any of the foregoing conditions shall automatically void this
 permit.

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- Mr. Blankinship- Okay. Alright, the last conditional use permit for this morning
 is Conditional Use Permit CUP-2024-100787, Lisa Smith: a conditional use permit to
 keep up to six hens in the rear yard at 2222 Lauderdale Drive in the Tuckahoe Village
 West subdivision, in the Tuckahoe Magisterial District.
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CUP-2024-100787 - Lisa Smith: conditional use permit to keep up to six hens in the
 rear yard at 2222 Lauderdale Drive, Tuckahoe Village West, Tuckahoe. Parcel 731 748-5947. Zoning: R-2A, One-Family Residence District. Code Section: 24-4420.G.

Mr. Blankinship-Stand and be sworn in. Would everyone who intends to speak to this case please stand and be sworn in. Would you raise your right hand please? Do you swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Thank you. Ms. Rozmus.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Like you said, the subject property Ms. Rozmus-723 is located in the Tuckahoe Village West subdivision at 2222 Lauderdale Drive. This tri-724 level home was built in 1974 and purchased by the Smiths in 2020. It's on a .3-acre lot 725 with a U-shaped driveway and is zoned R-2A. The applicant intends to keep up to six 726 chickens on the property. The location of the chicken coop will be 25 feet from the left 727 side lot line, the minimum required distance outlined in section 24-4420, and over 45 feet 728 from the rear setback. Ms. Smith intends to purchase a prefabricated coop and run but 729 has not chosen one yet. The entirety of the rear yard is enclosed by a wooden privacy 730 fence, which has complete separation from the surrounding neighbors. We did receive 731 one comment in opposition before the packets were printed. This person was concerned 732 about a fox and a raccoon that live in the neighborhood. And then I did get an email late 733 last night, someone else in opposition because they were concerned about attracting 734 animals and the smell that potentially comes with chickens. But I think all of that's been 735 addressed in the conditions in the staff report, and Ms. Smith has been compliant and 736 737 willing to, you know, store everything appropriately. So, I don't, I don't see a lot of concern there. As far as staff is concerned, I think that there's no detrimental impact with this 738 request and recommend approval with the conditions included in the staff report. I can 739 740 answer any questions.

742 Mr. Johnson- And also you have fence...

744 Ms. Rozmus- Yes.

746 Mr. Johnson- ...already.

748 Ms. Rozmus- Already, around the entire rear. Yep.

750 Mr. Johnson- Okay.

Mr. Lawrence Mr. Chair, just to follow up on that. So, those fences, would
 that address the concern of the email received about six snakes, racoons, or opossums?

Ms. Rozmusfence if they're really motivated, but I feel like that's not really going to change the habit of the animals that already frequent the neighborhood. Having chickens, if they're already there, then there's already something fun to get into. So, I don't think chickens are going to necessarily increase or decrease, you know, the local wildlife.

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761 Mr. Blankinship-762 issues and then the applicants' brought chickens to the property, and then there were 763 issues and there were complaints. And so, they applied for the conditional use permit, and we were willing to conclude that the chickens had caused the problem. But in this case, whatever's there, the statements in the email are about what's there now and there are no chickens on the property now. So, we weren't quite sure exactly how to, I mean, certainly we don't want to make the problem any worse if there is an existing issue. But it's certainly not...

770 **Mr.** Pollard- If I'm thinking about the same case there was also an issue 771 with how they stored food or something.

773 Mr. Blankinship- Exactly, yes sir.

775 Ms. Rozmus-776 stored in, you know, a building, so I believe that she said that it's going to go in this back 777 shed. But I'm sure Ms. Smith can confirm that.

779 Mr. Blankinship- And we will also require the pest control.

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781 Ms. Rozmus782 property, yes.
And pest control to visit 30 days after the chickens are on the

784 Mr. Johnson- And also the containers should be sealed and...

786 Ms. Rozmus- Sealed and ... yes.

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788 Mr. Johnson789 the applicant.
780 Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? We'll now hear from

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Hello, my name is Lisa Smith, and we would like to get Ms. Smith-791 chickens on our property. Mostly for the fresh eggs to feed my family. I have three kids. 792 And also, just the extra job that my youngest who is six has high anxiety. And having that 793 job of being able to help us take care of them, we believe, would help his anxiety. We will 794 store our food in that back shed. We have a fully fenced in yard. We have never seen any 795 creatures of sorts that were in our property. Not saying they're not around us, but we have 796 not seen any in our property. We do have two dogs, that also would probably help keep 797 any creatures from coming inside, but that's it, yeah. I'd be happy to answer any other 798 799 questions.

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Mr. Blankinship-The structure shown on the screen right now, the tree house sort of thing. How is the chicken coop going to be related to that structure?

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805 Ms. Smith-806 know if you can tell by the picture. That's already laid down. So, the prefabricated chicken 807 coop will go there. And then we plan to fence in with chicken wire, that whole section, like 808 from each of those posts.

| 810 | Mr. Blankinship- | Okay. |
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| 811 812 813 814 | Ms. Smith- be into their home. | So, they'll have a little bit of room to run, but also be able to |
| 814 815 816 | Mr. Blankinship- | And some grass to scratch in. |
| 817 818 | Ms. Smith- | Yeah. |
| 819 820 821 | Mr. Johnson- have the | Yeah. So, it will be within that facility where they have the, you |
| 822 823 824 825 | Mr. Blankinship- are there now. But that's going to be added. | I didn't know what to call it either. Within the four posts that not going to be removed and replaced with the coop. It's just |
| 826 827 828 829 | Ms. Smith- of those small, prefabrica caged in. | No, the coop's going to be on that concrete pad. It's like one ted ones you can get at the store, but then it also will be, like |
| 830 831 | Mr. Blankinship- | Right, thank you. |
| 832 833 834 | Mr. Johnson- questions? | Yeah, that's my concern. Thank you. Okay. Any other |
| 835 836 837 838 | Mr. Broadway- letter in opposition. Have gotten any feedback? | Mr. Chairman. I might have a question. We only have one you discussed your plans with any of your other neighbors and |
| 838 839 840 841 842 843 844 845 846 | look after them, because that, you know, it might br told me directly that he wa seen, in that he didn't exp | Well, I am very friendly with that neighbor that had sent the ouple that have been there for a while, and I help their daughter she doesn't live near them. We spoke about it. He just told me ing creatures, you know, from the swamp across. But he never is against it. So, I kind of was taken back by the email that I had press to me that verbally, because we do speak often, that he kind of was taken back by that, but we did speak about it. |
| 847 848 | Mr. Broadway- | So, you don't know of anyone else who objects. |
| 849 850 | Ms. Smith- | Not to my knowledge. |
| 851 852 | Mr. Blankinship- haven't printed it, but them | As Rozmus mentioned, we did receive one late last night. We e was no address. |
| 853 854 855 | Ms. Rozmus- | They did not include an address. |

| 856 857 | Mr. Blankinship- | Not even a last name, only her first name, so. Yeah. |
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| 858 859 | Mr. Pollard- | So, the gist of it was worried about creatures. |
| 860 861 | Ms. Rozmus- | Yeah, the same kind of concern. |
| 862 863 864 | Mr. Johnson- enclosed? | Also, that enclosure, is that a minimum of 30 feet or something |
| 865 866 867 | Ms. Rozmus- there, but she has plenty of | I believe it is. Yeah, I mean I didn't measure it when I was out of space to make 30 feet, which is the code requirement. |
| 868 869 | Mr. Johnson- | Yes, ok. Alrighty then. Okay. No more for or against? |
| 870 871 872 | Mr. Broadway- use permit contingent upo | Mr. Chairman, I would move that we approve the conditional on compliance with the six conditions recommended by staff. |
| 873 874 | Mr. Lawrence- | Second. |
| 875 876 | Mr. Johnson- | It has been motioned and seconded. All in favor say, Aye. |
| 877 | Board- | Aye. |
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| 878 879 880 | Mr. Johnson- | All opposed? None. Motion passed. Thank you. |
| 879 880 881 882 | Mr. Blankinship- | All opposed? None. Motion passed. Thank you. Just to confirm, there was no one else in the room who wished hat correct? There was no one on Webex. |
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4. Any feed stored on the site must be kept indoors, in a metal container with a secure
 lid or other sealed container impervious to vermin.

5. Waste from the hens must be composted in a responsible manner or removed from the property weekly. Until composted or removed, waste must be kept at least 100 feet from surface water and wells and covered with an impermeable barrier that will resist wind.

6. Within 30 days of bringing the hens to the property, the applicant must submit an inspection report from a licensed pest control company addressing recommendations to prevent any infestation of vermin related to the keeping of hens. This condition must be satisfied by May 23, 2026, or this conditional use permit will expire.

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Mr. Blankinshipvariances on the agenda as well. The first is variance VAR-2024-100241, Jose Yohannan: a variance from the front yard setback, public street frontage requirement, lot area requirement, and lot width requirement to build a single-family dwelling at 340 Grayson Street in the Providence Park Annex subdivision, in the Fairfield Magisterial District.

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VAR-2024-100241 - Jose Yohannan: variance from the front yard setback, public
street frontage requirement, lot area requirement, and lot width requirement to
build a single-family dwelling at 340 Grayson Street, Providence Park Annex,
Fairfield. Parcel 792-737-8940. Zoning: R-5, General Residence District. Code
Section: 24-3105.E.1, 24-4306.E.1 and 24-6402.A.2.

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The applicant has 3,445 square feet lot area, 35 feet lot width, 35 feet public street frontage, and 20 feet front yard setback, where the Code requires 6,000 square feet lot area, 50 feet lot width, 50 feet public street frontage, and 35 feet front yard setback. The applicant requests a variance of 2,555 square feet lot area, 15 feet lot width, 15 feet public street frontage, and 15 feet front yard setback.

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Mr. Blankinshipstand and be sworn in. Would everyone who intends to speak to this case please stand and be sworn in. Would you raise your right hand please? Do you swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Alright. Thank you. Mr. Gidley.

