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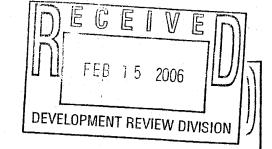
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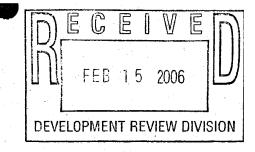
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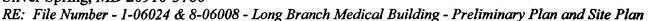
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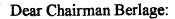
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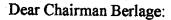
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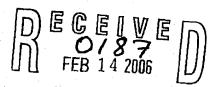
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Dear Chairman Berlage:

We have four questions related to Site Plan 8-06008, Long Branch Medical Building, that need to be clarified as soon as possible.

 Which parking regulations apply to Site Plan 8-06008? Developer documents in your file indicate that calculations for "Office, General" are used. Staff has informally indicated that Section 59E-3.2 of the Montgomery County Zoning Code are appropriate.

However, this building fits the definition of "Clinic," "Medical or dental clinic" or "Medical Office Building." (All terms use the same definition.) 59E-3.7, Schedule of Requirements, mandates, "Five spaces for each 1,000 square feet of the gross floor area of the building." (emphasis added) for a medical or dental clinic. Please give us the rationale for using any definition other than that for a medical clinic.

2. What is the gross floor area of this building? The developer has stated that parking will be based on "leasable sq. ft." However, Section 59-E 3.7, Schedule of Requirements, mandates "Five spaces for each 1,000 square feet of the gross floor area of the building."

Please give us your rationale for approving any requirement other than that quoted above.

3. Developer documents in your file for "Existing Land Use/Occupied House(s)" state this property is "A surface parking lot mainly used to store a few buses for the nearby house of worship."

In fact, this lot is currently used as parking for the "nearby house of worship" that is located on adjacent property also owned by the developer and for overflow parking from the developer's other adjacent retail businesses. Please require the developer to show how he will meet his current parking requirement if this lot is taken out of use as parking.

I look forward to your prompt reply and am available to meet with you to discuss these items.

Sincerely,

Rose Crenca, Co-chair, Zoning Committee Sligo Branview Community Association

Copy: Rose Krasnow

Development Review Committee

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APPENDIX C

Memo

To: S

Stacy Silber

From:

Greg Fernebok

Date:

2/6/2006

Re:

Long Branch Community Outreach

As part of the proposed development of the Adventist Healthcare Center at Long Branch, the development team has met with community members to discuss the project. I have personally met with the following:

1. Sligo Branview Community Association-

- a. <u>July/August:</u> Traded messages with Joe Fisher of Sligo Branview regarding scheduling meeting three times in July of 2005.
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- d. <u>January 31, 2006</u>. Based on comments made by the community in prior meetings, we revised our plans. At the January 31, 2006 meeting, we shared our revised plans, and explained the changes made in response to comments made by the community. The changes included: