### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 14, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

FROM:

A. Malcolm Shaneman

Development Review Division (301) 495-4587

SUBJECT:

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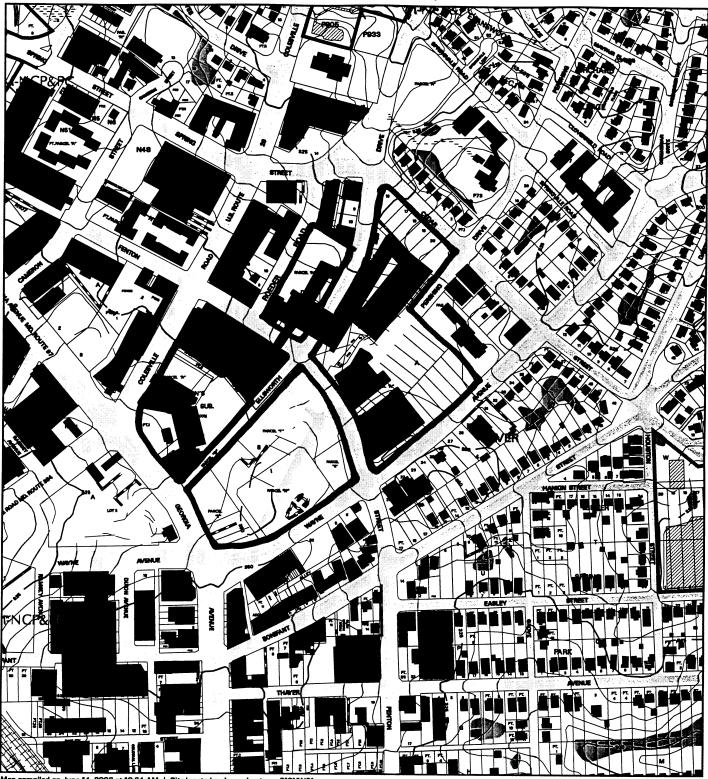
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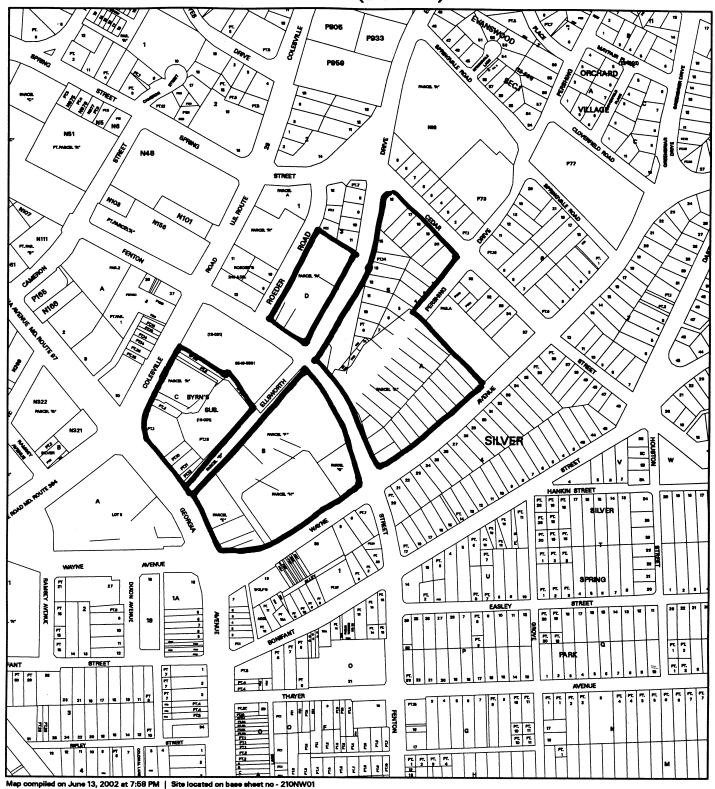
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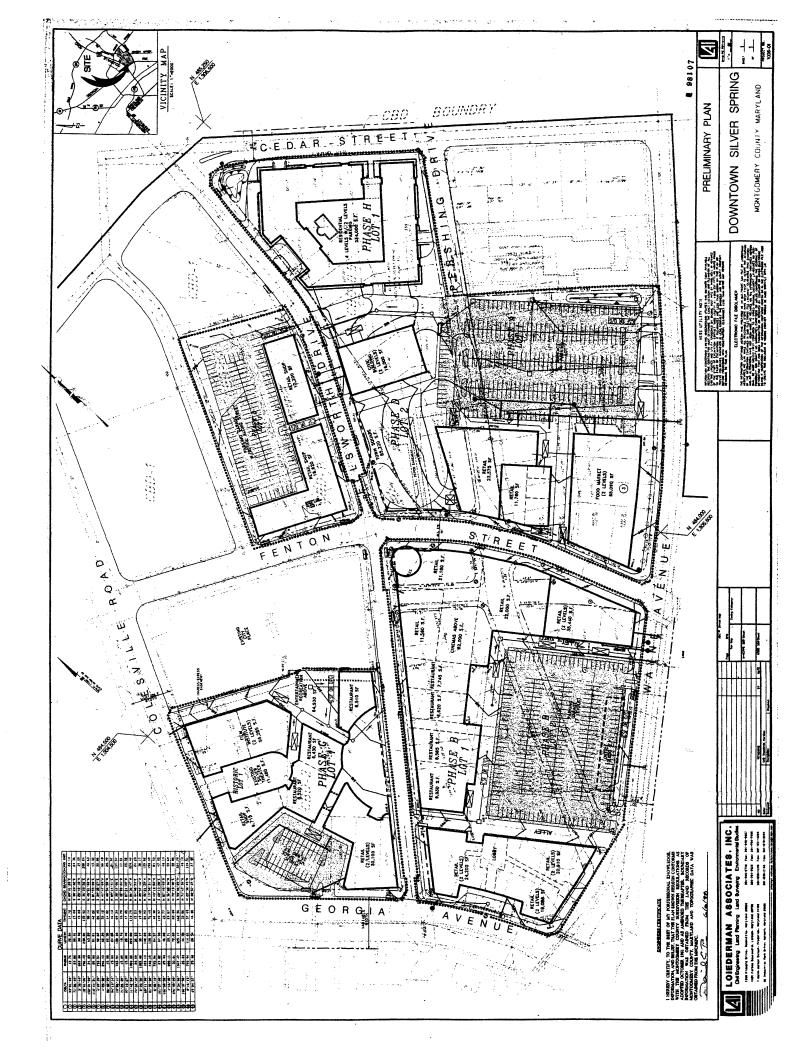
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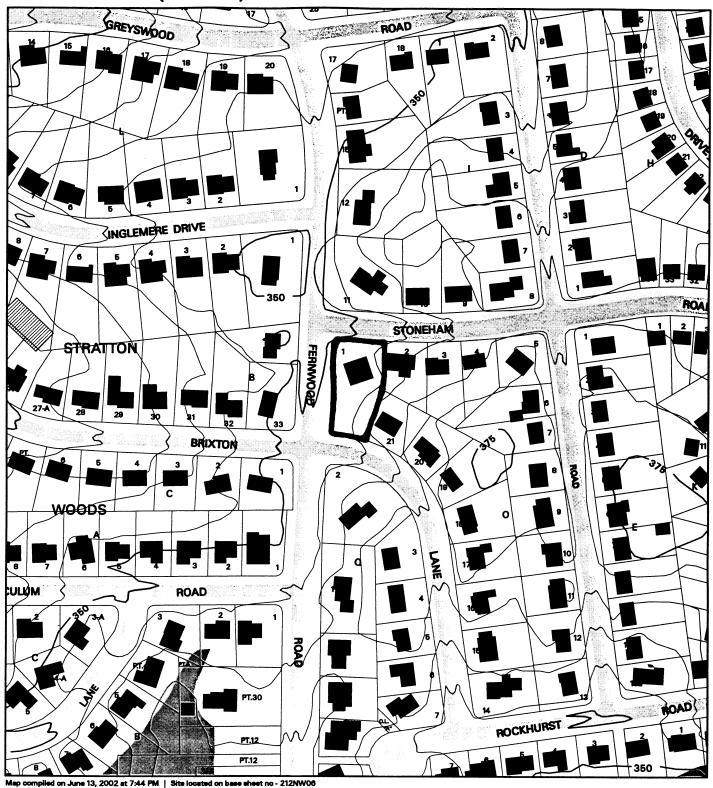
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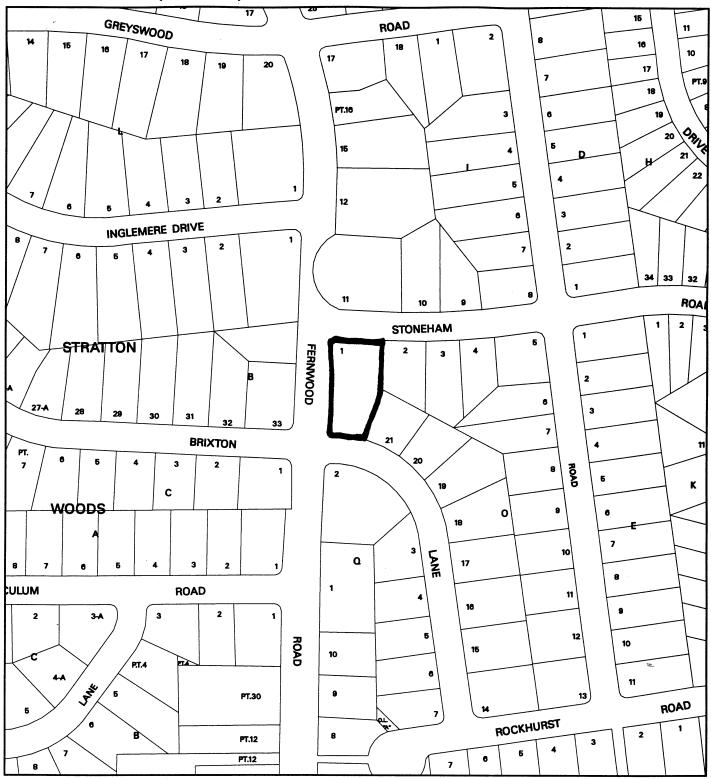