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Mr. Gidleysouth of the Richmond Raceway. The subdivision was recorded back in 1916 prior to the adoption of the county's first zoning ordinance in 1933. There are twelve 35-foot-wide lots 947 on the western side of Grayson Street. The subject property is the last remaining vacant lot on this side of the street. This is a picture of the lot here. It was acquired by the Perry 948 949 family in 1945 and they owned it until this past October when it was sold as part of a tax sale. There was a home here until 2007 when it was demolished. Since then, the lot has 950 been vacant. The Perry's never owned any of the adjacent lots. This is a picture of the 951 proposed dwelling, here. The applicant has changed it to essentially a one-story dwelling. 952 In order to put the house on the lot, the applicant is requesting variances for lot area, lot 953 width, public street frontage, and front yard setbacks. As you may recall a number of 954 variances have been granted in this neighborhood in recent years. Two lots down at 334 955 Grayson, although it doesn't show through here, a variance was approved this past 956 August, and a new home is now under construction. 957

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In evaluating this request, staff believes two Threshold Tests are met. First, as it stands. 959 the lot may not be developed for its intended use as a residence. They can't acquire 960 additional land as there are homes on both sides of this property. Both of the adjacent 961 homes are set back roughly 10 feet off the street right-of-way. As a result, this property 962 does appear to be unreasonably restricted. The second Threshold Test is also met. The 963 lot was buildable when it was recorded back in 1916, but with the adoption of lot area and 964 lot width standards in 1945, it became non-conforming. So, there is a hardship related to 965 a physical condition of the lot that is the result of a change in the zoning ordinance. Since 966 at least one Threshold Test is met, we look at the five subtests. Staff believes all of these 967 are met, as noted in your staff reports, including no detrimental impact on nearby property. 968 In fact, the revised plans for a one-story house, setback where it would be, is or would be 969 more consistent with the adjacent properties, which are one-story homes as well. 970

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In conclusion, absent a variance a dwelling may not be constructed on the property. The hardship is also due to changes in the zoning ordinance that had occurred after the property was platted. Staff believes all five subtests are met as well. As a result, we can recommend approval of this request subject to the conditions in your staff reports. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them. Thank you.

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978 Mr. Johnson- Any questions for staff? None? Okay, if not then we'll hear 979 from the applicant.

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Good morning and for the chair and all the respected other Mr. Yohannan-981 members. My name is Jose Yohannan. I bought that lot. Thank you for allowing me to 982 speak on behalf of this hearing. My name is Jose Yohannan and I bought this lot a couple 983 of months before through, I don't know, an auction. So, I came to know that there is new 984 law and for the construction, but this property was already established with a sewer line 985 and waterline. And there was a property before, so that's why I auctioned that property 986 and build a small house for my growing two kids and one studying in VCU next one, that 987 little one will be in the next year will be in the VCU. So, if the Board of Supervisors, 988 everybody approved that one. I will go ahead with that nice small, thousand square feet, 989 single-story, the best I can do. 990

was built much closer to the street and right-of-way than the current home that he was 993 noticing. 994 995 The adjacent two homes are built very early stage of the Mr. Yohannan-996 1930s and it is only a 10-foot setback. And all the neighborhoods are single stories. I don't 997 want to build a two-story and looking in at anybody's privacy that's why I stick on the 998 single story which a smaller size can fit there. 999 1000 Mr. Green-Mr. Chair, I think that in order to move this process along, we 1001 heard this last month ... one-story and then set back and all that. ... addressed with. ... 1002 dealt last time so I'm not trying to ... Rehash what we heard before and resolved before. 1003 ... the only issue was he just went from two stories to one. 1004 1005 I'm curious. Have you had any interaction with the neighbors? Mr. Pollard-1006 1007 Mr. Yohannan-Oh, I am. I did, very friendly with the next-door neighbor and 1008 her sister, her brother was in the next door, Miss Beth. And whenever I am going there, 1009 they say when you are coming over here. So, I'm very friendly with them if anybody can 1010 ask them. And I am a city inspector. My job is always there for sewer line and waterline. 1011 Mostly once every week I am going there, so everybody knows me. 1012 1013 014 Mr. Pollard-Thank you, yes. 1015 Mr. Johnson-Okay. Yes. Are there any others for or against this? 1016 1017 Mr. Blankinship-There's no one on Webex. 1018 1019 Mr. Johnson-Okay, we're finished. We've now closed the hearing ... 1020 1021 Mr. Pollard-Yeah, I move that we approve this variance subject to the 1022 conditions recommended by the staff. There's no other reasonable use for the property. 1023 There is a unique area of older homes on very small lots. The reduced front yard will be 1024 more consistent with the other homes. The other tests are met as stated in the staff report. 1025 And I, I'm kind of excited that these lots are beginning to fill up. 1026 1027 Mr. Green-Second 1028 1029

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It has been motioned and seconded. All in favor say, Ay'e.1031
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1034Mr. Johnson-Any opposed? None? None opposed. Motion passed.103510351036On a motion by Mr. Pollard, seconded by Mr. Green, the Board approved case VAR-

1037 2024-100241 subject to the following conditions:

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| 1045 | 1. This variance applies only to the lot area, lot width, public street frontage, and front | | | |
| 1046 | yard setback requirements for one dwelling only. All other applicable regulations of the | | | |
| 1047 1048 | County Code remain in force. | | | |
| 1049 | 2. This proposed dwelling must meet the required side yard setbacks and must be | | | |
| 1050 | consistent with the plans titled "Yohannan – Grayson St" by Design 23 LLC filed with the | | | |
| 1051 | application. Any additional improvements must comply with the applicable regulations of | | | |
| 1052 | the County Code. Any substantial changes or additions to the design or location of the | | | |
| 1053 | improvements will require a new variance. | | | |
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| 1055 | 3. Before beginning any clearing, grading, or land disturbing activity, the applicant must | | | |
| 1056 | obtain approval of an environmental compliance plan from the Department of Public | | | |
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| 1059 | Any dwelling on the property must be served by public water and sewer. | | | |
| 1060 1061 | 5. The applicant must provide at least one parking space on the property. | | | |
| 1062 | 5. The applicant must provide at least one parking space on the property. | | | |
| 1063 | 6. The applicant must obtain a building permit for the proposed dwelling by May 23, 2026, | | | |
| 1064 | or this variance will expire. After that date, if the building permit is cancelled or revoked | | | |
| 1065 | due to failure to diligently pursue construction, this variance will expire at that time. | | | |
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| 1067 | Mr. Blankinship- Alright. The last case on this morning's agenda is variance | | | |
| 1068 | VAR-2024-100763, Katherine and Jonathan Kennedy: a variance from the public street | | | |
| 1069 | frontage requirement to build a single-family dwelling at 8701 September Drive, in the | | | |
| 1070 | Tuckahoe Magisterial District. | | | |
| 1071 1072 | VAR-2024-100763 - Katherine and Jonathan Kennedy: variance from the public | | | |
| 1072 | street frontage requirement to build a single-family dwelling at 8701 September | | | |
| 1074 | Drive, Tuckahoe. Parcel 755-736-1968. Zoning: R-3, One-Family Residence District. | | | |
| 1075 | Code Section: 24-4306.E.1. | | | |
| 1076 | | | | |
| 1077 | The applicant has 0 feet public street frontage where the Code requires 50 feet | | | |
| 1078 | public street frontage. The applicant requests a variance of 50 feet public street | | | |
| 1079 | frontage. | | | |
| 1080 | Ma Diankin Minute exemption who intends to exact to this over stress | | | |
| 1081 | Mr. Blankinship- Would everyone who intends to speak to this case please | | | |
| 1082 1083 | stand and be sworn in. Would you raise your right hands please? Do you swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so | | | |
| 1085 | help you God? Thank you. Mr. Gidley. | | | |
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085 Thank you, Mr. Secretary. The subject property contains just Mr. Gidlev-1086 over one-half acre of land and is located at the eastern terminus of September Drive. It 1087 was originally part of a 1.5-acre parcel with frontage on Ziontown Road that was divided 1088 into two parcels back in 1982. The roughly one-acre fronting on Ziontown has a home 1089 that was built on it, but this half-acre remains vacant. You see the original parcel here 1090 with the home on it and then the subject property right here. Because frontage on the 1091 terminus of a street does not count towards meeting the public street frontage 1092 requirement, the applicant has applied for variance from this requirement to allow a home 1093 to be constructed on the subject property. This is a proposed dwelling here. The applicant 1094 just spoke to me prior to the hearing. Evidently, the elevations have been labeled wrongly 1095 by the surveyor on here. This here should be south elevation. East elevation up here, and 1096 then down here north elevation and west elevation respectively. Just to get the record 1097 clear. But this is the proposed dwelling they are planning on building. 1098 1099

1100 In evaluating this request, staff believes the first Threshold Test is met. As noted, the zoning ordinance does not allow the terminus of a street to count towards public street 1101 frontage. The reason for this, obviously, is to avoid having a residence interfere with the 1102 future extension of planned public roadways. In this case, however, recent development 1103 in this area has precluded any future extension of September Drive to Ziontown Road. As 1104 you can see here, there's a major neighborhood, Westham Manor, that has come in the 1105 last couple of decades or so, and so there's no way this road is going to be extended. 1106 And so, to now state that the public street frontage requirement is not met because it's 107 1108 the terminus of the street and we may want to extend the road that's no longer applicable. So, that is an unreasonable restriction on the use of the property. Since at least one 1109 threshold test is met, we can look at the five subtests. Staff believes these are met, as 1110 noted in your staff report, with a possible exception of subtest number two, which requires 1111 a proposal to not have a substantial detrimental impact on adjacent and nearby property. 1112 As you can see here, this is a rather steep lot that rises front to back roughly 16 feet in 1113 elevation. To give you an idea, way up here you can just barely see where one of the 1114 adjoining homes is located. When you're actually standing there, that is a rather steep lot. 1115 Staff has received several emails from nearby property owners expressing concern about 1116 how clearing such a steep lot of its vegetative cover could exacerbate existing flooding 1117 problems on their properties. Calls have also been made for a drainage study prior to the 1118 approval of any variance. Yesterday afternoon, the applicant sent a letter from an 1119 engineer, stating that in his professional opinion, the home would not have an adverse 1120 impact on nearby property. I guess we'll hear from the property owners whether, this 1121 satisfies them or if they're looking for something more formal at this point. 1122

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1124 Mr. Blankinship-That letter was left on the table for you this morning.

