

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 29, 2001

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

Informational Maps for Subdivision Items Planning Board's Agenda for December 06, 2001.

Attached are copies of plan drawings for Items #04, #05, #06, #07, #08, #09. These subdivision items are scheduled for Planning Board consideration on December 06, 2001. The items are further identified as follows:

Agenda Item #04 - Preliminary Plan 1-02036 Dailey Tract

Agenda Item #05 - Preliminary Plan 1-02013 College View

Agenda Item #06 - Preliminary Plan 1-01060 Spencer Farm

Agenda Item #07 - Preliminary Plan 1-87012E North Village

Agenda Item #08 - Preliminary Plan 1-02012 Morrison Property

Agenda Item #09 - Pre Preliminary Plan 7-02010 Huntington Terrace

HUNTINGTON TERRACE (7-02010)



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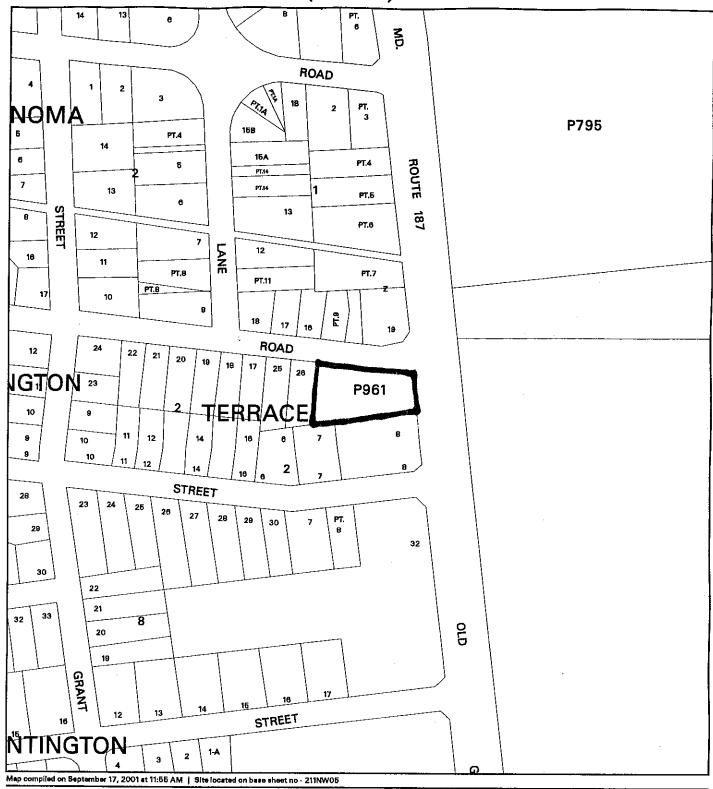






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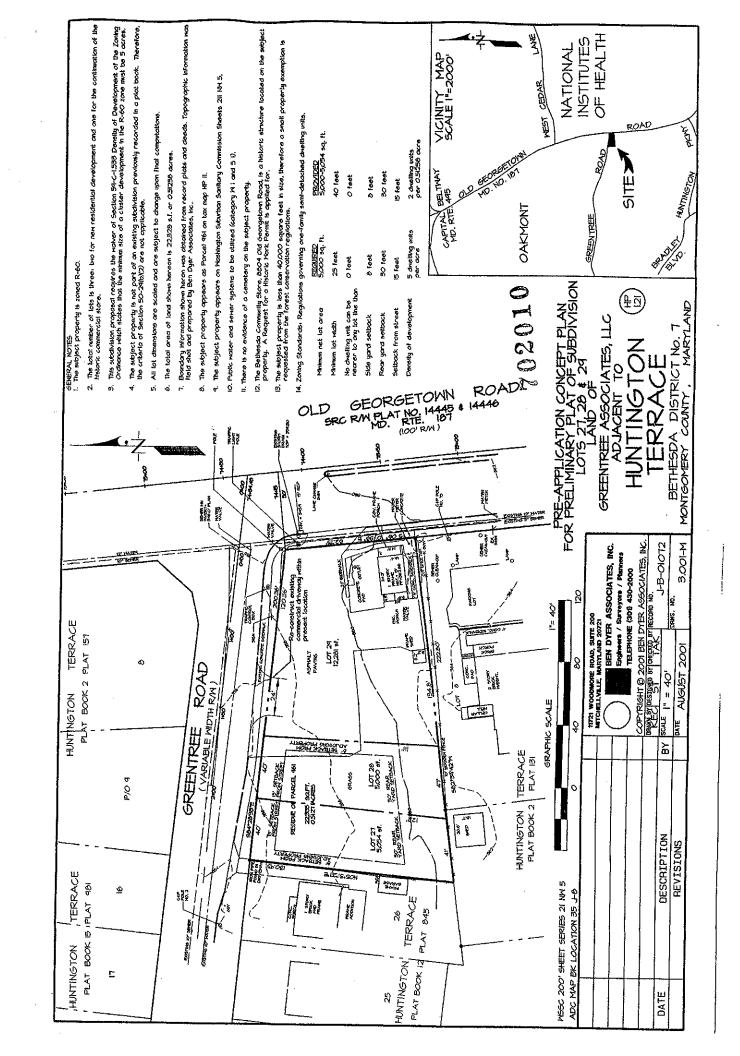
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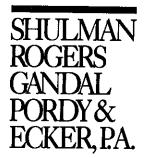
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November 29, 2001

