

For this evening, to round out our application, we have Mr. Joseph Burgis, professional planner to complete the testimony and hopefully that will fill out what is the basis for our application.

The only bit of business that I have
before introducing Mr. Burgis is the observation that
your ordinance requires the filing of an
Environmental Impact Statement.
I have an Environmental Impact
Statement that was prepared by MAP Engineering for this project. And I would like to have it marked into evidence as part of the record.

MR. REGAN: I think we're up to A-23.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Why don't we mark it
into evidence as applicant exhibit, what is it?
MR. REGAN: A-22.
(Whereupon, Environmental Impact
Statement prepared by MAP Engineering is received and marked as Exhibit A-22 for identification.)

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And has a copy of same been presented to Mr. Hipolit.

MR. VOGEL: Yes, previously forwarded to the board.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Mr. Hipolit, LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812

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have you had an opportunity to review the subject document?

MR. HIPOLIT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And do you find it acceptable?

MR. HIPOLIT: I do.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: I'm sorry.
MR. HIPOLIT: Yes, I do.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And is it your recommendation to the board that the board accept that without revision?

MR. HIPOLIT: Yes. I will accept it
without revision and in the same case it's really
more -- this is more of a waiver.
MR. REGAN: Do we have a copy of that document?

MR. VOGEL: Do I have it with me? Yes.
MR. REGAN: I know but does the Board
have it.
MR. VOGEL: I did submit it to the
Board. I submitted it to Lorraine some time ago.
MS. ROWLAND: I don't have a copy of it.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: I think because of

Engineering, June 18th. I have it. Okay.
MR. REGAN: Yeah. It's MAP

MR. VOGEL: Yes.
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slipped through the cracks.
MR. VOGEL: I have additional copies with me.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. If you could provide us with that.

MR. REGAN: Is it an EIS or a waiver of the EIS.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: It's a request for a waiver.

MR. VOGEL: Yes.
MR. HIPOLIT: He calls it an EIS, but
it's more, it covers -- so it covers in more detail,
than a waiver, a lot of Environmental Impact issues,
but I still think it falls under request for a
waiver. I think they submit that document as in evidence. I have it.

MR. LINTNER: We have it previously.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: This is from a prior package. You're right.

MR. LINTNER: From a prior package, yes.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: You got it.

MR. REGAN: I have it.
MR. VOGEL: I have it.
MR. REGAN: I have it.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Again, that same
question, Mr. Hipolit, you are recommending that the board grant that waiver based upon the submission that has been made to the board?

MR. HIPOLIT: Correct. And, again -CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And the reasons for that recommendation?

MR. HIPOLIT: Right. The reasons are very similar to the last application.

You have a commercial site, the commercial site is being converted to a residential site. The impacts of the pervious area, improved drainage and more landscaping is much less intense than the commercial site so you recommend a waiver.

I think MAP describes it very well and they're very detailed on it, but, yeah. That's fine. I would definitely recommend it.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Let me poll the board on acceptance of that request for waiver starting with Mr. Teagno?

MR. TEAGNO: Yes. I agree.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Thank you.
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Those that are pertinent to this case include those that talk about creating housing alternatives for residents of the community. It talks about specifically encouraging a more diverse range of residential occupancies for the change in population of the community. It talks about encouraging high-quality design and encouraging an increased taxable ratable base.

The 2016 plan, excuse me, re-examination report reaffirms all of those goals and objectives.

But what's interesting, it talks about the change in nature of office research development in the community.

It recognizes there's been a number of changes overall in the community. And it actually raises the question about the viability of the office research districts based on all that has taken place between 2008 and the present.

It also points out that in the very beginning of 2016 the zoning ordinance was amended to permit nursing homes in the O.R. zone. And because of that, it also makes the recommendation that assisted living facilities be identified as a permitted use in the O.R. zone. It, along with that, LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812 the freestanding sign, itself. The code permits a

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mentioned earlier, a floor area ratio of 41 percent in contrast to the code that permits up to 35 percent.

And in terms of the buffer requirement, they are required to have a 15 -foot buffer on the perimeter of the site. In the rear portion of the site we do not have a buffer. The existing driveway comes right up against the rear property line and we are continuing that condition with -- with the use of that existing circulation aisle.

In addition to those conditions of the conditional use, there are a number of -- four categories of noncompliance with the conventional area and bulk requirements. One relates to the structure height of an accessory structure. You're allowed to have a 12-foot height for accessory structure. We are proposing a 14.83 -foot building height to that accessory structure.

A retaining wall height is allowed to be 4 feet in height. We have a retaining wall, multiple-step retaining wall height that the total is 13 feet in height.

And then we have -- for signage we have three associated variance requests. One is regarding
points out that one of the benefits of assisted living, not just the nursing homes, is that you can get affordable housing credits for assisted living facilities.