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1126 Mr. Gidley-Yes, that was my next statement. In conclusion, absent of variance, a dwelling may not be constructed on the property. In this case a prohibition 1127 1128 against allowing the terminus of a road to meet the public street frontage requirement appears unreasonable due to recent development in this area. After today's hearing, if 129 1130 the Board is convinced clearing this lot would not have a detrimental impact on nearby

property, staff would recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report. If 1131 the Board is not comfortable with regard to the potential impact on nearby property, then 1132 staff would recommend deferral to allow the applicant additional time to address those 1133 concerns. I would note there is a representative from Public Works who has shown up 1134 today in case they can answer any questions as well. And that concludes my presentation. 1135 If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer those. Thank you. 1136 1137 Mr. Johnson-Okay. Any questions? 1138 1139 Mr. Lawrence-I had a question, Mr. Chairman, unless Mr. Broadway has one 1140 before I go. I'm a little bit confused, Mr. Gidley, but maybe you can, or maybe our 1141 representative from Public Works can enlighten me. So, the staff report indicates that the 1142 subject property, abuts September Drive. However, it looks to me that September Drive 1143 ends, you know, probably I can't tell the specific distance, but some yards before the 1144 1145 property line. So, is that piece of 1146 1147 Mr. Gidley-You are... 1148 Is that on the Major Thoroughfare Plan? Is that why it's for 1149 Mr. Lawrencefuture development ... but it's not actually. See if you can clarify for me exactly what the 1150 status of that road is. I'm sorry. 1151 1152 Okay yes. Mr. Gidley-1153 1154 1155 Mr. Lawrence-I can't articulate myself very well, but yeah. 1156 It does stop shy of the property line. Mr. Gidley-1157 1158 Mr. Blankinship-The pavement does. 1159 1160 Mr. Gidley-The pavement does, the right-of-way continues up to the 1161 property. And one of the conditions of approval recommended by Public Works, that's in 1162 the staff report, is that the applicant would be responsible for extending September Drive 1163 up to the property line. 1164 1165 So, that would be the applicant's responsibility? 1166 Mr. Lawrence-1167 1168 Mr. Gidley-Yes sir. 1169 To extend the payment. The right-of-way is already there, but 1170 Mr. Blankinship-1171 the pavement... 1172 The pavement. And yeah, I think its said in the staff report 20 Mr. Lawrence-1173 feet. What is the width of September Drive? 1174 1175

I don't know for sure. It's probably 50 feet. That's pretty Mr. Gidley-176 standard. 1177 1178 The right-of-way is 50 feet. Mr. Blankinship-1179 1180 Mr. Gidley-The right-of-way, yes. 1181 1182 The pavement is probably closer to 24. Yeah. It might be wider Mr. Blankinship-1183 than that, but just looking at the aerial, it looks like 24 feet. 1184 1185 So, wouldn't we want to have the extension paved to the same Mr. Lawrence-1186 width as the rest of the road? 1187 1188 I would think so. Yeah. I mean, it's going to be their Mr. Gidley-1189 responsibility to extend the pavement to the property line. I don't believe that means a 10-1190 foot little... 1191 1192 Well, the staff report said a 20-foot-wide extension, but it Mr. Lawrence-1193 sounds like the paved part of September Drive is actually wider than 20 feet. 1194 1195 Well, it ends in a temporary cul-de-sac as you can see on the Mr. Blankinship-1196 screen there. So, normally when you would extend the street, the temporary cul-de-sac 1197 would be removed, you'd extend the pavement at whatever the width is and then you'd 198 build a new permanent cul-de-sac. As Mr. Gidley was saying, that's not going to happen 1199 here because the property beyond this property has already been developed. So, the 1200 temporary cul-de-sac will probably remain and become permanent, and I think what they 1201 wanted, what Works was asking for, was a 20-foot extension beyond the temporary cul-1202 de-sac. So, the neighbors would still be able to turn around at the temporary cul-de-sac. 1203 And then this would essentially be a 20-foot-wide driveway extending to the property line 1204 and then their actual driveway would begin there. 1205 1206 1207 Mr. Lawrence-When you say a 20-foot driveway, Mr. Blankinship, that, I mean, it'd still legally though be a county road, right? 1208 1209 Mr. Blankinship-Yes, right. It's just a matter of semantics. The only reason 1210 anyone would use it would be to get to this house because it would be beyond the 1211 temporary turnaround and there's no other development beyond that. 1212 1213 That makes sense. But do we have other situations in the 1214 Mr. Lawrencecounty where we have a road that has been extended and the cul-de-sac, the turnaround 1215 remains. In other words, you have a turnaround where the road originally terminated and 1216 1217 then the road gets extended and you still have the cul-de-sac in place? 1218 Mr. Blankinship-Normally, no. Normally, if the road gets extended, the 1219 temporary cul-de-sac is removed at that time and then a permanent cul-de-sac is built. 220 221

| 1222 | Mr. Lawrence- | Okay. |
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| 1223 1224 | Mr. Johnson- | Also, the Go ahead. |
| 1225 1226 | Mr. Green- | trying to understand. |
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| 1228 1229 | Mr. Gidley- | This one here? |
| 1230 1231 | Mr. Green- build the, the temporary dr | Yeah, so where that trash can is, is this where you're going to rive. |
| 1232 1233 | Mr. Johnson- | Back this way. |
| 1234 1235 1236 1237 | | No, it already exists. You see to the left there; you can see lar turnaround area. You're looking through this, the trees and you can see there's a circular |
| 1238 1239 | Mr. Green- | Right. What I'm saying is |
| 1240 1241 1242 | Mr. Blankinship- line with September Drive. | That will come where the trash can is, right. Just straight in |
| 1243 1244 1245 | Mr. Green- between those two mailbo | Yeah. What is the size of the, the other ones on the other side xes. |
| 1246 1247 | Mr. Blankinship- | The 50 feet is the right-of-way. |
| 1248 1249 | Mr. Green- | Right-of-way. |
| 1250 1251 1252 | Mr. Blankinship- The right-of-way width is 5 | So, we're not going to increase the pavement width to 50 feet. 60 feet. |
| 1253 1254 | Mr. Green- | But where is that at? |
| 1255 1256 | Mr. Blankinship- | That's the white lines. |
| 1257 1258 | Mr. Green- | Okay. Can you see it from the other way? |
| 1259 1260 1261 1262 1263 1264 1265 1266 | Normally it would be about the curb and then leading went back seven feet up in | You can't see the right-of-way lines, they're not marked in any or flagging, or anything and I'm not seeing anything obvious. It seven feet behind the curb. So, you see the mailbox, you see down to it looks like they put their trash out on trash day. If you not that property, that's probably where the right-of-way line is. It be a little more or less because, |
| 1267 1268 | Mr. Lawrence- with? | So, whose trash can is that? Which property does that go |

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| 1270 | Mr. Blankinship- | That I have no idea. | | |
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| 1272 | Mr. Lawrence- | That trash can is in the middle of the right-of-way. | | |
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| 1274 | Mr. Blankinship- | Yes, exactly. | | |
| 1275 1276 | Mr. Lawrence- | Okay. | | |
| 1270 | MI. Lawrence- | Oray. | | |
| 1278 | Mr. Green- | Okay, so what you're saying is the right-of-way should be 50 | | |
| 1279 | feet, where that trash can is. Then once you get back behind that it's another 25. | | | |
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| 1281 | Mr. Blankinship- | Well, the right-of-way is going to stay 50 feet, but the | | |
| 1282 | pavement there, right now | v the pavement does not extend all the way to the end of the | | |
| 1283 | right-of-way. And Public W | Vorks has asked them to extend the pavement another 20 feet, | | |
| 1284 | or 20 feet wide to the end | of the right-of-way. | | |
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| 1286 | Mr. Green- | But, when we said 50, I thought | | |
| 1287 | Mr. Dissibility | The FO is the sight of use | | |
| 1288 | Mr. Blankinship- | The 50 is the right-of-way. | | |
| 1289 1290 | Mr. Green- | Yeah. | | |
| 291 | WI. Green- | reall. | | |
| 1292 | Mr. Blankinship- | Sorry? Did I say something wrong? | | |
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| 1294 | Mr. Green- | No, no. | | |
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| 1296 | Mr. Blankinship- | Oh ok. He's actually from environmental, not from traffic. | | |
| 1297 | | rather than asking him to answer. If you put the site plan back | | |
| 1298 | | e bit more clear cause I think we've got, yeah, site map. Well, | | |
| 1299 | | t see the distinction of the private driveway, which is within the | | |
| 1300 | red rectangle, and then just imagine that gray area there, which is about 20 feet wide, just | | | |
| 1301 | | this map, to the east, for, you know, until it meets the right-of- | | |
| 1302 1303 | way. | | | |
| 1303 | Mr. Green- | Where it said September Drive ends is 50 feet? | | |
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| 1306 | Mr. Blankinship- | The right-of-way is 50 feet. | | |
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| 1308 | Mr. Green- | Yeah. | | |
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| 1310 | Mr. Blankinship- | The right-of-way is there already. They're just going to extend | | |
| 1311 | that pavement at the width, more or less, the width that it currently exists. You can see | | | |
| 1312 | that it's not. That the width | of the payment varies, in this plan, so. | | |
| 313 | Mr. Croon | Thenk you | | |
| 1314 | Mr. Green- | Thank you. | | |
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1315 1316 Mr. Blankinship-Are we ready to hear from the applicant? 1317 Mr. Johnson-1318 Also, is there drainage from the front, from the beginning, to where we were just talking about the ... 1319 1320 Mr. Gidley-There is a creek that runs along the western side here. 1321 1322 1323 Mr. Johnson-So, that's on the... That wouldn't be on their side, okay. 1324 It's along the property line, they would have to put in a culvert 1325 Mr. Gidleythere to allow it to drain under and access the side. 1326 1327 Mr. Johnson-Okay. Okay, we'll now here from the applicant. Applicants. 1328 Can you also give your name and... Each one. 1329 1330 Mr. Gray-Good morning. I'm George Gray and I represent the applicant. 1331 And I just want to clarify the parties here. When we applied for this variance, it was their 1332 understanding we have ... The way this came about is we have a contract purchaser, 1333 Gordon and Linda Gray, who are under contract to purchase this property subject to this 1334 variance being approved. It was my understanding that Gordon and Linda Gray were the 1335 applicants. Mr. Gray is here with us this morning. As well as Jonathan Kennedy, who is 1336 the owner of the property as well. And the intent here is to construct a home. Mr. Gray 1337 and his wife are building this home for their growing family. And the intent of course is to 1338 construct the home that's detailed, in the materials that were provided with the application. 1339 Of course, we agree with the conclusions of the staff report in so far as we meet the 1340 requirements of a variance. We agreed with the conditions. With respect to the element 1341 of this development resulting in the substantial detriment to the neighboring properties. 1342 well, we don't believe that it will at all. If anything, I think it'll have a very positive impact 1343 on the neighborhood and the neighboring properties. We likewise are concerned about 1344 stormwater runoff, as we have looked into this further. And we've had an engineer look at 1345 the topography of the property, topo map, and the subdivision and the topography of the 1346 subdivision. This is detailed in the letter that was provided from the engineer, and, on 1347 short notice unfortunately was not able to be here this morning. But the letter makes it 1348 pretty clear, and in looking at the topography of the property and then the subdivision plat 1349 that there is a very defined stormwater conveyance system in place for this area, the 1350 Roslyn Hills neighborhood. There is a drainage, the survey that we just looked at, that Mr. 1351 Gidley had up. Here you can see, it's labeled by the surveyors, the creek. The 1352 engineering, the letter from the engineer identifies it as a swale. But nonetheless, a 1353 defined channel for stormwater to run off and to be removed from the property. It's 1354 important to note in the engineer's report that this development is not changing. We're 1355 diverting what's already occurring with this property. The stormwater now runs off into this 1356 culvert and through the stormwater conveyance system that's already in place in the 1357 Roslyn Hills Neighborhood And there is a system if you look at the subdivision plats for 1358 this neighborhood. And it's a very old subdivision. There are a system of easements and 1359 stormwater drains to deal with the drainage in this area. This property has always drained 1360

into the existing swale or creek, and the proposed development is not changing that. And
 it's the engineer's opinion, based on the development that's proposed, that, essentially,
 there's going to be no adverse drainage impact by developing the property as we're
 proposing. So, that being sort of the primary issue, it seems, at this point, that's our
 position on it, and we're happy to answer any questions.

Okay, any questions from the Board for the applicant? Okay. Mr. Johnson-1367 1368 Do we have any further comments from the other gentlemen? Mr. Broadway-1369 1370 Does Mr. Kennedy, or the other Mr. Gray have any? Mr. Blankinship-1371 1372 Okay. No other questions from the other gentlemen? Nope. 1373 Mr. Johnson-Okay. Is anybody in favor? 1374 1375 Is there anybody else in favor who wishes to speak? Okay, Mr. Blankinship-1376 then go ahead and call the opposition. 1377 1378 Anybody in opposition? Anyone on Webex? None, okay. Mr. Johnson-1379

1380 Good morning. I'm Jorge Figueiredo and you asked us to spell Mr. Figueiredo -1381 the name, so I'll do that, F.I.G.U.E.I.R.E.D.O. I submitted an email ahead of the meeting, 1382 which is included in the staff report, just highlighting some concerns that I have, and I 383 believe are shared with some of the gentlemen behind me. We have a, I believe a 1384 gentleman from the Department of Public Works here, and he hasn't had a chance to talk. 1385 I'm not sure if he will or not or, but I would certainly like to hear his observations of what's 1386 being proposed, I don't know if now's the appropriate time. 1387

We just want to hear from you.

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1393 Okay. So, I just received the letter from the engineer five Mr. Figueiredominutes ago. I haven't had a chance to look at it, but my primary concern is the drainage. 1394 The culvert, as was described, is on my lot, which is just to the west of the red rectangle 1395 1396 there. I'm at 225 Roslyn Hills Drive, as it stands without a home on that lot, where the entire entirety of the half acre there is just permeable soil and trees. The culvert floods 1397 every time it rains, and if it rains a lot, my entire back, or not my entire backyard, but about 1398 20 feet of my backyard just collects all that water. So, as it stards, the culvert doesn't 1399 have the capacity to properly drain stormwater. Adding a home to that lot, it's just going 1400 to make that lot less permeable. I'm not an expert in drainage by any means. We do have 1401 1402 an expert here, so again, would love to get his take. This letter doesn't seem to address, it doesn't seem to really be based on a formal, professional study of what's being 1403 proposed. So, that would be my recommendation, not that I'm in a position to recommerd, 1404 but that would be my primary resolution to my first concern, which is the drainage, to see 405 406 a professional study done. To make sure that my lot and others adjacent to this one are

1407 not impacted. The secondary concern, which, and then I have a few others, but in one of 1408 the tests, as I understand, to meet the requirement for the variance, is that the applicant cannot be basically causing his own hardship. The report states that they did not, and I 1409 1410 understand why it says that. However, this is a unique circumstance. The applicant 1411 controlled the lot at 400 Ziontown, which was just to the right of the red rectangle there. They owned the, both lots simultaneously for several years. And have an opportunity to 1412 provide access to what is now a landlocked lot, that is an owner that doesn't own any 1413 adjacent properties. So, I think they at least contributed to their own hardship. And further, 1414 that subdivided lot, which I understand was not subdivided by the applicant, but when 1415 1416 they acquired the lots were already subdivided, were originally part of the larger lot that connects to Ziontown Road. And in my opinion, any pursuit to have access to that lot 1417 should be, you know, basically following the original plan for the neighborhood and not 1418 now impacting people, including myself, on the Roslyn Hills side or the Roslyn Hills 1419 1420 neighborhood. Beyond that, you know, I think there are some concerns in terms of property value. With, you know, what is today, again, a landlocked lot that was probably 1421 the best use of just additional land for that house on 400 Ziontown Road. But regardless. 1422 those are kind of the main concerns, you know, we have children who play in that cul-de-1423 1424 sac. And we have just a character of the neighborhood on Roslyn Hills that this home would impact. So those are kind of secondary comments, again, to the drainage and then 1425 the contributing to their own hardship when they had an opportunity to resolve it but did 1426 1427 not. 1428

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1431 Mr. Figueiredo- Yes.

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1433 Mr. Green-1434 Construction cost of this house? What is it going to come in at. What is your profit? What 1435 is your property worth versus what this property going to be built at?

1437 Mr. Figueiredo - I'm not able to quantify that.

1439 Mr. Gray- I think, I think we can answer that generally.

- 1441 **Mr. Blankinship-** You'll have an opportunity at the end if it's ok to come back to 1442 that guestion.
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1444 Mr. Figueiredo -So, I want to know that. My main concern. And I understand that, as it stands today, it doesn't mean that that's how it's going to be tomorrow and 1445 there's a vacant lot there. But when I acquired my lot in 2018, there was no access to that 1446 lot, and, again, the lot was owned by the same owner who also owned at the time, 400 1447 Ziontown, which is the applicant. Just based on a review and the fact that this lot did not 1448 1449 have access per code, I made a decision to buy my lot and I have a wooded area behind it. And that was a big decision in my, my deciding to purchase this home, and that's what 1450 I mean by that. 1451

453 Mr. Johnson- Okay.

1455 Mr. Figueiredo- Any further questions for me?

14561457Mr. Johnson-1458Also with the drainage there, that drainage would not change1458anything because it would still be using the same drainage as you are now, right?

So, the drainage, and I included a picture that my neighbor 1460 Mr. Figueiredotook, and an aerial that kind of highlights where the creek currently runs. The culvert 1461 currently runs. But it basically comes from the top end of the picture, right along the white 1462 line that divides my lot from the subject lot. And so, it impacts lots further, you know, 1463 again, on the picture, above mine. But you're correct that that culvert would still capture 1464 all the stormwater. My issue is that as it stands, without an additional home there, that 1465 creek is already at capacity, if not over capacity. It doesn't really divert the water like it 1466 should and my lot already has issues with drainage and floods when it rains heavily. So, 1467 this is just going to exacerbate the existing issue there. 1468

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Mr. Green- ... that lot is owned by someone else. You said it comes about
20 feet of drainage comes into your lot already. Have you asked the person that owns
that to help you mitigate that problem or it's just something you just deal with? I mean,
because I think if it's coming from them while we ... problem we need to fix this.

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Mr. Figueiredoabout the drainage from that lot?

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it. That impacts you and I would think it's... But if I'm the neighbor I would, I would try to
help you...

1482 Mr. Figueiredo-Yeah, I don't consider this currently to be their doing or something that they're doing wrong. In fact, it's just a vacant lot. The culvert does run 1483 through my lot, so I try to keep it clear and do the best that I can for the water to continue 1484 to flow at least as it relates to my lot. This is not an issue that is specific to my lot. The 1485 culvert runs through my neighbor's property, who is on the other side of September Drive, 1486 it runs behind. I think they have issues with drainage already there as well. So, this is just 1487 maybe a culvert capacity issue. Again, I don't know, I'm not an expert. But nothing that 1488 the owner of that subject lot is doing today, I think is making it worse. But again, adding 1489 a home there, in my opinion, and again, I defer to all the experts, but it seems to me like 1490 it would make matters worse. 1491

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1493Mr. Green-Not that we're not being empathetic that that's the case, which1494that's an assumption we're making.

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1496 Mr. Figueiredo-497 professional study to be conducted to confirm that that's the case. Confirm or, or not, that 498 that's the case. 1499 1500 **Mr. Johnson**-

1500 1501 Okay. Next.

Good morning. First name James, last name Gregory Mr. Gregory-1502 G.R.E.G.O.R.Y. I'm at 8702 September Drive. I'm here in opposition for a number of 1503 reasons. Number one, as Jorge had, and I'm going to follow a lot of what my neighbor 1504 Jorge says. Our children play in this area, particularly the right-of-way where we're talking 1505 about extending, you're talking about paving right up to the creek, which if you guys saw 1506 my email, I took some pretty detailed videos of the, of the running water. And as you can 1507 1508 see, the running water comes down from St. Albans in the top there. It drains off of the 1509 newer neighborhood where Kingsdown is and all of that wraps around. And my understanding is when you take square footage out of the ground for the proposed site, 1510 that will lead to more water running off. I'm not an expert, of course. I just would like to 1511 pause, take some studies to figure out that. I'm in the property and casualty insurance 1512 business and the rain is not stopping. Neither are the winds or the floods or any of that 1513 stuff. So, I would certainly like to take more time. And then I'd also have a question about 1514 the right-of-way. That were able to just pave right over. My understanding was the right-1515 of-way was there in case September Drive was going to be extended. And if we can all 1516 agree that September Drive will never be extended, what happens to the right-of-way 1517 then? Does the County just take that back and say, "ok, well, we're going to extend it just 1518 for this one property owner". So, that's a question that I could have, I have, if you guys 1519 could answer that. 1520

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1522 Mr. Blankinship-1523 The Department of Public Works, is that the 20 feet width of pavement be extended to the 1524 end of the right-of-way, which is a distance of maybe 20 or 30 feet.