Mr. Arthur Holmes, Jr. Chairman Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re:

Pre-Preliminary Plan No. 7-02010; Huntington Terrace

Bethesda Community Store Our File No: 103305.00020

Dear Chairman Holmes:

The purpose of this letter is to place on the record justification for the requested subdivision proposal. The subject property is located at 8804 Old Georgetown Road. It is known as the Bethesda Community Store, as site number 35/43 on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (Property).

The proposal is to subdivide the Property into three lots. The entire parcel is 22,335 square feet, zoned R-60. The proposal would create two 5,000 square feet lots, at the western end of the property, and the third lot would be the balance of 12,335 square feet, which would be the site of the store, its parking and the surrounding area. At present, the entire site is considered the historic setting. In reality, the western area is grassed, and not used as part of the store, parking nor eating area.

It is suggested that the Planning Board consider the site as a R-60 cluster, in an effort to continue the respect for the historic site, but reduce the site to its actual usage, and allow the construction of two single family homes. By using the cluster subdivision the lot sizes can be adjusted, and the Planning Board is granted site plan review of both the historic site as well as the two single family sites. This control will continue for the life of the subdivision, which means forever.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Historic Preservation Master Plans recognize that the grassy area to the western part of the property is not an integral part of the historic site, and could be severed from the historic site, but with appropriate control to protect the historic site. I am

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enclosing a copy of the County Council Resolution adopted June 3, 1986, wherein the County Council stated that the historic setting may be reduced if a finding by the "Historic preservation Commission finds that it would be necessary for the appropriate use of the property and that the historic value would be retained."

This grassy area is now being used as parking for workers at NIH and otherwise is not a part of the operation of the store. It is well known that with the growth of Suburban Hospital and its increased role as a medical resource to the community, many existing homes have been taken over by the hospital. This will be a small but welcome attempt to place two more homes into the area. This effort is being supported by the Huntington Terrace Citizens Association.

Since this is only a pre-preliminary subdivision review, only the opinion of the Planning Board is being requested. The HPC staff supports the proposal including the two lots. The Historic Preservation Commission does not support the subdivision at all, which we believe is not in accordance with the provisions of the Master Plan or the realities of the economy and the existing store.

The applicants appreciate the Planning Board's consideration of this matter and we will be available to respond to the Board's questions.

Very truly yours,

David D. Freishtat

DDF/grs Enclosure

cc: Members of the Planning Board

Mr. Ron Paul Mr. Gary Jaffee

Resolution No. 10-1969 Introduced: June 3, 1986 Adopted: June 3, 1986

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: District Council

Subject:

Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland re: Bethesda Community Store

Background

- 1. On August 1, 1985, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted to the District Council a Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan proposing the designation of the Bethesda Community Store as an historic resource.
- 2. On October 8, 1985, the Montgomery County Council held a public hearing wherein oral and written testimony was received concerning the Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.
- 3. On December 10, 1985, and May 27, 1986, the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee reviewed the Final Draft Master Plan Amendment and the issues raised at the public hearing with the Montgomery County Planning Board, staff, and interested parties.
- 4. The Montgomery County Council reviewed the Final Draft Amendment and the recommendations of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee at a worksession held on June 3, 1986.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan for the designation of the Bethesda Community Store, located at 8804 Old Georgetown Road, is approved as follows:

Site Name Location Associated

#35/43 Bethesda Community Store 8804 Old Georgetown Road .567 acre

The Bethesda Community Store, built in 1924 on the site of an earlier store, meets Preservation Ordinance criteria la and ld, specifically as part of the economic, cultural, and social heritage of the County, because it is one of the few surviving early 20th century commercial structures in Montgomery County still in operation providing insight into everyday life in early predevelopment Bethesda.

