MINUTES OF THE EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

February 18, 2021

STATEMENT - Open Public Meetings Act

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL -

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Christine Rampolla, Chair Dinesh Behal Steve Philips
Ivan Wynter
Robert Zuckerman
Leon Gurevich
Amy Papi
Steve Pepe
Deepak Arora
Chester Brandt

ALSO PRESENT:

Jay Weiner, Esquire
Aaron Blessing, Zoning Assistant
Colleen McGurk, Planner
Jason Cline, Engineer
Keith Kipp, Director Planning/Zoning

MINUTES

February 4, 2021 - Motion to approve by Mr. Pepe, second by Mr. Brandt. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Application #Z-21-01 - Taistra - Proposed 6-foot-tall fencing in front yard setback of existing single-family residence located at 22 Hamilton Drive, block 317.21, lot 1, in the R-3 zone. Mandatory date May 21, 2021. Motion to approve by Ms. Papi, second by Mr. Arora. Motion approved. Mr. Gurevich recused himself.

Application #Z-21-02 - Gulberg Builders, LLC Proposed new single-family dwelling located at 23
Pine Street, block 140, lot 10.04, in the HR zone.
Mandatory date May 26, 2021. Carried to a future

zoning board meeting. Renotice required.

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Application #Z-21-04 - Kimberly Alvin Property, LLC - Proposed interior renovation from warehouse to office space requiring parking variance located at 1 Kimberly Road, block 29.01, lot 43, in the O/I zone. Mandatory date May 28, 2021. Adjourned to March 4, 2021, without further notice.

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OLD BUSINESS

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Application #Z-20-12 - Chris Trans, LLC - Proposed transportation company office, garage, and parking facility located at 49 Main Street, block 317.13, lot 36.04, in the C-2 zone. Mandatory date March 31, 2021. Motion to approve by Mr. Philips, second by Mr. Arora. Application approved with conditions.

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ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn by Mr. Arora, second by Mr. Zuckerman. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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The township is using THE CHAIRWOMAN: the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, and it's part of the township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The dial-in information and agenda have been posted on the township web site and are posted on EBTV for members of the public. Members of the public can call in with the number provided if they have any questions for the zoning board members. You will have 3 minutes to speak. Should you have any further comments or questions, the planning and engineering office is always available by e-mail and phone. Each member of the public shall have -- shall have one opportunity to speak during the public portion. Thank you in advance for your patience as we implement this new

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technology to continue to move the township forward
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        during this health emergency.
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                    This is the February 18, 2021, East
       Brunswick Township Zoning Board of Adjustment
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       meeting. In accordance with the Open Public Meeting
       Law, on December 22, 2020, notice of this meeting
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        stating the time, date, and location was sent to the
       Home News Tribune, filed with the township clerk,
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        and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the
       municipal building. A copy of this notice will be
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        incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
                    The zoning board will not hear any case
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       beyond 10 p.m. with the exception of any hearing in
       progress at that time and will terminate all
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       testimony at 10:30 p.m.
                    The chair reserves the right to call any
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        application in an order different from that
        appearing on the agenda.
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                    I'd ask everyone to please rise for the
       pledge of allegiance.
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                    (Flag salute)
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay, Mr. Blessing, can
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        you call the roll.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                  Certainly. Mr. Brandt.
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                    MR. BRANDT:
                                Here.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Pepe.
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                    MR. PEPE:
                    MR. BLESSING: Mr. Gurevich.
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                   Here.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Arora.
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                    MR. ARORA:
                                Here.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Miss Papi.
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                               Here.
                    MS. PAPI:
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Wynter.
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                                 Present.
                    MR. WYNTER:
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Zuckerman.
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                    MR. ZUCKERMAN:
                                    Present.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Behal.
                                              Mr. Philips.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Chairwoman Rampolla.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Here.
                                             Thank you,
        Aaron.
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                    First on the agenda we have meeting
       minutes from our February 4, 2021, meeting.
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        anyone -- any members of the board have any
       comments, questions, or concerns about those
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       minutes?
                    Okay, hearing none, can I hear a motion
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       on the February 4, 2021, meeting minutes.
                    MR. PEPE: I'll make a motion to adopt.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you, Mr. Pepe.
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                    MR. BLESSING: Mr. Brandt.
                    MR. BRANDT: I'll second that.
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        you.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you. Aaron, can
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        you call the roll.
                    MR. BLESSING: Mr. Zuckerman.
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                    MR. ZUCKERMAN:
                                    Yes.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Gurevich.
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Pepe.
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                    MR. PEPE:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                  Mr. Brandt.
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                    MR. BRANDT:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                  Mr. Philips.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  Yes.
                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Chairwoman Rampolla.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Okay.
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                                                   Thank you,
        Aaron.
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                    I'd like to just go a little bit out of
        order on the agenda because we have a residential
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        application in new business that we can do first.
                    Before I get to that, I just want to
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       make any members of the public aware who are online
        for application Z-21-02, Gulberg Builders, LLC, that
       will not be heard tonight. It was previously on the
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        agenda, but that is -- I'm sorry. I want to give
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        you the correct date.
                    MR. ALI:
                              (Inaudible) for one second,
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       please.
                 Can I say something?
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: -- to a future zoning
                        So we'll go first with --
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       board meeting.
                    MR. ALI: Excuse me. Can I say
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                    I'm the owner of Gulberg Builders.
        something?
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       have a request.
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                                     I'm sorry.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                                 Who's
        speaking?
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                    MR. ALI: My name is Khawaja Ali. I'm
        the owner of Gulberg Builders. I have a request
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        from the lawyer. If it's possible that -- you know,
        our meeting has been adjourned for the next board
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       meeting. Is it possible that we can do the two
       missing mailings and the mailing which has already
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       been done be considered as for the next meeting if
        we are adjourned for the next meeting with a --
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                Unfortunately, sir, that is
       not a possibility. The board does not have
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        jurisdiction to hear that matter as of this time.
        That can only happen once proper notice under the
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Τ	law is issued. There was a deficiency in the
2	notice, so now whatever the new meeting date is, you as the applicant have to renotice all of the persons
2	again on the mailing list as well as republish a new
3	notification in the newspaper reflecting the new
4	date.
4	MR. ALI: Okay.
5	MS. McGURK: This is Colleen McGurk, planner. You can call our office tomorrow and we
J	can discuss this. Thank you.
6	MR. ALI: Very well. Thank you.
O	THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Thank you.
7	Okay. So we're going to move on to application
	Z-21-1, Taistra, a proposed 6-foot-tall fence in
8	front yard setback of existing single-family
	residence located at 2020 I'm sorry at 22
9	Hamilton Drive, block 317.21, lot 1, in the $R-3$
	zone. Is there someone here to represent the
10	Taistra application?
1 1	MS. TAISTRA: Yes.
11	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Staci Taistra?
12	MS. TAISTRA: Yup. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Will you be the
12	only one testifying on your application?
13	MS. TAISTRA: Yes, if that's okay.
10	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. That's fine.
14	Can you
	MR. WEINER: Madam Chair
15	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
	MR. WEINER: if I might. At the
16	beginning, I just want to acknowledge for the record
	that the notices were satisfactory in this matter,
17	and the board has jurisdiction to hear this
1.0	application.
18	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Great. Thank you, Jay.
19	MR. GUREVICH: If I can just notice that due to a personal relationship with the applicant
19	over here, I will be recusing myself from
20	participation in this.
20	MR. WEINER: You're recusing yourself
21	from this application.
	MR. GUREVICH: Yes.
22	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
	Gurevich.
23	Okay. All right. Miss Taistra, can you
	state and spell your name for us.
24	MS. TAISTRA: Staci Taistra, S-t-a-c-i
0.5	T-a-i-s-t-r-a.
25	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, and I'll just
	need to swear you in. Can you raise your right hand

and just affirm that you will -- for the purpose of 1 this application this evening you will give us 2 nothing but the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. 3 MS. TAISTRA: I will. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Okay. So I see 4 that you -- you're looking to put a 6-foot-tall fence in your -- in the front yard setback. 5 have two -- I'm sorry -- two front yards as you're on a corner lot; is that correct? 6 MS. TAISTRA: Yeah, I'm a corner lot. Yeah, I don't understand that, to be honest, but, 7 yeah, we have the long side and then -- so I guess because it's a corner, it's two front yards. THE CHAIRWOMAN: It's considered two 8 front, right, two front yards. Can you tell us a 9 little bit about what you're looking to do. MS. TAISTRA: So we want to come up in 10 basically an L on the property. There's already a fence in the back yard. So if you picture, you know, the fence. So we just want the L on the side 11 coming to the front by the garage, you know, and 12 then the side of the house, if that makes sense. THE CHAIRWOMAN: So you have -- you 13 currently have fencing in the --MS. TAISTRA: There is fencing, yes. 14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: -- in the rear of the yard and then on the side yard, but you're looking 15 to --MS. TAISTRA: Only the rear of the yard 16 has fencing from the previous owners. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okav. 17 MS. TAISTRA: So instead of making a box, we're essentially doing the sides and then the short part, you know, in the front of the house to 18 close up the whole yard. 19 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. MS. TAISTRA: I'm sorry. Am I not -- am 20 I explaining this right? THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes, yes. 21 MS. TAISTRA: Okay. THE CHAIRWOMAN: So you want to -- and 22 you're looking to enclose the back yard for what purposes. 23 MS. TAISTRA: We have a -- we just put a pool in last summer --24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. MS. TAISTRA: -- so we need to --25 obviously, we need fencing, and we prefer it to be around the whole yard so we have more space rather

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       than just in front of the pool.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay.
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                    MS. TAISTRA: So that the kids can play
        and everyone's happy in pandemic.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay, and you're
        looking to put that how close to that property line
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       that's -- it's the side, but it's actually a front
       yard because you're on the corner lot.
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Right. We'd like to go as
       close to the sidewalk as possible, which I believe
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        is 4 feet from the sidewalk.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay. Okay.
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       drawing that you --
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                 Yes.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    -- submitted with the
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       application, but I don't think it said exactly the
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       distance, but you're looking to do it 4 feet from --
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  From the sidewalk, to come
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        in 4 feet.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay, and that would
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       allow you to do plantings on the outside of it?
                    MS. TAISTRA:
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Is that part of the
       plan?
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                    MS. TAISTRA: Yes, that was required,
        so, yeah, whatever the -- I guess every 6 feet we
       have to have a plant. There was a whole list of
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        acceptable plants. And then we'd go down the side
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        of the fence.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Okay. Colleen, do you
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        know that -- I mean, I saw that it's -- generally,
        it's supposed to be half the distance from the
       property line to the structure to the house.
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       that --
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                    MS. McGURK:
                                 That would be the exception
        for corner lots to help people have more of a usable
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       yard.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
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                    MS. McGURK:
                                 Anything beyond the -- half
       the distance between the house and the front yard
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       property line, that's why a variance is required.
        If the fence is 4 feet high and solid, the ordinance
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       then requires that it be 4 feet back from the
       property line and plantings be put in place.
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       this fence would be 6 feet, but it would then meet
        the other requirement of the 4 feet back and the
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        landscaping so that it doesn't look too obstructive
        in the neighborhood.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
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        the property behind you also has that -- has two
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        front yards.
                    MS. TAISTRA:
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: And the property to the
        rear of your property.
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                 Uh-huh.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: And they do have
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        fencing, though it's different. I quess it's a
        different height, a different type material.
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Correct.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Do you happen to know
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       how far back it is, or, Colleen, would either of you
        know?
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                    MS. McGURK:
                                 I did do a site visit, and
       that was a 4-foot-high chain link fence, and that
        looked back about 4 feet, and they did have the
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       plantings.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Okay. I just was
       wondering what theirs was because it looked like if
       that was there on the property next door, this
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       would -- it would somewhat flow to then maybe have,
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        you know, similar -- a fencing at similar distance
       was just one of the thoughts I had about it.
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                    Do any of the other board members have
        any questions for the applicant? Miss Papi, I see
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        your hand raised.
                    MS. PAPI:
                              Yeah, Madam Chair, as I'm
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        looking at the drawings, I just -- and you've
        actually covered a lot of everything. Where is the
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       entrance and exits to the fencing when you want to
       enter the property? Where exactly? I don't -- I
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       quess I'm not reading that on the drawing.
                    MS. TAISTRA: Okay, I didn't put the
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       actual gates on there -- I'm sorry -- but it would
       be -- so next to our garage there would be one --
       the main gate to go in and out of the back yard, but
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       we also have a gate on the other side so that -- our
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        landscapers can get the lawn mower through.
                    MS. PAPI: Okay, so they do exist.
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       was just --
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  I'm sorry, I didn't draw
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        it on there. I apologize.
                    MS. PAPI: That's okay. I'm thinking
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       that I wasn't able to read it, but that's fine.
               Thank you.
        Okay.
                                  I have a couple of
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
       questions, Christine.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Mr. Philips, go ahead.
                    MR. PHILIPS: Confirming that on the
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       other side property lot 2, you're going to have a
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fence there that's 4 feet and you're going to have a

1 4-foot separation between that and your neighbor's property, or what are you planning on doing over 2 there? MS. TAISTRA: We want 6 feet also over 3 there consistent with the other side, and it will be on our property line because there's a -- we have --4 the drawing you see shrubs I believe on the side, so we're going to trim them back, but the fence is 5 going to be in front of it so it's not going to have anything to do with our neighbor's property line. 6 MR. PHILIPS: Okay, so you are going to leave the space that's shown on the plan. 7 MS. TAISTRA: Between us and our neighbors, yes. 8 MR. PHILIPS: Okay. And a separate question, and, Colleen, you can confirm. Does the 9 pool need a separate fence? MS. PAPI: MR. PHILIPS: If it's -- if the whole 10 back yard is fenced, does the pool, itself, need a 11 separate fence? MS. McGURK: It does not. If it meets 12 state requirement of a minimum 4 feet in height and a self-latching gate and it's not a climbable fence 13 like a wide chain link type fence. MR. PHILIPS: So the existing fence or the planned fence then would meet that criteria. 14 I don't know about MS. McGURK: Yes. 15 the rear, the fence along the rear of the property. MR. PHILIPS: Right. That was where I 16 was going with that. MS. McGURK: Yeah. If that's -- I guess 17 the applicant would have to describe the fence along the rear of the property. 18 MS. TAISTRA: That's a 4-foot-high chain link fence. 19 MS. McGURK: Yeah, you'd have to check with the building department because if the holes 20 are a certain size, then it does not meet state requirements. 21 All I know, I know MS. TAISTRA: Okay. it matches the person in back of me, and they have a 22 pool, so I just assumed. I will double check that. I'll call building tomorrow and --23 MS. McGURK: Right, and it can't be climbable. 24 MS. TAISTRA: Okay. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Miss Taistra, in the 25 diagram, the picture that you submitted of the

property, the blue line that was drawn to suggest

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       where the fence would go, it doesn't -- it seems to
        curve in at the front. It doesn't go exactly along
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       parallel with the sidewalk. Is there a purpose --
        is there a purpose for that or --
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  The blue line cuts -- like
        diagonal in the corner; is that where you're talking
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        about?
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
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        actual -- does the fence come to an actual corner
        there?
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Yes.
                                    It looks that the front
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
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        yard -- it looks like the fence that goes parallel
        to Hamilton passes the end of where the fence runs
        along Puritan, but it comes to just an angle?
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                    MS. TAISTRA: Yeah, it's all enclosed,
       and it will be -- so it will be an L shape.
        if I didn't close it, I apologize.
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       closed.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Okay.
                                            No, it just
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       looked -- it looked as though the fencing parallel
       to Hamilton, it looked like there was an overhang
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       beyond the fencing on Puritan, but you're just
        saying that you'll just end at the corner there.
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                    MS. TAISTRA: Yeah, just my bad drawing.
        I'm sorry.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  The magic marker gone bad.
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Maybe it bled a little
       bit.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     That's fine. I just
       wanted to confirm that.
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  I'm sorry.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    And also, it's --
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       Colleen, it's set back to where it wouldn't impede
       traffic; is that correct?
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                    MS. McGURK: Correct.
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       triangle is shown, and it won't affect traffic,
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       won't be an obstruction.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Okay. Did any of the
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        other members have any questions for Miss Taistra?
                    MR. ARORA: Are the standard things like
       the gate should be self-closing gate, right?
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        think the fence quy, whoever is going to install it,
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       will take care of that, right, from the -- because
       there are restrictions around that gate of the fence
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        should be closing it by itself, no? I remember that
       having, right?
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                    MS. TAISTRA: Yes.
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       code for the --
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                    MR. ARORA:
                                Up to code.
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                 Absolutely, absolutely.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Mr. Kipp, were you --
                               Yes, I just want to put on
                    MR. KIPP:
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       the record that the proposed landscaping that goes
       between this proposed fence and the sidewalk will be
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       the homeowner's responsibility, and the town will
       not be maintaining that.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    Okay, so, Miss Taistra,
        you understand that if the board were to vote
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        favorably, you need to maintain that landscaping.
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Yup.
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                                  Miss Taistra.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Yes.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  On your fence contract,
       unless there's something purposefully not -- that's
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       been blacked out, you're only showing one gate.
       Just --
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  I -- it should have two
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        gates on either side, one for --
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  We're not here to
        renegotiate your contract with the fence guy.
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        just wanted to let you know what you gave us.
                                 It's on there.
                    MR. BRANDT:
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                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Unless you can get a
       better rate. No, there will be two gates, one on
       either side of the house.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  Okay.
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                    MR. BRANDT:
                                There are two gates on the
                   It's just blacked out. It's above where
        contract.
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        it says 6-foot-high styled white PVC. You can see
        -- barely see 5-foot-wide gate and then one
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        5-foot-wide gate and one 4-foot-wide gate.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  Okay. Well, I guess mine
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        is a little bit darker.
                    MS. TAISTRA:
                                  The reason it's blacked
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        out -- again, I guess I wasn't thinking it
        through -- that was for a different -- that was for
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       when we wanted -- we are looking into around the
       pool, but we decided we wanted more space to have
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       the kids running around, and given now that we're,
        you know, still in this pandemic, we didn't just
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       want it around that. We wanted to encapsulate the
       whole thing. So that was the first -- we had two
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       different quotes, and this is the one we decided
       that PVC 6-foot to maximize our outdoor time in this
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       crazy time we're living.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay, but we understand
       that your testimony is that you will have two -- you
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       will have two gates.
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1	MS. TAISTRA: Absolutely. I can send
2	you a new contract if you want to see it nicely. THE CHAIRWOMAN: No, that's between you and your contractor. We just want it to have clear
3	that your testimony was that you would have two. MS. TAISTRA: Absolutely.
4	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. So are there any other board questions board member questions or
5	from the professionals? MS. McGURK: No.
6	THE CHAIRWOMAN: No. Okay. Then we can go ahead and open it up to the public. See if
7	there's anyone on the either the video or by call that want to comment or have questions on this
8	application and this application only. Mr. Blessing, do you know if anyone is
9	trying to get in to give comment to the board? MR. BLESSING: At the present moment,
10	there are attendees, and none of them are raising their hand, so to say, to ask a question. For those
11	who are listening, does anybody here know what the command is to raise your hand, so to say, if you are
12	participating by phone? I think it might be star 6. UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Star 9.
13	MR. BLESSING: Okay. We do have two telephone attendees, but as of still this present
14	moment, no one has raised their hand. I know if you'd like to keep waiting maybe another minute or
15	so, Madam Chair. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yeah, we can just give
16	it just a minute just in case there is someone trying to call in.
17	MR. BLESSING: There might be oh, we do have one. Let's see. Oh, actually, here's why.
18 19	Promote to panelist. MR. WEINER: Aaron, is this person
20	raising their hand? MR. BLESSING: They had, actually. I don't want to mispronounce their name. Court
21	reporter Angela I think it's cut off at the end. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Are they trying to join
22	by phone, or this is by MR. BLESSING: They were an attendee,
23	and they had raised their hand. I've asked them to unmute if they have any comment to make.
24	MS. CURLEY: Aaron, that's our court reporter it's Amanda Curley for our case. So
25	don't worry about her. MR. BLESSING: Okay. Very well.
	THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Thanks. I

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       prefer to err on the side of caution to make sure if
       we have anyone trying to comment that they're able
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       to do that, but it doesn't sound like that's the
       case so I think we can close the public portion.
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       any of the board members have -- would like to make
        a motion on this application?
                                      Miss Papi i see.
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                   MR. WYNTER: Motion to approve.
                   MS. PAPI:
                              All right.
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                   MR. ARORA:
                                I motion to second, yeah.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     I had called on Miss
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        Papi because I saw her raising her hand.
                   MS. PAPI: You want me to make the
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       motion -- I make a motion to approve the
       application.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay. Thank you.
                   MR. ARORA: I second it.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: And then I heard Mr.
                Thank you.
       Arora.
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                    Okay, Aaron, can you call the roll.
                    MR. BLESSING: Yes. Okay. Mr. Arora.
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                    MR. ARORA:
                               Yes.
                   MR. BLESSING:
                                   Miss Papi.
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                   MS. PAPI:
                              Yes.
                   MR. BLESSING: Mr. Wynter.
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                   MR. WYNTER:
                                Yes.
                   MR. BLESSING:
                                  Mr. Zuckerman.
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                   MR. ZUCKERMAN: Yes.
                   MR. BLESSING:
                                  Mr. Pepe.
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                   MR. PEPE: Yes.
                   MR. BLESSING: Mr. Philips.
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                   MR. PHILIPS: Yes, and I hope you use it
        really soon, which means there won't be any snow.
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                   MS. TAISTRA: You all have an open
        invitation.
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                   MR. BLESSING: Chairwoman Rampolla.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Yes. It looks like
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       your application passed. I wish you a lot of
        succeed with it. Have fun with the pool.
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                   MS. TAISTRA:
                                  Thank you so much.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: I did notice -- I don't
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       know that orange -- is the pool already there?
                   MS. TAISTRA:
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                            That orange
                                    Okay.
       netting, I guess, the temporary --
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                   MS. TAISTRA: Oh, the construction, yes,
       it's lovely.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Well, no, it had pulled
               It had separate -- it looked like when I was --
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                   MS. TAISTRA: We go out every day and
       make sure it's on. It's on now.
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1	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, good.
2	MS. TAISTRA: Hand to God, it is always up there. As soon as it blows off, I go out there
3	and put it back. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Glad to hear
	that.
4	MS. TAISTRA: I get my steps in. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. All right.
5	Thank you. MS. TAISTRA: Thank you.
6	THE CHAIRWOMAN: All right. Let's MS. TAISTRA: Do I leave? Do you need
7	me for anything? THE CHAIRWOMAN: No, you can go ahead.
8	You don't need to stay on.
· ·	MS. TAISTRA: Thank you so much. Have a
9	good night.
10	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Next up we're going to go back to old business. We have application Z-20-12, Chris Trans, LLC, the proposed
11	transportation company office, garage, and parking facility located at 49 Main Street, block 317.13,
12	lot 36.04, in the R-3 zone. MS. PAPI: Madam Chair.
13	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. MS. PAPI: Yes, I just would like to
14	recuse myself from this application, so I will say
15	good night to everybody. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
	MS. PAPI: Okay. Thank you. Bye.
16	MR. WEINER: Before we begin, I know that Mr. Gurevich recused himself on the first
17	application. Do we know if he left the meeting, or did he just
18	THE CHAIRWOMAN: I see him on. MR. PHILIPS: Leon's here.
19	MR. WEINER: Okay, so Leon has returned
20	Leon, have you returned. If you could just unmute and let us know.
21	MR. GUREVICH: I have returned. I have never left, and I am looking forward to being a part
0.0	of this conversation.
22	MR. WEINER: Okie dokie. And, Madam Chairwoman, before we begin with the Chris Trans
23	application, I can put on the record that the board has jurisdiction to hear this matter.
24	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Okay. Who
25	do we have we have a lot of people on the Zoom meeting. So who is representing MR. PRESSLER: Madam Chair, my name is

1 George Pressler. I will be representing the applicant. 2 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Good evening, Mr. Pressler. 3 Good evening. MR. PRESSLER: Do I have the floor at the moment? 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes, you can proceed with your application. 5 MR. PRESSLER: All right. Good evening, Madam Chairman and members of the board and Jay 6 Weiner, who I haven't seen in a long time. MR. WEINER: Same here. Good evening, 7 Mr. Pressler, and you have the virtual floor. MR. PRESSLER: Okay. Again, my name is I am an attorney-at-law in the 8 George Pressler. State of New Jersey, and I do represent the 9 applicant, Chris Trans. The application -- the applicant is the owner of property located at 49 Main Street in East Brunswick. 10 This piece of property is also designated on the tax bill or tax map as lot 39 in block 150. 11 The applicant comes before the board at 12 this time to convert an existing one-story building on the property into an office and a vehicle 13 maintenance facility for his school transportation business. The property is located in a C-2 zone, 14 and therefore, a use variance is required in order for him to get approval to occupy the property for 15 his purposes. There are a number of bulk or 16 dimensional variances required as well as one for impervious coverage. The majority of the bulk 17 variances are preexisting nonconforming, and I should make a point here that the footprint of the 18 building is not going to be disturbed. It is going to remain the same. And my client wishes also to construct a second floor on this building, and we've 19 submitted architectural plans for that for his 20 offices only. And while we're talking about his offices, he will have approximately five employees, 21 which include himself, two office personnel, and two mechanics on the premises, and I should point out the business owns about 17 vehicles, and he has 15 22

At this point, I'd like to tell you that I have with me this evening our engineer, Marc Leber, who I think is very -- he's appeared before this board many times, and I also have Allison Coffin, who is our planner, and she will address all

drivers, and the drivers every day take the vehicles

back to their homes in the evening.

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1 planning issues. So if you -- the board or any members of the board do not have any questions of 2 me, I would ask to have Mr. Leber sworn in. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. 3 MR. GUREVICH: Could I ask one very Just to confirm, the applicant is quick question. 4 an owner/operator, is that --MR. PRESSLER: That's correct, yes. 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Leber, I know that you've already appeared before our board this year in an application that was continued from 6 last year. We have I think at least one or two new 7 Can we -- I know -- can we just swear you members. in as an expert for your testimony. Can you -- for 8 their benefit since they might be new, can you give us your background. You're speaking as an engineer 9 tonight; is that right? MR. LEBER: That's correct. Hi. 10 evening. MR. WEINER: And if I my, I just want to 11 Sorry, Mr. Leber, I didn't mean to jump explain. Just for the benefit of some of the newer 12 board members, even though by example Mr. Leber has testified in other matters before this board and has 13 been qualified, previously accepted as an expert, since this is a new application, any witness, even 14 Mr. Leber, who may have already been accepted as an expert, has to at least go over his credentials 15 again because it's a new application, so he has to make a presentation for that application as if it's 16 never been done before. So for any of our newer members who are wondering, well, we've seen Mr. Leber before, why does he have to go through 17 this again, each application stands on its own 18 two feet so the same process has to go for that application. We can't assume that someone who was 19 an expert before on another matter is automatically an expert now. 20 I'm sorry, Marc, please go ahead. THE WITNESS: No, that's okay. 21 want to swear me in first? MR. WEINER: Madam Chairwoman. 22 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes. Thanks, Marc. you for this application this evening, do you wear 23 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. 24 MR. LEBER: Yes, I do. Hi, good My name is Marc Leber. It's Marc with a evening. 25 C, Leber, L-e-b-e-r. Still class of '94 East Brunswick. I graduated Drexel University with a

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       bachelor of science degree in civil engineering,
        1999. Following graduation, I went on to Rutgers
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       Graduate School of Business, where I graduated an
       MBA in 2004, and I'm licensed in New Jersey as a
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       professional engineer, a professional planner, and
       also I have a certified municipal engineering
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       certificate. Appeared before this board numerous
       times, as well as the planning board in East
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       Brunswick, and throughout Middlesex County and
       mostly Monmouth County.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  I'll move to accept Marc.
                    MR. LEBER:
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you, Mr. Philips.
        Is there a second?
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                    MR. ARORA:
                                I second it.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you, Mr. Arora.
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       We don't need a roll call, right?
                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                 All in favor.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
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        favor, say aye. All right.
                                     Thank you, Mr. Leber.
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                    MR. LEBER: Thank you. I have a couple
       of exhibits, just two photos and then the color
        rendering of the plan that was filed, and there's a
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       couple things I'm going to touch on during my
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       presentation.
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       conditions, and I'll discuss the applicant's
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       operations at his business, and then I'll go over
        the proposed use and the types of modifications that
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       are proposed on the property.
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       property is at 49 Main Street. It's block 150, lot
            It's about 100 feet wide by 180 feet deep with
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        a 100 foot width along Main Street.
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                                 To the right there's a
       preowned car sales use.
       residence.
                    Across Main Street, there are other
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        residences, and behind the property are train
        tracks, which is part of the Conrail line.
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                    The zone here is C-2, which is
       neighborhood business district.
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                    Presently on the property there is a
       vacant single-story structure. It's about
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        2,400 square feet, and it was formerly used as a
       convenience store. I know it was a Krauszer's at
                   I actually was able to get a street view
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        one time.
        image on Google, which I'm going to put up just to
        show you what it looks like, and -- you know, when
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        it was still in business.
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                    Behind the building there is a paved
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parking area, and in the front there's also a

parking area for about 12 cars, and their only access is from Main Street, where there is a two-way driveway coming out the front of the property.

So, Aaron, I'm going to switch to this November 2017 street view, which is only being provided to give you a sense of what the property looked like when it was still in business as a convenience store.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$ WEINER: Can we label that as Exhibit A-1.

MR. LEBER: Yes.

MR. WEINER: And you can mark that and get that to Aaron, Marc.

MR. LEBER: Yup.

MR. WEINER: That's November 2017 street

view.

MR. LEBER: Correct. You know, it says Deli Plus. Like I said it, was once a Krauszer's years ago. The two uses left and right haven't changed, you know, and presently today they're similar. The only difference is if you were to drive by this building now, it's closed. The convenience store doesn't exist anymore. There are metal gates over the glass storefront. So there isn't really much activity going on there. The property for the most part is vacant. The fence that you see here is the same fence that's there today. So really not much has changed.

MR. PHILIPS: Mr. Leber, whose fence is that?

MR. LEBER: So according to the survey, we believe that the fence is on this property, and I'm going to talk about that during the application because we propose to replace that fence with, you know, a new solid fence.

MR. PHILIPS: It's in considerable disrepair.

MR. LEBER: I agree. I agree. And, you know, I'll get into a little in the testimony that on the left side of the property, we're also proposing a fence there, as well.

So let's talk about the use. The owner's business is transportation services. Most of his clients are schools. He does work for public schools, as well. The vehicles in his fleet are your everyday minivans, and the way it works is that the drivers go home with the minivans at night. So at the actual building, there's only going to be at most five employees. You have the owner, there's two office staff, and then there's two mechanics,

and they do repairs there. Those repairs are minor, more maintenance type work, which includes changing oil, changing brakes, changing tires. The oil that is changed out is picked up by a special company that's licensed to do so, and the tires are delivered by a third party. Now, when the tires are delivered, they also pick up any tires that are waiting for disposal.

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So this building is strictly for the owner's use with, you know, his fleet of vehicles. It's not open to the general public. You can't drive down Main Street and say oh, I want to get an oil change and turn in here. It's really not that type of facility.

The hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday there may be a half day for mechanics, typically, 9 to 4, you know, and other than that, there's no activity on Sunday.

Now, major repairs, you know, engine work, things of that nature, would be sent off site. One of the key aspects of the application is that a vehicle that is not operable would not be kept on this property. If the vehicle is not operable, it's either, you know, going out to auction or it's going out for repair. Now, right now the owner has 15 drivers and 17 vehicles. So they always have extra vehicles in the fleet because if a driver has a car that needs, say, an oil change on the Friday, they can just swap it out with another vehicle. would take the other one home and leave the car that needs maintenance at the building. And during the typical school year, most of these vehicles are either on the road or back home with the drivers, but in the summertime when school is out, you would see that the vehicles would be parked on this property.

Now, there is a plan in the future to upgrade some of the minivans to those small yellow school buses, which take up the same footprint as a minivan, but they're, you know, they're regular regulatory yellow school buses.

There are some existing nonconformities with this property. Again, it's in the C-2 zone so the minimum lot area you need is 40,000 square feet, and this lot is 18,212 square feet, so again, that's an existing nonconformity. The zone requires a minimum lot width of 200 feet, and we only have 100 feet. The minimum side yard setback is 20 feet, and the combined two side yard setback is 50 feet. The

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        existing setback on the right of the building is
        10 feet, and the two combined side yards of 39.9, so
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        again, those are existing nonconformities.
                    Now, as far as parking is concerned, the
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        setback requirement is 10 feet from the lot line,
        and we only have 5 feet.
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        a landscape buffer requirement, which is under
        section 228-169H.
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       now there's only 5 feet, and that's existing, as
       well.
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                    The last item is the lot coverage.
        C-2 zone permits up to 65 percent coverage, and
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        right now there's 77.1 percent, and that's both
        existing and proposed.
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                    I'm going to switch over my screen share
        to the rendering, which is really just a coloring of
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        sheet 3 that was already filed. Do that now.
                    MR. WEINER: This is exhibit --
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                    MR. LEBER:
                                You can call this A-2.
                    MR. WEINER:
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                    MR. LEBER:
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                                Make a note.
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        this, Marc?
                                Coloring of site plan.
                    MR. LEBER:
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                    MR. WEINER: Coloring of site plan.
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
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        question.
                   When was the property purchased?
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                               I might have it.
                    MR. LEBER:
                                   The property was
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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       purchased a little over a year ago. I represented
        the applicant.
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                  Okay, and when it was
       purchased, was the convenience store or whatever the
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       business that was operating over at the time, was it
        operational or was purchased as a vacant property?
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                    MR. PRESSLER: Purchased as vacant.
                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                   So no operation, no --
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                  -- facility inside,
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        everything removed from the building, in essence.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   That's correct, yes.
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                          Signages removed,
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        as well?
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   That I don't know.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
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                    MR. WEINER: Just want to ask,
       Mr. Pressler, as counsel, I mean, you're answering
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        these questions. Is there anyone here on behalf of
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        the applicant who can affirm what you've just
        indicated since you're not really testifying as to
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        the fact?
                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   The applicant is
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       available, yes, if we need him.
                    MR. WEINER:
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       record, if the applicant is there, maybe we can
        quickly swear the applicant in and have the
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        applicant either affirm or if need be correct your
        statement.
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                    MR. LEBER:
                                I'm going to stop the screen
        share so he can be on the screen.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                                 Okay.
                                     Thank you.
        Sorry, I'm looking for the property owner. I don't
        know if you're -- if your video is off. Oh, there
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        you are. Okay. Okay. Can you state and spell your
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       name for us.
                    MR. YOUSSEF:
                                  Yes, hi.
                                            My name is Azmi
       Youssef.
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                  First name is A-z-m-i. Last name is
        Y-o-u-s-s-e-f. I am owner of Chris Transportation,
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        LLC, company.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Can you just
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       raise your right hand and affirm for us that in
        regards to this application this evening that you
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       will tell nothing but -- you will tell the truth,
       the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
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                    MR. YOUSSEF:
                                 I will tell the truth.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you.
                                Mr. Youssef, I don't know
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                    MR. WEINER:
        if you heard the question posed by one of the board
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       members, Mr. Gurevich, to Mr. Pressler, and
       Mr. Pressler recited some information. Can you
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        attest to that information.
                                     Was that accurate, or
        if not, can you please correct it and readdress
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       those questions.
                    MR. YOUSSEF: All the information --
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        yes, all the information is accurate, and there's a
        sign still there for the convenience store.
                    MR. WEINER:
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                                Okay, and I would just ask,
       keep yourself on right now, now that you're under
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       oath, in case there's any other questions during the
       process of this application where there's
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        information needed that you could provide, you can
       at least jump in and answer those questions as
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       you're already under oath.
                    MR. YOUSSEF: I will.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                I'll let it go back to
       Mr. Leber I assume if that's okay with Mr. Pressler.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
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MR. LEBER: Okay, so I'm going to just

1 put back up that rendering. MR. PHILIPS: Mr. Leber. 2 MR. LEBER: Yes. MR. PHILIPS: In the back, it says 21 3 storage spaces, and your testimony is 17. Can you clarify. MR. LEBER: 4 Yeah, I'm going to talk about that in about a minute. I just want to go 5 over like the overview of what's proposed with regard to the improvements. 6 MR. PHILIPS: Sure. So this is the site plan MR. LEBER: 7 that we filed. The plan proposes very limited site The main issue really is a vertical improvements. 8 expansion to the building. So there's an architectural plan, which should be part of your 9 packet, which shows the addition of a second floor here, and what the purpose of that is that the front of the building, the storefront glass is going to be 10 removed, and you'll have three overhead doors, which 11 will allow for, you know, the maintenance area for the vehicles and mechanics area, and then upstairs 12 you'll have a 722-square-foot administrative office. In the rear of the property, they want to designate 13 that paved area for storage of up to 21 vehicles, and they would repave the parking lot and refence the property with new fence. That would be a 14 6-foot-high fence. And we also did a landscape 15 plan, which proposes addition of shade trees and evergreen trees in the rear along the train tracks, 16 but in addition, we are proposing an evergreen and shrub buffer along the site frontage along Main 17 Street. There is currently lighting on the 18 property, but it's not in good shape, so we submitted a lighting plan. That design was to 19 propose new LED fixtures, both pole mounted and building mounted, to meet today's standards. 20 As far as traffic, we issued a letter

dated September 25 of last year which indicated as, you know, compared to the prior convenience store use, this use would generate significantly less traffic, and again, namely because it's not open to

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the public.

We also did a similar letter regarding stormwater management, which would remain unchanged because the lot coverage is remaining unchanged, and then there was also a letter about environmental impacts. We wrote that since there's no wetlands, no streams, no riparian zones, things of that nature

1	on the property and we're not expanding the existing limits of improvements, there are really no
2	environmentally sensitive areas being affected.
3	From a utility standpoint, this is not a significant water or sewer demand on this building,
4	again, as the employee count would be around five. If you don't mind, I'd like to put up
-	that architectural plan. Let me just get that.
5	MR. WEINER: For the record, the prior
C	one that's been on the screen, that's the minor site
6	plan, and that's Exhibit A-3, correct, Mr. Leber, if we can mark that.
7	MR. LEBER: Yes. Now, this one is
/	coming up is the architectural plan for
8	MR. WEINER: Forgive me. With the Zoom
O	sometimes, I know we had the color site plan, but
9	this one was different that we just did, or is that
J	the same one?
10	MR. LEBER: That was the same one.
_ 0	MR. WEINER: Oh, so that's A-2 then.
11	Now we're up to A-3.
	MR. LEBER: Right, A-3 would be the
12	architectural plan from PJR. That's Paul Rodek
	architects.
13	MR. CLINE: Mr. Leber, is this plan
	different in any respect from the plans that were
14	submitted?
	THE WITNESS: No.
15	MR. CLINE: So it may not necessarily
	need an exhibit number.
16	MR. WEINER: No, but you know what, I'm
	going to ask that we mark it anyway for the simple
17	reason that we're going remotely and just for ease
	of the public
18	MR. CLINE: Okay.
	MR. WEINER: that since it's now on a
19	video superimposition as opposed to the actual
	papers here that we just mark it also as A-3 even
20	though it may be superfluous, let's do that anyway.
0.1	MR. CLINE: Okay.
21	MR. LEBER: Okay, I noted that. So it's
0.0	a one-sheet plan. On the left side you have the
22	first level floor plan. On the right side you have
2.2	the upper level floor plan. And then on the bottom
23	you have the proposed front elevation. So let me
24	just zoom in for one second on the main level floor plan. You'll see you have the three bays. There's
∠ 1	a small office area, steps going upstairs, a little
25	storage room, a mechanical area, and there's a
20	corridor that goes out to an existing man door
	colling man door

1 that's on the side of the building. There is a bathroom on the first floor. There was a comment 2 that the bathroom doesn't have a door, which would have to be revised on this plan. 3 Moving on to the right side, you'll notice it's only a partial second floor. 4 (Inaudible) MR. LEBER: I can't hear you. 5 MR. YOUSSEF: (Inaudible) just say the bathroom (inaudible) 6 MR. LEBER: The bathroom will have a The way the plan's drawn right now, there's 7 no door to the bathroom, so that's going to have to That was a comment in the staff report. be revised. Now, the second floor is a partial 8 This is the 722-square-foot office second floor. space with the bathroom upstairs, and then down at the bottom you have the proposed front view of 10 the --MR. YOUSSEF: (Inaudible) MR. LEBER: 11 I don't want to talk over anyone. 12 Is that Mr. Youssef? THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm not sure who that is, but maybe we can put it on 13 mute if we're having another conversation so Mr. Leber can go ahead. 14 MR. LEBER: Okay. So on the bottom you have the elevation of the building, which indicates 15 that the height of this building is 24 feet, 4 inches, and, you know, there's a dormer proposed 16 for an architectural interest and the three overhead doors plus the man door. 17 So that's really all the changes to the building, itself. 18 MR. GUREVICH: Mr. Leber, can I ask a couple quick questions? 19 MR. LEBER: Yes. MR. GUREVICH: So first of all, I just 20 note that I don't have this within the plan documents that I have with me, this particular page. 21 So I don't know if anybody else has this or doesn't. But just based on the diagram that I'm reviewing 22 right now, for the upstairs upper level, if you can zoom in on that or focus in on that. Just moving it 23 Sorry. Yeah. Perfect. So the area that's on the right-hand side that's marked open office 24 area, the area that's the L shape to the back, is that also completed above where the storage area is 25 below?