1526 Mr. Gregory- Got it. If we had an engineer or had somebody who could 1527 come out there to look at that. That extension is literally right into that creek, that 30 feet.

- 1529 Mr. Blankinship- They will do that at the time. They don't just go out and chart 1530 and run the trucks out there.
- 1532 Mr. Gregory- Thank you for your time.

1534 Mr. Pollard- Thank you.

1536 Mr. Blankinship- Thank you.

1538 Mr. Houston- Thank you. I'm the owner of 400 Ziontown Road.

1540 Mr. Johnson- Can we have your name, please?

1542 Mr. Huston-1543 So last name is Huston H.U.S.T.O.N. So, I'm the owner, 1543 current owner of 400 Ziontown Road, and it's the property, obviously, it sits directly behind 1544 the parcel in question. And so, I'm here to oppose the granting of this variance for two

reasons. First, we have concerns that the clearing of the property in question and the 1545 grading required to build a new house will have a detrimental impact on our property and 1546 1547 that of other neighboring properties. Specifically, our property has several large, large trees along the property line, and we're concerned that the clearing of the lot and the 1548 significant grading required for building would impact those trees. That can cause a safety 1549 issue if the land and roots supporting those trees are weakened or eroded. Second, 1550 similar to another neighbor's circumstance, the privacy view of the wooded area behind 1551 our home was a factor in our purchase of 400 Ziontown, and it's a valuable characteristic 1552 of our property. We feel the clearing of the land and construction of a house will reduce 1553 our privacy and therefore will have a detrimental impact on the value of our property. 1554 Potentially lowering its resale value. So, given the potential for safety issues with mature 1555 trees, as well as the overall declining character of the environment in the neighborhood, 1556 we feel this variance should be denied. 1557 1558

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Mr. Johnson- Okay. I got a question... Go ahead.

1561 Mr. Green-1562 If I owned that lot and decided I just wanted to clear it, just 1562 because I wanted to clear it, could I do that?

1564 Mr. Blankinship- There's a limit on... I'm sorry.

Mr. Gidley Works before they clear it.

Mr. Blankinship-Which is not that big, there are lots of approvals that would come into play.

1572 Mr. Green-1573 are they going to clear potentially more than 2,500 square feet of the area that they'll 1574 disturb ...?

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Mr. Blankinship-To build a house, they will have to. They will be disturbing 1576 enough that they will need the plans and agreement to make sure that there's no erosion 1577 control. You do have the right to clear right up to your property line. Most people don't. 1578 There is a rear yard setback of, I'm not sure the zoning on this property. Let me see. It's 1579 1580 R-3, so the rear yard setback would be 40 feet. So, it'd be unusual to clear within that unless there was a specific reason to. We don't have a commitment from the applicant 1581 about where they would stop clearing for the house. You can certainly ask them that 1582 during rebuttal. 1583 1584

1585 Mr. Green-1586 Privacy and like the trees. And when y'all come back for rebuttal ...

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| 1588 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay |

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590 Mr. Gidley- Yes.

| 1591 1592 | Mr. Johnson- | Also, did you say that you have the house below the | | | |
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| 1594 1595 | Mr. Huston- | I'm to the right on this picture. | | | |
| 1596 | Mr. Blankinship- | Paul, you want to indicate this? | | | |
| 1597 | Mr. Huston- | Vach as I'm still | | | |
| 1598 1599 | WIT. HUSION- | Yeah, so I'm still | | | |
| 1600 | Mr. Blankinship- | Oh. No, no, this, this speaker is | | | |
| 1601 1602 | Mr. Gidley- | I'm Sorry. | | | |
| 1603 1604 | Mr. Blankinship- | There we go. Right there, yes. | | | |
| 1605 1606 | Mr. Huston- | it's still a little uphill from the lot in question. | | | |
| 1607 1608 1609 1610 | Mr. Johnson- right? | Okay, that you also used to own the property above that, | | | |
| 1611 1612 | Mr. Huston- | No, I did not. | | | |
| 1613 1614 | Mr. Blankinship- he bought the one and the | The person he bought his property from owned both lots. But by did not buy the other. | ĺ, | | |
| 1615 1616 | Mr. Johnson- | Alright. Thank you. | | | |
| 1617 1618 1619 | Mr. Green- | Yeah, I got the same impression. | | | |
| 1620 1621 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Any other questions? | | | |
| 1622 | Mr. Blankinship- | I think there's at least one more. | | | |
| 1623 1624 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Next. | | | |
| 1625 1626 1627 | Mr. Canepa- | And my name is Vincent Canepa. We live at 380 Ziontown south there. Our property line, obviously, borders that south | | | |
| 1628 | | ant. I have quite a bit of experience living in the mountains with | | | |
| 1629 | | had an engineer come in. I had an engineer come in and I had | | | |
| 1630 | | It you can't tell me by adding hardscapes, driveways, whatever, | | | |
| 1631 | adding a roof is not going to alter, in some way, the current drainage. Right now, it may | | | | |
| 1632 1633 | drain down through the brush and the ivy that's all through there and spread out over the whole lot. But I would be surprised to see it not concentrated in some areas. So, the other | | | | |
| 1633 | | s report is, and he says that there's a well-developed ditch, the | | | |
| 1635 | - | t there. It runs all the way down Roslyn Hills Road, but it's not | | | |
| 1636 | | ale that developed. It's full of debris. And I have seen, I went | | | |

down, in heavy rain, down my property line and watched. And the water just is 1637 uncontrolled in that area. So, it ends up in Jorge's lot, ends up all over the place. At the 1638 very least, this almost should have been the County's responsibility when the area 1639 developed to control this drainage. But what happens, what I've seen in most cases, is 1640 the locality will require some sort of mitigation on the person developing the property. 1641 That, right now, this doesn't meet what I consider that requirement. So, they really ought 1642 to hold this variance and extend it until they can produce a drainage upgrade. And, you 1643 know, kind of mitigate these conditions that have existed somewhat on the County's 1644 responsibility. But in reality, that's what should happen here. So, thank you. Any 1645 questions? 1646

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Well, normally when one property is developed, it is the Mr. Blankinship-1648 private developer that installs the drainage system. The county reviews the plans before 1649 they're built, but the developer installs it and then dedicates it to the County. So, in places 1650 like this where you have older subdivisions and newer subdivisions occupying, you know, 1651 adjoining space, these issues do get complicated because those regulations have 1652 changed a lot over time. All environmental regulations have changed a lot over time. So, 1653 you know, it may be that if they brought that subdivision in today to be developed, we 1654 would have had additional requirements for the stormwater system. But those things are 1655 1656 difficult to retrofit. I can't really go beyond that.

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Mr. Green-Well, I guess my question is, let's say this thing is not built, they're still going to have the same problems. How do we fix that?

1661 Mr. Blankinship-1662 drainage issue and I, I am glad that Mr. Aust is here to enlighten us on that. I'm looking 1663 forward to hearing this.

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1665Mr. Green-Even if they don't. You've still got the problem; how do we fix1666it? How is it fixed? And you're questioning what responsibility does the County have? I'm1667questioning that too.

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1669 Mr. Canepa-1669 Nr. Canepa-1670 no way it's going to drain the way it is now. But you may, certainly any water that's above 1671 that house and the way it's situated is going to flow around the ends of the house on the 1672 north side and the south side. And that could very well make matters even worse than 1673 they are now, in my humble opinion.

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1675 Mr. Blankinship- And there is one more speaker.

Okay.

1677 Mr. Johnson-

Mr. Rogish-Board. How are you? My name is Jody Rogish. I live about a half mile from the property, and I wanted to, to come, I had sort of three concerns, and we've talked a lot about most of them. The first one, I'm still a little confused in whether that's a stream. On the property 1683 line, there is some water that goes between there. So, the County will be responsible up to that, the property line? I mean, somehow a car has to get over. There's a swale there, 1684 as they've mentioned. The car is going to have to get over that and I'm just I'm wondering 1685 a little bit, is that the applicant's responsibility, to get over that swale, or is that going to 1686 be the County's responsibility to get over that swale? That's sort of my first question. You 1687 want to answer that, or I can go through all three if you prefer. 1688

Mr. Blankinship-1690 Let's go ahead and answer. I should check and get back to 1691 you. But I'm almost positive that would be the applicant's responsibility to put in a culvert in the existing swale and, and then pave over it. 1692

1694 Mr. Rogish-And pay that cost. And if you go back to the site map or the aerial, it's very tight there. You can see the property lines. And so, I guess the road, the 1695 county road would extend up to there or right before that. The applicant would then be 1696 responsible to go over the culvert and still maintain the distance between all those. 1697 1698 There's, what, 1-2-3, three properties, that are all sorts of forking properties converging all at the same place there. So, just that's the concern. And the second one we've talked 1699 through is, just to reiterate, because it's the stormwater, the runoff and we add structure 1700 1701 to anything, there will be, and again I just got the letter as well. So, I would like to hear from staff to make sure that we're doing the right thing. Maybe an environmental study 1702 from our staff or somebody else may be appropriate. And the third point is. The question 1703 is that all the properties on September and Roslyn are zoned R-2. Now, this piece of 1704 property is actually zoned, I can't quite read from here, but 8700,... Everything on 1705 September, that's R-2. And the gentleman just south of that off of Roslyn right there, that's 1706 R-2 as well. The property that is in question is actually zoned R-3, because Ziontown 1707 Road is R-3. So, my question to the Board is, are there other things that we're giving up 1708 on an R-3 versus an R-2? And should we not maybe consider rezoning that property if 1709 we're going to put a home there to R-2, instead of R-3? Just to make conform with the 1710 rest of the, the neighborhood on Roslyn. 1711

Mr. Blankinship-The property does exceed the R-3 requirements. I have not 1713 checked it against the R-2 requirements. Paul, do you know off your top off the top of your 1714 1715 head if it meets these? Yeah, it's half an acre...

- 1717 Mr. Gidley-Lot area...
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Mr. Blankinship-Yeah, plenty of lot area, and what's the lot width? Yeah, the 1719 lot width is over a hundred feet, so I think it would meet the same requirements for R-2 or 1720

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1723 Mr. Rogish-And the setbacks would be appropriate.