The zoning ordinance is consistent with these Master Plan recommendations, the site is in the O.R. zone. The permitted uses include research labs, offices, medical labs and nursing homes and hospitals as a principal permitted use allowed as-of-right and it also identifies assisted living facilities as a conditional use provided 10 percent of the beds would be Medicaid beds, thereby enabling the municipality to get affordable housing credits for those beds.

Now there are, in the zoning
ordinances, 14 different conditions associated with assisted living facilities. We meet 11 of those conditions. We do not meet three of those conditions. And those three conditions relate to building height, FAR and a buffer requirement.

The building height overage is not related to footage. It's related to storage. How the ordinance permits a three-story, 50 -foot tall building. We are proposing a four-story, 49.87-foot-tall building.

In terms of floor area ratio, as I
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freestanding sign to be 32 square feet. Our sign, we're counting the entire base around the sign, is 92 square feet. The sign height is 7.75 feet whereas you're allowed a 6-foot height.

And your ordinance only permits two colors to a sign and we are proposing a total of six. There's a question about that because I think we have a stone base on two sides of the sign and I believe that was counted as part of the color, but it's just a basic stone wall.

In addition to that, your code permits no more than 15 percent of the parking spaces proposed to be located in the front yard. We are at 17 percent, basically five spaces in excess of what is permitted by code.

Now in terms of the statutory code and I know this board is very familiar with that burden, interestingly enough there's quite a number of different issues associated with this particular application.

In terms of the positive criteria one can argue either you're an inherently beneficial use or the site is particularly suited for the use.

Obviously consistent with case law we are saying we are an inherently beneficial use. The

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Municipal Land Use Law defines an inherently beneficial use as one that is universally considered of a value to the community and one that fundamentally serves the public good and promotes the general welfare.

In terms of that, there is the negative criteria of the statute. One has to show that there's no substantial detriment to the public good or substantial detriment to the variance and to the intent and purpose of the Master Plan of the community.

When one argues that they're an inherently beneficial use there's the four-part Sica test that one has to go through, and I'll go through that in a moment.

In addition to that, as I mentioned earlier, we do not comply with certain conditions of the conditional use. The Coventry case comes into play. And then other specific cases have to also be addressed because we have the building height and the FAR variance. And I'll get into each of them in a moment.

In terms of special reasons, the courts have said, if you're an inherently beneficial use that alone accounts for your special reason. But you

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1 have to address that four-part Sica test. The first prong of that test one has to show or identify the public interest which is at stake.

In this instance, it's the ability to
address the needs of a growing, aging, frail population in our region.

The demand in the region is increasing according to DCA statistics. Assisted living demand is anticipated to increase by 16 percent over the next five years.

In terms of memory care, the demand is supposed to increase by 18 percent in that five-year period.

Interestingly enough, with the issue of memory care, most of the memory care facilities that exist in Bergen County today are 20-plus years in age and they do not contain all the contemporary features that are sought after in memory care today.

In terms of the demographic trends, we are a continually aging population. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that there's a -- 2 percent of the population over the age of 60 is in need of long-term care.

In addition to that, Bergen County and
those two county's population will increase to close to 1.5 million people.

Now that's interesting because -- and I purposely used Passaic County in addition to Bergen because the data shows that many Passaic County residents end up in health care facilities in Bergen County.

The data also indicates that by 2030 there will be a need for about 7,800 beds to serve the population.

Right now the projection is, unless there's a significant change, there will be about 5,500 beds available. So we are significantly -- we will be significantly short of what the demand will be.

The second prong of the Sica test is to show what is the -- or identify the detrimental effects that will accrue from this project if you were to grant the variance.

And typically one argues the issues of traffic when we talk about detrimental effects of the use and intensity of use.

Well, in this particular -- with this particular use the amount of traffic generating potential is dramatically less than if the site were

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to develop for maximum -- excuse me -- for permitted principle use, offices, medical offices and the like.

So I don't think traffic generating potential is an issue.

In terms of intensity of use, the ordinance permits an impervious coverage of 38 percent whereas we're at only 17 -- excuse me. The ordinance permits 50 percent impervious. We're at 38 percent. However, number of residential units are a density basis. You permit 25 residential units per acre. We're at only 17.69 units to the acre. So in terms of intensity of use, we're much less than what's contemplated by code.

The third prong of the Sica test says you have to identify what reasonable conditions can be imposed to address those negative effects that you've just mentioned.

But in terms of the site design, as you heard at the previous meeting, our circulation system works well. The parking configuration works well, the access out to the street and the visibility looking left, right down Summit all works well.

So there's no need to do anything in addition, to impose additional conditions to ensure the reasonable use of this property at this location.

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And then, finally, the COAH -- excuse me, I do a lot of COAH work.

The Sica test says you have to weigh the positive and the negative criteria and determine, on balance, whether there's a substantial detriment to the public good.