MR. LEBER: No.

1 MR. GUREVICH: One area. MR. LEBER: Well, because the vehicles 2 have lifts, so there wouldn't be a second floor in the area that you're speaking of because the vehicle would, you know, be raised in the air. 3 MR. GUREVICH: That was going to be --4 no, that's my -- that was going to be my second question, but I'm saying in front of the vehicles 5 where you have that marked off area I guess to the north of the picture, like at the top of the 6 picture, that isn't a finished area -- exactly, in there, that's not a finished. 7 THE WITNESS: No, this is not finished. MR. GUREVICH: Okay, so that is an 8 unfinished, but it is part of the upstairs, and that area below it is in essence just a two-story area, 9 correct, for the --MR. LEBER: Right. I mean, you have a mechanical room here, but, you know, because the 10 height of the building is only 24 feet, 4 inches, that's not very tall, so it's just an unfinished 11 12 MR. GUREVICH: Okay, and I was going to say, so that means you've got two larger lifts over 13 there and a smaller lift being the one on the right or not a lift at all, in other words. 14 MR. LEBER: Yeah, I mean, the specifics of the actual lifts haven't been designed at this 15 point. You know, the intention is that there could be three lifts. 16 MR. GUREVICH: Okay, and the last question I have is, in the diagram below, comparing 17 the elevation to the existing elevation, do you have any indication of where the property is at at the 18 moment versus where the proposal in terms of the additional height? 19 MR. LEBER: My best estimate is that the existing building might be, you know, 12 to 15 feet 20 high, so add about 10 feet. MR. GUREVICH: Okay. Okay. I had a 21 couple of questions in regards to the diagram that you reviewed previously, but I'll defer until you 22 finish. MR. LEBER: I mean, actually, if there's 23 no other, you know, questions, I mean, that's pretty much what's proposed. You know, I spoke about his 24 operation and how he wants to occupy the property and the changes to the building. So at this point 25 if there's any questions, you know, that's fine. MR. GUREVICH: The other question I had

was on I guess the diagram that you have provided, I believe A-2, that showed the parking spots in the areas in the back.

MR. GUREVICH:

MR. LEBER: Do you want me to switch back to that?

MR. LEBER: All right. Aaron, I'm going to switch back to A-2. There we go.

That would be great.

MR. GUREVICH: So in terms of where you mentioned in the beginning infringements on the distance from the property line, I'm assuming those are the two areas, one in the back that I see noted as conc curb at the back parking lot just to the right of the spots, a little bit down from your -- no, on the other side of the fence, though, on the parking lot side of the fence. Yes, that area there. What is that, because there's no turnaround at this point, right, so is that a dead spot in terms of what --

MR. LEBER: Yeah, I mean, you could call it that. Because the parking lot's not a public parking lot, you know, similar to like an automobile dealership where they double and triple stack cars because it's really not a publicly accessible parking lot that you'd find like at Shop Rite or something, just by the pure geometry, that would be pretty much a dead area.

MR. GUREVICH: Yeah, so I guess my question is, I understand what that is used for if you have parking against that rear area, to be able to back out and sort of pull into that area. Is that the only spot in the back that kind of infringes on the setback requirement?

THE WITNESS: No. In fact, I think all the parking setback on the left is less than 10 feet, as well, for the drive aisle that's there today.

MR. GUREVICH: But near the residential area that's on the right, do we know if eliminating that setback of conc curb, as it's referred to, is that a way to alleviate the back on that side and --

MR. LEBER: It would alleviate slightly, but the issue is there's an existing catch basin in that bottom corner, so I guess this piece of pavement allows the water to flow into that catch basin.

MR. GUREVICH: I got you. Okay. And then you mentioned something in regards to the proposed lighting. You mentioned that there is a chance that you would park vehicles even though

people take the vehicles back overnight, but, you know, you're making enough space for vehicles to be parked, and you're going to add lighting. Compared to current lighting in the front and in the rear, how much more lighting are we talking about in terms of elevated and pole lighting?

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MR. LEBER: So right now the lighting on the site is not really functional. In fact, one of the poles is damaged, so, you know, it doesn't really work, but the ordinance requires a half a foot-candle for parking areas and walking areas, so we had done I believe it was sheet 5, the lighting design. Let me just open that real quick.

MR. GUREVICH: I'm just wondering if compared to public parking, given that this is a secured area, fenced in area with a gate that's in the front, as shown in the diagram, if there's additional type of security type lighting, and, you know, it would be not standard to a -- what's it called -- consumer parking lot and would remain lit also in an overnight type of situation.

MR. LEBER: Right. Now, there's a couple things I can point out. The average lighting level is about 3 foot-candles, which is appropriate for this type of a use, but we had modeled the spillover, so to say, on to the adjacent lots, and the foot-candle spillover to the lot on the right was actually 0 foot-candles, and really that's achieved because we're able to have the 6-foot-high fence as part of the lighting model. We weren't concerned with the spillover in the rear because, you know, it's train tracks, and the property on the left we show no spill over even though that's another commercial use, but what I can say is that with the LED lights, there's an opportunity to actually dim them. You can dim them to any percent you want after let's say 10 o'clock at night. that was a concern, they could certainly be dimmed.

MR. GUREVICH: Well, we shouldn't expect any -- should we expect -- let me rephrase the question. Should we expect any sort of security type lighting that is expected to stay on all night, as well, for the purpose of similarly because of the --

MR. LEBER: You know, because it's a private parking lot, it's not a public shopping center, usually at night these lights, you know, could go off. You know, there's -- like I said, the technology allows you to dim them so the site doesn't look entirely dark. But I would ask my

1	client, though, if he wants to turn the lights off at night before I commit to that.
2	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Youssef. MR. YOUSSEF: Yes. Yes, Marc.
3	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Can you comment on that, whether you plan to have the lights on at
4	night. MR. YOUSSEF: Yes, I have no problem
5	with the lights. Yes, we can leave it on. MR. LEBER: On or off?
6	MR. YOUSSEF: On until 10 o'clock, and I will turn it off after that.
7	MR. WEINER: So, Mr. Pressler, should the board ultimately decide to move favorably on
8	this, would the applicant be okay with that being a condition of any such potential approval that the
9	exterior lighting would be turned off after 10 p.m.? MR. PRESSLER: No objection.
10	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Marc, can you I understand that I appreciate the lighting plan
11	shows what the spillover is in all the areas on the lot, but can you show where can you bring that up
12	and show where the actual each of the lights are on the
13	MR. LEBER: Yeah. Yeah, I can do that. MR. CLINE: While you're doing that,
14	Marc, I do think the 6-foot fence has helped you with your spillover. I doubt you have the
15	additional trees at the rear of the property to include it in the calculations so the little bit of
16	spillover you're getting to the railroad calculated likely is conservative because the trees that are
17	being and landscaping being put back there will reduce that even further.
18	MR. LEBER: Yeah, I agree. Most towns won't allow us to use landscaping in lighting calcs.
19	MR. CLINE: It's not precise enough. MR. LEBER: I'm going to switch over to
20	the lighting plan. Hold on one second. So this is sheet 5 yes, sheet 5 of 5.
21	MR. WEINER: Just for continuity since I marked the last sheet that was in the submission
22	because we're doing it on the screen now as an exhibit, let's do that the same with this and make
23	this A-4. Exhibit A-4, and it's the lighting plan, correct?
24	MR. LEBER: Yeah. I know it's a little hard to see on this platform, but basically you have
25	three knew poles on the back of the property, and then there's one, two, three new poles in the front

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       of the property, and these little notations in
        orange, those are the wall mounted light fixtures
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        that are also LED's, and they look like this fixture
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                    MR. GUREVICH: These are directional
        lights, so the lights in the back are going to be
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        faced towards the property LED.
                    MR. LEBER: That's correct.
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       what the pole mounted light looks like.
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        downward directed fixture with recessed LED's.
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       call that dark sky compliant. So that once you
        raise above the plane of the actual light, itself,
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       there is no light being thrown into the sky, which
        is, you know, a more recent requirement. The same
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       goes --
                    MR. GUREVICH:
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        lights?
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        It's 14 feet to the fixture.
                    MR. GUREVICH:
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        6-foot fence.
                    MR. LEBER:
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                    MR. GUREVICH:
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        expect in the back that they extend above the fence
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       by 8 feet approximately.
                    MR. LEBER:
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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                    MR. LEBER:
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       the actual lamp, itself, would be, you know, aimed
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        toward the pavement.
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        it would be a conical, you know -- like, from there
        it would kind of spread out evenly. It's not that
        it's aimed directionally into one direction.
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                    MR. LEBER:
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        levels decrease the further you get from the lamp.
        So, you know, I think that's fairly obvious if
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        you're standing directly underneath of it, it's the
       brightest location, but as you move away, it gets
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       dimmer and dimmer, you know, and --
                    MR. GUREVICH: (Inaudible) special about
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        the fence, like, that's on that right side to that?
        It's just a standard 6-foot fence. Is there any
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        additional height or security features because of
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        security cameras on the plan, but I'm sure that the
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1 know, some kind of a camera system to, you know, oversee what's going on.

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MR. GUREVICH: That's not what I'm asking. I guess what I'm asking is, it's a standard 6-foot-tall fence. There's no -- what's it called, you know, for lack of barb wires, spikes, additional height because of the secure nature of the rear lot compared to the front lot. It doesn't, you know -- I'm just trying to get an idea of relative to a 14-foot-tall lighting fixture, can it be obstructed by the fence and remediate some of the additional, you know, spillover and what it looks like relative to the lot next door since that's the only fence.

MR. LEBER: I mean, the pole is going to be higher than the fence. You know, there's really no way to build a fence to totally obscure, you know -- I guess I would need a 14-foot fence, but -- MR. CLINE: Mr. Leber, maybe I can

clarify. This lighting fixture has a pattern of the light the way it's cast down and forward. You had said this was dark sky compliant. Would it be fair to say that this fixture is designed to have what used to be called house side shields built into it?

MR. LEBER: Yes, it can have shields.
MR. CLINE: Because the pattern for this is basically it's -- it aims straight down, a little bit back, and mostly forward, and your calculations say that the little bit that would spill over onto the other property, the 6-foot fence, actually stops.

MR. LEBER: Right. The reason is because with LED lights, you can angle the LED's to throw the light in a certain direction, which is a big advantage over, you know, like metal halide bulbs where you can't control the direction which the light goes, but when we calculate lighting level, the lighting level is calculated on the ground, so if you were to go behind the 6-foot-high fence and take a light meter and put it on the ground, you're not going to pick up any additional light readings from this lamp because the pattern of the throw is forward, and then the fence is going to block any additional light from, you know, trespassing to the other side.

MR. GUREVICH: Okay. Thank you. But there's nothing special about the fence. I mean, it is the same fence that we would see in the front is the same fence that is in the back, the same height. There is nothing on top of the fence. There's no security features to the fence or anything like

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                    MR. LEBER: Yeah, it's a solid vinyl
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        fence.
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                    MR. LEBER: Okay.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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       we used to ask for shielding, but what I think I'm
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       hearing from is with the LED's, shielding is
       unnecessary because of the nature of the way that
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       the light is shining down?
                    MR. LEBER:
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        designed to be angled with the actual direction of
        the LED's, themselves, which is a huge advantage.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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        is that they're going to be arranged so that they
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        don't spill over on to the private home to the -- I
       quess that would be west.
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                    MR. LEBER:
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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        sorry, there was one more thing I wanted to bring up
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       because it was a comment in the review.
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        about trash. So --
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       was going to ask.
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                    THE WITNESS: No problem. I'm just
        going to switch back for a second here to the other
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        exhibit. You know, I had spoken with the applicant
       before we designed these plans.
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       generate much more trash than a typical office.
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        lunch, they throw it out, whatever, but we don't
       actually have a place for trash to be held, so what
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       we wanted to do is in this back corner, back left
       corner of the property, we wanted to build a little
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       enclosure area where we could actually have a, you
       know, a delineated spot for trash, and if that
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        required that these four spaces be, you know,
       hatched out or something, then that would be fine,
       because again, you know, the parking here is on a
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        rotating basis, so if most of the vehicles are out
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       on the road or at people's homes, there should only
       be a few floaters in the back lot, plus we still
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       have some spots in the front, and then you have
       three bays in the building. So I'm not really
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1 concerned that that's, you know, a significant issue if we were to take out these four spots.

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The other thing I wanted to throw out there, which is from a more practical, you know, day-to-day basis is, because this property is, you know, entirely controlled by the client, if you were to have a trash area in the back, he could still park here, but he would just be aware that if the trash truck is coming that day, he has to move these cars. That's all.

MR. GUREVICH: So this is in line with the question I wanted to ask. I quess I'm a little bit confused because I don't see an exit from the bays to the back. Maybe I missed that in the other diagram in terms of an egress. But if the front bays are at the front of the building, and even just by your own description in terms of oil changes, tire changes, brake changes, that will result in, look, we don't pick up oil, we don't pick up, you know, used tires or changed tires. They usually stack up to a certain level that requires a dumpster or a, you know, a facility to store the oil. Usually it's those rolling drums, you know, that kind of fill up and then they're taken away. question was, is that going to be I guess set up in the front of the building, which is at the front of the bays, which would be the natural place that once you have that type of waste, you move them out the bay doors, and that's where I was wondering is there a dumpster or some sort of storage facility before that pickup. I don't see that in the plan.

MR. LEBER: Not for the oil. It's indoors, and the bays are in the front of the building, so there's one, two, three in the front, and then, you know, if there's a vehicle on the site in storage, they have to get through this gate to go around to the back, but the volume of oil changes here is extremely low. I mean, for a fleet of, you know, 17 or, you know, 17 minivans, you're not going to have 17 oil changes in one week. So because this facility is not open to the public, you're not having a constant, you know, revolving door of people coming in for oil changes. It's strictly limited to his fleet.

MR. GUREVICH: I understand that. I guess what I'm asking is that if you have, whether it be oil, parts, trash, what's it called, or tires, okay --

MR. LEBER: Right.

MR. GUREVICH: -- but you are not going

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        to remove off the property immediately, would you
        walk them out -- in essence, what you're proposing
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        is to walk them out of that bay door, walk them
       around through the gate and to the back where the
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        storage of the dumpster or whatever other facility
        for storing that trash will be.
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        storage facility or storage, you know -- and I use
        as an example if, like, I take a look at my
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       mechanic, okay, he has a stack of tires in the front
       of the, you know, his bay door.
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        convenient. He has a blue barrel, you know, that
       has metal parts that are picked up by the scrap
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       metal person. He has the big drums from oil that
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       bay doors. Why? Because it's convenient.
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       back that you can wheel that out or conveniently
        take it out, or what you're proposing is that
        somebody has to walk out that front bay door, walk
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        around the building to the back to the storage, and
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        leave it over there, and that there would be no
        storage of any sort of trash or other type of items
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        like that in the front, and I wanted just to confirm
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MR. LEBER: I see Mr. Youssef getting uneasy in his chair. You know, I know he wants to speak, but, I, you know, I don't want to speak for him.

MR. YOUSSEF: Okay. First of all, I use great mechanic shop from the Raceway three years in Ryders Lane with Milltown Road, and I know how to deal with oil and tire and all the scrap. I have many, many phone number for those people who can come immediately to pick up my trash, so I don't have issues with that. And also, in the back there behind the building, there is big place I can -- if I have trash, I can just store them until the people come to pick it up. Does that make sense?

MR. GUREVICH: It makes sense. My question again is to get it to the back, if you did want to store it, the only way to get it is out the front bay doors and around the side of the building.

MR. PHILIPS: Leon, there is a side

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MR. PHILIPS: Right in front of the bathroom that's down in the back there. Look at the floor plans.

MR. YOUSSEF: Okay.

1	MR. KIPP: Right, there's a door to
	outside, but there's no door to the bathroom.
2	MR. PHILIPS: You can't have everything,
	Keith.
3	MR. YOUSSEF: No, there is there is
	door to the bathroom, but maybe Mr. Leber, he don't
4	see it very well. We can't use the bathroom without
	a door.
5	MR. KIPP: Marc, could you explain your
	paving limits for the board.
6	MR. LEBER: Yes, he's going to resurface
	the whole property.
7	MR. KIPP: Excellent. And then can you
	do me a favor, Marc, and go back to I guess it's
8	A-1, your photo of the existing conditions.
	MR. LEBER: Yeah, this was let me see
9	where that is. This is like preexisting. This is
	back when it was still open as the deli.
LO	MR. PHILIPS: Convenience store, yeah.
	MR. KIPP: Sure, and, Marc, if you could
L1	explain for the board, looking at this photo on the
	left side, that group of cars, could you explain
L2	where the new fence is going to be in relation to
	where those cars are.
L3	MR. LEBER: Sure. You see where those
	two light poles are on the left side? The fence is
L 4	going to go just behind those light poles.
	MR. KIPP: So all those cars are going
L5	to have to back up about 4 feet onto the used car
	lot's property, right?
L 6	MR. LEBER: Oh, yeah, and I'm pretty
	sure he knows that.
L7	MR. KIPP: I think that will really help
	clean up the area.
L 8	MR. LEBER: Yeah. I mean, I think
	putting a solid fence down that whole line is going
L9	to be a huge benefit.
	MR. KIPP: I agree. Thank you, Marc.
20	MR. CLINE: Getting rid of the fence on
	the right-hand property line and making a clean
21	proper fence there is also going to go a long way,
	and the lighting out there is dilapidated.
22	MR. LEBER: Yeah.
	MR. CLINE: Speaking about the refuse
23	and the garbage or waste tires and such, would the
	applicant accept a condition that none of that waste
24	or refuse for maintenance activities would be in the
	front of the property, that it would all be either
25	inside or back in the back, that it wouldn't be out
	front.

