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The Goddard School in North Bethesda Preliminary Plan Amendment 11996015B and Site Plan Amendment 82006005A

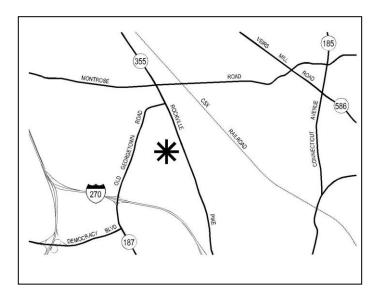
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Description

- Construction of up to 14,465 square feet for a child day care facility with associated surface parking;
- Current uses: vacant building;
- Located on the south side of Edson Lane, 500 feet west of the intersection with Rockville Pike;
- 0.679-acre site zoned CRN 0.5 C0.5 R0.25 H35 in the White Flint Sector Plan area;
- Applicant: Edson Lane Development, LLC;
- Application Acceptance Date: December 3, 2014.



Summary

- Staff recommends approval with conditions of the Preliminary and Site Plan amendments.
- The Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan No. 11996015A by Opinion dated October 25, 2006, and Site Plan No. 820060050 by Resolution No. 06-72 dated October 8, 2007 for an office building of 13,150 square feet.
- The application is filed pursuant to the grandfathering-exemptions allowed in Section 7.7.1.C.1. and therefore reviewed under the standards of the C-T Zone, the property's zoning as of October 29, 2014.
- Pursuant to Section 7.7.1.B.3.b., the application is reviewed for compliance with the parking requirements of Section 6.2.3. and 6.2.4.
- On January 8, 2015, pursuant to Section 7.3.4.C., the Planning Director approved a 30-day extension of the review period at the Applicant's request.

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SECTION 1: RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

PRELIMINARY PLAN

Staff recommends approval of Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11996015B, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Approval is limited to one (1) lot for a maximum of 14,465 square feet of child day care use to accommodate up to 225 children and 32 staff/faculty.
- Prior to the issuance of any Use and Occupancy Certificate, the Applicant must amend the existing Traffic Mitigation Agreement with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Planning Board to update it with the approved land use and square footage and bring it in compliance with the *White Flint Sector Plan*.
- 3. The Planning Board accepts the recommendations of the MCDOT in its letter dated March 13, 2015 and hereby incorporates them as conditions of approval. The Applicant must comply with each of the recommendations as set forth in the letter, which may be amended by MCDOT provided that the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.
- 4. The Planning Board accepts the recommendations of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MCDPS) Water Resources Section in its letter of stormwater management concept acceptance dated October 29, 2014. The Applicant must comply with each of the recommendations as set forth in the letter, which may be amended by MCDPS provided that the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.
- 5. No demolition, clearing, grading, or submission of plats can occur prior to Certified Site Plan approval.
- 6. In the event that a subsequent Site Plan approval substantially modifies the subdivision shown on the approved Preliminary Plan with respect to lot configuration or right-of-way location, width, or alignment (except the modifications required by these conditions), the Applicant must obtain approval of a Preliminary Plan Amendment prior to approval of the Site Plan.
- 7. The Certified Preliminary Plan must contain the following note: "Unless specifically noted on this plan drawing or in the Planning Board conditions of approval, the building footprints, building heights, on-site parking, site circulation, and sidewalks shown on the Preliminary Plan are illustrative. The final locations of buildings, structures and hardscape will be determined at the time of Site Plan review. Please refer to the zoning data table for development standards such as setbacks, building restriction lines, building height, and lot coverage for this lot. Other limitations for site development may also be included in the conditions of the Planning Board's approval."
- 8. All necessary easements must be shown on the Record Plat.
- 9. The Adequate Public Facility (APF) review for the Preliminary Plan will remain valid for eightyfive (85) months from the date of mailing of the Planning Board Resolution.