And in this instance the public good obviously is affirmed by providing the assisted living and memory care and the related activities. The use is certainly compatible with the residential development across and down the street. There's less traffic from this using principal amenities as-of-right and the balance that we talk about in the end is a provision of a use that is needed in the community against the loss of one site for office use where you have a Master Plan that already says that office uses are no longer in vogue as they once were.

In addition to all that, we have the issue of the FAR, the conditional use variance, that we're not meeting all the conditions and the height. So -- and for that, there is three different bases that come into play. There is the Coventry case, the Grasso case for height and the Randolph Town Center case for FAR. They all kind of blend together.

What has happened is, quite a number of LAURA A. CARUCCI, C.S.R., R.P.R., L.L.C. 201-641-1812
condition should become the law of the land for all conditional uses.

Subsequently, that same rationale was applied to building height. You might not meet your building height, but the issue is, does the site function well irrespective of not compliant to code. And then the same issue or the same thought process was applied to FAR variances and in the Randolph Town Center case.

So we have this philosophy that says when you don't meet these standards, does the site function well? Well, here we have a situation where the building is set back hundreds of feet from the street.

So in terms of the building height -and we do comply to your footage height, it's just the story count that doesn't comply. Visually it won't have the impact that it would if the building, for example, were set 50 feet off of the street.

The same holds true with the FAR. Given the modest increase of intensity of floor space area and what's permitted by code, given the fact that the building is set back 500 feet from the street, suggests that it ameliorates, to a large degree, the visual impression of that noncompliance.

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25 worked well irrespective of not complying with that
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years ago in Westwood there is the Coventry case.
Those who might not be familiar with it, actually I was the planner on the application, my client had proposed 360 units on Old Hook Road just west of the hospital where the bus depo used to be. We got an approval for 360 apartments. We did not meet one of the conditions of the conditional use. That condition was that we needed a front yard setback equal to one-third the depth of the lot.

Now that's all well and good when you have 150 or 200 foot deep lot. My client's property was over 1,400 feet deep. We needed more than a 300 foot front yard along Old Hook Road. And we argued that on the face of that that's kind of silly but, more importantly, we also argued that the site truly functioned well irrespective of not meeting that condition.

Coventry Square, the apartment building across the street didn't want the competition of 360 additional rental apartments, appealed the board approval. We lost at the lower court. He lost at the appellate court. The Supreme Court ruled that both again supported the application, but also said that the rationale that was offered that the site

One of the other issues that typically we would raise on these points is how we further the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law. And in this instance -- excuse me -- of the Master Plan -- I have already touched upon four of the issues that we do affirm in the Master Plan.

In terms of the negative criteria, I don't think there's a substantial detriment to the public good because the proposed use represents an enhancement to the public good for all the reasons that I've mentioned. And I don't think there's a substantial impairment to the intent of the Master Plan when you have a Master Plan that acknowledges that the O.R. zoning needs refinement because of the decrease in office space and office usage and the fact that the Master Plan made a specific recommendation that this use should be permitted in the O.R. zone.

In terms of the bulk standards that we do not comply with, in nearly every instance it's a function of an existing condition and that we're just continuing, doesn't represent a new condition.

The one area of new condition is that accessory structure. You're permitted 12 feet. You're allowed 14 and we're proposing 14.18 feet.

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But the reality is that accessory structure which is serving as a community center inside the four walls of the building, in the open space feature inside the building, besides the accessory structure is never seen from the -- you know, from the outside world.

So given all of that, I think that you have enough to give consideration to an approving vote on the application.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Very good. Thank you.

Before I open up to board members for questions of Mr. Burgis, I'm first going to go to Ms. Green.

Ms. Green, you have heard the testimony
of Mr. Burgis. Do you have any questions of him with regard to his testimony?

MS. GREEN: I do, Mr. Chairman.
MR. REGAN: Do we want to mark
Ms. Green's report.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We could.
MR. REGAN: Dated July 16th.
MS. GREEN: Yes.
MR. REGAN: B-3.
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(Whereupon, Report by Ms. Green, $7 / 16 / 18$ is received and marked as Exhibit B-3 for identification.)

MS. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, one thing I
think the board and its professionals are at a little bit of a disadvantage this evening because I
discovered earlier today that the applicant submitted
revised site plans. And they, unfortunately, did
not -- they were not distributed.
So I think some of the conflicts that I
see in reviewing my letter comparing it to
Mr. Burgis's testimony is that we haven't had the benefit of the revised site plan.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Those plans have not
been distributed you just said.
Correct.
MS. GREEN: I just received it when I
walked in this evening.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So your review is based on prior submission.