1	MR. YOUSSEF: Yes. No trash, no tires
2	going to be in the front. MR. PHILIPS: And inside storage area,
3	too, Jason. MR. CLINE: Yeah. I think it has a
4	door. MR. GUREVICH: Just want to be clear.
	In the package that I have over here, I don't have
5	the picture that Mr. Leber presented with the interior and the door or the no door or the
6	bathroom. So I apologize for that, but I'm just
7	going off the package I have. MR. KIPP: And, Mr. Leber, just to
8	confirm for the record, since you are resurfacing the entire lot, all storm drainage facilities will become compliant with NJDEP, i.e., the curb pieces
9	and the bicycle safe grade? MR. LEBER: Yes.
10	MR. KIPP: Thank you. MR. PHILIPS: Marc, it doesn't look like
11	there's downspouts and stuff on this building. The runoff from the roof and so forth, how is that going
12	to be handled? MR. LEBER: Let me see here. I don't
13	think that that was figured on the architect's, you
14	know, plan that was submitted. It's probably too preliminary. But we could tie those downspouts into the drainage system if that would, you know, prevent
15	them from spilling out onto the ground. MR. PHILIPS: The rear right corner is
16	where there's one of those storm drains. MR. LEBER: Uh-huh.
17	MR. PHILIPS: And it looks like there's one visible that you can see here on the front of
18	the store, as well.
19	MR. LEBER: Right. We can tie in the roof drainage into those catch basins.
20	MR. CLINE: Marc, I'm assuming that those two catch basins, the one behind the building
21	in that corner and the one in the front parking lot right next to the light pole, I'm assuming those two
22	are connected. MR. LEBER: So that was also a comment
	in the staff report, and I just don't have an answer
23	for you right now. I've, you know, reached out to the land surveyor probably a hundred times, and I
24	just don't have the information.
25	MR. CLINE: Okay, but you believe that you can probably tie roof leaders in from the right-hand side of the building into the nearby

1 storm drainage and basically deliver that clean roof runoff below grade. 2 MR. LEBER: Yeah, I mean, only because it goes there now. So the way the property is 3 graded now, from the front of the building, it falls off toward the front right, and then in the rear of 4 the property, it goes toward the right side, also. So let's suppose that the roof water right now is 5 just splashing onto the ground, it's still going into those catch basins. 6 MR. WEINER: So, Marc, as a potential condition that the roof water to be run underground 7 to the catch basin? MR. LEBER: Yeah, I don't see any issue 8 with that. MR. WEINER: Jason, is that satisfactory? MR. CLINE: That works. I think Marc can do that. 10 I'm just looking through some of the 11 testimony items I had listed or asked for, Marc. The existing condition, I do like that the applicant 12 is resurfacing the entire lot -- paved area. there any ponding or areas like that out there now, 13 to your knowledge? There's an area in the back MR. LEBER: where the asphalt's literally deteriorated, you 14 know, and that would all be, you know, fixed with 15 this application. MR. CLINE: Perfect. 16 MR. PHILIPS: So it will be pitched properly for entrance into the storm drain back 17 there. MR. LEBER: Yes. 18 MR. PHILIPS: Okay. Is the curbing being THE CHAIRWOMAN: 19 redone, or that's all intact and --THE WITNESS: No, we weren't proposing 20 to recurb. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Is it --2.1 MR. LEBER: If there's like a specific area in question, we could, you know, mark it out in 22 the field if necessary and we can replace that. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Is it your testimony, though, that it's all in working condition or it's 23 all in -- not -- it's not in disrepair in any 24 places. There's a lot of snow so it's impossible to see everything that's there right now. 25 MR. LEBER: Certainly. I mean, it's standard, you know, with any application. Most of

1 the clients that put money into these properties, they don't want to repave the parking lot and then 2 leave something that's, you know, dilapidated with regard to curbing. So I don't see why he can't, you 3 know, go through in the field and find specific areas that need repair and repair them. 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Can we just say that, you know, that along with the repaving, just to 5 ensure that there aren't parts of the curbing that's in disrepair. 6 MR. LEBER: Yeah. I mean, the normal language is any curb or sidewalk in disrepair, you 7 know, should be replaced prior to paving. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. 8 MR. WEINER: I'm going to put that in. I was expecting that from MR. CLINE: you, Jay. MR. PHILIPS: Marc -- I'm sorry, Jason, if you had something else, go ahead. 10 MR. CLINE: Well, Marc had mentioned or 11 somebody had mentioned -- Chairwoman Rampolla had mentioned that you couldn't see very well because of 12 One of the other items I had asked for comment on was snow removal because it's one of the 13 few concerns bringing the new fencing in and closing that back area is. You need to make sure he has the ability to clear his lot back there. 14 Marc, is there room enough, or do you --15 would it make sense to actually have one section of the curb back there be changed to depressed to be 16 What do you think? able to push snow off? MR. LEBER: Well, I'm going to switch 17 back to the coloring. MR. CLINE: Okay. 18 So I'm going to do that now. MR. LEBER: All right. That should be the color rendering. 19 MR. WEINER: This is A-2. MR. LEBER: Right. And, you know, we 20 kind of prepared for this question given that, you know, this year's been I guess abundant with snow. 21 The access aisle to the rear of the property where that gate is, that is more than enough wide for a 22 two cars to pass each other. So in the event of a really large snow storm, you know, we could push the snow to the left side of this access aisle, and we'd 23 still be able to maintain, you know, enough 24 clearance to drive into the back. In the back of the building, we could push that snow beyond the 25 curb in the rear, and then in the front, we could push the snow to the side --

1 MR. PHILIPS: Where it is now. where they moved it. 2 MR. LEBER: Right. I mean, you know, there's really no way of getting around the fact 3 that whenever it snows you're going to lose some parking spaces. That's everywhere. So if we had to 4 push the snow, my first choice would be, you know, these two spots in the front, you know, we would 5 designate for -- that's where you put the snow when you have to plow it. 6 MR. GUREVICH: Marc, can I ask you just -- was it ever considered from an aesthetic 7 standpoint -- and I understand the, you know, it's easier in terms of the windows that are in the 8 front, but to make the entrance to the bays from the back? Keeping the front of the property more in 9 line with the aesthetic of sort of the blend into the community or whatever and having more of a private entrance from the back in terms of the bays. 10 Is that a hardship, or is that --11 MR. LEBER: Well, no, it really wasn't part of the design because we're in the commercial 12 zone. So, you know, I felt that we would just replace the storefront with, you know, standard 13 overhead doors, put something tasteful. The only other thing I could tell you is, on the landscape plan that we proposed, we were going to plant the 14 area at the front of the six parking spaces here to 15 screen the view of the building from the road because this is not the type of building that needs 16 any visibility. Like I said, it's not a public destination. 17 I do also note that the used MR. CLINE: car lot next door has three overhead doors facing the front, as well, so there's a mirror image there. 18 MR. GUREVICH: That's a good point. 19 Marc -- I'm sorry. MR. PHILIPS: MR. CLINE: Go ahead, Mr. Philips. 20 MR. PHILIPS: Marc, I do have another couple questions. First of all, the sign that's 21 there, I don't think we got -- did we get an indication of what you guys are planning for 22 signage? MR. LEBER: So there is a current sign 23 on the property, and the applicant would like to just change the lettering on the sign to indicate 24 the name of his business. MR. PHILIPS: And the sign on the 25 building, itself?

MR. LEBER: We don't have a building

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        sign.
                    MR. PHILIPS: So the building sign is
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        disappearing?
                    MR. LEBER: Let me see something.
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        you -- I want to flip back.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  You have it on the old,
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        you know, Quickie Mart or whatever it was.
                               There's nothing on the new
                    MR. PEPE:
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        elevation.
                    MR. YOUSSEF:
                                  Marc, the sign is still
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                It's a building, the old --
                    MR. LEBER: Wait, wait, there's too many
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        people talking. Hold on. I'm going to switch my
        share back to the architectural plan.
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                    This is the elevation. There's no sign
        on the building anymore.
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                    MR. YOUSSEF:
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  Okay.
                                        That's clear.
        all he wants then is just the one out by the street,
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        which is a double sided sign?
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                    MR. LEBER:
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        same structure, just different artwork.
                    MR. PHILIPS:
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                                  And it's internally lit.
                    MR. LEBER:
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
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                   The second -- the next question is
        question.
        regarding his technicians and people working there.
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        Does he have a particular time when they'll be
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        working?
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                    MR. LEBER:
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        they're there 7 in the morning till 6 p.m. at night,
        and Saturday 9 to 4.
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                    MR. PHILIPS:
                                  Okay, and it may not be so
       much of an issue in the wintertime, but in the
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        summertime they have a tendency to have the doors
        open, and if they're working with the air hammers,
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        taking tires on and off, especially Saturday, early
        in the morning, you still have across the street and
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        you have next to you, you have people with private
       homes, and those air guns can get pretty loud.
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                    MR. LEBER:
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       because this is not like Midas, so to say, where
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        it's a constant in and out of customers all day
        long, you know, again, with the fleet of vehicles,
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        it's a limited number as to how many vehicles would
        need tires, so you're not going to have, you know,
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        seven vehicles getting tires every single day or
        whatever it may be.
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                                  That's fine, but if you're
                    MR. PHILIPS:
        doing it at all, you've got four tires or three
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1	tires four, and just questioning maybe we don't have the air guns going on at 7 o'clock in the
2	morning.
3	MR. LEBER: I mean, I don't see an issue with that. I mean, like you said, it's up to the applicant, but I don't see an issue with that.
4	MR. WEINER: Mr. Philips, what would you since you raised the question, what would be
5	something that you might feel more comfortable with? MR. PHILIPS: Well, I think that, you
6	know, 8 o'clock or something like that would be okay, but, you know, people theoretically might not
7	be getting up until after 7 o'clock, and that air gun will get them up earlier.
8	MR. PEPE: There's probably noise ordinance within the municipality.
9	MR. PHILIPS: That would Steve, that would require people calling up and complaining
10	about the noise. MR. PEPE: I got you. Okay.
11	MR. PHILIPS: And right now we have an opportunity to discuss with the owner having a
12	limited time when he does that so it's already also engraved in any resolution we might pass.
13	MR. PEPE: Agreed. MR. LEBER: And 8 o'clock would be fine.
14	MR. WEINER: Mr. Pressler, would the applicant willing to a condition that no air guns
15	are to be used prior to 8 a.m.? MR. PRESSLER: That's fine. No
16	objection. MR. PHILIPS: And then
17	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Are we including in that that the doors must be closed, the indoor
18	MR. WEINER: I don't want to speak for the applicant, but I'd be concerned in things like
19	heat in summer and things like that, there may be just more practical safety issues where they can't
20	always be closed. MR. PHILIPS: Sometimes they have to run
21	the engines, and, yeah, there's MR. WEINER: Oxide, things like that.
22	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. MR. PHILIPS: There are ways to get the
23	exhaust out of the building, but nevertheless MR. GUREVICH: That's kind of the basis
24	of the reason I asked a question about the doors in the front versus the doors in the rear. I
25	understand the relationship to the lot to the left of that and being similar to that, but to some

degree, the convenience store acted as a buffer. 1 other question mostly to the board over here -- and 2 I'm asking for guidance on this -- is that looking at the remaining areas around this store, there is 3 additional new residential areas that have been going up, right, so from that perspective, you know, 4 convenience store and other type of facility like that obviously closer to the residential area makes 5 total sense from a consumer perspective. THE CHAIRWOMAN: If I can just interrupt 6 you, I think we're going to hear testimony from their -- planning testimony also that would probably 7 cover. MR. GUREVICH: Okay. I'm asking it right now in relation to the question of the doors 8 and Philip completely agreed that's the reason for 9 the question in terms of not only just those doors remaining open in the summer and cars and other noise that could emit from that, but what effect 10 does that have being closer to the residential 11 versus the facility that is over there right now to the left, which has this as a buffer. 12 I mean, we do have, you MR. LEBER: know, just a practical difficulty. If you put the 13 doors on the back of the building, then you lose the benefit of being able to store any vehicles back 14 there. MR. PHILIPS: Well, you wind up putting 15 them all in the front, which is not what you want. MR. LEBER: Yeah. 16 MR. PHILIPS: Marc, if I could ask yet another question. 17 MR. LEBER: Certainly. MR. PHILIPS: The world is moving to 18 electric vehicles. MR. LEBER: Okay. I know exactly where 19 you're going. MR. PHILIPS: School buses like this are 20 going to begin coming out in fleets because they don't go far and they go home every night. How are 2.1 you guys looking at doing something about electric vehicles? 22 MR. LEBER: It's a good question. MR. PHILIPS: You going to run 25 --23 you're on 15 extension cords outside? THE WITNESS: No. I understand. 24 I'm aware of the ordinance in town. You know, I hadn't asked my client if they have, you know, a

plan to purchase more electric vehicles.

know if he can answer that.

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1 MR. PHILIPS: If he's planning on living and working in New Jersey for the next 10 years at 2 least, there's a huge move in New Jersey to electrify vehicles. 3 MR. LEBER: Right. MR. PHILIPS: So I don't think we can 4 pretend we don't know that. I don't know what the answer is, but we have to at least address -- I 5 don't know if Keith is still on, if Keith can answer what the town's approach is on the electric vehicles and the charging stations. 6 MR. KIPP: I would defer to Colleen for 7 the specific language in the ordinance, although I would advise that we are doing renovations at East Brunswick DPW, and in addition to standard passenger 8 vehicles, we are putting in two charging stations 9 for them for the public, but in addition to that, we're putting a large service in the back to accommodate the future fleet of electric potential 10 pickup trucks and then perhaps even onto bigger 11 trucks. But Colleen -- I'm not sure if she's still there. 12 MS. McGURK: Yeah, hi, sorry. MR. KIPP: Yeah, she can take over about the specific ordinance. 13 MS. McGURK: Yeah, how many parking 14 stalls are proposed? Well, we wanted to have up MR. LEBER: 15 to 21 in the rear. Granted, we might lose a few due And then you have in the front to the trash area. of the property some -- I'm going to stop my screen 16 You have in the front six, and then you have share. 17 one handicapped spot. MS. McGURK: Okay. I'm not sure if it 18 kicks in. We changed the ordinance. Let me just check real quickly. 19 MR. CLINE: That's good to hear that the fleet is being targeted because in all candor, all 20 the research says refuse trucks and small buses are two of the early adopters where you get the most 21 benefit from retiring old emitters for electric vehicles. 22 MR. PHILIPS: And it makes sense because they all come home at night.

MS. McGURK: I'm sorry, from zero to 50, one charging station is required.

MR. LEBER:

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Mr. Youssef if he has a plan for electric vehicles.

MR. YOUSSEF: Okay. I don't have a plan
right now because I don't hear about the school bus

Let me -- can I ask

is electric. I don't have any idea about that.
Even after, you know, no certain years there is a
school vehicles come electric. I don't know. I
don't see it. I don't hear about it. If school
vehicles comes as electric after 10, 15 years, I
will have like one stations. As Miss Colleen says,
from zero to 50 there is one stations, so I can add
one stations in the future.

MR. LEBER: I mean --

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THE CHAIRWOMAN: The one is required at this time in the ordinance?

MR. LEBER: That's my question. Is the intent of the ordinance to provide chargers for the public, because, you know, it seems rather obvious, if Mr. Youssef decides to adopt an all electric bus fleet, he's going to have to have charging stations for his vehicles; otherwise, how would he ever charge them, but, you know--

Mr. Leber, if I may -- and MR. WEINER: I'll let Colleen address the ordinance more as to that; however, aside from the intent of the ordinance, public policy, not just in New Jersey, but throughout the nation and perhaps globally, is strongly swaying towards the transition to electric vehicles, including electric school buses. I mean, anecdotally, I just read yesterday how the governor is setting aside a hundred million dollars for school buses, other buses, and trash trucks and so forth throughout the state for the purchase and conversion to electric vehicles going forward in the That seems to be where the climate is future. So I guess maybe perhaps the guestion is is according to if the board is comfortable with it and our staff is comfortable with it, would the applicant be agreeable to having some type of charging station, charging infrastructure as part of this plan. It's not just for now, but it's going forward to the future, and it's something that would be at the property that perhaps would run with the property in case there's a future owner already that is a successor in interest here. Why not consider taking care of this at this time and having it wrapped up.

MR. LEBER: Well --

MS. McGURK: Mr. Chair, that's actually exactly what I was going to say. Just because this use might not currently need it, it is actually a requirement for one charging station. They would have to seek a variance if they could provide justification for not providing it, but the state

and state law and the MLUL is starting to require these types of things, and trucks and other vehicles are going to start to come on board with being electric.

MR. LEBER: I mean, like I said earlier, if the applicant wants to go electric with his fleet, then obviously he's going to have to add charging stations, but right now his use is strictly a private use that's not open to the public at all, so while there's other, you know, certainly developments in town where people can come and park their cars as part of going about their business and they can take advantage of a charging station, I think this property is a little bit different than that.

MR. WEINER: But again --

MR. CLINE: I don't know if that matters, Marc. I apologize, Jay. There are six or if you count the ADA seven publicly accessible parking station spaces on a commercial property. If I'm understanding Colleen's interpretation of the ordinance and the fact that the ordinance is effectively early adopter of state planning policy, a single charging station in one of the spaces is required unless the board is convinced by the applicant that he shouldn't have to put one in.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Marc, I'd also say, Marc, that it's, you know, it's one thing to talk about the fleet of vehicles that are owned by the owner/operator there, but it's an -- he's also an employer, so it is entirely possible, though it might not be necessarily open to the public, it could be that his employees want to make use of that if they're driving vehicles that would make use of it.

MR. PRESSLER: Madam Chairman, George Pressler. I'd like to ask the question to the applicant. Azmi.

MR. YOUSSEF: Yes, I'm here, Mr. George. MR. PRESSLER: How about charging

station?

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MR. YOUSSEF: I have no problem for the charging stations, but what kind of the charging stations? Is many type of brand name. Chevrolet have station, Ford have stations.

MR. PRESSLER: Well, I think the issue here is would you be willing to install one charging station.

MR. WEINER: Mr. Pressler, before you even address that with your client -- and I want to

just run this by Jason and Colleen -- in light of the nature of the business, obviously our ordinance, which I was getting to and Colleen and I both addressed and then, Jason, you also -- there is a requirement up to 50 vehicles. There is public parking there no matter the amount of the spaces. There's definitely a requirement for one. But with that being said, with the nature of his business and with cars in the back and with cars in the garage, aside from one in the public parking area, do --Jason, do you feel that perhaps you might be more comfortable with a secondary station in the back for the vehicles there or in the garage for vehicles or something of that nature?

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My main concern is, A, to MR. CLINE: comply with the spirit of the ordinance; B, to have something that's going to be practical or effective. That may be effectively the equivalent of wiring the space and putting the infrastructure in to select the charger because I do take the applicant's comment that there's not one specific charger that fits everything. We don't have a universal charge station yet to my knowledge. You know, now, if the applicant wants to buy himself a Tesla and put in a charging station for himself, he's done. I think one charging station or the infrastructure and bringing the cables and such to the space at the very least should be done. I don't have information or an opinion on what brand of charger should be I don't know what the dominant one is. might be the one for the Prius.

MR. WEINER: I think that would be more of a business decision for the applicant than us to require. It would be inappropriate for the board to require a particular brand or make of a charging station as long as it's compliant with our ordinance that it's a charging station. Beyond that, it's going to be his decision on what type of equipment is going to be most sufficient and acceptable to the applicant. But there needs under the ordinance to be one charging station, and as I addressed Jason, my question was, is there something based on the nature of this business aside from one station in the parking lot that you would also feel comfortable with being also added as part of the infrastructure. I would just like to get it out there so Mr. Pressler can broach that with his client for an answer if his client would consider that.

MR. CLINE: In terms of setting up -- because there's going to be a certain amount of

1 mechanicals. There's going to be -- I'm going to quess that the electrical service is going to get 2 upgraded just to run lifts and thing like that. terms of making sure that he's got enough service 3 and, you know, for example, a big enough circuit breaker panel to allow him to add that himself, if 4 his business needs to service electric vehicles that are his own vehicles down the road, yeah, he should 5 plan ahead for that. Putting in another charging station, no. Putting in the ability that if he 6 needs to charge or if he goes electric 5 years from now and all of a sudden his entire back property is 7 covered with electrical cables as thick as my wrist, I think preparing -- I think preparing his infrastructure when he puts in his new mechanical, 8 his new electrical services and things like that, 9 that makes sense. Requiring a second charge station inside, no. 10 MR. WEINER: So we would be okay with obviously compliance with the ordinance as to 11 charging stations but also installing sufficient infrastructure for future charging. 12 MR. PRESSLER: Azmi. MR. YOUSSEF: Yes, Mr. George, I'm here. 13 MR. PRESSLER: Did you hear what Mr. Weiner said? You know, 14 MR. YOUSSEF: Yes. Mr. George, I love mother nature, so I have no 15 problem. If the future come up with electric vehicles, I will put that stations, charging 16 stations. MR. PRESSLER: So your answer is at the present time you do not want to put it in? 17 MR. YOUSSEF: For now I don't even have 18 Even after 10 years I don't have that vehicles. plan to buy or to purchase electric vehicles. 19 too much money, electric vehicles. Even the small vehicle, I can't afford it, Tesla or whatever the 20 car is -- was electric, I can't afford it. that 10 years. 21 MR. PRESSLER: All right. Mr. Pressler, if I may, the MR. WEINER: 22 ordinance --MR. KIPP: Mr. Weiner, I may be able to 23 put some perspective on this for the board. did this at public works, we had to get a brand new 24 service with a transformer because the trucks, the anticipated load that these trucks are going to use, 25 I couldn't get a real answer because they don't exist. So I had to do some calculations on my own

to estimate what the power load is going to be for these vehicles that don't even exist. So obviously, we were paving the lot and reconstructing the lot. We ran, as Jason had indicated, huge underground conduits to prepare for this.