SITE PLAN

Staff recommends approval, with conditions, of Site Plan No. 82006005A, for up to 14,465 square feet of child day care use on 0.679 acre. All site development elements shown on the latest electronic version as of the date of this Staff Report, April 20, 2015, submitted via ePlans to the M-NCPPC are required unless specifically noted on the Certified Site Plan and except as modified by the following conditions:

- <u>Preliminary Plan Conformance</u> The development must comply with the conditions of approval for Preliminary Plan No. 11996015B.
- Forest Conservation & Tree Save Plan The development must comply with the tree preservation measures and planting, as shown on the Tree Save Plan approved concurrently with this application.
- Staging Allocation Request (SAR) Prior to issuance of building permit, the Applicant must receive a Staging Allocation Request approval from the Planning Board for the increased density.
- 4. Maintenance of Public Amenities

The Applicant is responsible for maintaining and ensuring the long term maintenance of all publicly accessible amenities including, but not limited to, paving, plantings, lighting, and bike racks as shown on the Certified Site Plan.

5. <u>Vehicular Circulation</u>

The Applicant must implement measures to prevent traffic overflow onto Edson Lane, to include but not limited to:

- a. Provide a minimum of 18 spaces reserved and signed for Parent Pick-up/Drop-off as shown on the Certified Site Plan.
- b. Provide a schedule of staggered program start and end times to disperse vehicular arrivals and departures.
- 6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Circulation
 - a. The Applicant must provide a 5-foot wide sidewalk with green panel along the Property's frontage of Edson Lane, as shown on the Certified Site Plan.
 - b. The Applicant must provide a minimum of 3 public bicycle spaces, which must be inverted-U racks, or equivalent approved by Planning Staff, and shown on the Certified Site Plan.
- 7. Fire and Rescue

The Planning Board accepts the recommendations of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service – Fire Code Enforcement Section in its letter dated March 13, 2015, and hereby incorporates them as conditions of the Site Plan approval. The Applicant must comply with each of the recommendations as set forth in the letter, which may be amended by Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service – Fire Code Enforcement Section provided that the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of Site Plan approval.

8. Site Plan Surety and Maintenance Agreement

Prior to issuance of the first building permit, the Applicant must enter into a Site Plan Surety and Maintenance Agreement with the Planning Board in a form approved by the Office of General Counsel that outlines the responsibilities of the Applicant. The Agreement must include a performance bond(s) or other form of surety in accordance with Section 59-D-3.5(d) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, with the following provisions:

- a. A cost estimate of the materials and facilities, which, upon Staff approval, will establish the surety amount.
- b. The cost estimate must include applicable Site Plan elements, including, but not limited to plant material, on-site lighting, recreational facilities, site furniture, trash enclosures, retaining walls, fences, railings, paths and associated improvements of development.
- c. The bond or surety shall be tied to the development program, and completion of all improvements covered by the surety for each phase of development will be followed by inspection and potential reduction of the surety.

9. Development Program

The Applicant must construct the development in accordance with a development program that will be reviewed and approved by Planning Staff prior to the approval of the Certified Site Plan.

10. Certified Site Plan

The following revisions must be made and/or information provided subject to Staff review and approval for inclusion on the Certified Site Plan:

- a. Include the exemption letter from submitting a Forest Conservation Plan, stormwater management concept approval letter, development program, and all previous and new Planning Board resolutions for Preliminary Plan and Site Plan approvals in the Certified Site Plan set.
- b. Add a note stating that "M-NCPPC Staff must inspect all tree-save areas and protection devices prior to demolition, clearing and grading."
- c. Add a note stating that "Minor modifications to the limits of disturbance shown on the site plan within the public right-of-way for utility connections may be done during the review of the right-of-way permit drawings by the Department of Permitting Services."
- d. Remove unnecessary sheets as identified by Planning Staff.
- e. Make corrections and clarifications to details, calculations, recreation facilities, labeling, data tables, and schedules as needed and directed by Planning Staff.
- f. Ensure consistency of all details and layout between architectural, site, and landscape plans.

SECTION 2: SITE DESCRIPTION

Site Vicinity

The subject property, at 5420 Edson Lane, is located on the south side of Edson Lane, approximately 500 feet west of the intersection with Rockville Pike (MD 355). Edson Lane is an existing 70-foot right-of-way with 36 feet of paving and sidewalk on both sides of the street. Directly across Edson Lane is a four-story residential condo building (Edson Park), to the northeast is a 12-story office building. A separate three-story townhouse community is located to the west of Edson Park development. The seven-story Brit-Beco building is located approximately 40 feet east of the subject property line.

Directly to the west of the site is a two-story, single-family dwelling currently being used as a home office. It has a circular drive with surface parking to the rear. This site received approval for office, tourist home, and an institutional use (Site Plan No. 820060060-Peace Palace). Further to the west is the Wellness Center (Site Plan No. 81998010A).



Vicinity Aerial

Site Analysis

The subject property is currently occupied by a two-story one-family detached residence set back approximately 40 feet from the Edson Lane right-of-way. The subject property is accessed by a circular driveway from Edson Lane that provides access and parking to the building. Overhead utilities exist along the Edson Lane property frontage. A number of large and specimen trees are situated primarily along the eastern property line, and the property falls in grade from south to north by approximately five feet. The Site is approximately 0.679 acres and was rezoned from Commercial-Transition (C-T) to CRN 0.5 C0.5 R0.25 H35 as part of the zoning rewrite's District Map Amendment G-956.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION

Previous Approvals

On April 17, 1995, the Planning Board approved Site Plan No. 8-95025 for 2,086 square feet of office space on the subject property.

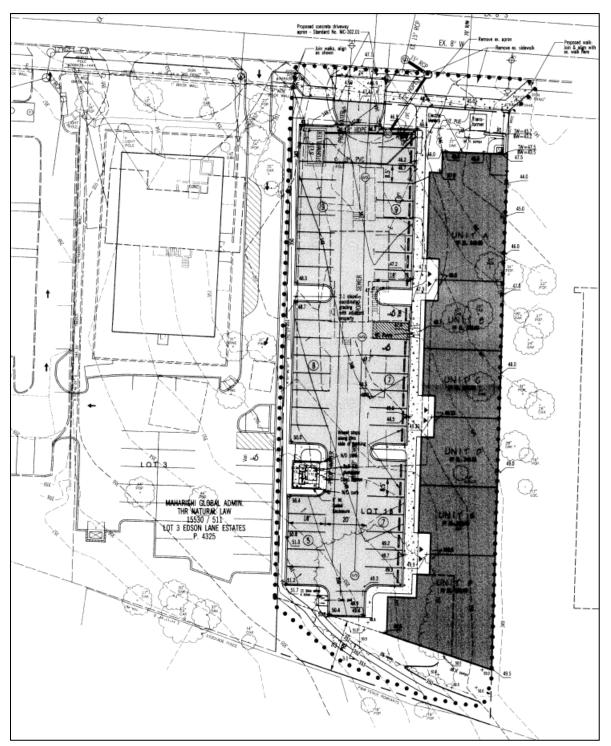
On October 6, 1995, the Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan No. 119960150 to create one lot for 2,080 square feet of commercial office.

The Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11996015A by Certified Plan dated March 12, 2007, concurrently with Site Plan No. 820060050 by Resolution No. 06-72 dated October 8, 2006, for the construction of 13,150 square feet of general office. The buildings were to be 35 feet in height, stepping down to approximately 20 feet in height for the southernmost office unit to provide compatibility and a sense of scale to the adjacent residential property. The approved surface parking lot accommodated 45 spaces with access from Edson Lane. The parking was buffered from the adjacent property to the west with shrub plantings, as well as shade trees within the parking lot islands. Pedestrian circulation included internal sidewalk connections to the multiple office units as well as a connection to Edson Lane.

Additional on-site evergreen screening included deciduous trees along the southern boundary to screen the building and parking, and off-site evergreen planting in an agreement with the adjacent property owner (Brit-Beco) to the east. The approved plan limited the height of the southern portion of the building to 20 feet; restricted the location and operation of the dumpster; and specified the type of HVAC compressors to be used.



