MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

September 7, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Malcolm Shaneman, Supervisor

Development Review Division

VIA:

Ronald C. Welke, Superprisor

Transportation Planning

FROM:

Ed Axler, Planner/Coordinator 🕢

Transportation Planning

SUBJECT:

Preliminary Plan No. 1-01072

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North Bethesda Policy Area

This memorandum is Transportation Planning staff's adequate public facilities (APF) review of the subject preliminary plan. Since the site is located in a policy area in a moratorium, Policy Area Review is satisfied under the Ceiling Flexibility - De Minimis Impacts provision of the *Annual Growth Policy*.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Planning staff recommends the following conditions as part of the APF test for transportation requirements related to approval of this preliminary plan:

- 1. Limit the preliminary plan to a mini-warehouse or self-storage facility with 81,600 square feet of gross leasable without vehicle rental.
- Dedicate additional right-of-way to provide 40 feet from the centerline of Parklawn Drive, which is classified as an arterial in the North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan.
- Enter into a traffic mitigation agreement with the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) and the Planning Board to make a best effort to assist in the achievement and maintenance of the traffic mitigation goal of

39% for commercial development. The boundaries of the North Bethesda Traffic Mitigation District (TMD) are shown on the attached map. This agreement shall include a traffic mitigation plan that will define the applicant's obligations to assist in mitigating traffic including cooperating with the traffic mitigation organization for the following:

- a. To market transportation alternatives.
- b. To pay the traffic management fee established by the County to support the TMD.
- c. To identify an employee transportation benefits coordinator to disseminate information on transportation programs and services.
- d. To use best efforts to participate in the annual commuting mode survey to assist with monitoring the achievement of the traffic mitigation goal survey and making a good faith effort to achieve an 80% return rate.

The TMD staff will be available to provide transportation information, technical advice, and other forms of assistance normally provided by the TMD to sites within the North Bethesda Area.

DISCUSSION

Site Location and Access

The proposed mini-warehouse is located in the east side of Parklawn Drive, south of the intersection with Wilkins Avenue (north). The site access is from Parklawn Drive. Pedestrian and bicycle access is available via existing seven-foot sidewalks along Parklawn Drive.

Master Plan Roadway

According to the *North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan*, Parklawn Drive is designated as an arterial, A-64, with an 80-foot right-of-way and a planned Class II bikeway.

On-Going Transportation Improvements

The on-going transportation projects in the area are as follows:

- 1. Improvements at the intersection of Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road required of Preliminary Plan No. 1-99043R (Spring Lake Park or Fishers Place) and the Montgomery County Conference Center as follows:
 - a. Providing a second southbound left-turn lane on Parklawn Drive.

- b. Reconfiguring the northbound combination left-turn and (second) through lane to an exclusive left-turn lane on Parklawn Drive.
- 2. The Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) Project Planning Study, No. MO830A11, for an interchange at Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Randolph/Montrose Road/Randolph Road/CSX Railroad, whose project limits terminate at the intersection of Parklawn Drive and Randolph Road.
- 3. DPWT's Facility Planning Project for Montrose Parkway East (of Rockville Pike).

Site-Generated Traffic

Trip-generation data for a similar land use was collected for Preliminary Plan No. 1-99028, Burtonsville Self-Storage. Their transportation consultant collected vehicle driveway counts between April 1 and April 30, 1997, at three similar existing mini-storage facilities (e.g., Storage USA) within Montgomery County and without available vehicle rentals. The average weekday number of peak-hour trips entering and leaving each location was observed as follows:

Location	Size	No. of Units	Weekday Peak Hour Trips	
			Morning	Evening
Rockville	67,480	961	2.65	4.27
Bethesda	46,297	592	1.50	1.56
Silver Spring	125,261	983	4.48	7.80

Based on the derived average weekday trip-generation rate of these three similar facilities, a proposed Public Storage with 81,600 square feet of gross leasable area and without vehicle rentals would generate three new peak-hour trips during the morning peak period (7:00 to 9:00 a.m.) and four new peak-hour trips during the evening peak period (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.).

Mini-warehouse facilities without vehicle rentals generate fewer weekday peak-hour trips than facilities with vehicle rentals. For this reason, two other Storage USA sites with vehicle rentals (in Gaithersburg, Maryland and on Livingston Road) were also surveyed but not used to derive a trip-generation rate for the proposed land use. For example, a Public Storage with 81,600 square feet of gross leasable area and with vehicle rentals would generate seven more (or ten peak-hour trips during the morning peak period and six more (or ten) peak-hour trips during the evening peak period.

The traffic data from Storage USA is more representative than the general tripgeneration rates for mini-warehouses from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation* Manual. The ITE's trip-generation rates are based on older traffic surveys of varying-sized sites from 20,000 to 73,000 square feet collected in 1979, 1986, and 1993 for sites located in California.