Now, Mr. Youssef, if this happens -- and we all -- I think we can all say that down the road this is definitely going to come, and from my perspective, Mr. Youssef's business, his model is going to change. His repairs are going to change because it's going to be a different type of vehicle. And he's going to have -- he'll be forced to bring the infrastructure at that time when the vehicles change to that. So therefore, just some perspective for the board. There's a lot involved with this. There's still a lot of unknowns, and we have to be careful what we're asking them to do at this time.

MR. WEINER: Yeah, I mean -- and, Keith, I -- you're elaborated better than I could, but what I was getting at, which is what Jason said, that, you know, it sounds like the installation of at least the infrastructure to allow for the expansion later on, as you said, just the conduits and things of that nature to have it there, makes sense.

Mr. Pressler, is that something that the applicant would be agreeable to in addition to complying with the ordinance as far as charging stations as mandated, to also have sufficient infrastructure put in place for future capability?

MR. YOUSSEF: Mr. George. Mr. George Pressler.

MR. PRESSLER: Go ahead, Mr. Youssef.
MR. YOUSSEF: I agree with the charging stations for electric vehicles.

MR. WEINER: So the language that I have here is that the applicant shall install charging station complying with the ordinance and sufficient infrastructure to support future charging capability.

MR. YOUSSEF: Yes.

MR. WEINER: And I think, I mean, if Jason and Mr. Leber on both sides, if that language is -- kind of gives you enough room to work on it now and in the future without pinning someone down where it may not be workable in the future, I think just infrastructure to support future capability might kind of be enough of a catchall to have something there.

MR. CLINE: I think that would work.

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        I'm not interested in imposing a lot of costs that
        won't really bear fruit on the applicant for some
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              Clearly a station out front, and when he's
       updating his service in the building for, you know,
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       his lifts and things like that, he may just upsize
        the cabinet that the panel is in by one size, which
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        isn't a huge change, but yet it -- I don't even want
        to think about the conduits that Keith was talking
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        about in their parking lot. Wrist thick was
       probably accurate.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. CLINE:
                               Go ahead, sir.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                                        Thank you, George.
                    MR. WEINER:
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
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        questions, I do have another witness, our planner
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       Allison Coffin.
                    MR. YOUSSEF:
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        speak about the light for the place.
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        the lights until the hour operated, not until
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        10 o'clock, because nobody is going to be there.
        The hour operation from 7 to 6. After 6 o'clock is
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       going to be off.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. CLINE: I'm assuming the internal
        lighting on the sign will also be turned off at the
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        time that the site lighting will be turned off when
        people are leaving.
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                    MR. YOUSSEF: Yes.
                    MR. WEINER:
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        will be upon closing -- exterior lighting to be
        turned off upon closing of business?
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                    MR. YOUSSEF:
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               Jason, Keith.
        that?
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Cline, do you have
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        any input on that?
                    MR. CLINE: I forgot I had muted myself.
                      I'm fine with it.
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        I apologize.
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                    MR. KIPP:
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       Mr. Youssef, just want to make sure you're okay with
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        security reasons. Might be okay to have the light
        on in the back till 10 o'clock just to, you know,
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        keep anyone from monkeying around with the vehicles
       back there.
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                    MR. YOUSSEF:
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        to be there. I have a plan for the camera system.
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                    MR. PRESSLER: Is that motion -- with
       motion detectors?
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1	MR. YOUSSEF: Yes. MR. PRESSLER: Okay. All right.
2	THE CHAIRWOMAN: The light will go on with that motion detector. When the camera goes on,
3	there's lighting that goes with that. MR. YOUSSEF: No, the light doesn't go
4	on when the camera is motion. I do have a camera, but the lights is record with the dark.
5	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, so it doesn't light up what you're actually trying to
6	MR. YOUSSEF: Yes, doesn't light up. MR. GUREVICH: And again, there's no
7	security features on the fence. Like there's no extreme barbed wire or anything like that. It's
8	MR. LEBER: No, that's not permitted. MR. GUREVICH: Might as well ask, right?
9	THE CHAIRWOMAN: No, it's a good question. The camera may be helpful. I'm not sure
10	if does it necessarily serve as a deterrent. MR. GUREVICH: It's a consumer fence. A
11	vinyl fence is zero security, right? THE CHAIRWOMAN: Would you be okay
12	with so it's it's a motion detector camera, but can the lighting work with the, you know, with
13	the motion detector? A lot of cameras work in that way, that a light goes on with it, also.
14	MR. LEBER: I mean, it's not a problem to put some kind of motion lights in the back. That
15	would be fine. MR. PRESSLER: Okay. Good.
16	MR. LEBER: The barbed wire is not allowed in town.
17	THE CHAIRWOMAN: So, Mr. Youssef, you would be okay with the motion detector camera, also,
18	including lighting that motion detected in the back? MR. YOUSSEF: Yes, yes, that's okay.
19	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Weiner, we have that as a I don't know if that's a condition
20	or if we just need testimony that he's just agreed. MR. WEINER: And to the condition that I
21	worded already, the exterior lighting to be turned off upon closing of business, rear lights to have
22	security motion detectors. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
23	MR. WEINER: I think that should be sufficient.
24	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Mr. Pressler. MR. WEINER: This way they go on if
25	needed. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.

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                    MR. PRESSLER: Yes, Madam Chairwoman.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay. I think that the
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       board and professionals, there weren't anymore
        questions for Mr. Leber, correct? We can go on to
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       the --
                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   Allison Coffin, our
       planner.
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                    MS. COFFIN:
                                Yes.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
                    MS. COFFIN:
                                Hello.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Can you give us your
       background so that we can swear you in as an expert
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        for your testimony.
                    MS. COFFIN:
                                 Sure. My name is Allison
                 It's spelled C-o-f-f-i-n.
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       Coffin.
                                            I have a
       bachelor's degree from Boston College.
                                                I'm a
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        licensed professional planner in the State of New
       Jersey, and I'm certified by the American Institute
       of Certified Planners. I've had that license and
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        certification for 16 years now. Within that
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        16 years, I've been accepted as an expert witness in
        front of boards in more than 90 communities
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       throughout the state. Mostly I stay in Monmouth,
       Ocean, and Middlesex Counties, and I have appeared
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        in front of the East Brunswick Zoning Board quite a
       number of times over the years.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay.
                    MR. PHILIPS: I'll accept Miss Coffin as
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       an expert witness.
                    MS. COFFIN:
                                Thank you, sir.
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                    MR. ARORA:
                               I second.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you. Let me just
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        -- all in favor say aye. And actually, I'm sorry, I
       need to swear you in.
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                    MS. COFFIN:
                                 I do need to swear, yes.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Raise your right hand
        and affirm that everything you're about to tell us
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        in regards to this application this evening is the
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       truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
                    MS. COFFIN:
                                Yes, I do.
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Thank you.
                                                Okay, you
        can go ahead.
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                                  Allison, you made an
                    MR. PRESSLER:
        inspection of the property?
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                    MS. COFFIN:
                                Yes, I did.
                    MR. PRESSLER: Made a review of all the
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        surrounding neighbors and the neighborhood, itself?
                    MS. COFFIN:
                                 Yes.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   And you prepared a report
        that you're going to give -- you're going to explain
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1 everything for the board --MS. COFFIN: Yes. 2 MR. PRESSLER: -- to justify the existing variances and the use variance? MS. COFFIN: That's correct. 3 MR. PRESSLER: Okay. 4 MS. COFFIN: So the subject site is an undersized 18,212-square-foot lot with frontage on 5 Main Street. The rear of the site abuts the railroad tracks, and the site is occupied by an 6 abandoned convenience store. The applicant is proposing to repurpose 7 this site and structure for an office and the storage and maintenance of transportation vehicles, 8 mostly for schools. These vehicles are mostly minivans. 9 Site changes include a second floor addition, the installation of three overhead wide doors on the front of the facade, a gated space in 10 the rear for a 21 vehicles storage spaces, although 11 that number may be lower with the trash enclosure that's going to be installed, and it's contained 12 within a 6-foot-high vinyl fence at the rear, and landscaping is proposed along the front, rear, and 13 side property lines. The site's located in the C-2 neighborhood business district, which has a variety 14 of permitted uses, including retail and service, 15 professional occupations and offices, studios, churches and other places of worship, public and 16 parochial schools, public recreation, libraries, museums, municipal, federal, county, and state 17 buildings, private nonprofit recreation, and preexisting residential dwellings, but the proposed 18 maintenance and repair of transportation vehicles is not a permitted use in this zone; therefore, the 19 applicant is requesting a D-1 variance. Now, there's some preexisting bulk 20 variances with this lot. The first is lot area, where 40,000 square feet is required and the 21 existing site is 18,212 square feet. Then we have lot width, where 200 feet is required. There's 100 feet existing. And side yard setback. 22 20 feet on one side is required, 50 feet combined, 23 and the existing building has a setback of 10 feet on one side and 39.9 feet. There's also a proposed 24 lot coverage variance where 65 percent is required, and we're proposing 77.1. And then there's existing 25 setbacks for the parking and the depth of the landscape buffering.

It's my opinion that special reasons exist for the granting of the use variance and that the site is particularly suited to the proposed use, and there's no significant detriment to the zone plan or the surrounding residential properties and commercial properties that would result from the granting of the variance.

The site is uniquely suited to the proposed use. We have a subject site that is unique in several ways. It is significantly undersized for the zone, being less than half the required lot area and half the required width. The rear of the site abuts a railroad line, and beyond that railroad at this point is a body of water, so there's no developed lands to the rear of the site.

The subject site is developed at present with an abandoned structure that can be easily modified to create the repair bays and office space that the use requires, and the site is located in an area of mixed uses, including that residential home on the right, which the site can provide buffering for, and the used car lot to the left and residences across the street.

The existing conditions on the site make it ideally suited to be repurposed to the proposed use. The site has large areas of pavement and surrounding a small masonry structure, which can accommodate the necessary vehicle storage needed to support the use with a structure that can be easily modified to provide the repair bays for the use.

It's my opinion that there's no detriment to the use variance proposed. Though the use is nonconforming, this use returns this abandoned site to an appropriate utilization in a commercial zone. The proposed use will have less impact than many conforming uses, especially in terms of traffic and noise. All activity on the site will primarily be contained within the building, and the applicant has provided landscaping around the site perimeter and throughout the parking area to mitigate the visual impact of the development.

The bulk variances in this case can be granted under the C-1 hardship standard as they're all existing conditions. The existing lot is undersized. There's no vacant available land on either side to increase the area or the width of the lot. The undersized nature of the site leads to the setback nonconformities for side yard, for the parking setback, and for the buffering, and the

requested coverage variance in this case can also be granted under the C-1 hardship standard because here we have an amount of impervious surface that would be conforming on a lot which met the lot requirement for the zone, so what we have is an amount of coverage that's made nonconforming by nature of the lot being undersized.

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These variances could also be granted under the C-2 standard. The proposed variances advance the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law with regard to purpose C, which is to provide adequate light, air, and open space; purpose G, to provide sufficient space in appropriate locations for a variety of uses, including commercial uses such as the one that's proposed; and purpose I, which is to promote a desirable visual environment through creative development techniques and good civic design and arrangement.

In this case, the benefits of the variances include the advancing those purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law but also allowing for the appropriate redevelopment and improvement of the site in a manner which returns it to a viable use and improves the aesthetic impact, which in this case will be a huge benefit to the area.

There is no detriment in my opinion that results from these requested variances; therefore, the benefits of the bulk variance relief outweigh the detriment. And the variances requested in this case would not impair the intent and purpose of your master plan or zoning ordinance. The present condition of the site is approaching being blighted. The repurposing of the structure with a new lower impact commercial use is more in keeping with the intent of the ordinance and the current underutilization, and the net impact of the project will be a visually desirable aesthetically pleasing product. So for those reasons, it's my opinion that special reasons exist for the granting of the use variance. Positive reasons exist for the granting of the bulk variances, but there would be no significant detriment resulting from either variances and that the site as proposed would not substantially impair your master plan and development ordinance.

MR. PRESSLER: Madam Chairman.

THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.

MR. PRESSLER: Questions?

MR. PHILIPS: I have something that hasn't been brought up yet but just want to clarify

1	it. What was the when Mr. Youssef was looking at this site, did he look at any other sites? He could
2	have been more in compliance with his business than moving into this site.
3	MS. COFFIN: I do not have the answer to that.
4	MR. PHILIPS: Well, I guess I could aim that at Mr. Youssef then, but it's something that we
5	would need to have clarified, whether or not he, you know, how he came to come here knowing that it
6	needed some variances. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Youssef, can you
7	answer that. MR. YOUSSEF: I'm here.
8	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Can you did you seek other locations for this business that may have been
9	better suited for this purpose? MR. YOUSSEF: You know, I have more than
10	10 years I work with the school, I service the school. I service East Brunswick, mostly East
11	Brunswick schools. I have a contract with the Middlesex County.
12	MR. PRESSLER: Mr. Youssef.
13	MR. YOUSSEF: yes. MR. PRESSLER: Did you visit or look at
14	any other properties, and if you did, why didn't you buy them as opposed to the perfect location that you found here in East Brunswick on Main Street?
15	MR. PHILIPS: Thank you, Mr. Pressler. MR. YOUSSEF: This is only place I found
16	as a commercial place. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, the only place
17	that was that was suited specifically to this business, or it was the only one could you be a
18	little more specific. It was the only one you found that was commercial space?
19	MR. YOUSSEF: The place is good for garage. The place is good for my office. The place
20	is good service East Brunswick public school. MR. PHILIPS: We understand that,
21	Mr. Youssef, and that's why you've decided to go forward with the project here. The question was,
22	before you bought this place I'm assuming you bought it. You've got your products, you know, your
23	cars all over. Did you entertain anyplace else in East Brunswick, Spotswood, or any other local town
24	that might have had a site that had less requirements for zoning?
25	MR. YOUSSEF: No. MR. PHILIPS: Okay. Thank you.

1 MR. YOUSSEF: You're welcome. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Do we have any 2 questions from any other board members for Miss Coffin or directly to Mr. Youssef from any of our 3 professionals either? MR. KIPP: I do not. 4 MR. CLINE: I think there were one or two things in the -- when we get to staff reports to I don't know if we're at that spot yet 5 touch on. or --6 MR. WEINER: We're getting there. MR. PHILIPS: Just a question. 7 like 9:40 right now. Do we have -- we have another application tonight, and we haven't gone through the staff report and so forth and gone through that. 8 don't know if we're going to have much time left for 9 that next application. MR. LEBER: I'll jump in real quick. went through the staff report from November 30, and 10 there's absolutely nothing in that report that I 11 disagree with. The only thing that needed to be pointed out is the fact that this is not a bus stop. 12 There was a comment about the pavement along the frontage. It's not a bus stop, but other than that, 13 all the comments in the staff report I agree with. MR. PHILIPS: So you accept them all 14 then, Marc? MR. LEBER: Yes. 15 MR. WEINER: Jason, is there anything --I'm going to get to the recommendations when we get 16 to that portion shortly, but is there anything that you needed more testimony or clarification on any other part of your memorandum before we go there? 17 MR. CLINE: Marc hit the one that -- one 18 of the big ones that I wanted to ask about. noted that the apron out front is pretty beat up. 19 It sounds like the applicant is going to refresh that. 20 MR. LEBER: Yes. MR. CLINE: If we need to do mild 21 adjustments to the landscaping to clear the sight triangle, you'll do that. 22 MR. LEBER: Yes. MR. CLINE: And everything else in there 23 Marc says he will do, so I'm good with effectively cutting to the chase. I'm fine. 24 MR. LEBER: Thanks. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Mr. Weiner, before we 25 go to recommendations, do we need to open this up to the public?

1 MR. WEINER: Yeah, I was just going to say that, Madam Chairwoman, that this would be an 2 appropriate time to open this meeting up to the public, and then after the public portion is over, 3 we can -- the board can have discussion, and we can address the conditions and recommendations and take 4 this to a vote one way or the other. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. We'll open this 5 up -- open up the public portion on this application, this application only. 6 Mr. Blessing, are you able to see if anyone is trying to raise their hand or let us know 7 that they have questions on the testimony or comments on this application? MR. BLESSING: 8 At this present moment there are two telephone participants. Neither of 9 them are raising their hands. I may remind our listeners it is star 9 to raise your proverbial If you'd like, I can then promote you to a 10 panelist if you'd like to make any comments or 11 questions for the application being heard. MR. KIPP: That would be a virtual hand 12 instead of proverbial. MR. BLESSING: Might want to I suppose give it a minute, account for a delay perhaps. 13 Still no hand being raised. THE CHAIRWOMAN: 14 Okay. All right. looks we're not hearing from anyone from the public, 15 so we'll close the public portion on this application. 16 Mr. Weiner, do you want to go over the --17 MR. WEINER: Mr. Pressler, if I may address this with you and obviously both of your professionals, as well as your client, the 18 applicant, may sure jump in. I just want to go over the recommendations as conditions. First reflecting 19 the staff memorandum, if I can go through them item 20 by item. Number 1, adequacy of circulation shall 2.1 be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board. Is that acceptable? 22 MR. PRESSLER: Yes. MR. WEINER: The maximum number of 23 minivans and vehicles allowed on the property -- do you want some elaboration on that, Jason? 24 MR. CLINE: Any time you have a car lot circumstance, whether it's service, parking lot, et cetera, you do need to set a maximum, or a maximum 25 will be found the hard way.