Conceptual sketch of previously approved Site Plan No. 820060050



Previously Approved Site Plan No. 820060050

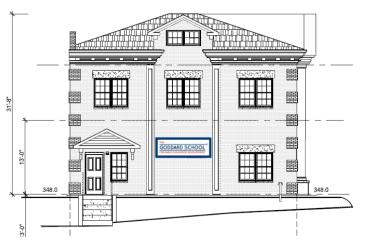
Proposal

Use and Density

The amendments propose to eliminate the approved general office use, and increase the approved density from the previously approved 13,150 square feet to a maximum of 14,465 square feet of child day care facility under the approved C-T Zone. This change is in compliance with the allowed uses and maximum density (0.5 FAR) of the C-T Zone.

Serving ages six weeks through six years, the Goddard School is the largest private preschool system in the nation with over 425 locations including six locations in Montgomery County. The proposed North Bethesda facility will accommodate up to 225 children and 32 staff/faculty at any one point in time.

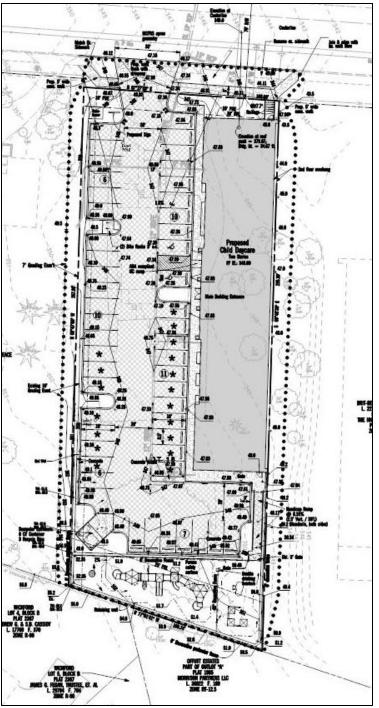
The proposed amendments modify the massing and height of the building. The proposed structure is shorter in length, approximately 195 feet compared to the approved building footprint of approximately 250 feet. The proposed amendment seeks to increase parking from 45 spaces to 50 spaces. The amendment also adds approximately 2,950 square feet dedicated to the preschool and toddler playground area outfitted with play equipment.



North elevation illustrative (along Edson Lane)



West elevation illustrative



Proposed site layout

Community Outreach

The Applicant has met all proper signage, noticing, and pre-submission meeting requirements. The Applicant held the required pre-submission community meeting at the North Bethesda Marriott Conference Center on August 13, 2014. Staff has not received any correspondence on this application.

SECTION 4: PROJECT ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Preliminary Plan Findings

1. The Preliminary Plan substantially conforms to the Sector Plan.

The proposed project substantially conforms to the 2010 *Approved and Adopted White Flint Sector Plan*. The Site is located in the NoBe District on Block 4 as identified by the Plan. The recommendations for this area provide opportunities for new mixed-uses and public use spaces while maintaining residential and office uses and ensuring a buffer for existing residential communities. (p.34)

The proposed project directly fulfills one of the Plan's area-wide land use priorities of providing child daycare. The Plan states, "One difficulty working families face is finding child daycare near work or home. Child daycare is an optional incentive in the CR Zone. Child daycare should be incorporated in new office and residential development, especially near transit facilities" (p.25).

While there are no specific recommendations for the subject property in the *White Flint Urban Design Guidelines*, the proposed project is consistent with its general recommendations, which include maintaining continuity with adjacent buildings and transition to adjacent, lower density neighborhoods (p.17). The proposed project also includes pedestrian facilities to ensure continuity of the pedestrian network (p.34).

2. Public Facilities will be adequate to support and serve the area of the approved subdivision.

Site Location and Access Points

The subject property has frontage on Edson Lane with proposed vehicular and pedestrian access into the Site. The proposed project provides pedestrian access across the entire frontage along Edson Lane. The proposed project would close the easternmost existing driveway entrance and reconstruct the westernmost entrance (slightly east of its current location) to be in accordance with commercial driveway standards.

Transportation Demand Management

The subject property is within the boundary of the North Bethesda Transportation Management District (TMD). The *White Flint Sector Plan* recommends that the TMD establish a 50% non-auto driver mode-share (NADMS) goal for employees. The TMD currently has a 26% transit mode-share. The Applicant must update the existing traffic mitigation agreement to reflect the proposed change in land use, and participate in the TMD through a traffic mitigation agreement to achieve the NADMS goals of the Sector Plan.