Mr. Blankinship-The setbacks would be slightly different. That's certainly a 1725 condition that we could propose to the Board, is that you require the R-2 setbacks in lieu 1726 of the R-3 setbacks. Let me quickly look up what the differences would be there for R-2, 1727 the front and rear would be 40 and this, I'm sorry, 45, and the sides would be 15. For R-1728 3, it's 40 and 12. So, that would require an additional 5 feet of front and rear setback and 1729

| 1730 1731 | an additional 3 feet of side yard setback if that's something the Board wants to add to a variance. | | |
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| 1732 1733 1734 | Mr. Johnson- | That would basically be for the drainage part of it? | |
| 1735 1736 1737 1738 | Mr. Blankinship- That would not really address the drainage, no, but ensure that the location of the house on the lot was consistent with the neighbor the west, as well as the neighborhoods to the east. | | |
| 1739 1740 1741 | Mr. Johnson- speaker. | Okay, thank you. Okay. Okay. Is there another applicant or | |
| 1742 1743 | Mr. Pollard- | That's in opposition? | |
| 1744 1745 | Mr. Blankinship- | Now, do you want to hear from the | |
| 1746 1747 174 8 | Mr. Broadway- Works. | Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if we could hear from Public | |
| 1749 1750 | Mr. Blankinship- | Thank you. | |
| 1751 752 1753 | Mr. Johnson- Okay. | Yes. That was just making sure we had all of them done. | |
| 1754 1755 | Mr. Blankinship- | Paul. Okay. | |
| 1756 1757 1758 1759 1760 1761 1762 1763 1764 1765 1766 1767 1768 1769 1770 | Mr. Aust- name is Michael Aust, with the Department of Public Works. I received this, I would s letter, not necessarily a drainage report, late last night. So, I haven't had a lot of time dive into it. But I would like to have some more time to maybe work with the applicant address the concerns from the community. What these folks are saying is spot on. Ye add impervious area, it does cause issues. Part of my job with the County is I deal we all the private drainage issues that come in. All the complaints. So, I see this every sin day, multiple times a day. There are situations like this that we've run into in the past. If been dealing with one in particular with the Board of Supervisors for the last six month I'd rather avoid that in the future, so. But I think there are some things that we can do work with the applicant and reasonably address the concerns from the community. What's sort of my take as a whole. I can go into further detail if you'd like. Mr. Johnson- Okay, any questions so far? | | |
| 1771 1772 1773 | Mr. Green- it more. | Other than studying it, you just wanted to pretty much look into | |
| 774 | Mr. Aust- to see if there's some way | I think it would be appropriate to give this a little bit more time s we can address the concerns from the community. | |

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| 1777 1778 | Mr. Blankinship- | We might come back with a proposed condition to address |
| 1779 | Mr. Aust- | Yes. |
| 1780 1781 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. |
| 1782 1783 | Mr. Pollard- | Any idea how much time will be needed? |
| 1784 1785 1786 1787 1788 | Mr. Aust- takes a week or two for them to run through an analysis, you know. We would me know, a few weeks after that or week after that. So, it could take a month to two before we get something that would be reasonable to get back in front of you. | |
| 1789 1790 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. |
| 1791 1792 1793 | Mr. Pollard- | Thank you. |
| 1794 1795 | Mr. Broadway- | Okay. So, you're thinking it could take up to two months? |
| 1796 1797 | Mr. Aust- | Possibly, yeah. |
| 1798 1799 | Mr. Broadway- | Okay. |
| 1800 1801 | Mr. Aust- their, their level of effort is | It's dependent on the engineer and, you know, how, what |
| 1802 1803 | Mr. Johnson- | And they're saying the problem is the drainage for this facility. |
| 1804 1805 1806 1807 1808 1809 1810 1811 1812 1813 1814 | Mr. Aust- Yeah, I can certainly speak to that. Basically, like I said, where you do add homes, roofs, downspouts, you do concentrate the water. That's what we've heard from others, that's spot on and typically what causes the issues. The water the speeds up, causing issues downstream. Water is getting to culverts faster than it should lt doesn't have a chance to make it through that culvert so it can back up and cause flooding issues. So right now, it sounds like while there might be some flooding concern or water concerns, it's not necessarily damaging, or impactful, to the homeowners. But that's what I'm assuming. Um. But I think we can do things to try to keep the condition a it is now with a house being there. But as it's shown, I'd, I think we should work together to try to meet those conditions as it is now. | |
| 1815 1816 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. Thank you. |
| 1817 1818 | Mr. Aust- | Thank you. |
| 1819 1820 1821 | Mr. Johnson- | Okay. |

Mr. Pollard- And I'm not sure who best to ask this question to. But let's say the property owners in the area wanted to solve the, the current issue. Let's say the house gets there and where everything's able to remain like this. Is there a way to improve the drainage situation out there?

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Without having seen the issues that might exist out there, Mr. Aust-1827 there may be. I mean, I've dealt with things like this all the time. Part of it is also just, kind 1828 of, making sure people are understanding of what the water should be doing. Again, the 1829 general consensus is you want to try to slow water down. Give it a chance to infiltrate, 1830 soak up like a sponge. The vegetation does that, the soil does that. That's really what we 1831 are looking for. So, piping, things like that, that doesn't give the water a chance to slow 1832 down, it actually speeds it up and can cause more of an issue. So, we've got a number of 1833 options we've looked at with folks and sometimes when we talked through it with them, 1834 they kind of consider what maybe they thought was an issue is actually a benefit to the 1835 community as a whole. So, when a creek, or a swale, banks out it's actually not a bad 1836 thing, always. Unless it's causing damage somewhere. But it actually allows water to slow 1837 down. So, there are situations like that where it where it's helpful if it gets into a flatter 1838 area and is allowed to slow down. 1839

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1841 Mr. Green-1842 downhill from that. You said 20 feet of water coming into his yard. How, how, how's that 1843 fixed? I mean, and that's obviously been happening for some time. So, has it not been 1844 brought to the attention of the county and. And, if it has, why is it taking a potential building 1845 of another house before that issue is fixed?

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Mr. Aust-

Right.

1849 Mr. Green- I guess that's what I'm trying to figure out.

1851 Mr. Aust-To come out and look at it. I might be wrong. I can go back and look. But to address your question of, how would this get fixed if there is a real concern with, you know, damaging property and things of that nature. You start to look upstream at how we can slow the water down. So that's typically how we tackle issues like that, is, you know, how can we help the water upstream?

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1858 Mr. Green-1859 I think we have two issues. I think one of the issues is they 1859 want to go ahead, he wants to build a house, okay? The other issue is they have an 1860 ongoing problem. So, even if you don't build a house, you still have an ongoing problem. 1861 How do you fix the ongoing problem?

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1863 Mr. Aust-1864 Yeah, I would definitely want to go out and see, is this an 1864 actual problem every single rain event or is this a one time it gets out? And that's where 1865 we're happy to go look at that with them and make sure that we're all on the same page 1866 with how we define a problem.

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Mr. Johnson-1868 Okay. Thank you. Go to the mic. 1869 Mr. Blankinship-1870 And tell us your name again, please. 1871 Mr. Gregory-1872 Okay. First name James, last name Gregory, 8702 September Drive. In the video that I showed, there's the neighborhood to the north of us, 1873 that escapes me right now. Randolf Square? No, what's it called? 1874 1875 1876 Mr. Gidley-Westham Manor? 1877 1878 Mr. Gregory-St. Albans, right. If you see one of the videos, I showed St. 1879 Albans has a drainage tube, literally, going to the corner of the 8700 property, right into 1880 this swale. So that would certainly be something that we would love to raise to the county to say, hey, all of that that's coming off of Ridge Road is coming right to us. That we're 1881 1882 about to add to. So, we'd love to solve those problems down the road. I think this will exacerbate that though. 1883 1884 Mr. Johnson-1885 Okay. 1886 1887 Mr. Figueiredo-Just to further that... 1888 1889 Mr. Johnson-Your name. 1890 Sorry. Jorge Figueiredo. I'm at 225 Roslyn Hills, just to the left 1891 Mr. Figueiredo-1892 of the red rectangle. The question about complaints, on my part, I have not complained to the county. This has been a little bit of a learning experience for me, and I do intend on 1893 reaching out. The creek, again, as it basically picks up on my north end of the lot, is on 1894 my lot. I just assumed that it was my responsibility to keep it and, and maintain it, and I 1895 try to do that. It does not necessarily overflow every time it rains, but we get some heavy 1896 rain, and it does, and it takes a couple of days. So, in terms of damage right now, it's just 1897 eroding the backyard. But I would also like to add. I think this was partly overlooked when 1898 1899 I first talked. There was a picture included in the email that I sent, that I'm not sure if it's available to be pulled up on the screen. But on the section of September Drive, where the 1900 road currently ends and then will have to be paved all the way to the subject lot, there is 1901 a small, kind of, drainage. I maybe wouldn't call it, in that picture it's hard to see, but it's 1902 right to the right of where the picture ends. There is a section there that is already kind of 1903 a natural culvert there that then meets the bigger culvert. And I think the proposed plan 1904 1905 would include paving right over that. Oh, Mr. Gregory, you may speak more to that. I mean, there is drainage that comes from September Drive onto that creek already. And 1906 again, I think I overlooked that when I first talked. But this isn't just the culvert. It's the 1907 1908 drainage coming in from either direction that's going there. Specifically, not just the home, but the paving of this section is going to also exacerbate the same issue. 1909 1910 1911 Mr. Green-I've got a quick question for you. 1912

1913 Mr. Figueiredo- Sure.

Mr. Greenresolved, are you still opposed to a house being built?

19171918Mr. Figueiredo-
of how this lot became landlocked, and the opportunity that the current owner had to
resolve their own issue.

Any rebuttal from the applicant?

Okay, thank you.

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1924 Mr. Figueiredo- Sure.