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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Is there something that
        you're comfortable with.
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                    MR. CLINE: They've delineated 21 spaces
                      I think 21 is an appropriate maximum.
        in the rear.
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        If Mr. Youssef is successful and his business grows
        and he needs to double the number of buses, he's
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        going to need to buy another property, and we wish
        he gets to that point.
                                Mr. Leber, is that
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                    MR. WEINER:
        something that's acceptable to you and your client?
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                    MR. LEBER:
                                Yes, it is.
                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Okay, so we would just
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       modify number 2 to say that that maximum number is
        21 spaces, but -- 21 vehicles.
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                    MR. CLINE:
                                Twenty-one minivans stored
                     The parking spaces up front can
        in the back.
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        function normally.
                    MR. WEINER: Twenty-one minivans stored
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        in rear.
                    Number 3, all work on vehicles shall be
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       performed inside the building.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   Agreed.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Number 4, conditions
        regarding where or if nonfunctioning vehicles are to
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       be kept on the property, and where would they be
        kept?
                    MR. PRESSLER: Any vehicles that are
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        nonfunctioning shall be removed and taken to another
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        location for repair or sale. There will be no
       nonfunctioning vehicles at all on that piece of
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       property, just for repairs.
                    MR. WEINER:
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        repaired -- to be removed and taken elsewhere.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Off property.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. WEINER: Clarify.
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        obviously to bring the site into ADA PROWAG
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        compliance, certify that it is in compliance; I'm
        assuming that's acceptable.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. WEINER: Number 6, document any
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        changes to the site improvements, including lighting
        and parking area.
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                    MR. PRESSLER:
                                   Agreed.
                    MR. WEINER: Number 7, provide sanitary
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        sewer calculations.
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. WEINER: Number 8, submit the
        reference survey.
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1	MR. PRESSLER: Agreed.
2	MR. WEINER: Number 9, the additional dimensions in several places will be addressed.
3	MR. PRESSLER: Agreed. MR. WEINER: Okay. All other revisions
4	referenced in the comments above as already indicated by Mr. Leber were acceptable. If we could
5	reaffirm that. MR. PRESSLER: Agreed.
6	MR. WEINER: Okay, the outside agencies. MR. PRESSLER: Agreed.
7	MR. WEINER: Approvals, A through E, Freehold Soil, East Brunswick Police, East Brunswick
8	Fire, East Brunswick Water Sewer Utility, Middlesex County, and any other agency required by law.
9	Before we go to any of the attachments, I have some additional conditions that were
10	discussed during the meeting. First, the exterior lighting to be turned off upon daily closing of the
11	business. Furthermore, the rear lights to have security motion detectors installed. That's agreeable?
12	MR. PRESSLER: Agreed. MR. WEINER: Next, roof water to be run
13	underground to the catch basins. MR. PRESSLER: Agreed.
14	MR. WEINER: Next, any curb or sidewalk
15	in disrepair shall be corrected prior to paving. MR. PRESSLER: Agreed. MR. WEINER: Next, no air guns to be
16	used prior to 8 a.m. MR. PRESSLER: Agreed.
17	MR. WEINER: Next, the applicant shall install a charging station compliant with the
18	municipal ordinance as well as sufficient
19	infrastructure to support future charging capability.
20	MR. PRESSLER: Agreed. MR. WEINER: And those are all the
21	additional ones there, and then if we want to go to the attachments, is anything here that needs to be
22	addressed from the enforcement officer? These matters all going to be taken care of if they haven't already? I don't know if we can address
23	that, Mr. Leber or Mr. Pressler. MR. PRESSLER: Yes. Which ones are you
24	referring to, Jay? MR. WEINER: A through H, if we want to
25	just say have they been done or will they be done. MR. LEBER: Yes. You're referring to

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the November 6 letter?
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                    MR. WEINER: Yeah, of Ms. Sacktig, yes.
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                    MR. LEBER:
                               Right. The only item is E,
        that we're not going to hairpin stripe in the back.
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       We'll hairpin stripe in the front.
                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Mr. Cline, is that
       acceptable, hairpin in the back?
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                                I don't have a problem with
                    MR. CLINE:
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       that.
                    MR. WEINER: The back is not public,
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        correct, not public?
                    MR. CLINE:
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       than public parking. It's already stacked parking
        if you start looking at it as public parking, so I
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        don't have an objection.
                                All right.
                    MR. WEINER:
                                             Then we have
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       the next item if there is one after all the
       photographs. Let's see.
                                  I want to make sure I'm
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       not missing anything here.
                    MR. GUREVICH:
                                   Jay, was there something
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       with regard to trash and storage? I didn't hear
       that in your list.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Trash and storage was part
       of the testimony that was in there in the testimony
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        as part of the memorandum I think that was addressed
        there, but we can certainly add that.
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                    Mr. Leber, can you indicate as how the
       trash is going to be addressed that Mr. Gurevich
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        just brought up.
                    MR. LEBER:
                                We're going to provide a
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        specific trash enclosure in the back left corner of
        the property.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Trash enclosure.
                    MR. LEBER:
                                Right.
                                        We had agreed that
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       there would be no storage of any waste in the front
        of the property.
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                                 In rear which corner?
                    MR. WEINER:
                    MR. LEBER:
                                The rear left.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Rear left corner.
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        storage -- you went too fast for me.
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                                  No trash storage in the
                    THE WITNESS:
        front of the property.
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                 No trash storage the front
       of property. Okay. We got that one. Make sure
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        that's clear. And then let's see after that.
       there any other -- sprinkler system according to
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       Mr. -- the construction official; is that going --
                    MR. PRESSLER:
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                    MR. WEINER:
                                Agreed. Okay.
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        department.
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1	MR. PRESSLER: Agreed. MR. WEINER: Okay. We'll have to
2	register with the Division of Fire Safety and Life Hazard Use for the repair garage, agreed?
3	MR. PRESSLER: Yes. MR. WEINER: Okay. Police did not have
4	any comments. No comments from Mr. Losik. And okay. We addressed the container enclosure for
5	solid waste, or did we. Is that going to be separate, Mr. Leber, or
6	MR. LEBER: It's the one in the back corner.
7	MR. WEINER: So that's the same one. So that's addressed, and that is all the attached
8	memoranda to the staff report. Unless there's Madam Chairwoman, now would be a time if there's any
9	further discussion by the board. MR. GUREVICH: Mr. Weiner, was there
10	anything in terms of the what's it called the drainage underground from the roof?
11	MR. WEINER: Yes, we addressed that already. That was one of the first things I read
12	out. I was going too fast, Leon. MR. GUREVICH: It was a lot of stuff.
13	MR. WEINER: We have that. THE CHAIRWOMAN: I don't think it was
14	necessarily unresolved, but that door that needs to be added to the room upstairs on the second floor
15	that will that door will be added to the plans I guess, and then it goes to the construction
16	department? MR. LEBER: Yes.
17	THE CHAIRWOMAN: Before it goes there, it will have that door?
18	MR. LEBER: That's correct. MR. WEINER: That's the bathroom door,
19	correct? MR. PHILIPS: Downstairs.
20	MR. KIPP: Code officials will pick up on that. That would be a violation.
21	MR. CLINE: That's not really actually my turf.
22	MR. WEINER: Additional item here because it's a code issue. They're not going to get
23	their permit unless it's on there. MR. CLINE: It's not really my turf to
24	bring that up, but I couldn't resist. I apologize. THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay, is there any
25	additional comments about this application? Okay. Are there any members wishing to make a motion on

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        this application?
                    MR. PHILIPS: I'll make a motion to
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        approve application Z-20-12.
                    MR. WEINER:
                                 With the conditions, Mr.
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        Philips?
                                  With all those conditions,
                    MR. PHILIPS:
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        yes.
                    MR. WEINER:
                                 Thank you.
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                    MR. ARORA:
                                I'll second it.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Mr. Arora.
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       Mr. Arora?
                    MR. ARORA:
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                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                     Okay.
                                             Thank you.
       Mr. Blessing, can you call the roll.
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Arora.
                    MR. ARORA:
                                Yes.
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Wynter.
                    MR. WYNTER:
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                                   Mr. Zuckerman.
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                    MR. ZUCKERMAN:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Gurevich.
                    MR. GUREVICH:
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                   Mr. Pepe.
                    MR. PEPE:
                               Yes.
                                   I think I did not need --
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                    MR. BLESSING:
       my apologies.
                       Mr. Philips.
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                    MR. PHILIPS: I'm going to vote yes.
        I've known this site for probably as long as it was
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        there. It started as a Cumberland Farms going back
        to who knows when. But it has been gone -- it is
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        into disrepair now, and the opportunity to be able
        to put a viable operating business that will not
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        create more of an issue for the neighbors makes it
       much more convenient to be able to operate there for
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       Mr. Youssef. I would have liked to have known for
        sure why he picked the site, but having said that,
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        it's going to ultimately be a good use for the town
        and for the education, I would be happy to vote yes.
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                    MR. BLESSING:
                                  Chairwoman Rampolla.
                    THE CHAIRWOMAN:
                                    I'm also going to vote
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              I agree with Miss Coffin's comment that it's
        on the way to being blighted. It's not current -- I
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       wouldn't call it necessarily that, but it's not
        currently being used in this -- I think a good case
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        is made for the appropriateness of this business in
                        There are other somewhat similar
        this location.
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       uses nearby, not necessarily in that zone, but
       nearby and on that side of Main Street.
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       those reasons, I'm also going to vote yes.
                    So, Mr. Youssef, it looks like your
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application is passed, and we hope that you're able 1 to run a successful business over there on Main 2 Street. MR. YOUSSEF: Thank you very much, guys. 3 I appreciate it. MR. PRESSLER: Madam Chair, members of 4 the board, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Pressler. MR. WEINER: 5 Thank you, Mr. Pressler. MR. PHILIPS: THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. 6 MR. WEINER: Madam Chairwoman -- and obviously, that is the chair's prerogative for some 7 input. We have one more application to go with a C, and although we can never predict the length of an application, nor should the board be passed, you may 8 want to use your discretion about whether or not a 9 break is needed, or would you like to just go through so the board doesn't end on a late hour. That would be your call. 10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I don't -- I mean, I 11 think we should take a 5-minute recess. I don't think the 5 minutes is what's going to put us over 12 or not over. We could I guess start and see -- I don't know -- obviously, I don't think we're going to get through -- I don't know how much we're going 13 to need to get through with this application, but I do think we should start it, but we should probably 14 take a 5-minute recess quickly. 15 MR. WEINER: Okay. (Board recess) 16 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Okay. Next on the agenda we have application Z-21-04, Kimberly Alvin 17 Property, LLC, a proposed interior renovation from office space requiring parking variance, located at 1 Kimberly Road, block 29.01, lot 43 in the O/I 18 zone. Who do we have representing? 19 (Kimberly Alvin Property, LLC, transcript attached separately) 20 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Is there a motion to adjourn this meeting? 21 I say that motion. MR. ARORA: I'm sorry. I didn't THE CHAIRWOMAN: 22 hear you, Mr. Arora. Second. MR. ZUCKERMAN: Second. 23 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Mr. Zuckerman. All in favor. 2.4

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TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX - STATE OF NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING FOR:

KIMBERLY ALVIN PROPERTY, LLC

BLOCK 29.01, LOT 43

1 KIMBERLY ROAD

APPLICATION NO. Z-21-04

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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DEEPAK ARORA

CHESTER BRANDT

LEON GUREVICH

STEVE PEPE

STEVE PHILIPS

IVAN WYNTER

ROB ZUCKERMAN

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- 1 (Time noted, 10:00 p.m.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Next on the
- 3 agenda we have application Z-21-04 for Kimberly
- 4 Alvin Property, LLC, a proposed interior renovation
- 5 from warehouse to office space requiring parking
- 6 variance located at 1 Kimberly Road, Block 29.01,
- 7 Lot 43 in the 0/I zone.
- Who do we have representing --
- 9 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Yes. Good evening.
- 10 Steven Tripp from the firm of Wilentz, Goldman &
- 11 Spitzer on behalf of the applicant.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Hello,
- 13 Mr. Tripp. Obviously, it's getting late, so I'm not
- 14 sure how much we're to -- we're going to be able to
- do here, but I would turn to Mr. Weiner first to --
- 16 I think he just got up out of his seat. I want to
- 17 make sure your notices are --
- 18 ATTORNEY WEINER: Yes. Madam
- 19 Chairwoman, I have had an opportunity to review all
- of the notices. They are acceptable, and the board
- 21 has jurisdiction to hear this application.
- 22 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Thank you. So we
- 23 will -- we will try to be as efficient and as
- 24 concise as possible, given the late hour.
- Let me start -- actually, there's a

- 1 horrible echo, but I'll do the best we can.
- This is an application. It's a
- property at 1 Kimberly Road. It's 5.56 acres.
- 4 There's an existing building with office, flex and
- 5 warehouse, 38,796 square feet. There's five suites
- 6 currently. Four of them are occupied by two
- 7 tenants. Each of the two tenants has two of the
- 8 suites. One is vacant; it's about 14,640 square
- 9 feet. The applicant is an affiliate of F. Greek
- 10 Development, which has a lot of properties, operates
- 11 a lot of this type of space within the township.
- 12 Their headquarters are currently at 33 Cotters Lane,
- 13 and they have really outgrown their space, and
- 14 recently acquired this building and would like to
- move their offices, their headquarters, to this
- 16 building.
- 17 And the other thing they would like to
- do as part of this application is reserve another
- 19 2,400 or so square feet for some flexibility for
- 20 future office for tenants in the other suites.
- 21 Based on this usage, and Mr. Schlindwein from
- 22 F. Greek and Matt Leber will testify, the ordinance
- would technically require 150 spaces; we're
- 24 maintaining the existing 120 spaces which we believe
- is more than sufficient, provides a good cushion,

- 1 actually, for the uses in the building, existing and
- 2 anticipated. We need, basically, a bulk variance.
- 3 There's no site plan approval here.
- And what I'd like to do is have Matt
- 5 Schlindwein of F. Greek be sworn in, and testify and
- 6 just explain the move. And then Mr. Leber will be
- 7 testifying both as an engineer and as a planner.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Okay.
- 9 Mr. Schlindwein, you're already raising your right
- 10 hand.
- 11 On this application this evening, do
- 12 you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and
- 13 nothing but the truth?
- MATT SCHLINDWEIN: I do.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Okay, thank
- 16 you. Can you -- and just for the record, can you
- spell your name for us?
- MATT SCHLINDWEIN: Sure. It's Matt
- 19 Schlindwein, S-C-H-L-I-N-D-W-E-I-N. And I'm the
- 20 president of development and construction with Greek
- 21 Development. I am a professional engineer by
- 22 background. I will be providing testimony tonight
- 23 as a fact witness, and Mr. Leber is our planner and
- 24 engineer on this application.
- We -- as Mr. Tripp mentioned, we own

- 1 the property through an affiliate, Kimberly Alvin
- 2 Properties. That is an affiliated entity of Greek
- 3 Development. We were actually in front of the
- 4 planning board for approval of an expansion of our
- office space a few years ago. We have decided now,
- 6 which is a good thing, that that space, if we expand
- 7 it, would be a little bit too small for our needs.
- 8 So now we're looking at occupying a currently vacant
- 9 suite inside of the building at 1 Kimberly. It's
- 10 approximately 14,000 square feet of space.
- 11 When we were reviewing the plan and
- 12 looking at the ordinance, we had contacted Mr. Kipp
- 13 because, basically, the existing space that we're
- 14 going to occupy has some office, but when combined
- 15 with making it into full office, as well as the
- other office spaces in the current building,
- 17 technically, the parking ratio would be exceeded.
- 18 Again, we own the building. It will be our
- 19 headquarters office. I can guarantee you that we
- 20 are not in the business of making a parking problem
- 21 for ourselves at our headquarters.
- We currently control the parking in the
- 23 building through leases. Every lease -- every
- tenant gets an assigned number of spaces. We will
- 25 be assigning ourselves 70 spaces, and the balance of

- 1 the remaining spaces that are available in the
- 2 property, the 50, would be able to be assigned to
- 3 other tenants in the park. You will hear some
- 4 further calculations from Mr. Leber tonight. But,
- 5 generally, what we are asking the board for is
- 6 allowing us to put our office in this building that
- 7 we own, allowing us to control the parking ratios in
- 8 all of the leases that we provide with our tenants,
- 9 and the numbers work out to what we feel is a still
- 10 reasonable parking standard that we know that we can
- 11 utilize to market the building when we need to
- 12 re-tenant spaces in the building.
- And, essentially, you know, we own a
- 14 lot of buildings in the park, a significant number.
- 15 And to the extent that we can't accommodate a
- 16 perspective tenant's needs because they have a
- 17 greater parking requirement than we can provide them
- in the space we can lease them in this building, we
- 19 would simply have to find another space, if we have
- 20 it, in the portfolio that we own at this location to
- 21 rent to them, or, you know, simply, we just wouldn't
- 22 do a deal with a tenant that would cause us a
- parking problem in the building that we're going to
- occupy as our headquarters office.
- E X A M I N A T I O N

- 1 BY ATTORNEY TRIPP:
- Q. Matt, just quickly, you talked about
- 3 the existing tenants. Could you just explain very
- 4 quickly the two tenants that are in the building
- 5 that occupy the suites?
- And you have had discussions with them
- 7 about --
- 8 A. Sure.
- 9 Q. -- their usage, how many spaces they
- 10 require?
- 11 A. Absolutely. So Comnet is one of our
- 12 tenants. Interport Global is the other.
- 13 Comnet uses about 25 spaces. I
- 14 actually think they use more like 18 or 19, but they
- said 25, so we'll go with that number. They, you
- 16 know -- they're in the space until the end of next
- 17 year. They've got one renewal option for five years
- 18 after that. We like them. We hope that they'll
- 19 renew with us.
- 20 Interport Global is also in the
- 21 building. They only require five spaces. They're
- on a shorter-term lease. That space would
- potentially be a space that we would look to relet.
- 24 They, you know -- and that's why we're asking for a
- 25 little bit of flexibility to add some additional

- office space. It indicates, when we were releasing
- that space, we need to add a little office space.
- 3 And we obviously don't want to -- you guys are very
- 4 busy, so we wouldn't want to have to come back to
- 5 you if we were just going to be adding a little bit
- 6 more office space in that suite when they leave and
- 7 we have to re-tenant it.
- Now, the other thing is when we do
- 9 that, we would obviously still control it through
- 10 whatever lease we write with them, and we're willing
- 11 to agree to that as a condition of the relief that
- we're asking for in your parking ratio.
- Q. So with the 70 spaces that you would
- 14 earmark for yourself, the 25, and the 5 for the
- 15 existing tenants leaves you -- it uses up about 100
- spaces, correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And are you comfortable with the margin
- of having the extra 20 spaces for flexibility?
- A. Absolutely. Like I said, we're making
- 21 a conscious decision in utilizing the 14,000 square
- 22 feet for our headquarters office. We're only going
- 23 to lease the balance of the building to tenants that
- won't provide a parking problem for our employees at
- our headquarters.

- 1 ATTORNEY TRIPP: I don't have any
- other questions of Mr. Schlindwein.
- MEMBER GUREVICH: May I ask: What are
- 4 the -- the other two businesses, what type of
- 5 businesses are they?
- THE WITNESS: That's a good question.
- 7 You know, I don't do our leasing, so I don't know
- 8 exactly. But Comnet Telecom Supply is basically a
- 9 telecom supply business. Interport Global, I think,
- does some third-party logistics for other firms, so
- 11 they can move around different things from time to
- 12 time. They're using their space currently. They
- 13 said they only need about five parking spaces, and
- 14 they're using this space on a short-term basis. So,
- 15 you know, while we're going to continue renewing
- them automatically on a year-to-year basis, but, you
- 17 know, they're not a long-term tenant in the
- 18 building.
- 19 MEMBER GUREVICH: So in terms of the
- 20 -- the balance of the building with the parking, you
- 21 know, the truck bays, {Zoom glitch} these are things
- that aren't necessarily both utilizing -- there's
- 23 not a consistent traffic of trucks going in and out
- 24 for things like that, you know --
- THE WITNESS: There really isn't. Or

- 1 an extreme rarity, there is a larger truck that will
- 2 come in and out of the building. But generally
- 3 speaking, think vans and, like, FedEx-type trucks
- 4 for the types of users that occupy the building.
- 5 And really, the ones -- nobody who is going to want
- 6 to be rolling 53-footers in and out of their spaces
- 7 is going to want to lease this building from us
- 8 because it's actually very not conducive to those
- 9 types of movements, if you're familiar, if you've
- 10 driven around the building or looked at the site
- 11 plan. It's very much a flex industrial user, unlike
- some of our other larger buildings that, you know,
- 13 accommodate 53-foot trailers.
- 14 MEMBER GUREVICH: Yeah. It just seems
- 15 like there's -- there's sufficient space, even in
- the back, with other additional parking over there,
- 17 that even if you have that type of traffic, there's
- 18 a lot of room over there, especially --
- 19 THE WITNESS: I do -- yeah, I do agree
- 20 with that. We did look at that. Like, if we ever
- 21 got into a situation where we needed to be
- 22 re-striping some of the loading spaces into car
- 23 parking spaces, we probably could add a few extra
- 24 spaces that way just because some of the users do
- use some truck traffic. We figured, for now, just

- 1 not -- not doing that would probably be prudent.
- 2 Especially because we know that with the existing
- 3 current striped parking spaces, we can accommodate
- 4 the building's needs.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: In your history
- 6 in that building, you've -- have you ever had
- 7 overflow onto Kimberly Road? Have you over --
- 8 THE WITNESS: We have not. Since
- 9 we've owned the building, we have never had a
- 10 parking problem. It's actually been the opposite,
- it's been well underutilized.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: So let me ask
- 13 you because I think it's just the times we're living
- in right now, I mean, I stopped by and I -- and the
- 15 numbers of parking that you are describing is what I
- 16 saw, but these are really -- these are strange times
- where most people are not commuting into office
- 18 buildings if they don't have to. And so some of
- 19 our, you know -- understandably, some of the
- 20 workforce who might ordinarily travel into work and
- 21 use some of those parking spaces could be working
- remotely right now.
- Is the few spaces that you're using,
- 24 would you say that was the case before the pandemic
- 25 started? Do you foresee that when people start

- 1 going back to their office buildings, if they do, is
- 2 that number going to increase?
- THE WITNESS: So we asked the tenants
- 4 -- when they provided us our parking numbers, we
- 5 asked them to provide us the numbers for the
- 6 post-COVID numbers on, you know, what you would
- 7 anticipate if all the employees were not
- 8 teleworking, the ones that can. So that's why they
- 9 provided us with that 25 number. And I think that's
- 10 why, if you drive through the site and look at some
- of the pictures, there's probably 18 to 19 cars that
- 12 currently are in the parking lot, not the 30 with
- the 25 and the 5 that we described.
- 14 As far as our own employees -- we're
- obviously not occupying the building yet, but I can
- 16 tell you in the building that we do occupy -- we're
- 17 putting the 70 number in there because we're
- 18 expecting some growth. We currently employ just
- under 70 people, and a large number of those people
- 20 probably -- maybe a little bit less than one-third
- 21 work remotely routinely as superintendant and field
- 22 project managers, so they're not even in our office
- on a daily basis. We do have some visitors, but I
- 24 would say that currently our parking needs are more
- like 50 spaces. But we will be allocating 70 as