Sector Plan Roadways and Bikeways

In accordance with the *White Flint Sector Plan* and *Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan*, the recommended roadways and bikeways are as follows:

1. Edson Lane is designated as a business street, B-5, with a recommended 70-foot rightof-way, no additional right-of-way dedication is required. The Sector Plan recommends a dual bikeway, DB-13. A shared use path exists on the north side of Edson Lane. A bicycle lane will be striped from Woodglen Road to Rockville Pike (MD 355) as part of a future MCDOT project, not in conjunction with this development.

Site Generated Traffic

According to the Applicant's submitted traffic data , the arrival times of children will be staggered with a 7:00 AM start time for children of the full-day program (70% of children), 9:00 AM for children of both the half-day program (15% of children), and early afternoon release program (15% of children). Similarly, the departure times of children will also be staggered with half-day programs letting out at noon, early afternoon releasing at 3:00 PM, and full-day ending at 6:00 PM. Based on the proposed staggering of start/end times, there is adequate space and circulation on-site for pick-up/drop-off traffic to prevent overflow onto Edson Lane.

The table below provides a comparison of trips generated by the existing land use, the previously approved but unbuilt office building, and the proposed child daycare/pre-school facility. As shown below, a daycare will generate 35 more weekday AM peak hour trips and 43 more weekday PM peak hour trips as compared to the previously approved office building. This increase in site-generated traffic will not result in an adverse impact to the surrounding transportation network.

Trip Generation Table for The Goddard School in North Bethesda					
Type of Facility	Size/Unit for Trip Generation Calculation	Weekday Trips *			
		AM Peak	PM Peak		
Residential (Existing)	1 Detached House	1	1		
Office (Approved, Unbuilt)	13,150 SF	18	29		
Daycare (Approved)	32 Staff/Faculty	53 **	72 **		
Net Change (Approved vs Proposed)		+35	+43		
Notes: * Source of trip generation rates: LATR & TPAR Guidelines Tables 1-1 & 1-9. ** Includes pass-by reductions of 27% (AM) and 12% (PM) per Table 1-9 of LATR & TPAR Guidelines.					

Transportation Adequate Public Facilities Test

The White Flint Special Taxing District, established by Council Bill No. 50-10 and Resolution No. 16-570, excludes the typical Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) and Transportation Policy Area Review (TPAR) requirements for development within the White Flint Sector Plan area.

Other Public Facilities and Services

All other public facilities and services are available and will be adequate to serve the proposed development. The Subject Property is served by public water and sewer. Gas, electric and telecommunications services are also available to the Subject Property. Police stations, firehouses, and health services are currently operating within the standards set by the effective Subdivision Staging Policy. The application has been reviewed and conditionally approved by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), which must verify that the proposed development has adequate access for emergency vehicles prior to recordation of the plat.

3. The size, width, shape, and orientation of the approved lot are appropriate for the location of the subdivision, taking into account the recommendations included in the applicable master plan, and for the type of development or use contemplated.

The proposed amendment does not alter the size, width, shape, and orientation of the proposed lot. It remains appropriate for this type of subdivision and continues to comply with the dimensional requirement of the C-T Zone as specified in the Zoning Ordinance. The application meets the requirement and standards of all applicable sections of Chapter 50 of the Montgomery County Code.

4. The application satisfies all the applicable requirements of the Forest Conservation Law, Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A.

The Subject Property received a Forest Conservation Plan Exemption (No. 42015025E) on August 15, 2014. The approval is confirmed with a tree save plan required pursuant to Chapter 22A-5(s)(2) and Chapter 22A-6(b). Staff finds the submitted tree save plan to be acceptable.

5. All stormwater management requirements shall be met as provided in Chapter 19, Article II, title "Stormwater Management", Section 19-20 through 19-35.

The Department of Permitting Services issued a letter accepting the revised Stormwater Management Concept for the proposed amendment on October 29, 2014. The Stormwater Management Concept proposes to meet required stormwater management goals through ESD to the maximum extent practicable (MEP) with the use of permeable pavement.

Site Plan Findings

1. The Site Plan conforms to all non-illustrative elements of a development plan or diagrammatic plan, and all binding elements of schematic development plan, certified by the Hearing Examiner under Section 59-D-1.64, or is consistent with an approved project plan for the optional method of development if required, unless the Planning Board expressly modifies any element of the project plan.

There is no approved development plan, diagrammatic plan, schematic development plan, or project plan for the subject development.

2. The Site Plan meets all the requirements of the zone in which it is located.

The Amendment meets the development standards of the C-T Zone in Section 59-C-4.30, as shown in the Data Table below.

	Project Data Table		
Section	Development Standard	Permitted/	Proposed
59 - C		Required	
	Gross Tract Area (sf)	n/a	29,574
4.304	Maximum Density (FAR)	0.5	0.49
	Non-residential (sf)	14,787	14,465
	Residential (sf)	0	0
	TOTAL	14,787	14,465
4.303	Maximum Building Height (ft)	35	Up to 35
4.303	Maximum Building Coverage (%)	35	Up to 24
4.305	Minimum Setback (ft)		
	-From any street ROW	10	10
	-From rear property line	15	79
	-From side property line (East)	0	0
	-From side property line (West)	0	64
4.306	Minimum Green area (%)	10	26
*6.2.4.	Minimum Parking (spaces)		
	-Vehicular (3.00 per 1,000 sf)	43	50
	-Bicycle (1.00 per 5,000 sf)	3	4

* Zoning Ordinance enacted October 31, 2014

3. The locations of the buildings and structures, the open spaces, the landscaping, the recreation facilities, and the pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems are adequate, safe, and efficient.

Buildings and Structures

The proposed building footprint is linear in nature and set directly on the eastern property line. The proposed building setback of 10 feet from Edson Lane contributes to the street wall that frames the right-of-way. Another building set back of 79 feet is proposed from the shared rear property line with the adjoining single-family residential use. The dumpster enclosure is located in the southwest corner of the Site with access from the proposed drive aisle. The locations of the buildings and structures are adequate, safe, and efficient.

Open Spaces

The proposed project proposes 26 percent of the Site for open space (green area), the majority of which is located on the northern and southern boundaries. The required green area along the southern boundary includes children's play equipment for outdoor recreation. The locations of proposed green areas are adequate, safe, and efficient.

Landscaping and Lighting

The proposed landscaping and lighting for the Site will ensure the area will be safe, adequate, and efficient for year-round use and enjoyment. The proposed lighting fixtures will illuminate the parking lot, sidewalks, and building. A mix of shrubs, shade trees, ornamental trees and foundation plantings are proposed throughout the Site.

Recreation Facilities

The proposed project provides approximately 2,970 square feet of playground area covered in synthetic surface. The area is separated with approximately 1,000 square feet allocated to toddler play and equipment and approximately 1,970 square feet allocated to preschooler open play and equipment. While the project is not subject to the on-site recreation amenities requirements of the M-NCPPC Recreation Guidelines, it does meet the guidelines for multi-age playground including minimum area and setback. The proposed recreation facility is adequate, safe, and efficient.

Pedestrian and Vehicular Circulation Systems

The Site's pedestrian and vehicular access will be from Edson Lane. One vehicular access is proposed to/from the parking lot in accordance with commercial driveway standards. Based on the Applicant's proposed staggering of program start/end times and parking plan, there is adequate space and circulation on-site to prevent pick-up/drop-off traffic overflow onto Edson Lane.

A five-foot wide sidewalk with a green panel is proposed along the site frontage on Edson Lane. A pedestrian connection into the site is provided by a five-foot walk between Edson and the building's frontage along the parking lot. This walkway continues along the entire frontage of the building and provides access to the playground area in the southern portion of the Site. The proposed pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems are adequate, safe, and efficient.

4. Each structure and use is compatible with other uses and other site plans and with existing and proposed adjacent development.

The proposed project is compatible with other adjacent existing and approved development. The location of the proposed building is setback 79 feet from the property line shared with residential use. The approved use to the west is a rectangular commercial building with surface parking in the rear. The parking for the adjacent site abuts the proposed parking on this Site, separated by plantings in a mulched bed.