Mr. Green-

Mr. Pollard-

1926 Mr. Blankinship- Okay.

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Of course, we're happy to work with the County to try and 1930 Mr. Grayinvestigate the drainage issue. The only other thing I would add to that is just as it stands, 1931 this is one house that we're proposing be constructed. And it looks like there's a 1932 tremendous amount of surrounding development that is sort of the primary cause of this 1933 issue. And the import of the engineer's report that we have now, and of course we're 1934 happy to, we welcome the opportunity to look into this further, however Public Works 1935 936 seems, deemed it inappropriate. But the primary takeaway from our conversation, my conversation with the engineer and his report is that this one house is not going to 1937 substantially increase this preexisting problem. Of course, if we can come up with a 1938 1939 solution for it, that would be wonderful. And I would note, as well, that if you look at the subdivision plat for the September, excuse me, the Roslyn Hillis neighborhood, there is a 1940 defined system of easements. I believe the swale that's on Mr. Figueiredo's property is 1941 within an existing easement, so that was planned when the development was originally 1942 1943 created. And I believe there is a, a defined drainage easement that runs right across Mr. Figueiredo's property as well. So, there is a system in place with legal rights for where 1944 the water is supposed to pass. And of course, again, we welcome the opportunity to look 1945 into that further, and how we can address it. I mean it seems like there would be a solution. 1946 Addressing maybe some of the confusion about the extension of the road. It was our 1947 understanding from the very beginning that it was going to be our responsibility to pipe, 1948 1949 pipe over or create a culvert so that the natural flow of the existing stormwater was not going to be impeded by the extension of September Drive. And I believe that's a condition 1950 of the variance. And we're fully expecting from the onset of this, of our application that it 1951 would be our responsibility to make sure that we extended the road and didn't impact the 1952 existing drainage. Just addressing Mr. Figueiredo's secondary concern that we somehow 1953 could have, or the existing owner, could have resolved the hardship for this property. 1954 That's just not the case. I think the staff report correctly concludes the law on this matter 1955 is that there are two pieces of this. You have to have acquired the property in good faith. 1956 1957 The staff report correctly concludes that the law on this point is that acquiring property knowing that a variance is required for development does not make someone, a 958 959 purchaser, not in good faith. The existing lot has existed, and existed since 1981 or 1982,

1960 long before Mr. Kennedy purchased both 400 Ziontown Road and the subject property. And then if you look at... If you look at 400 Ziontown Road, there's only 50 feet of road 1961 frontage for Ziontown. That's what Mr. Kennedy got when he purchased Ziontown, the 1962 400 Ziontown property, and the subject parcel. So, there's really no way that he could 1963 1964 have created 50 feet of road frontage for our subject parcel. Notwithstanding, when you start talking about hardship the Virginia Supreme Court, not to get too far into it, typically 1965 has viewed that as the applicant actually violating the zoning ordinance and then asking 1966 for forgiveness. So, that's not what we've done here. That's not what Mr. Kennedy has 1967 done. He acquired the property in good faith and he's simply seeking relief from the zoning 1968 ordinance. Another point on the 50 feet, on the actual road frontage that does exist, and 1969 I think this puts the issue into perspective, the ordinance, as it is requires, 50 feet of road 1970 frontage. The property has just a little over 50 feet of road frontage on the terminus of 1971 September Drive. It just so happens that the ordinance doesn't permit the terminus to 1972 count towards the road frontage. So, this is really a very, very minor deviation from the 1973 zoning ordinance that's being requested here. And, of course, it looks like there's some 1974 more work to be done to determine what needs to be done with the impact of the 1975 stormwater. But I'm also happy, of course, to answer any other questions on any of the 1976 1977 other issues that that have been raised today while we're here.

- 1979 Mr. Blankinship- Mr. Chair, there was one question about how close the 1980 clearing of trees would come to the rear property line.
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Yes.

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Mr. Johnson-

- 1984 Mr. Blankinship- Is that something you can make a commitment on, or do you 1985 want to wait until this comes back to address that as well?
- 1986 1987 Mr. Grav-So, I think our concern about committing to clearing is we really don't know what's there. It's guite possible that, you know. What we know, we know 1988 that most of the trees on the property are covered in lvy. It may very well be that some of 1989 the trees that are along that buffer, in the interest of everyone, need to be taken down for 1990 safety reasons. So, that would be one of our concerns. Of course, we value, the applicant 1991 values privacy also, but since we really have... You know, as we've seen from the pictures 1992 it's completely overgrown at this point. We don't know without getting into it further, what 1993 would be appropriate in terms of clearing activities. 1994
- 1996 Mr. Blankinship- That's fine.
- 1998 Mr. Johnson- Okay.
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Mr. Greenhim. So, someone stated that a house could be, potentially impact property values. What is the current value on the houses in their neighborhood and how much is this house coming in at?

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We expect this house to far exceed the values of the 2005 Mr. Grayneighboring properties, and we certainly think that it's going to be an improvement to the 2006 neighborhood. We think that based on what the terminus of September Drive looks like 2007 now, it's going to be a major improvement once we've, once we extend September Drive 2008 and construct a new dwelling. You know, we've not gotten a hard cost on construction. 2009 We expect the construction costs to be in the neighborhood of \$550,000, just roughly. In 2010 today's market, I know I'm speculating, but I think it's reasonable to believe that it very 2011 well may be a million-dollar house. 2012 2013 Go ahead Mr. Johnson-2014 2015 Mr. Pollard-So, have you guys had a chance to speak with the neighbors 2016 about their concerns? 2017 2018 We've not had a chance to speak with the neighbors. Mr. Gray-2019 2020 Mr. Pollard-In terms of privacy and drainage. 2021 2022 Mr. Grav-Excuse me. I take that back. I believe Mr. Kennedy has 2023 spoken, had spoken briefly with Mr. Figueiredo prior to the hearing, but we have not, I 2024 have not personally had an opportunity to speak directly with the neighbors. 2025 2026 Mr. Pollard-Okay. R027 2028 Mr. Johnson-Okay. Alright. Anyone else? 2029 2030 2031 Mr. Broadway-Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that we've heard there are several concerns with this variance request. And so, in that light, I would move that we defer the 2032 request to allow time for the Department of Public Works to analyze and respond to some 2033 2034 of the drainage questions. And also, if the department would work with our staff to coordinate as to when you can get back to us, if we can do it by the June 27th meeting 2035 or if you will need more time. 2036 2037 Mr. Lawrence-Second. 2038 2039 Mr. Johnson-Okay, it's been motioned and seconded. 2040 2041 Mr. Pollard-Discussion? 2042 2043 Mr. Johnson-Any discussion. 2044 2045 Mr. Pollard-Yes, is June 27th enough time? 2046 2047 Mr. Gidley-Yeah, do we need a date? 2048 2049

| 2050 2051 | Mr. Blankinship- then we have to readvertis | I don't think we have to have a date. If we don't have se, but it's not a big deal. We have to re notify anyway, s | |
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| 2052 2053 2054 | Mr. Pollard- further if we had to. | That was my discussion. I wanted to be able to push | it back |
| 2055 2056 | Mr. Blankinship- | Yeah, July 25th would be the next meeting. | |
| 2057 2058 2059 | Mr. Broadway- guarantee finishing by nex | Well, based on what Michael said, you know, they out month. | ouldn't |
| 2060 2061 2062 | Mr. Blankinship- | Do you want to just say July 25th, and have it done with | th it? |
| 2062 2063 2064 2065 | Mr. Broadway- to defer until July 25 th . | Okay. Yeah, I'll amend my motion to say. To report b | ack, or |
| 2065 2066 2067 | Mr. Lawrence- | Second. | |
| 2068 2069 | Mr. Johnson- | The motion is, is that a motion? | |
| 2070 2071 | Mr. Pollard- | Yes. | |
| 2072 2073 | Mr. Johnson- | It's been motioned and seconded. All in favor? | |
| 2074 2075 | Board- | Aye. | |
| 2075 2076 2077 | Mr. Johnson- | All opposed? Motioned to defer to July. | |
| 2078 2079 2080 2081 2082 2083 2083 2084 2085 | consideration. We will print information? If anybody we let us have your contact i | Thank you all very much. You will receive another no omments are all on the record. They will all be take rovide copies. Actually, if you could, can you get ould like copies of the information that is submitted in the information and we'll get those to you. So, you're welcaring or you're welcome if you have other commitments en into consideration. | en into contact future, ome to |
| 2086 2087 2088 | On a motion by Mr. Broa VAR-2024-100763 until th | dway, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board deferre e July 25, 2024, meeting. | d case |
| 2089 2090 2091 2092 2093 | Affirmative: Negative: Absent: | • | 5 0 0 |
| 2094 2095 | Mr. Blankinship- | Mr. Chair, that brings us to the minutes from the. | |

2096 Can we discuss that letter? 2097 Mr. Green-2098 Can we do that after the minutes? Mr. Blankinship-2099 2100 Whv? Mr. Green-2101 2102 Okay, because it's on the agenda that way, but we can always Mr. Blankinship-2103 change it. The review of the rear yard setback variances was mailed out to you. Sarah, 2104 thank you very much. Sarah Rozmus did the research on that. But of course, she's new, 2105 so she didn't know the specific cases. So, if you have questions on that research, I might 2106 be a better resource, but she is also able to answer questions about hers. The statement 2107 that was made a couple of months ago was that the Board had been inconsistent, and I 2108 think that is not the case. I think our research has shown that the Board has not always 2109 followed staff's recommendation, which of course is entirely appropriate, but that the 2110 Board has been consistent in the ways in which they have departed from the staff 2111 recommendation. Is that that a fair summary of what you found Sarah? 2112 2113 Ms. Rozmus-Yes. 2114 2115 Mr. Green-Okay. 2116 2117 Yes sir. 118 Mr. Blankinship-2119 Mr. Green-... we've dealt with all the other things. 2120 2121 Yes sir. Thank you for calling that to my attention. Mr. Blankinship-2122 2123 Mr. Green-... would, am I correct? 2124 2125 Mr. Blankinship-Yes sir, you absolutely are. 2126 2127 2128 Mr. Green-You dealt with that immediately. 2129 Mr. Blankinship-Yes sir. And we have dealt with it privately as well. 2130 2131 Mr. Green-Okay, yes sir. 2132 2133 Mr. Blankinship-The, the fascinating thing that happened, you asked us to draft 2134 a letter, we drafted a letter, we've been in discussions about that, and then out of the blue, 2135 the Court of Appeals handed down this new opinion, which we presented you copies of 2136 in your package. And my reading of, oh, look, okay. That's the last item on the agenda, 2137 and then we'll go back and do the minutes. You know, we, we have always based our 2138 2139 staff reports on a very strict interpretation of the code which was given to us by the Virginia Supreme Court. Whether we like it or not, that has been the law. There is now new law. 2140 2141 The General Assembly has changed the law, changed the statute over the years and

2142 we've always brought that to your attention when it's happened. But we've been waiting 2143 for the Supreme Court to give us new guidance based on the new statute. And I don't know that this case is going to reach the Supreme Court, but the Virginia Court of Appeals 2144 has now ruled on a variance application to say that the Cochran decision is no longer the 2145 law in Virginia. That the changes to the statute have fundamentally changed the review 2146 of variance applications. And we are going to have to take a different view of variances 2147 from what we have taken in the past. I did confirm with the County Attorney's office that 2148 the Court of appeals... 2149

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Do we have a copy?