- 1 part of this plan.
- I can tell you that currently, out of
- our 50-space parking need, there's -- there's
- 4 probably -- about half of that is currently being
- 5 used. So those are the --
- 6 KEITH KIPP: Excuse me, Matt. Matt,
- 7 for one second.
- Steve, you're the source of the
- 9 feedback. Do you have a second speaker on or
- 10 something over there? Every time I unmute you, the
- 11 feedback comes back.
- MEMBER PEPE: Me?
- 13 KEITH KIPP: Steve Philips.
- MEMBER PHILIPS: Not that I know of.
- 15 KEITH KIPP: All right. That sounded
- 16 good. But when you unmute, that's when the feedback
- 17 starts so I'm not sure --
- MEMBER PHILIPS: When I'm on mute?
- 19 KEITH KIPP: When I unmute you, then
- 20 the feedback starts. While you're muted, there's no
- 21 feedback. See? I'm not sure, Steve. You don't
- 22 have a second broadcast going on or anything on the
- 23 -- on another computer?
- THE WITNESS: Now he's on mute. He
- just put him on mute.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: All right.
- 2 Well, I think we can just -- why don't we just all
- 3 stay on mute unless we're speaking. That will
- 4 probably help.
- 5 ATTORNEY WEINER: You know what?
- 6 Steve, if you can hear us, they're going to keep you
- 7 on mute. Just raise your hand if you want to make a
- 8 comment, and this way they'll unmute you at that
- 9 time.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Is there any other
- 11 questions before we call on Mr. Leber to --
- 12 BY ATTORNEY TRIPP:
- 13 Q. Matt, I had one question. When you
- 14 talked about your 50 need, your current need is 50,
- 15 that was really pre-COVID, correct? That's not
- 16 current when you --
- 17 A. Yeah. So just so you know, like, our
- 18 business right now is operating out of 33 Cotters.
- 19 We were going to expand 33 Cotters from the 7- or
- 20 8,000 square feet that we have now up to almost
- 21 12,000 square feet. We're going to, instead, now
- 22 move to 1 Kimberly into the 14,500 square feet.
- We're currently probably in a parking-need situation
- of 50 employees if nobody was teleworking that can
- work from home. Given the current situation of a

- 1 lot of folks working from home that can work from
- 2 home, we probably only park half of that on an
- 3 average basis with the folks that are,
- 4 quote/unquote, required to work from the office
- 5 because they can't tele-work. So, yes, Steve,
- 6 that's post-COVID numbers.
- 7 The 70 that we're allocating to
- 8 ourselves is the amount of post-COVID, no longer
- 9 teleworking number that we will foresee ourselves
- 10 needing during the ten years that we are going to
- 11 lease this space to -- Kimberly Alvin Properties,
- 12 affiliated entity of Greek Development, we will be
- using this space for the next ten years as our
- 14 headquarters, and what we foresee our parking need
- 15 as in our office, given employees and visitors, is
- 16 70.
- 17 Q. And your intent is to --
- 18 A. Without any teleworking.
- 19 Q. And your intent is to ensure, via your
- 20 leases and your tenant selection, that the remaining
- 21 tenants will not exceed the remaining parking
- supply?
- 23 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 24 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Thank you.
- MEMBER PHILIPS: I have a question.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- MEMBER PHILIPS: Do you allocate the
- 3 spots specifically for your tenants?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MEMBER PHILIPS: So there's --
- 6 THE WITNESS: Do you mean do we keep
- 7 their name?
- 8 MEMBER PHILIPS: Well, you know, I've
- 9 driven into an awful lot of spaces that has certain
- 10 spots with the name of a particular tenant.
- 11 THE WITNESS: We haven't done that in
- 12 this building. We just put it in. If we ever had a
- 13 problem where somebody was violating the lease,
- 14 since we're the landlord, we would obviously send
- 15 them notice. And then if they didn't fix it, we
- 16 could put them in default.
- If we were really running into a
- 18 situation, we might want to paint some names on
- 19 spaces, but, generally, that's not -- that's not
- 20 what we would do, unless for some reason we felt
- 21 there was a problem.
- But we feel that, just with knowing who
- our tenants are and working out the assigned number
- of spaces, we should be able to adequately control
- 25 it, especially because if we count their cars and

- 1 there's more than they have, we're going to send
- 2 them a -- send them a notice.
- MEMBER PHILIPS: So at this point,
- 4 then, your 70 people may be parking anyplace -- or
- 5 15 people and so would the other two tenants; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 THE WITNESS: That is correct. I
- 8 mean, generally the way the building is set up, the
- 9 suites are in order in the plan that Marc will show
- 10 you, so it will be conducive to the employees and
- 11 the visitors of each business to park in front of
- 12 the -- generally, in front of the suite that they're
- 13 going to. But you are correct; they could park
- 14 anywhere in the parking lot that they wanted to.
- The nice part is that the suite that we
- 16 are taking is on the end, and there's additional
- 17 parking on the end. So --
- MEMBER PHILIPS: There's one --
- 19 there's spaces in the back.
- THE WITNESS: And there are spaces in
- 21 the back. And we'll have a door in the back as
- 22 well, so employees that, you know, have a key -- not
- visitors, obviously -- would be able to use the back
- 24 door.
- CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Go ahead,

- 1 Mr. Gurevich.
- MEMBER GUREVICH: So just to confirm,
- 3 I noticed on your website Unit 103 and 104 are
- 4 currently showing as available. You mentioned that
- 5 you have a tenant that's in there right now,
- 6 correct?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.
- 8 That's Interport Global who is expiring in 8/31. So
- 9 if -- I believe they have an automatic renewal, one
- 10 year. I also believe we can get them out if
- 11 somebody else was to come to us and say they wanted
- 12 to lease that space for ten years. So we're posting
- 13 that to market it in the case -- we, obviously, like
- 14 to have at least five, if not ten-year leases with a
- 15 lot of our tenants. So our preference would be to
- 16 get a longer-term tenant, rather than one who would
- occupy the space on a year-to-year basis.
- MEMBER GUREVICH: So I quess my
- 19 question is -- this is, I guess, regarding the
- 20 parking, but -- so Unit 105 is the one that you are
- 21 currently planning to renovate and {Zoom glitch} --
- 22 can you speak just very, very briefly in terms of
- 23 how extensive a change in renovation in terms of,
- 24 you know -- in terms of utilizing, you know -- what
- will be outside of that in terms of trucks,

- 1 blockage?
- I know you show two entrances into that
- 3 parking area; one for the trucks in the back, one in
- 4 the front, if I was to call it the front or
- 5 whatever. But there is a -- it is not a -- I don't
- 6 know if it's a one-way street, right? So cars that
- 7 are coming in, do they pull out of the same, or do
- 8 they go around the building to the back and pull out
- 9 of the back?
- 10 Is there any blockage between that
- 11 since it's an end-cap unit and how extensive that
- 12 might be for the tenants and for the facility as
- it's going through this?
- 14 That's it.
- THE WITNESS: That's a good question,
- 16 and Marc can address it more specifically. But
- 17 generally speaking, the traffic in the back,
- 18 although I think you can make it two ways, one way
- is probably better, especially if you're a truck and
- 20 you're making a delivery. The building is designed
- 21 for only one-way traffic on the back side of the
- 22 building. So you would drive in, and then you would
- 23 drive around and pull back out. Exactly. But now,
- for the cars in the front, you can go in and out the
- 25 front driveway, car parking lot, without having to

- 1 drive through the back, through the loading. And
- 2 that's --
- MEMBER GUREVICH: So that's a two-way
- 4 street? Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 6 MEMBER GUREVICH: Because it's cut,
- 7 you know -- there's -- because of the snow
- 8 situation, so I wasn't able to tell.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Yes.
- 10 ATTORNEY WEINER: Yeah. I just want
- 11 to interject quickly and just to say -- I just want
- 12 to make sure. I think you addressed Mr. Gurevich's
- 13 -- the crux of his question, but I don't want to
- 14 have this steered further because part of
- 15 Mr. Gurevich's question was about the potential of
- different types of tenants, and that's not really
- 17 something of the zoning board's jurisdictional
- 18 matter to get into what type of tenants are -- may,
- in the future, be going in there, whatever.
- 20 Obviously, if there's changes to the building that
- 21 require renovations on the interior then it may be
- 22 items that have to be approved by the construction
- 23 department. And if there's issues that are going to
- 24 be on the exterior that may amend -- change the site
- 25 plan, or require some type of variance or a change

- in use, then they would have to come back before
- this board or the planning board depending on what
- 3 it is at that time.
- 4 So I don't want to get too far out
- 5 there into the supposition. But I think the crux of
- 6 your question was -- might have been answered, and
- 7 please correct me if I'm wrong, Leon. I don't want
- 8 to put words in your mouth by any means. I just
- 9 want to make sure that --
- MEMBER GUREVICH: The reason --
- 11 ATTORNEY WEINER: -- we're targeting
- 12 the right area.
- MEMBER GUREVICH: Yeah, the reason I
- 14 asked the question was to -- to get an idea if there
- 15 was any sort of tenants that might have surge-type
- 16 parking. So, for example, mixed-use, you know,
- 17 there's -- there's a lot of -- because I see the
- 18 warehouse in the back and the bigger spaces. You
- 19 know, for example, there are dance studios that are
- 20 utilizing similar facilities where when the kids
- 21 come in and the kids go out, all of a sudden all the
- 22 parents come in, and there could be, like, 60 cars
- 23 for that period in between or whatever.
- So I was trying to get an idea if this
- is a steady flow of parking where it's office type.

- 1 If there's ten employees, there's always going to be
- ten cars. Or if there's potential for something
- 3 that can have surge type of parking because there's
- 4 a consumer component, and then it goes down and sort
- of fluctuates as kids go through.
- 6 That's my question in terms of the type
- 7 of -- what's it called? -- residence --
- THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 9 MEMBER GUREVICH: -- and if there's
- 10 any sort of plan around that, it was specific to the
- 11 parking.
- 12 And the second question over there:
- 13 Given that this is an end-cap and the fact that the
- 14 flow of traffic has to go around the building, given
- 15 the renovations that are taking place, again, is
- 16 there any sort of blockage towards that -- that
- 17 drive-through, or can people turn around and leave?
- 18 And that's it.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, we are -- so the
- 20 answer to the question, like, we are not proposing
- 21 any site plan modifications at all. So we will, you
- 22 know -- we routinely maintain our buildings, upgrade
- 23 the parking lots, repave them, you know -- you know,
- 24 put nice mulch and flowers outside. We'll do all
- 25 that, but we're not proposing any exterior

- 1 improvements that would modify the current
- 2 circulation or use of the building. And the only
- 3 users that would be permitted to lease to, we would
- 4 obviously come in and get, you know -- we would make
- 5 sure that the township agrees that those are all
- 6 users that are permitted uses in the zone for the
- 7 building.
- And we don't currently have any
- 9 tenancies that have surge parking requirements, and
- 10 I don't suspect we'll probably lease to them because
- 11 they will probably need more parking than we can
- 12 assign them in the lease.
- So it was all good questions.
- 14 And I did look real quick, just on an
- 15 aerial map, and you're correct; the rear driveway is
- 16 striped with an arrow for one-way traffic in, and
- 17 the front driveway is striped with two arrows for
- 18 two-way traffic in the front.
- So, generally speaking, the idea would
- 20 be if you're going to be a truck or a car, you're
- 21 entering the rear of the building, you would drive
- 22 around to the front of the building to come out.
- 23 And if you're a car entering the front of the
- building, you would drive in the front, and you
- 25 could drive back out the front.

- 1 ATTORNEY WEINER: If I may, this is
- for Colleen, since we're talking about the topic:
- 3 The zone that we're in here, does that allow some of
- 4 the uses that Mr. Gurevich had addressed where the
- 5 surge could come more consumer-related?
- I know some of the other properties in
- 7 that general area do have things like a dance
- 8 studio, or a gymnastics gym and things of that
- 9 nature, and I just want to make sure -- because that
- 10 would be important for the board to know if those
- 11 type of things are permitted uses, if you could go
- 12 over that. Or, if not, it's something that they
- would have to come back to the board for a use
- variance if that were proposed later on.
- 15 PLANNER McGURK: Right. Well,
- 16 whenever there is a change of use, a change of
- tenancy, they do have to apply for a CCO, and we
- 18 would then check. One, we always check to see if
- 19 it's a permitted use. And, two, we check to see if
- 20 that use increases the need for parking, and then,
- 21 you know, they would not get the approved CCO.
- If you want to continue on, I can check
- our ordinance and see if those uses are permitted in
- 24 the O-I zone. I don't think so, but I can check if
- you want to move on --

- 1 ATTORNEY WEINER: My question -- my
- 2 question would be -- and if you can get back to us
- 3 on that --
- 4 PLANNER McGURK: Yeah.
- 5 ATTORNEY WEINER: -- is it's something
- 6 that the board may want to consider in its
- 7 deliberation and address with the applicant, that
- 8 even if there's a permitted use but it's something
- 9 then different that's here now that might trigger
- 10 more of a surge, that the applicant would agree to
- 11 come back to the board to readdress the parking
- 12 variance because of that change in circumstance.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah. We -- we will
- 14 agree, as a condition of the approval, that we will
- only lease space in the building to people who
- 16 would -- with their permanently assigned parking
- spaces, do not exceed the 120 spaces available in
- 18 the building. And that if we're going to rely on a
- 19 surge situation where we're going to say, "Okay,
- look, this user is going to exceed it, but they're
- 21 only surging on the weekends when our employees
- 22 aren't parking in the lot," and try to play, like,
- you know, a trade-off game like that, we're fine;
- we'll come back to you guys and ask you if you're
- okay with that. But I don't foresee us doing that

- 1 at all.
- 2 ATTORNEY WEINER: I mean, my concern
- 3 is that I wouldn't want to go to the weekend or the
- 4 evenings and then having to have monitoring of that.
- 5 I would think that -- and I want to give Colleen a
- 6 chance to let us know. But, you know, if you want
- 7 to change your use later on and, say, put in a dance
- 8 studio, as an example, that even if it's permitted
- 9 in the zone in light of this parking variance, you
- 10 would come back to revisit the variance in light of
- 11 that change of permitted use?
- 12 ATTORNEY TRIPP: I think if that --
- THE WITNESS: I think -- I think --
- 14 real quick, Steve, I think --
- 15 ATTORNEY TRIPP: -- if there was a
- 16 different use that required different parking
- 17 requirements -- and I'll defer to Colleen -- that
- 18 would trigger -- that would trigger a change in use
- 19 review, and it might send us to the board for --
- 20 PLANNER McGURK: Correct.
- 21 ATTORNEY TRIPP: -- review of the
- 22 parking, in any event.
- 23 ATTORNEY WEINER: Yeah.
- 24 ATTORNEY TRIPP: But the point, I
- 25 think, Matt was trying -- was making was that they

- 1 are going to control who their tenants are because
- 2 they're going to be in this building -- this was
- 3 their headquarters -- and they're going to -- we
- 4 don't expect to be in that situation. But if you
- 5 want to put a condition in that if there's a change
- 6 in use other than the types of uses we have now, we
- 7 would have to come back.
- 8 Matt, you're comfortable with that?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes. Just to be
- 10 extremely clear, as a -- as a condition of granting
- 11 the variance, we are agreeing that any lease,
- 12 whether -- regardless of the type of business that
- would lease the building -- obviously, we can only
- 14 lease it to uses that are permitted in the zone.
- 15 But any -- any lease that we do with anyone in the
- building, we will control the parking such that all
- 17 those that lease the building are only assigned a
- cumulative number of spaces that adds up to 120, and
- 19 the next --
- 20 ATTORNEY TRIPP: And that would be in
- 21 the lease --
- THE WITNESS: Yeah. That will be
- 23 in -- it will be in your approval, hopefully
- tonight, of the zoning variance that we're asking
- 25 for as a condition.

- 1 But the -- and then for the next ten
- years, we're agreeing to -- for all other people
- 3 leasing the building while we're in the building
- 4 that -- that we'll control it such that the
- 5 remaining spaces that aren't us will only
- 6 cumulatively be assigned 50 total spaces.
- 7 And then if there's any situation above
- 8 that, and we think we came up with a creative
- 9 solution to figure it out, we will 100 percent be
- 10 back in front of the board. I don't -- I don't
- 11 foresee that happening at this point.
- 12 PLANNER McGURK: Madam Chair, the uses
- 13 that would maybe create a parking surge aren't
- 14 actually permitted uses in that zone anyway. Dance
- 15 studios, et cetera, are not a permitted use.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Thank you,
- 17 Colleen.
- 18 ATTORNEY WEINER: I think I jotted
- 19 down a couple of things that might address this,
- 20 should the board ultimately decide to consider this,
- 21 as conditions.
- 22 First, the parking ratio must be
- 23 accounted for in the individual leases. So this way
- 24 we know that it's as of -- Mr. Schlindwein said,
- 25 that they're going to be compliant. And the next

- 1 portion of that language I would want to ask Colleen
- 2 about and Keith.
- Would the planning department or code
- 4 enforcement, is that something that they might want
- 5 to see, the leases, when there's a change in lease
- 6 so this way they don't have to worry about
- 7 enforcement and know that the applicant is complying
- 8 with the condition?
- 9 KEITH KIPP: I don't think we would
- 10 need to see the lease. I think by basis of a CCO,
- 11 like Colleen had mentioned, when a new tenant comes
- in, we typically get a CCO. We can review it at
- 13 that point. I don't think we necessarily have to
- 14 see the lease.
- 15 ATTORNEY WEINER: Would the ratios be
- 16 accounted for.
- And then secondly, if any change of use
- 18 to something different than the current use,
- 19 regardless of whether or not it's permitted in the
- 20 zone, the applicant will return to the board for
- 21 reconsideration of the variance for parking.
- 22 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Meaning that if it's
- 23 anything other than office/warehouse?
- 24 ATTORNEY WEINER: Yeah. Whatever the
- use is now that Mr. Schlindwein just elaborated on

- 1 earlier in his testimony.
- 2 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Matt, are you
- 3 comfortable with that, if it's --
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, any use -- you're
- 5 saying any use that would result in a cumulative
- 6 number of spaces exceeding 120 --
- 7 ATTORNEY WEINER: That's not the
- 8 language that I had --
- 9 ATTORNEY TRIPP: What he's proposing,
- 10 Matt, is anything -- uses other than what the uses
- 11 are in the building now, meaning office and
- 12 warehouse.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Oh. We would want -- I
- 14 would have to look at it in terms of what the
- 15 permitted uses in the zone are, but, like, assuming,
- 16 like, a light manufacturer who could use the space
- 17 to make, you know, electric vehicle chargers was
- 18 going to occupy the space, we would -- we would want
- 19 to -- we would want to be able to lease to him or --
- 20 there's other --
- 21 ATTORNEY WEINER: That's commercial or
- office. What I was getting at is if there's another
- 23 permitted use that's not commercial or office in the
- zone and you want to put a tenant in there, that
- you're going to come back to the board to reconsider

- 1 the parking variance because of that change of type
- of use because, even though it may be permitted, it
- 3 may change the intensity.
- THE WITNESS: Yes. But -- and I guess
- 5 the only -- yes is the answer. But I would -- I
- 6 quess I'm just trying to be careful that we don't
- 7 put some type of -- any type of condition that
- 8 limits us from leasing the building to permitted
- 9 uses in the zone, as long as we're able to lease to
- 10 those permitted uses with those permitted uses
- 11 agreeing in their lease to assigned parking that
- doesn't exceed cumulatively 50 amongst all the
- 13 people we lease the building to other than
- 14 ourselves.
- I don't want to be -- I just want to
- 16 make sure that when we say, you know, the
- warehouse/office or commercial and office, I'm not
- 18 sure if there's other -- other permitted uses in
- 19 that zone that I might be missing.
- 20 ATTORNEY WEINER: Let me ask --
- PLANNER McGURK: Madam Chair, personal
- 22 services are a permitted use. Again, when they come
- in for a CCO, they have to fill out a letter of
- intent which asks the question, "How many parking
- 25 stalls are you requesting for this use?" And they

- 1 have to fill that out. And then I check the square
- 2 footage of the use and I make sure that there's
- 3 enough overall parking.
- 4 ATTORNEY WEINER: So then, Colleen,
- you don't need the second condition; you're
- 6 comfortable because of the CCO requirement?
- 7 PLANNER McGURK: I feel that I have
- 8 the ability to reject it if they don't have enough
- 9 parking.
- 10 ATTORNEY WEINER: So then we don't
- 11 need to put that in, then. And this way it won't be
- 12 an unnecessary burden on the applicant if you can
- work around it and you're comfortable --
- 14 MEMBER ZUCKERMAN: Would you know the
- 15 current tenants at that time, how many parking
- spaces that they have agreed to be allocated to know
- when a new tenant comes in --
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 MEMBER ZUCKERMAN: -- that may require
- 20 more spaces, that there are enough left there?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MEMBER ZUCKERMAN: I mean you'd just
- 23 be guessing at about 20.
- I mean, I know you would, sir, but I
- 25 don't know if Colleen would when she's --

- 1 THE WITNESS: Oh, I think what
- 2 Colleen's referring to is -- you're referring to
- 3 that process that Nick fills out the form and sends
- 4 it in to you, and we have to tell them before we --
- 5 before we get the building permit to do the work for
- 6 the next tenant to move in, and I think even if
- 7 we're not doing any work, we still have to fill in
- 8 the form --
- 9 PLANNER McGURK: Correct.
- 10 THE WITNESS: -- and then you guys --
- 11 but that's before. So, like, if we filled in that
- 12 form and it was a problem, Colleen could say, "Whoa.
- 13 Time-out. This violates the variance that you guys
- 14 got, and you're going to have a parking problem
- 15 here. You told us you wouldn't. No CCO." And then
- we'd have a problem because they couldn't occupy the
- 17 space.
- 18 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Yep. And we'd have
- 19 to come back if that was the determination.
- But the zoning review is two-fold; you
- look at the use, and then you look at the parking
- 22 required for that use and you look at the site and
- 23 make a determination as to whether any approvals are
- 24 required.
- PLANNER McGURK: Correct. And we'll

- 1 have the records of each tenant and what they're
- 2 saying they're currently -- their needs are and
- 3 their uses. And I also have the ability to follow
- 4 up with the applicant, if I have any further
- 5 questions, to clarify what each tenant is currently
- 6 doing, and that's fine.
- 7 ATTORNEY TRIPP: We're comfortable --
- 8 we're very comfortable with that process.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Mr. Tripp, I
- don't -- I don't think that we're going to get to
- 11 Mr. Leber's testimony tonight. I'm sorry to say
- 12 that, but we are -- we're past 10:30. I mean, we
- 13 can finish up with Mr. Schlindwein, if you'd like,
- if there's a lot more to his testimony.
- But I would ask, is he
- 16 going -- Mr. Schlindwein, will he be back at -- will
- 17 you be back at the next meeting that this would
- 18 carry over to?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. I'll be
- here.
- 21 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Yeah. I promise
- 22 you --
- THE WITNESS: I quess I'll just be
- 24 here, not there because it's nice and easy now, so
- absolutely.