The four to seven-story Brit-Beco commercial building to the east is separated from the site by a grove of larger trees, with the seven-story portion fronting Rockville Pike. The 35 foot-height of the proposed building provides an appropriate transition between the four-story portion of the Brit-Beco building to the east and the approved, unbuilt 28-foot-tall proposed building to the west.

5. The Site Plan meets all applicable requirements of Chapter 22A regarding forest conservation, Chapter 19 regarding water resource protection, and any other applicable law.

See Page 13 of this report for findings of compliance with Chapters 22A and 19.

Conclusion

Staff recommends approval of the Preliminary Plan Amendment and Site Plan Amendment based on the conditions and analysis contained in this report.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. MCPB Opinion on Approved Preliminary Plan No. 1-96015
- 2. Certified Preliminary Plan Amendment No. 11996015A
- 3. MCPB Opinion on Approved Site Plan Resolution No. 820060050

ATTACHMENT 1

Date of mailing: October 6, 1995

file.



MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring Maryland 20910-3760

> Action: Approved Staff Recommendation with Modifications (Motion of Comm. Richardson, seconded by Comm. Baptiste, with a vote of 5-0; Comms. Richardson, Baptiste, Aron, Holmes, and Hussmann voting in favor).

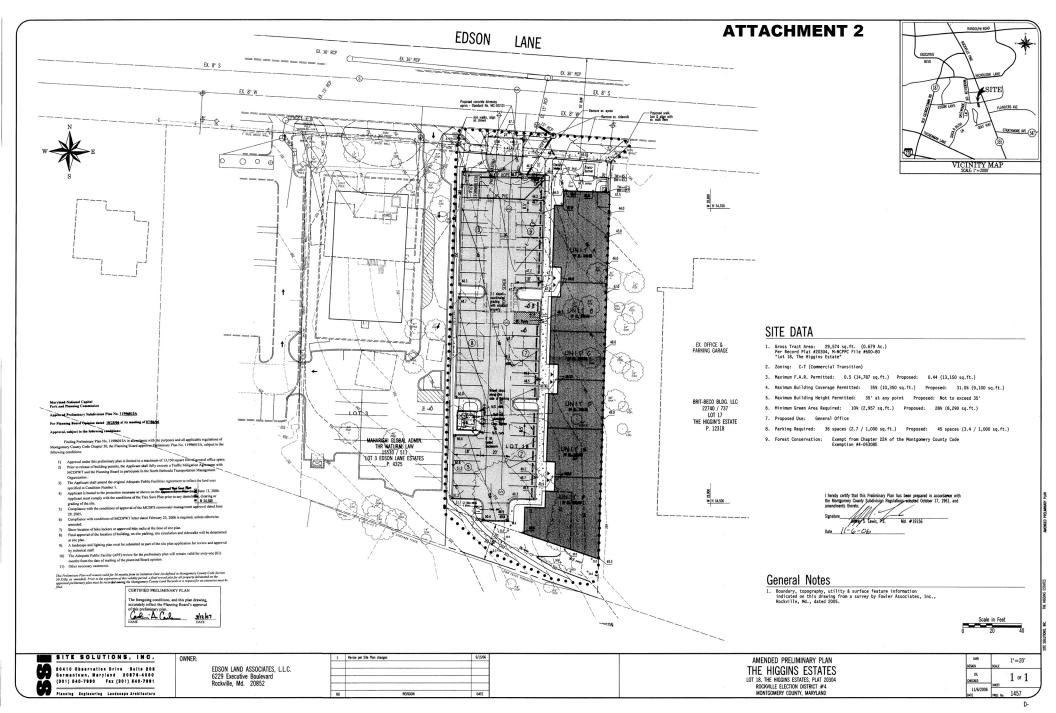
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