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Mr. Blankinship-Yeah, it was in your package, I'll certainly give you another copy.

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Mr. Green-

2156 Mr. Green- No, I've got it.

2158 Mr. Blankinship-Yeah, the Court of Appeals decisions are binding on Circuit Courts, so they are binding on Boards of Appeals statewide. And so, unless the Supreme 2159 Court does take this case and overturns the Court of Appeals, this is the law. And 2160 basically, the fundamental question now is going to be one of reasonableness. And it is 2161 going to be on your broad shoulders to determine what is reasonable and what is not. 2162 2163 And of course, the applicants are always going to say that the regulations are unreasonable as applied to their property. But yeah, it will be up to you to make an 2164 individualized case by case decision of whether the code is reasonable as applied in 2165 specific circumstances. The September Drive case this morning is an excellent example 2166 because the purpose, as Mr. Gidley explained, the purpose of that requirement, of not 2167 counting the terminus as a frontage, is because we want the road to be extended. This 2168 road is never going to be extended, so that particular requirement is not reasonable as 2169 applied to that lot in our view. Some of these setback variances for screen porches and 2170 things, some of them I. I still think the requirements are reasonable. The Board has said 2171 there will be a 45-foot setback and a deck can extend 10 feet into that, but a porch cannot. 2172 2173 And if everybody else in the neighborhood is meeting it, then that's a reasonable requirement and there has to be some good reason to find that it's unreasonable. But in 2174 a case where there's almost but not guite enough room for the applicant to do what they 2175 want, you might say that the difference between a 45-foot and a 43-foot setback, it's not 2176 reasonable to cause the applicant some hardship over a difference that nobody would 2177 ever notice in the future. 2178 2179

2180 Mr. Pollard-2181 Right, especially if they're like on a corner lot or something, it 2181 was like no way to know it turned out that way.

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Mr. Blankinship- Right, yeah. Or you're measuring from a curve, or your eye

2185 2186 Mr. Pollard- Right.

just cannot say, "Well, gee, that's not in line".

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I'm trying to think of some of the other cases that we've had Mr. Blankinship-188 recently. 2189 2190 Two things. One, my boss's wife is a Chief Justice for the, for Mr. Green-2191 the Court of Appeal, so ... 2192 2193 No kidding. Mr. Blankinship-2194 2195 Mr. Green-I'm going to ask her about it. 2196 2197 Yeah. Mr. Blankinship-2198 2199 Mr. Green-I'm going to ask her about it. But ultimately what does this 2200 mean? 2201 2202 It means that we are going to take a very different view of a Mr. Blankinship-2203 lot of variance requests. There are a lot of cases in the past where staff has sat around 2204 and just said, man I wish we could recommend approval on this, but they have reasonable 2205 use of the property. And the, the court has said in the past, if there's reasonable use of 2206 the property, you don't even go any further in your analysis. Now we will be able to say, 2207 yeah, they have reasonable use of their property but applied to this particular site, this 2208 particular requirement may be unreasonable, The Board may have the flexibility of finding 2209 that something's unreasonable. So, I think you're going to have the authority to grant 210 variances that in the past we have all felt like we wished could be granted, but we could 2211 not, within the confines of the Supreme Court, make a recommendation there. 2212 2213 2214 Mr. Pollard-So, we have more of a burden to be consistent. 2215 Yes, it will be more difficult for you to do your jobs, you will Mr. Blankinship-2216 have more authority. But you will be able to solve problems that you have not been able 2217 to solve in the past. So, based on that. I'd like to hold off on writing that letter until we see 2218 how these things go for a couple of months. And if we go through four months and we still 2219 have the same issues, then yeah, we can always draft a letter at that time. 2220 2221 Mr. Green-So, basically, we're a little bit more flexible in granting 2222 approval. 2223 2224 Yes. Which, you know from your first day on the Board, you Mr. Blankinship-2225 were asking, well, why are we even here if we have no authority to even look at these 2226 guestions? And now that that restriction on your authority has been changed. I won't say 2227 removed, but it has been changed. So yeah, it's going to be a very different job going 2228 forward. And fortunately, as of now, for June, we don't have any variances, so we'll all 2229 have another month to think about this. We have four or five use permits coming up in 2230 June, but unless it comes in today, there won't be any variances for June. So, we will 2231 232 have some more time to think and consider. 2233

| 2234 2235 | Mr. Pollard- | I wonder if they'll be able to work it out. | |
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| 2235 2236 2237 | Mr. Green- | I'm going to ask her. | |
| 2238 2239 | Mr. Blankinship- | Yeah, I would love to have any inside scoop you have on that. | |
| 2240 2241 | Mr. Green- | I'll call her today. | |
| 2242 2243 | Mr. Blankinship- | Now can we take up the minutes? | |
| 2244 2245 | Mr. Johnson- | Yeah. | |
| 2246 2247 2248 2249 | Mr. Blankinship- and italics, and things to c you want to change the wo | Alright. Mr. Lawrence did find some commas, and hyphens, correct. We have talked about a couple other little items, where yords that were spoken, | |
| 2250 2251 | Mr. Pollard- | Who found those? Surprise, surprise! | |
| 2252 2253 2254 | Mr. Blankinship- even if they weren't gramm | and I'm reluctant to change the words that were natically perfect. But, with that I think a motion would be | |
| 2255 2256 | Mr. Green- | So moved. | |
| 2257 2258 | Mr. Pollard- | Second. | |
| 2259 2260 | Mr. Johnson- | It's been motioned and second. All in favor? | |
| 2261 2262 | Board- | Aye. | |
| 2263 2264 | Mr. Blankinship- | I'm recording you all as being in favor of that. | |
| 2265 2266 2267 | Mr. Lawrence- | Yeah. Aye. Yes. | |
| 2268 2269 2270 2271 2272 | Affirmative: Negative: Absent: | Broadway, Green, Johnson, Lawrence, Pollard | 5 0 0 |
| 2272 2273 2274 2275 2276 2277 2278 2279 | Mr. Lawrence- about the Supreme Court decision? And if you haven't read it yet, Mr. Green, I suggest you go into a very quiet room where you can concentrate. And kick your cat out of the room too. Mine kept knocking on the door. So, before the keyword was unnecessary or necessary, and now it's reasonable, is that right? They seem to reference that in the report that they've taken out the word, | | suggest ut of the ssary or |

| 2280 | Mr. Blankinship- confiscation. | Prior to 2004, the statute actually said a hardship approaching |
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| 2282 2283 2284 | Mr. Lawrence- | Okay |
| 2284 2285 2286 | Mr. Blankinship- | But they didn't actually quote those words in Conchran. |
| 2280 2287 2288 | Mr. Lawrence- | Okay. |
| 2289 2290 2291 2292 2293 | affect the standard. Then the first of the three Threshold there's no grounds for a variable there's no grounds for a variable there's no grounds for a variable there is no grounds for a vari | Those words were removed from the statute like the next year, earing these things said, well, there was a change, but it didn't they changed it more completely. So, in the past that test, the Tests has been, if there is any reasonable use of the property, ariance. The only time you can grant a variance is if there is no |
| 2294 2295 2296 | reasonable use for the pro Mr. Lawrence- | perty. That has gone away. Okay. |
| 2290 2297 2298 | | It is now if, if the restriction on the property is an unreasonable |
| 2298 2299 2300 2301 | Mr. Blankinship- restriction. And that will be up to you to decide what is a reasonable restriction and while is an unreasonable restriction. | |
| 302 | Mr. Pollard- | I like that. |
| 2304 2305 | Mr. Lawrence- | So we've done 180 degrees since Cochran then. |
| 2306 2307 | Mr. Blankinship- | Yes. |
| 2308 2309 2310 2311 | Mr. Lawrence- concern about, virtually no a bit of flexibility. | Basically, the BZA was told we had, as Mr. Green expressed authority to grant variances in most cases, to now having quite |
| 2312 2313 | Mr. Blankinship- | Yes. |
| 2314 2315 2316 2317 | Mr. Lawrence- have any, any information of or can we get that information | The other follow-up question is, on the porch issue, do we on how other localities are addressing that in terms of setbacks, tion? |
| 2318 2319 2320 | Mr. Blankinship- probably should redo that. | No. I have some research on that, but it's out of date. We |
| 2321 2322 | Mr. Lawrence- | That might be helpful too. Yeah. |
| 2323 2324 | Mr. Pollard- | Screened in? |

Mr. Lawrence-2325 Screened porches. If we could see what other localities are, 2326 how they're addressing that. 2327 Mr. Green-2328 Because that just seems to be the new trend. And the other trend that's coming is going to be these semi-inground pools. That's coming too. 2329 2330 Mr. Pollard-Semi-inground? 2331 2332 2333 Mr. Green-Yeah, you're going to see a pool that's not that old... regular above ground. But opposed to being total inground, but they're now coming to semi-2334 inground. I've seen somewhere people are putting concrete walls around it. And I'm like, 2335 have they taken an above ground pool and enclosed it. And I just happened to be talking 2336 2337 to somebody from the pool industry and he was saying no, that's what's coming there. So, I mean, I guess if you're coming off your deck. If your deck is four feet off the ground, 2338 and you're coming off your deck, then you just go directly into your pool. As opposed to 2339 having to go down. 2340 2341 Mr. Blankinship-Makes sense. 2342 2343 Mr. Green-I guess that's about four or five years away, but ... 2344 2345 Mr. Blankinship-That's the first I've heard of that. That's interesting. 2346 2347 Yeah, they're ... above ground pools. Mr. Green-2348 2349 Mr. Johnson-Yeah. But I know I was in Chicago and now I noticed that 2350 every house had a pool, but it was like you're saying. 2351 2352 Mr. Green-Oh yeah? 2353 2354 Mr. Johnson-Yes. 2355 2356 I'd like to make a motion. Mr. Pollard-2357 2358 Mr. Johnson-Yes sir. 2359 2360 Mr. Pollard-Can we adjourn the meeting? 2361 2362 A motion to adjourn is always in order. Mr. Blankinship-2363 2364 2365 Mr. Green-Until Mr. Blankinship buys us lunch. 2366 Mr. Pollard-Do I have a second? 2367 2368 2369 Affirmative: Broadway, Green, Johnson, Lawrence, Pollard 5 2370

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