MS. GREEN: Correct.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Their response would
be either they will comply with the request or they
have complied as shown on the revised plans.
So I don't think that should stand in
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the way of us moving forward.
MS. GREEN: Okay. Just so everyone
understands, there's a lot of questions to understand what has and hasn't been changed.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We could deal with
that. I just need a copy.
MS. GREEN: So if the board turns to Page 4, that's where we begin.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Did we mark this?
MR. REGAN: We marked it as B-3.
And, Darlene, before you begin, I know
Mr. Burgis addressed the (d)(3) conditional use and you call out the (d)(1) use variance because the independent living is not included within the assisted living definition.

I think we need to hear some testimony
from you or Mr. Burgis pertaining to the (d)(1) use variance. A lot of it may be the same as -- as how we testified in connection with the (d)(3) relief, but I think the (d)(1) needs to be discussed a little bit.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Why don't we have Mr. Burgis walk through that testimony.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I have spoken to my client --
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asisted
the $(d)(3)$ conditional use variance relief that is required. There's also a (d)(1) use variance because of the independent living component --

THE WITNESS: Yes.
MR. REGAN: -- of the use.
THE WITNESS: I just turned to my attorney and said, did I cover every one of the variances. I thought I missed -- I thought I missed the sign variance.

MR. REGAN: Unless I didn't hear it. THE WITNESS: No. The benefit of having independent living, the assisted living and memory care is the continuum of care this project affords. That's the direction that this aging health care is going in today. And more and more often you are seeing this combination of categories of health care and related activities to provide the residents with that continuum of care as they age and get more and more frail for lack of a better word. They can stay on-site and they move from one part of the structure to another. And that's the rationale for that.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. And why don't we then move on to Ms. Green's review letter of July

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Could you please summarize your letter? MS. GREEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. So on Page 4, Mr. Burgis, I identified a (d)(3) conditional use variance for building height. And your testimony tonight you said that you only need it for the number of stories.

But I just verified the most recent
submission of the architectural plans and it is still showing you above the 50 feet.

MR. VOGEL: We have, we made a
commitment to reduce it to below 50 feet.
MS. GREEN: So you will comply with 50
feet.
MR. VOGEL: The revised plans will show such.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And I believe the testimony of Mr. Burgis who has 49 --

THE WITNESS: 49.87 feet. I believe
that is shown on the engineer's drawing.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay.
MS. GREEN: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Please continue.
MS. GREEN: Yes.
Moving along, on Page 5 we identified a
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spaces that we're providing. We are providing 20 parking spaces as future so we can leave that landscape, that area as landscape.

Presumably it will be permanent
landscaping because we don't think that will ever be needed. We thought concentrating on landscape future together represents a benefit.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Ms. Green, correct
me if I'm wrong, the intent -- and I guess Mr.
Hipolit as well, with the 5 percent landscape island requirement was to eliminate the appearance of a sea of blacktop.

MR. HIPOLIT: Correct.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Is that not correct?
MR. HIPOLIT: That's correct.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Could this site
accommodate that requirement of the code?
MS. GREEN: I think they lose parking spaces by installing the islands. I know what --

MR. HIPOLIT: I don't think so.
I mean the site is set kind of existing and they are making improvements that help reduce impervious. Because -- because of the way the site is dimensioned long-wise without encroaching into the front yard and disturbing the front yard, they can't

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claim that space to keep the same amount of parking spaces.

So if, in fact, they're not complying, I would recommend to the board to preserve a variance because the front yard green is crucial with respect to residential in the street.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Do you agree with that?

MS. GREEN: I would agree.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Burgis, you said
it was your intent to supplement the landscape on the perimeter of the property in lieu of doing the islands.

THE WITNESS: I was talking about the 20 spaces that we are not paving and in all likelihood will not need to pave it to accommodate parking demand.

MR. HIPOLIT: You don't know that, though.

THE WITNESS: The experience is such. CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Where the board has
waived the requirement for the landscape islands, they increase requirements on the screening of parking areas in the perimeter.

MR. HIPOLIT: Correct.

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achieved?
MR. HIPOLIT: They're saying they're going to do that in their revised plans.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So we'll see a revised landscape plan and DeBlasio is going to review that and give a separate report on that.

MR. HIPOLIT: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Prior to the next
hearing.
MR. HIPOLIT: Yeah. We'll have three letters by this time.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Thank you.
Please continue, Ms. Green.
MS. GREEN: Moving along, No. 5, at the last hearing we heard that there were going to be two 14-passenger shuttle busses to be parked overnight. The ordinance does not allow the overnight parking of vehicles. So that's another variance you'll need to seek.

THE WITNESS: Yes.
One of the previous witnesses actually
addressed that at the last meeting.
MS. GREEN: They -- they said that
there would be two vans on-site.

THE WITNESS: Yes.
MS. GREEN: Okay.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And they are going
to be parked in designated spaces, I presume.
THE WITNESS: That's what was testified to, yes.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And those designated
spaces are going to be in locations that are not
visible from the perimeter of the property.
THE WITNESS: Correct.
MS. GREEN: No. 7, at the bottom of Page 5, it continues over to Page 6, the landscaping to screen the loading area was not 8 -feet tall.

Do you know if that variance has been eliminated?

THE WITNESS: I thought --
MR. VOGEL: It will be addressed.
THE WITNESS: -- it was addressed at the last meeting.

MR. REGAN: That variance is not being
offered.
THE WITNESS: Pardon me?
MR. REGAN: That variance is not being
offered?
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Is it being
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eliminated?
THE WITNESS: It is being eliminated. CHAIRMAN DePINTO: They are going to
plant plantings 8 -feet tall.
MS. GREEN: All right. Moving along,
Page 10, there is a --
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Wait a minute. We
skipped over variance for number of colors on the sign.

MS. GREEN: They need a variance.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: The ordinance
permits two colors, three colors where black or white is used.

Mr. Burgis, you said there are six
colors in the sign.
THE WITNESS: They've been identified as six colors.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Do you have a rendering of the sign?

THE WITNESS: Yes. Do you have color

MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's part of the record.

MR. VOGEL: It's part of the transcript and it is --

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MR. REGAN: A-6, according to my notes.
MR. VOGEL: A-6. Correct.
A-6 is part of the transcript we have
submitted.
MR. LINTNER: It's this --
MR. VOGEL: The back of the...
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Street signature
detail.
And where -- where are the six colors.
THE WITNESS: If you look in the
left-hand side it identifies the six colors. Interestingly enough, for example, color No. 5 is the white masonry, itself, which is the --

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Well, excluding --
excluding the stonework or brickwork how many colors
are there to the sign?
MR. REGAN: On the actual rectangle.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Yeah.
THE WITNESS: I would say there are -MR. REGAN: Three.
THE WITNESS: Three.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Three colors. MR. REGAN: And one of them is white? CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And one of the three
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THE WITNESS: And we're going to. Item No. 2, which I'm told is a light blue, will be the same color as the writing of the lettering, excuse me, and the dark L-shaped feature separating what I'll call the sign from the monument upon which it's located. So when we do that and the other item we talked about a moment ago, you would have three colors.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: In compliance with the color requirements of the code.

MR. REGAN: It's not you're -- you
don't have --
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Is there a white?
MR. REGAN: You don't have a black.
You have gray.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So specifically what colors are you proposing to amend the application.

THE WITNESS: We will keep --
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: To bring it into
compliance at least, what color?
THE WITNESS: The --
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: The font will be
what color?
MR. VOGEL: Black.
Right?
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MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: The font and
this background color will be the same so it will be the same.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Purple.
MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: This needs to be
white.
MR. HIPOLIT: Just tell us what the colors are.

THE WITNESS: It will be a white
background, the letters will be on a white background. The letters and the squish will be a purple.

MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: A violet-type color.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So white background, violet font.

And what's your third color?
THE WITNESS: The masonry will be white as well or stone.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Or stone more of a grayish color.

THE WITNESS: Right.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And those are what constitute your three colors?

MR. VOGEL: Gray is correct.
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MR. REGAN: White background, violet letters and gray masonry.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: The 1,200, I
presume, would match to the font color.
THE WITNESS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. So that brings you into compliance with number of colors.

Let's talk to the issue of the size of
the sign. I think you testified, Mr. Burgis, that
the sign is about three times bigger than the code requires.

THE WITNESS: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Why do we need such a big sign?

THE WITNESS: It's actually an aesthetic issue. The lettering, itself, would be A box-style, does comply.

It's the stone, the cream colored stone identified as No. 5. That adds a lot to the size of the sign as does that purple L-shaped feature.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Again, it's a very
attractive sign, but can the whole thing shrink proportionately?

THE WITNESS: It would be difficult to do so, quite frankly, because then you find it -- you

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between now and the next time we see you to address ourselves to the sign.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

Why don't we continue, Item 8?
MS. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, if you
forward over to Page 10, affordable housing, we have not heard any testimony on the key 25 units of affordable housing that are being provided here. I have a series of questions.

Hopefully Mr. Burgis can address those.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. So,
Mr. Burgis, Page 10 of 12 of Ms. Green's report, can you address those questions in order to verbalize them?

THE WITNESS: Obviously 10 percent pursuant to your code would be set aside as Medicaid beds.

I do have -- I do take exception to one issue where you talk about low and moderate income, residents cannot be charged any up front fees. This is in the Third Round Rules in the COAH regulations, that those Third Round Rules were never adopted. And the Supreme Court's 2015 decision said that except for certain specified items in their decision we are

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still to follow the Second Round Rules, and the Second Round Rules did not contain any such provision.

MS. GREEN: So Mr. Vogel raised this question to me earlier today and because we're in this state of limbo where there's no COAH, I reached out to the Fair Share Housing Center because if anyone would raise an issue about it, it would be them.