OPINION

Preliminary Plan 1-96015 NAME OF PLAN: THE HIGGINS ESTATE

, submitted an application for the On 08-22-95, MARGARET P. BASSETTE approval of a preliminary plan of subdivision of property in the CT zone. The application proposed to create 1 lots on .68 ACRES of land. The application was designated Preliminary Plan 1-96015. On 10-02-95, Preliminary Plan 1-96015 was brought before the Montgomery County Planning Board for a public hearing. At the public hearing , the Montgomery County Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted in the record on the application. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented by staff and on the information on the Preliminary Subdivision Plan Application Form attached hereto and made a part hereof, the Montgomery County Planning Board finds Preliminary Plan 1-96015 to be in accordance with the purposes and requirements of the Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 50, Montgomery County Code, as amended) and approves Preliminary Plan 1-96015, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to recording of plat, submit agreement with Planning Board limiting development to 2,080 square feet of commercial office as approved by Site Plan No. 8-95025
- (2) Dedication of Edson Lane for 70' right-of-way
- (3) Other necessary easements
- (4) This preliminary plan will remain valid until November 6, 1998. Prior to the expiration of this validity period, a final record plat for all property delineated on the approved preliminary plan must be recorded or a request for an extension must be filed.



ATTACHMENT 3



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YLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring Maryland 20910-3750

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

OPINION

DATE MAILED: April 17, 1995

SITE PLAN REVIEW #8-95025

PROJECT: 5420 Edson Lane

Action: Approval subject to conditions. Motion was made by Commissioner Aron, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, with a vote of 5-0, Commissioners Aron, Baptiste, Holmes, Hussmann and Richardson voting for. All Commissioners were present.

The date of this written opinion is April 17, 1995 (which is the date that this opinion is mailed to all parties of record). Any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal, as provided in the Maryland Rules of Procedure, on or before May 17, 1995 (which is thirty days from the date of this written opinion). If no administrative appeal is filed, this site plan will then validate pursuant to applicable law.

On February 1, 1995, EDSROCK LLC submitted an application for the approval of a site plan for property in the C-T zone. The application was designated Site Plan Review #8-95025.

On March 16, 1995, Site Plan Review #8-95025 was brought before the Montgomery County Planning Board for a public hearing. At the public hearing, the Montgomery County Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted in the record on the application. Based on the testimony and evidence presented by the staff and on the staff report with modifications to the conditions hereby adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board, and which is make a part hereof, the Montgomery County Planning Board finds:

- 1. The Site Plan meets all of the requirements of the zone in which it is located.
- 2. The locations of the buildings and structures, the open spaces, the landscaping, and the pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems are adequate, safe, and efficient.
- 3. Each structure and use is compatible with other uses and other

site plans and with existing and proposed adjacent development.

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The Montgomery County Planning Board approves Site Plan Review #8-95025 as follows:

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the Site Plan including 2,086 square feet of office space on 0.68 acre subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to approval of the signature set of Site/Landscaping Plan, the applicant shall submit a Site Plan Enforcement Agreement and Development Program to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for review and approval as follows:

Development Program to include a phasing schedule as follows:

- a. Landscaping and exterior lighting fixtures associated with the proposed parking areas shall be completed as construction of the parking areas is completed.
- b. Pedestrian pathways and ramps between the proposed parking areas and the main entrance of the building shall be completed as construction of the parking areas is completed.
- c. Clearing and grading schedule.
- 2. Prior to approval of the signature set of Site/Landscaping Plan, a Stormwater Management (SWM) Concept Plan for the proposed development shall be approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), or a fee-in-lieu shall be paid by the applicant if it is determined by the DEP that an onsite SWM facility is not required.
- 3. The following items shall be incorporated into the signature set of site /landscaping/lighting plan prior to approval of any permit:
 - a. Additional evergreen trees near the parking lot and a mixture of evergreen and deciduous tree seedlings between the parking lot and the southern property line;
 - b. Arborist recommendations for saving specimen oaks and other trees;
 - c. Methods and location of tree protection;
 - Conditions of DEP SWM Concept approval unless a waiver is granted by the DEP;
 - e. Note stating the M-NCPPC staff must inspect tree-save areas and protection devices prior to clearing and



grading;

- f. The development program inspection schedule.
- g. Note stating a 3-foot-high berm will be provided along the southern edge of the proposed parking lot and the exterior lighting fixture for the parking lot will be oriented northeastward to minimize the impact of the light on the adjacent residential properties.
- No clearing or grading prior to Planning Department approval of signature set of plans.