- The store meets criterion 2a-embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction—as it retains in nearly original conditions the style of the small scale commercial architecture so common in the first quarter of the 20th century in the County.
- Additionally the store as vernacular 2d-represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may architecture lack individual distinction—because the building form itself, along with the grandfathered commercial use and its historical setting combine to convey a strong sense of an earlier time and place in contrast to its
- Finally, by virtue of this 2e-represents an established visual feature of the neighborhood, community contrast, the or county due to its singular characteristics—as it is the only structure along Old Georgetown Road reminiscent of the earliest phase of Bethesda
- Because any changes to the site could affect the viability of the store's commercial operation, the entire .567 acre parcel is designated as the environmental setting to be reviewed under the Preservation Ordinance. Peatures of the setting include the store itself, the parking area, service delivery area, storage shed, and picnic and lawn areas to the rear of the parcel. The environmental setting may be reduced if the Historic Preservation Commission finds it necessary for the appropriate use of the property by the owner, and that the historical value would be retained.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Kathleen A. Freedman, Secretary

County Council

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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The Bethesda Community Store is a free standing, long, narrow vernacular structure. It is a small, single story, two bay by one bay building of frame construction. It has a front gabled roof with slightly overhanging, bracketed eves. The entry is to the southern side of the facade. To the other side is a large, four light window. A wooded porch supported by plain wooden posts and railings runs the length of the facade. A large, three sided metal sign reading "Bethesda Community Store" on the front and "Coca-Cola" to either side rests on the shed roof of the porch. Inside, the store is a single room measuring about 30 X 18 feet. To the rear is a small, single story, shed roof addition. The store remains in original condition. It is located in a densely developed residential area of Bethesda. It stands as the only commer-

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The Bethesda Community Store is significant for its interest as part of the commercial development of Montgomery County. It exemplifies the simple, early economic heritage of the community and of the county as a whole. The store is one of the few general stores left in the county. This once familiar institution is rapidly vanishing. Long years of faithful service to the community has, in fact, made the Bethesda Community Store a well established and familiar landmark of the neighborhood. In addition to its cultural and economic significance, the store building represents a distinctive early twentieth century, simple, utilitarian architectual style. The store is very characteristic of the once commonly found commercial architecture of this period. Furthermore, it is all that remains in this area of the rural character of the Bethesda community. Thus, the Bethesda Community Store is one of the last of its kind-- architectually and culturally.

The Bethesda Community Store was built in 1924 by Mr. John Moyer. This property has, however, an earlier history as the site of a store, The Hopkins Atlas of 1894 shows "Morgan's Store" as located on this spot. The property was owned by the Morgan family at that time (Deed 180/406). The lumber used in the construction of the present structure was said to have come from a country store in Cedar Grove. The property on which the store was built was at that time owned by Mr. John W. Huffman. His large, frame residence sat on this lot also. Mr. Huffman, like all the owners of this lot, never ran the store himself.

Mr. Rowland Custer, who delivered milk for Sealtest, said his route included the Bethesda Community Store in 1929. It was then operated by Mr. Owens. Other proprietors included "the Browns" (Mr. Ernest Brown), "the Fergusons" and "Old Sweetie Williams" (Sentinel, March 16, 1967). According to Mr. Custer, very little about the store has changed since then.

See attachment Sheet

June of 1937, John and his wife, Mary Huffman defaulted on their mortgage and the property was sold by court appointed trustees. The property, 1.016 acres, included a large, frame dwelling house with hot and cold water, electric lights and "other modern improvements," and a "small frame store building" (Judgement Record 78-301, Case # 8233). The house and store were purchased by realtors, Emory H. and Jennie R. Bogley (Deed 667-385). The property remained in the Bogley family until its recent sale to Suburban Hospital in December of 1984 (Deed 6613-541).