Luckily, they did get back to me. However, the answer is not really immensely helpful.

Adam Gordon responded at 4:49 today saying that some facilities of this type essentially have one-time initial fee in addition to monthly fees and such fees can't be charged to the affordable units. I haven't had this question come up before though, so I haven't researched the history of it.

So I think before the board makes a final decision on this, I would like the opportunity to go back to Mr. Gordon from the Fair Share Housing Center, ask him to do additional due diligence so we get the correct answer.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Did you attempt to communicate with Mike Edwards or Jeff Sorinian (phonetic) on this?

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MS. GREEN: No, I did not.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Why don't you reach
out to Mr. Sorinian or Edwards?
MS. GREEN: I'm going to see them
tomorrow.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: That is right,
you're going to be at the compliance hearing. So why don't you check with them and get back to everybody.

MR. VOGEL: Just with respect to all of what is on Page 10 of the report with respect to affordable housing, we have made the commitment to have 25 affordables and whatever the regulations are that are applicable to that, we are compelled to satisfy.

And, so, all that's in here, whatever
is applicable as a matter of law will be complied
with so as to provide the 25 affordable units that we have committed to.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And the resolution will reflect that.

Correct.
MR. REGAN: Yes. And Paragraph 19 will
be met.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Ms. Green, are there
any other unanswered questions now that counsel has
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made that statement which will be included in the record.

MS. GREEN: Not for this witness. However, upon our review of the revised plans, there may still be some outstanding items.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Well, that's
fair.
Okay. And with that said, members of
the board have questions? I'll start with
Mr. Teagno.
MR. TEAGNO: In fact, Mr. Chairman, the only question is, is the old Butler Aviation sign still out front, the monument or whatever.

The previous tenant, is their sign
still out front?
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Andy is going to
look it up.
MR. HIPOLIT: Just a second.
MR. TEAGNO: What size is that whole
structure?
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Yeah.
MR. TEAGNO: Because that's got the
same restriction.
THE WITNESS: The existing sign is
still up.
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MR. VOGEL: We haven't touched the site so...

MR. TEAGNO: I'm just wondering how big that sign is compared to what you're asking for.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We'll have Andy check it. Okay.

MR. TEAGNO: It may not be that much past what's existing.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Do you have anything
else?
MR. TEAGNO: No. That's it.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Culhane?
MR. CULHANE: Yeah. I have one question dealing with the height and recognizing that they have to go up 40 feet, my question last week was the average grade and the engineer was going to provide the calculations. And I was wondering was that done and did they verify it?

MR. HIPOLIT: No.
They submitted -- they submitted some plans, but they need to make -- maybe need to make revisions based on this, resubmitting to us by Friday the latest and we'll verify it.

MR. CULHANE: It's still open.
MR. HIPOLIT: They -- I'm assuming --
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so...

MR. CULHANE: Revised plan, 150 feet.
MR. HIPOLIT: I have not verified.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Thank you.
Mr. Fette?
MR. FETTE: No questions at this time.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Thank you.
Ms. Russo?
MS. RUSSO: No questions at this time.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Lintner?
MR. LINTNER: I have no question at
this time.
I need to advise that I was not at the previous meeting. I did read the transcript in detail and signed that I was -- that I had read it so I am eligible to continue with this hearing.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Very good.
Mr. D'Agostino?
MR. D'AGOSTINO: No questions.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Thank you.
Ms. O'Neill?
MS. O'NEILL: In the original hearing
we asked if they would consider revisiting some of the materials that were presented.

Do you know if that was ever
considered?
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THE WITNESS: That I would have to
defer to the architect on.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: I believe the clapboard was the question.

MS. O'NEILL: It was the clapboard, the vinyl, they had an EFIS.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: They had the EFIS.
MS. O'NEILL: And I believe there was one other one.

MR. VOGEL: I have, if you would like to visit that issue, at this point I do have another witness who is a principal of the applicant who would be prepared to address the issue.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Why don't you introduce him?

MR. VOGEL: All right. May I have the witness sworn?

MR. REGAN: Do you swear or affirm that
the testimony you will give in this meeting will be
the truth, so help you God.
MR. WEINER: I do.
D A VID WE INER,
Having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:
MR. REGAN: State your full name and

MR. WEINER: David Weiner, W-E-I-N-E-R.
DIRECT EXAMINATION
BY MR. VOGEL:
Q. Mr. Weiner, how are you affiliated with
the applicant?
A. I am the managing member of the
development group as well as the managing member of
the general contractor who will be building the project.

MR. REGAN: The general contractor not the applicant.

THE WITNESS: Both.
MR. REGAN: Okay.
BY MR. VOGEL:
Q. Have you been involved in the
construction of assisted- and independent-living facilities previously?
A. Yes, I have.
Q. And both with respect to the ownership and the construction as well?
A. That's correct.
Q. All right. There's been a question
asked about the materials.
Are you familiar with that question?
You heard it when it was addressed?