- 1 When is the next meeting? Just -- I
- 2 guess one of the things that we're going through
- 3 right now is we obviously are making a business
- 4 decision to do -- to do this, and we were hoping to
- 5 have the certainty that, you know, we're going to be
- 6 getting the support of the board here to be able to
- 7 do this. And just in general, when would that next
- 8 meeting be?
- 9 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Before we talk about
- 10 that, if I promise I can get through Mr. Leber in
- 11 ten minutes, would you let me have a shot at it?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Well, it's not
- 13 just Mr. Leber that -- I mean, we also would need to
- open up to public testimony, we also would need to
- open up to public testimony. I don't know that -- I
- 16 mean, I don't know that anyone is on the line.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Mr. Chick?
- I agree with Mr. Tripp. I think that
- 19 -- I think Mr. Leber's testimony can be fairly
- 20 quick.
- I do want to say that, you know, we are
- 22 going to take the recommendation and install an
- 23 electric vehicle charging station in the building so
- 24 -- in the parking lot, so we'll provide a space and
- 25 a charger.

- 1 We'd like to just start it out with one
- 2 space because we honestly don't know that there is
- 3 any tenant that uses electrical vehicle or any of
- 4 our folks.
- 5 ATTORNEY WEINER: I'm just going to
- 6 interject on that and address this to Colleen. My
- 7 understanding -- correct me wrong -- is it's three
- 8 per -- one charging station per 50 spaces. And with
- 9 120 spaces, we're going to need 3.
- THE WITNESS: But I think --
- 11 PLANNER McGURK: Correct. The
- ordinance reads "new developments," so I'm not sure
- 13 that this would fall into that category.
- 14 ATTORNEY WEINER: My concern is, is
- 15 the application is reopened now. The property is
- 16 reopened now by coming to the board before the
- 17 variance, and --
- 18 PLANNER McGURK: Yes.
- 19 ATTORNEY WEINER: -- I would be of the
- 20 position that now it's subject to the ordinance
- 21 because it's a new approval, it's a variance
- 22 amending something.
- PLANNER McGURK: Correct. I think
- 24 that was the intent of the ordinance at the time of
- 25 its writing so...

- 1 ATTORNEY WEINER: Under the spirit of
- the ordinance, we would need three charging
- 3 stations.
- 4 THE WITNESS: If it's okay with the
- 5 board, what we would respectfully ask for is if we
- 6 could provide -- for the office space, because
- 7 basically what we're coming in for is doing our
- 8 office here. And I think they have those stanchions
- 9 that have two electric vehicle chargers, if we could
- install one of those in our office space.
- 11 The way that the property works is
- 12 that, you know, the tenants divide expenses, and I
- just don't want to put an undue expense on the
- 14 balance of the tenants in the building, so we would
- 15 handle it directly ourselves with the new tenancy
- 16 for the 14,000 square feet. And I think we have 70
- 17 parking spaces that we're asking for for ourselves.
- So if you guys would be willing to
- 19 consider it, I'd like to just put it in as part of
- 20 our tenant fit-up work for our new space. And then
- 21 to the extent that we have a tenant that's willing
- 22 to consider it or when we move a new tenant in on a
- 23 CCO, we can do more in the future.
- 24 ATTORNEY WEINER: The thing is, is
- 25 that the requirement of three -- to waive that would

- 1 require a variance here.
- 2 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Well, let me -- can I
- interject for one second? The ordinance really
- 4 talks about new development. We're not developing
- 5 -- we're not changing the parking, and we're not
- 6 changing the building and increasing it in any way.
- 7 We're not sure it technically applies; that was my
- 8 understanding in reviewing it. But we're willing to
- 9 put in two spaces, which we -- which we think would
- 10 be good for what we're doing, but we don't think we
- would need relief because, technically, it's not new
- development.
- THE WITNESS: Colleen, I think that --
- wasn't that with the town -- the professional's
- 15 letter back to us? I thought that mentioned that
- technically it doesn't apply, but we would ask you
- 17 to consider.
- 18 PLANNER McGURK: It's -- the ordinance
- 19 says "new development," so it's not completely clear
- 20 in the wording, but I do recall the intent when it
- 21 was written was anything that was going before the
- 22 board.
- THE WITNESS: Sure. I understand. I
- 24 mean, any -- if we were doing a lot of exterior
- 25 modifications to the building or coming in with any

- 1 type of site plan application, I would probably say
- 2 differently, but I guess I would respectfully ask if
- 3 you guys could consider it with the --
- 4 ATTORNEY WEINER: I just -- my reading
- of the ordinance and reopening this, I'm of the
- 6 opinion that the board would have to grant a
- 7 variance to lower it from three to two. It's not
- 9 just a question of preference.
- 9 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Mr. Weiner, one of
- 10 the reasons why we didn't seek the relief was our
- 11 understanding that it wasn't required, and in the
- 12 review letter it says, "While not required, the
- 13 applicant should consider installing EVCS." So we
- 14 would not, you know -- we didn't seek the relief
- 15 because we understood it wasn't required.
- ATTORNEY WEINER: No. I get that.
- 17 However, the way I'm reading the ordinance myself is
- 18 I'm -- you and I can differ, you know, of our legal
- interpretation of it -- is that it would -- it would
- 20 trigger.
- 21 PLANNER McGURK: Well, since we are
- 22 before the board --
- 23 ATTORNEY WEINER: Is it such a burden
- for the applicant to add one more if they're putting
- 25 in two?

- THE WITNESS: No. I mean, look.
- Obviously, what we wanted to do was put in two. We
- 3 think we currently use none. We obviously want to
- 4 have as maximum amount of parking spaces as we can
- 5 for the 70 that we want to use, plus the other
- 6 tenants in the building. So to the extent -- the
- 7 more electric vehicle parking that we put in that's
- 8 not used, the less spaces that we actually have.
- 9 That's why we would like to start out with the
- 10 single-stanchion double charger and then grow it
- 11 from there, if we could.
- Obviously, I'll say that if, you know
- 13 -- that's what we're respectfully asking for. I
- 14 thought and, I guess, now -- maybe we were under the
- 15 wrong interpretation -- you guys were going to be
- 16 really happy because it said that it wasn't required
- 17 and you were just suggesting that we might want to
- 18 consider it, so...
- 19 PLANNER McGURK: Maybe I can come up
- 20 with a suggestion. So, technically, there is a
- 21 question about whether or not -- for a bulk
- variance-type application like this, whether or not
- 23 it would be required. The one dual charger almost
- 24 meets the three required electric charging stations.
- 25 Maybe it could be a condition of approval that in

- 1 two years' time an additional electric charging
- 2 station would be provided, and you could actually
- just seek the variance now if the board were
- 4 amenable to approving a variance for that --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 6 ATTORNEY WEINER: Yes. But I think
- 7 with notice, that will be an additional variance, so
- 8 that's fine.
- 9 THE WITNESS: What if we just say
- 10 that, you know, look, we'll analyze it in two years'
- 11 time. We'll work with Colleen, and if both are
- 12 being used at that time, then my concern about, you
- 13 know, eliminating parking spaces that would
- 14 otherwise be used because there's the added electric
- 15 vehicle station --
- 16 ATTORNEY WEINER: With all due
- 17 respect, I would be more comfortable with what
- 18 Colleen proposed, rather than "we'll review it"
- 19 because the public policy both in the town, as well
- 20 as in the state and beyond the state, is all going
- in that direction. So there's a -- there's a great
- 22 likelihood that in the future it's going to become
- 23 -- more potential of a necessity.
- THE WITNESS: Absolutely.
- 25 ATTORNEY WEINER: So if there is an

- 1 ambiguity as to whether or not it's mandated at this
- time, and we're going to do the double charging
- 3 station, why not just -- let's have, as an
- 4 agreement, within two years' time, a third one will
- 5 be installed?
- THE WITNESS: You're saying even if
- 7 the two are vacant and not being used at all?
- ATTORNEY WEINER: Well, I mean, yeah.
- 9 I mean, that's -- that's a bit of a vague statement,
- "vacant" and "not being used." We never know when
- one is going to be used or not, you know?
- THE WITNESS: No, no. I'm --
- 13 ATTORNEY WEINER: A station that's not
- 14 being used now, someone could get a new car, and
- 15 suddenly it's going to be used so --
- THE WITNESS: I agree. I agree. No,
- no, no, look, you know -- maybe -- maybe I'll have
- 18 to get an electric car.
- So look, I -- I'm okay with whatever
- you guys come up with. We're definitely saying
- 21 we're going to do the double stanchion because you
- 22 guys had said it's something we should consider,
- 23 although not required. Now I'm understanding that,
- you know, there's different interpretation of it may
- or may not be required, despite the letter.

- 1 So clearly, whatever it takes, we would
- 2 do. We're big fans of, you know, alternative
- 3 energy, and we own 1.4 megawatts of solar
- 4 installations. Two of them are on rooftops right in
- 5 this industrial park. So we're on board with
- 6 electric, and alternative energy and cutting down
- 7 emissions. So I --
- 8 ATTORNEY WEINER: What I -- what I
- 9 would suggest is, based on the wording of the
- 10 statute, if the applicant would agree to the
- 11 condition, should the board look favorably on this,
- 12 to install a double-stanchion charging station now,
- 13 and one additional charging station to be installed
- 14 within two years' time. If that's a condition of
- 15 approval, we could get away without the variance at
- 16 this point based on the strict lettering of the
- 17 statute probably.
- Mr. Tripp?
- 19 BY ATTORNEY TRIPP:
- Q. Matt, are you comfortable with adding
- 21 a third one within two years?
- 22 A. Sure. And, I mean, I quess if it's a
- 23 humongous problem, we would just come back and ask
- 24 for relief.
- 25 Again, I'm not worried about the money.

- 1 I'm only saying that I'm worried that if we got
- 2 spaces that we're taking away from the parking to
- dedicate them for electric vehicle, that if there's
- 4 these two spaces that aren't being used, in two
- 5 years, I don't want to make a third space that's not
- 6 being used, but I'll agree to it if that's what it
- 7 takes.
- 8 ATTORNEY WEINER: Colleen?
- 9 PLANNER McGURK: Yeah. No. That
- 10 sounds good.
- 11 ATTORNEY WEINER: Okay. I didn't mean
- 12 to cut everyone off, but I don't know if, at this
- 13 point, you were ready to turn this to Mr. Leber or
- 14 what we were doing, Madam Chairwoman?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: It's -- I mean,
- it's 10:48. I don't see how we're going to get
- 17 through Mr. Leber's testimony, have time for
- 18 questions and still open it up to the public.
- Mr. Blessing, the next meeting, I
- 20 believe, is the 4th; is that right?
- 21 AARON BLESSING: That is correct,
- 22 Madam Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: And there is
- 24 room on that agenda, or is there something --
- AARON BLESSING: So far there are

- 1 three small bulk applications lined up for that
- 2 night. The next meeting after that is the 18th of
- 3 March.
- 4 ATTORNEY TRIPP: If we could --
- 5 PLANNER McGURK: Well, Madam Chair,
- 6 this application would normally just take precedent
- 7 since it's being continued.
- 8 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Yeah, I don't think
- 9 we -- I understand we're not going to push to
- 10 continue tonight, but I really think that we could
- 11 be done very shortly after. So we would like to at
- 12 least start that meeting.
- 13 Matt?
- 14 THE WITNESS: I'm just getting a
- 15 message from Marc that he's not available on the
- 16 4th, which is bad. Is there any way -- well, let me
- 17 ask -- I don't know, I know that it's probably not
- 18 procedural and Marc is here to answer your
- 19 questions, but I think we are essentially saying
- that we're going to do everything you guys ask us to
- 21 do in the letter.
- Would the board be comfortable voting
- now?
- 24 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Well, Matt, they
- 25 can't because --

- THE WITNESS: Oh.
- 2 ATTORNEY TRIPP: -- we have to put
- 3 testimony on the record to substantiate the
- 4 variance.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Got it.
- 6 ATTORNEY TRIPP: We need planning
- 7 testimony. The attorney could not draft a
- 8 resolution without some planning testimony. It can
- 9 be brief, but he has to -- we have to have planning
- 10 testimony, unfortunately.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 12 ATTORNEY WEINER: As the Chairwoman
- 13 had indicated, based on the hour approaching, the
- 14 11:00 p.m. hour, I don't think it's unfair --
- 15 especially in light of the board's policy as stated
- 16 at the beginning of the meeting that no business
- ques on after 10:30, and we're well past that now,
- 18 to first start the testimony. And I know Mr. Leber
- is often a quick talker, but, nonetheless, I don't
- 20 want him to feel pressured as well, or the board in
- 21 any way to feel pressured that they're racing
- 22 against the clock, and I don't think it would be
- 23 fair to the applicant. I want the applicant to not
- feel that in any way, shape, or form there was any
- 25 type of time constraint put on this.

- 1 So I think it would be wise, as our
- 2 chairwoman had indicated, that perhaps not start
- 3 Mr. Leber and just pick up with him at the next
- 4 meeting.
- I would check -- indicate, though, that
- 6 I think we should have a brief opening to the
- 7 public, if that is the intent to stop at this point,
- 8 to address any questions that may have arisen up
- 9 until now on any of the testimony up until this
- 10 time.
- 11 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Well, if Marc can't
- 12 -- isn't available for the 4th, when --
- Marc, when will you be available?
- MARC LEBER: The next meeting after
- that is the 18th, I imagine?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Yes.
- 17 MARC LEBER: I mean, I'm in Manalapan
- 18 that night, but I'm not sure that I have to give any
- 19 extra testimony. That case is almost wrapped up, so
- 20 I could probably jump on the two cases at the same
- 21 time, you know, and then --
- THE WITNESS: When, Marc?
- MARC LEBER: That would be March 18th.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. That's not
- 25 good. We might have to pivot with the cross, but we

- 1 have to figure it out.
- 2 So we need to provide a planner and
- 3 testimony from a planner. If it's not Marc, it
- 4 would have to be somebody in his stead; is that
- 5 correct, Steve?
- 6 ATTORNEY TRIPP: Yes. There has to be
- 7 some planning testimony.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Got it. I mean we'll
- 9 have to figure it out. Again, we're trying to make
- 10 a business decision, which we've been in town,
- obviously, for 50 years-plus, and we're just trying
- 12 -- we're just trying to relocate our office to this
- 13 building that we own. And unfortunately, this is
- 14 the single thing stopping us from making the
- 15 decision, getting it built and, you know, being able
- to have it ready when, hopefully, everybody's back
- 17 to work --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: I appreciate
- 19 that Mr. Schlindwein, and I -- that's why I wanted
- 20 to get things started and rolling. But I -- we're
- 21 beyond 20 minutes over. We used to go to 11:00, but
- that was when we started at 8:00 and not 7:30.
- THE WITNESS: Understood. No. I get
- 24 it.
- Is there any way that you guys do

- 1 special meetings at all? Would there be any -- any
- 2 way to have a meeting in advance of your next
- 3 meeting, since it sounds like you guys have very
- 4 full agendas for both your next meetings.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: No, we could --
- 6 no. We could entertain this application at the next
- 7 meeting, but I --
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 9 ATTORNEY WEINER: This would be old
- 10 business if it went on on the next meeting, so it's
- 11 -- the normal order would be this would go first.
- 12 However --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Right.
- 14 ATTORNEY WEINER: -- ultimately, the
- order of the agenda is the chair's prerogative.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Understood. So
- we'll carry --
- 18 ATTORNEY TRIPP: We'll carry it to the
- 19 4th.
- THE WITNESS: Yep. We'll see you on
- 21 the 4th.
- 22 ATTORNEY WEINER: But before we do
- 23 that, we should open this up to --
- 24 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: We need to open
- up to the public. That's right.

- So we'll open up to public portion -- a
- 2 public session for questions for Mr. Schlindwein on
- 3 this application only and only on his testimony.
- Aaron, do you see anyone raising their
- 5 hands?
- 6 AARON BLESSING: Madam Chair, we do
- 7 still have two call-in listeners, but neither, at
- 8 this present moment, are raising their hands.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Okay. All
- 10 right. It sounds like Mr. Schlindwein will be back
- 11 at our --
- THE WITNESS: Back.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: -- next meeting
- 14 anyway, so there would be, you know, an additional
- opportunity for comments on this application at that
- 16 time, and he'll be back so --
- 17 THE WITNESS: Absolutely.
- 18 ATTORNEY WEINER: Madam Chairwoman, if
- 19 I just might state for the record and for the
- 20 public, anyone who's listening out here, that this
- 21 application is being adjourned to March 4th, and
- 22 there will be no further notice requirement of the
- 23 application. So right now this is the notice.
- If anyone is interested and wants to
- 25 come back and revisit this and participate as a

- 1 member of the public, they need to tune in and
- 2 follow the instructions to participate and listen in
- 3 or watch in for the March 4th meeting as there will
- 4 be no further notice.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Okay. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 And we've closed the public portion.
- 8 Do I -- so we will -- our next meeting, sorry, it's
- 9 March 4th, just to repeat that.
- Is there a motion to adjourn this
- 11 meeting?
- MEMBER ARORA: Yeah. I said that
- motion.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 15 I didn't hear you, Mr. Arora. Thank you.
- 16 And a second?
- MEMBER ZUCKERMAN: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Thank you,
- 19 Mr. Zuckerman.
- 20 All in favor?
- BOARD MEMBERS IN UNISON: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON RAMPOLLA: Aye. Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, everybody,
- for your time. I appreciate you guys going late, I
- 25 really do.

1		ATTORNEY	TRIPP:	Thank	you.	
2		CHAIRPERS	SON RAMPO	OLLA:	Thanks.	Good
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