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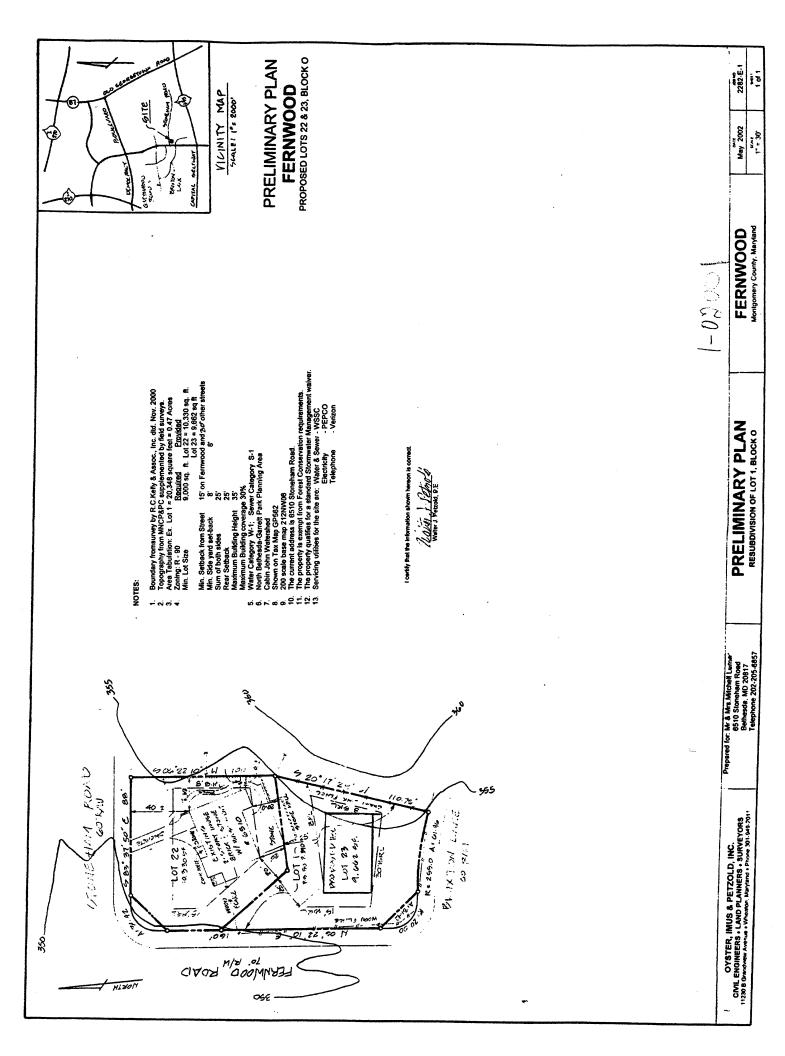
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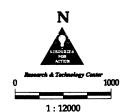
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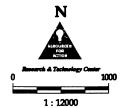