Requirement for Traffic Study

A traffic study is <u>not</u> required to satisfy local area transportation review (LATR) because the projected traffic is less than 50 peak-hour trips during the morning and evening peak periods.

Policy Area Review/Staging Ceiling Condition

The site is located in North Bethesda which has no remaining capacity for additional non-residential development (a negative 2,799 jobs as of July 31, 2001). Policy Area Review is satisfied under the "Ceiling Flexibility –De Minimis Impacts" provision of the *Annual Growth Policy*.

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Attachment

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Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

A. Malcolm Shaneman Planning Department (301)495-4587

SUBJECT:

Maps for Subdivision Items Informational the

Planning Board's Agenda for September 13, 2001.

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Items #10, #16, #17 and #19. These subdivision items are scheduled for Planning Board consideration on September 13, 2001. The items are further identified as follows:

Agenda Item #10 - Preliminary Plan 1-01063 Estates At Woodcliffe Park

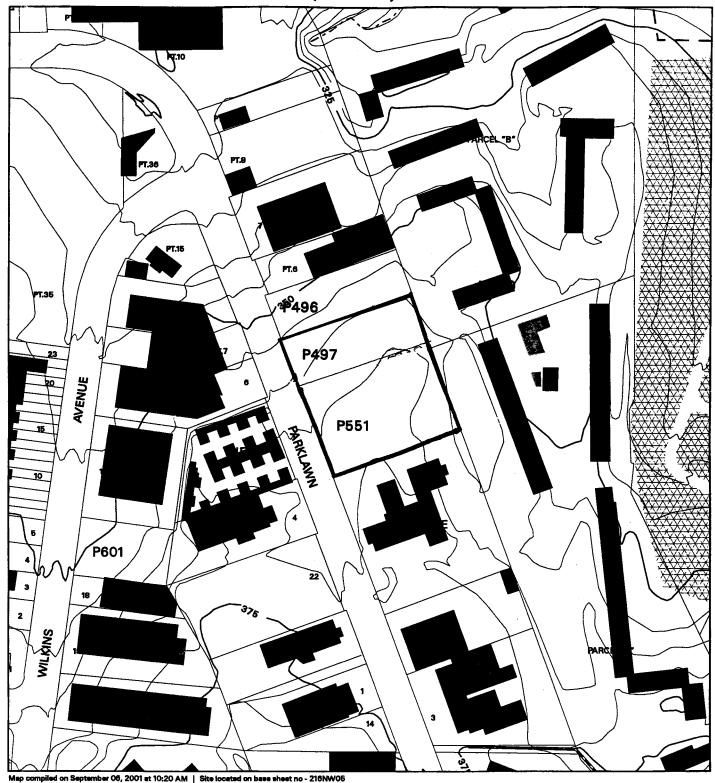
Agenda Item #16 - Preliminary Plan 1-01078 Clarksburg Ridge

Agenda Item #17 - Preliminary Plan 1-01047 Public Storage

Agenda Item #18 - Preliminary Plan 1-00100 Richards Addition

✓ Agenda Item #19 - Preliminary Plan 1-01072 ezStorage Rockville

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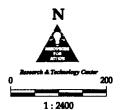


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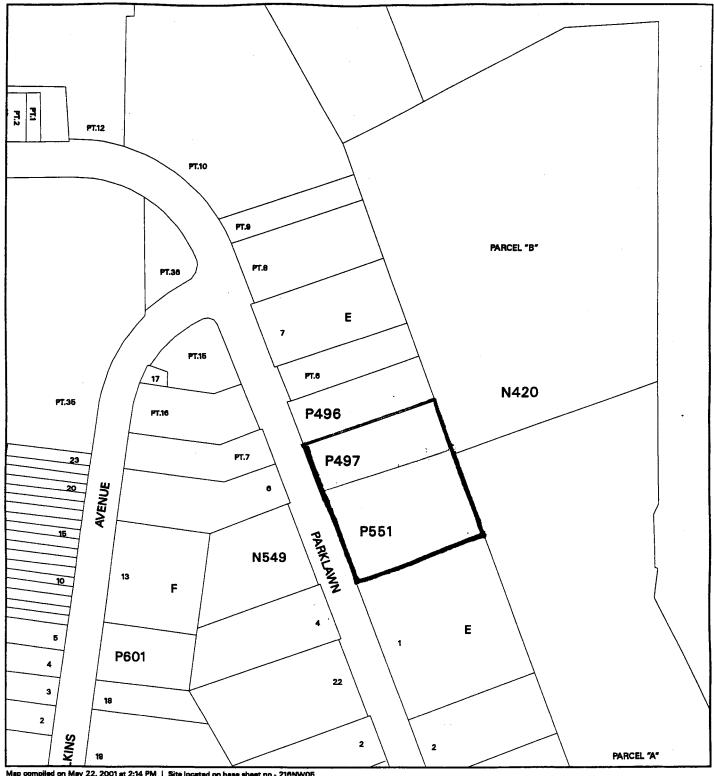






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