The Bethesda Community Store was operated for nearly forty years by Ernest and Margaret Caudill. They began business on May 28, 1945, selling groceries and some fresh produce. The Caudills later opened a deli counter to serve sandwiches. A demand had been created by the working men involved in the Bethesda construction boom. Children have also been among the store's best customers, attracted by the wide variety of candy, still sold by the piece. According to Mr. Caudill, the store remains the same inside and out. The only structural change has been the addition of a bathroom to the rear of the building about twelve to fifteen years ago. Tradition prevails at the Bethesda Community Store. Modern improvements and gadgetry (such as a cash register) is unknown to the store. The Caudills opened the store each week day about 3:30 a.m. to serve coffee, donuts and slices of pie to their last at night or early to work customers. The store then closes at 6:00 p.m. Ernie and Margaret Caudill have since retired (effective January 1, 1984). The new proprietors, however, Mr. Bill Henderson and family, intend to maintain the old traditions of the Bethesda Community Store.

(Note: Attempts at change and even demolition of the store have been made in the past by the property owners; however, zoning laws have prevented such action).

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

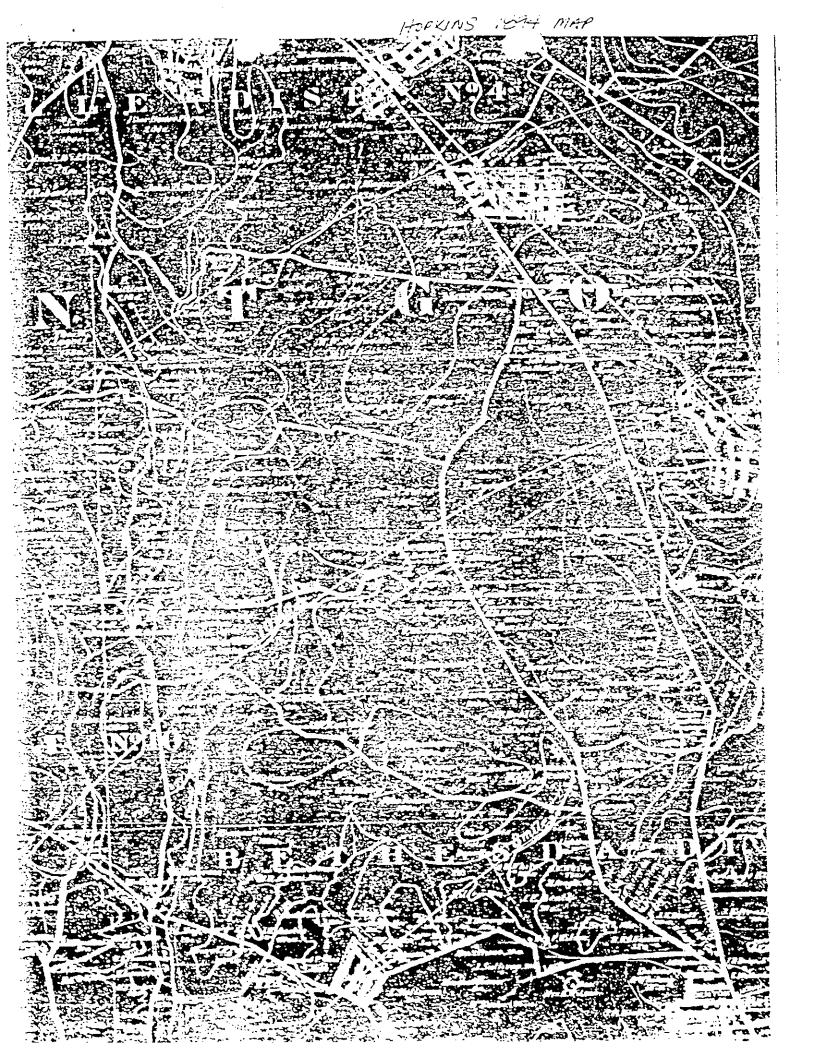
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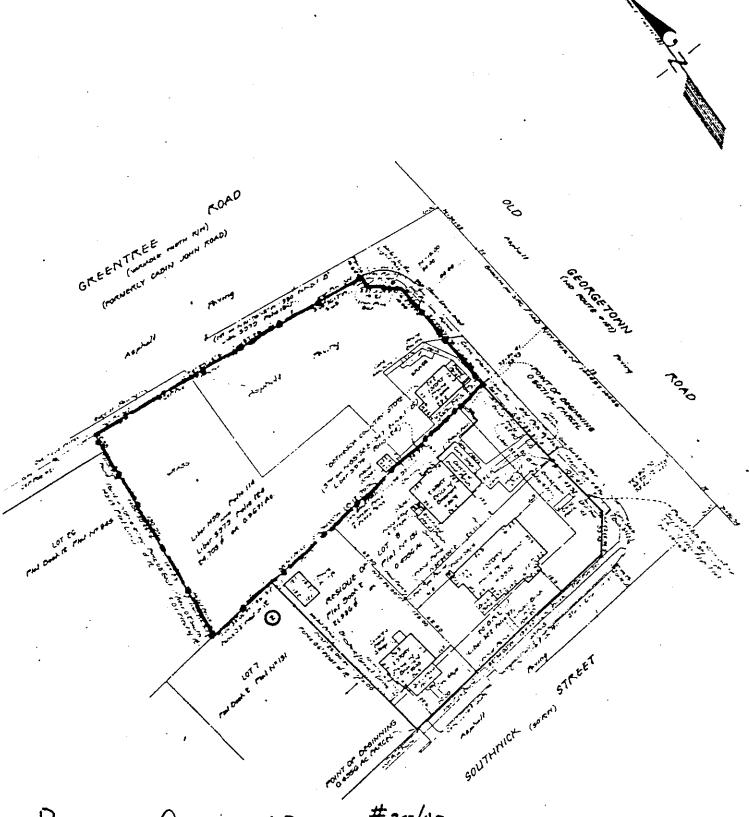
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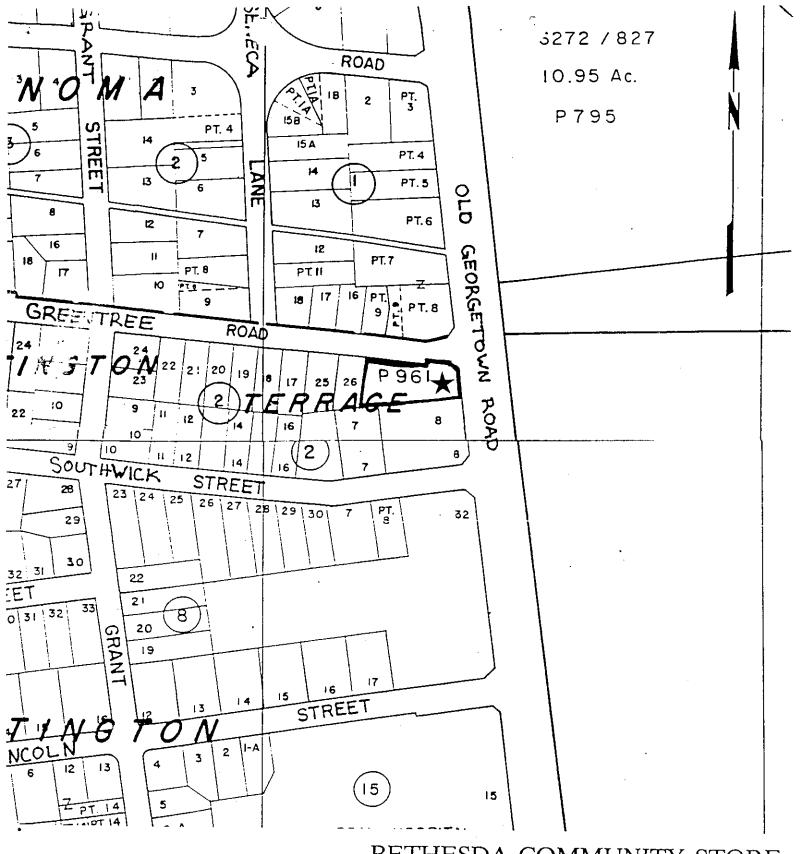
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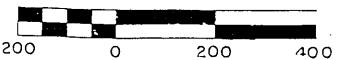
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