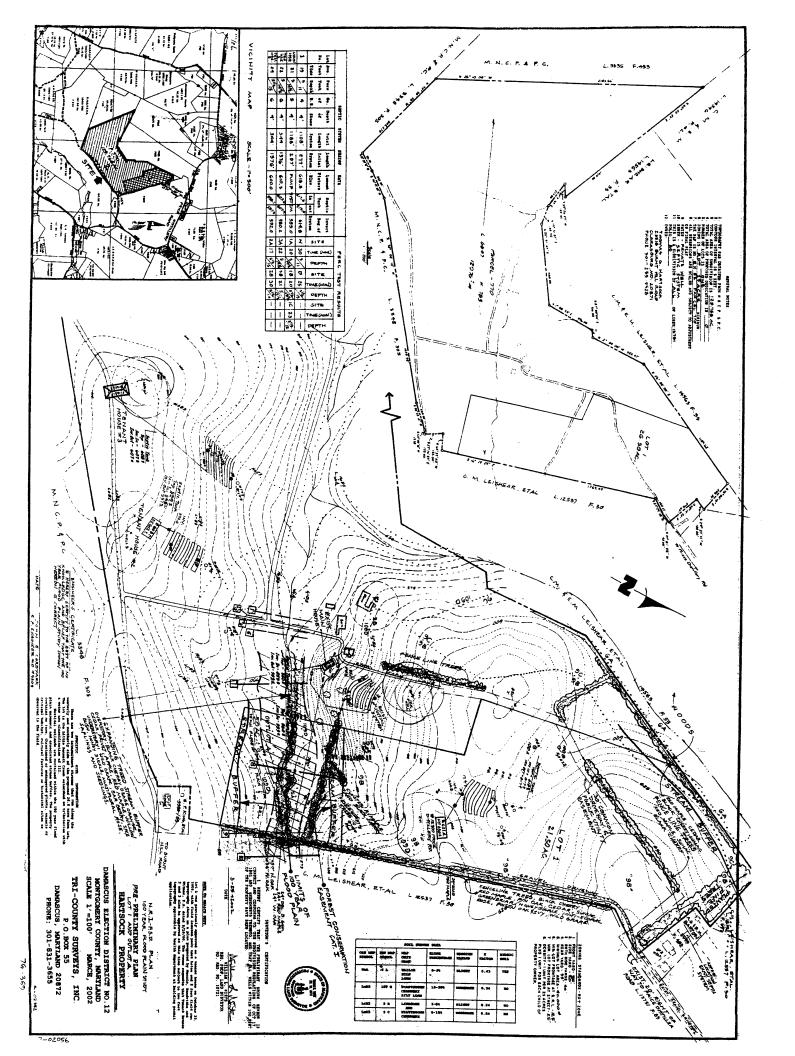
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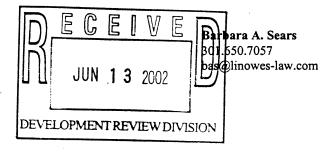