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A. Yes, I did.
Q. Would you provide the board with your response?
A. Sure.

I understand that there was a request made for changing the vinyl siding.

At this time $I$ would urge the board to reconsider that request.

I've done numerous projects. One benefit of vinyl siding versus the cement fiber siding is there's no maintenance involved with vinyl siding. It's a product that's guaranteed for finish for 50-some-odd years.

The cement fiber siding does need to be repainted on a regular basis of approximately seven to $\mathbf{1 0}$ years so there is additional maintenance that is required.

We've done multiple projects. It's
very difficult from a visual point of view to tell the difference between the two projects. And I believe from observing some of the buildings in the nearby area that it's consistent with what's being used in the town of Montvale at this time.

MS. O'NEILL: And the EFIS.
THE WITNESS: The EFIS is, at the
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request of the board at a preliminary meeting, use of different materials to break up the facade.

I would strongly, again, urge the board
to consider their stance on EFIS. It's a product that I can understand if it was the majority of the facade that you would have a concern with. These are highlights to the facade versus using plaster.

I've checked with the American Plaster
Association. They will tell you, that if you use
that product in the northeast, it's not a matter of
if it will crack, it will definitely crack because it does not stand up to the thermo expansion and contraction in this climate.

So the EFIS is a product that's attempted to simulate a plaster-look in a portion of the building. It's a small portion of the building. We have used it on multiple projects with great success.

And, again, we would ask that you would reconsider that request.

MR. VOGEL: The front of the building is all brick.

THE WITNESS: The front of the building facing Summit Avenue will not have any EFIS or vinyl siding. It's going to be all stone and brickwork.

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And, again, there is a substantial amount of brickwork and stone on the other facades as well.

MS. O'NEILL: So in the past a lot of our concerns with EFIS have been that it is flammable as well as vinyl siding both of which I recognize that the EFIS doesn't need to be functional to be flammable, but for demonstration purposes, in my professional life, have lit EFIS on fire. It is -once it goes up, it spreads dramatically.

THE WITNESS: Well, again, from the point of view of fire, the building is, the exterior walls is a two-hour rated stone so fire within the building shouldn't be an issue. It's a two-hour rated assembly and a fully sprinklered building.

Given the setback from other buildings
in the area and, again, given the small portion of EFIS that's on this building, I -- I don't think that it would be a concern. If it were, I wouldn't use it.

MS. O'NEILL: What is a small portion of the building?

THE WITNESS: I don't know off the top of my hand the exact percentages. I would guess it's under 20 percent of the exterior facade. I could

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give you a better estimate of that.
MS. O'NEILL: So if it's under 20
percent wouldn't it really make a decent amount of sense to just use the better material.

THE WITNESS: Well, the EFIS, I don't
know what better material I could use.
MS. O'NEILL: What about traditional
stucco?
THE WITNESS: It's going to crack.
It's not made to -- to stand up to this thermal expansion.

MS. O'NEILL: I have not had any issues professionally.

THE WITNESS: I have done multiple projects. I contacted the American Plaster
Association. The exact quote from the gentleman I spoke to was "as sure as the sun rises and sets, if you use natural plaster in this area, even with using sprinklers to cure it, it's not going to withstand the thermo expansion and contraction. It will crack over time."

MS. O'NEILL: Various historic
districts have been using plaster for hundreds of years will disagree.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Well, why don't --
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MS. O'NEILL: Yes.
One of the concerns with the vinyl is
that we couldn't -- we didn't know the grade, what gauge?

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Right. Okay.
THE WITNESS: I would be happy to review both those items with our designer.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Very good. Thank you.

## Mr. Teagno?

MR. TEAGNO: Nothing further.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Culhane?
MR. CULHANE: Nothing further.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. I think I
have got everybody.
Okay. We have to open to the public.
The Chair will entertain a motion to
open to the public.
MR. CULHANE: So move.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Teagno, seconded
Mr. Culhane.
All in favor?
(Whereupon, all board members respond in the affirmative.)

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Anyone from the
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public have any questions of the witnesses that testified before the board?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Hearing none, the
Chair will entertain a motion to close the meeting to the public.

MR. CULHANE: So move.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Mr. Culhane, seconded Ms. O'Neill?

All in favor?
(Whereupon, all board members respond in the affirmative.)

MR. VOGEL: So this concludes the testimony from witnesses.

We have some questions to -- and inquiries to respond to. We will in short order provide revised drawings with respect to the site and the architecturals and be prepared at the next meeting to respond to any questions that may exist either as raised this evening or as a function of the revised drawings.

I would hope -- and I have become aware of your very heavy agenda, I would hope that you have a spot for us when we could hopefully put this all together at an early meeting.

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CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Well, let's go back to the plans that were submitted today, I understand, revised plans submitted today.