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June 7, 2002



## By Hand Delivery

Mr. Joseph R. Davis
Development Review
Maryland-National Capital Park
and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Preliminary Plan No. 1-98107 (Downtown Silver Spring) -- Extension of Validity Period

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the Applicants, PFA Silver Spring, LC and Montgomery County, Maryland, the purpose of this letter is to request a 24-month extension of the validity period for the Downtown Silver Spring Preliminary Plan. This request is filed pursuant to Section 50-35(h)(3)c of the Montgomery County Subdivision Regulations.

The Montgomery County Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan No. 1-98107 ("Preliminary Plan") for the Downtown Silver Spring project ("Project") by Opinion mailed March 2, 1999 and revised Opinion mailed September 1, 1999. Condition 12 of the Opinion mailed March 2, 1999 states the Preliminary Plan will remain valid until April 2, 2002. Pursuant to Section 50-20 of the Subdivision Regulations, the Project's APFO approval will remain valid until March 2, 2011.

The Downtown Silver Spring Project is a cornerstone of the County's efforts to revitalize Silver Spring. The Project consists of numerous sections and has received project plan, preliminary plan and site plan approvals. The Project includes approximately 507,000 square feet of retail, movie theaters, entertainment and recreation space; 297,000 square feet of office space; a 170-room hotel; and 160 residential dwelling units. In furtherance of the Project, the Applicants and/or their affiliates have entered into an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Agreement and Site Plan Enforcement Agreement with the Planning Commission and numerous public improvement contracts with Montgomery County. Subdivision plats have been recorded for Sections A, B, the AFI/Silver Theatre and

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Section D. The retail components of Section A have been completed and AFI/Silver Theatre is under construction. Section C Retail, the Town Square and Civic Building, and the residential component are the only remaining aspects of the Project for which subdivision plats have not yet been recorded. A plat for Section C Retail is pending and Applicants expect to record this plat within the next few weeks.

Pursuant to Section 50-35(h)(3)c, where a preliminary plan has been allowed to expire, the Board may reinstate the expired plan and establish a new validity period where practical difficulty or undue hardship is demonstrated by the Applicant. In the instant case, the Applicants' ability to proceed with the Section C Retail, Town Square and Civic Building, and residential components of the Project is critical to the successful revitalization of downtown Silver Spring. This revitalization will depend, to a significant extent, on the Project's ability to create an urban environment populated at all times of the day. The retail and restaurant uses proposed for Section C, the civic uses proposed for the Town Square and Civic Building and the residential uses are necessary to help populate the downtown area after typical office hours and on weekends. The Project, and more significantly, the downtown revitalization process, would suffer extreme hardship if the Preliminary Plan validity period is not extended.

Further, the requested extension is necessary because of delays not created by the Applicants and the occurrence of unanticipated events beyond the Applicants' control. As noted above, subdivision plats for Sections A, B, AFI/Silver Theatre, and Section D have already been recorded, thus validating those components of the Preliminary Plan. However, unanticipated events in the motion picture distribution and theater industry created significant delays in the Project. The proposed movie theaters are a significant anchor to the Project. Without an agreement with a viable theater company, other tenants had been reluctant to move forward with prospective leases. However, once an agreement was reached with the movie theater operator, uncertainty as to the delineation of individual property lines within the Project were sufficiently able to be resolved to complete the record plats. Clearly exceptional and undue hardship will result to the Applicants and the overall revitalization effort if the extension is not granted, particularly in light of the Applicants' validation of the majority of this complex project as discussed above, the completion of Section A and the on-going construction of AFI/Silver Theater.

In light of the foregoing, we respectfully request a 24-month extension of the Preliminary Plan validity period. Enclosed is a completed application, list of adjoining and confronting property owners for notification purposes, filing fee of \$660.00, and current preliminary plan opinion.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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