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        Ms. Green?
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MS. GREEN: They weren't submitted today, they were discovered today.

MR. HIPOLIT: They were submitted over a week ago.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: They were submitted a week ago.

MS. ROWLAND: The July 6th.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: But discovered
today.
MS. ROWLAND: Yes and distributed today.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And distributed tonight. Okay.

Are you anticipating further revisions?
MR. VOGEL: There will probably be some
minor -- they wouldn't be major, but they would be, I
think, consistent with the comments by both
Mr. Hipolit and Ms. Green and the questions raised
this evening. And I could get them in in short order.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We'd like to get a
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wrap on this application just as you would and we do have a very, very heavy agenda over the next couple of months.

I would like to get you into the next meeting subject to you submitting plans and further subject to the representations that I believe you have made on the record or witnesses have made on the record that you are going to comply with the requirements of our Borough Engineer and his technical reviews and the borough planner and her reviews.

Mr. Regan, beyond the compliance with those issues, where are we with police, fire?

MS. ROWLAND: The police reviews and fire I think was distributed previously.

## MR. REGAN: Yeah.

Another thing, Mr. Chairman, we're waiting for, Lorraine advised me in an email today that the applicant's proposed contact ambulance services has been forwarded to Tri-Boro for review.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Ambulance services have been --

MR. REGAN: There is a proposed contract with New Jersey Mobile Health Care to provide ambulance service to the development.
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CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And it's been forwarded to Tri-Boro.

MR. REGAN: Lorraine said she did forward it to Tri-Boro.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And does it outline what Tri-Boro's responsibilities would be.

MR. REGAN: Tri-Boro is not mentioned at all in this but I would like to see if they have any input on it.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Can we get some testimony on the record with respect to the private ambulance service?

MR. VOGEL: Yes, not this evening but I can.

What I did was I obtained that
contract, was negotiated and as I indicated in my letter when I sent it in, we're prepared to sign it if it's found to be acceptable to the board.

MR. REGAN: Mr. Vogel, one item in the contract. I know, Paragraph 1 talks about the contract regarding Mobile Health Care would provide senior living residents a service in accordance with drive senior living patients terms of care.

I think we probably need to see a document as to what the plans of care are, just to

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have that because, otherwise, I think this is incomplete without us seeing that.

MR. VOGEL: Well, there's two ways to do this. I can bring someone next time, of course, and I can try to remedy any inadequacies in that on the one hand and on the other hand if and when the board is ready to vote, if it's going to vote favorably it could make it a condition of the approval.

MR. REGAN: Well, it would be but what I'm saying, there's a reference to Thrive's senior living patients plans of care as transmitted to the contractor, I think we need to see that or it should be attached as an exhibit.

MR. VOGEL: Okay.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Let's see if we get, hone this down.

When could you deliver to the borough revised plans incorporating changes that have been agreed to by the applicant so that we could schedule the carry of this hearing to a meeting.

When do you think we would get those?
MR. VOGEL: I'll get them within days.
I mean, if you give me a date --
MR. HIPOLIT: How about Friday?
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MR. VOGEL: Pardon me?
MR. HIPOLIT: How about by Friday?
MR. VOGEL: Friday of this week? Yes,
I'll get you a set of plans.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So if you get the plans in by the 7th -- I'm sorry, by this Friday.
MR. HIPOLIT: The 20th.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Which is the 20th.
We could carry you to the 7th. And I believe that that would give the borough adequate time to do its reviews and the borough professionals could recommend to the board to be forward with the preparation of a resolution of approval.
Is there anything outstanding?
We talked about the materials from
Ms. O'Neill which you will address.
Is there anything, anyone else, beyond what's already been put on the record, believes would be required?
We're still waiting on -- I'm sorry.
MS. ROWLAND: The police review.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: The police review.
And other agencies, fire or the -- and
landscape, Mr. Hipolit.
MR. HIPOLIT: I have a note on that so
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we get the revised landscaping for buffering to review.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So you'll have
Mr. Deblasio take care of that.
MR. HIPOLIT: Yes. Let me see the rest of the my notes.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And you can forward his report directly to the applicant in interests of saving time.

I didn't mean to -- I think if we all work along those lines -- you're shaking your head this way, Mr. Vogel.

MR. VOGEL: I believe, the 7th, I believe, I've been reminded, I think there was a police report review. They had no comment but I will check that and make sure.

MR. HIPOLIT: Then the only thing,
Mr. Chairman, is my notes from public meetings now.
We're going to look for the applicant to commit on the record at the next meeting not tonight that they're going to clean out that detention basin back to its original condition because right now it's overgrown. So it's just --

MR. VOGEL: Our commitment is that that has to be brought up to snuff and it's got to be
compliant with whatever its design criteria are.
MR. HIPOLIT: Okay.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Did you get a copy
the Fire Department report, Mr. Vogel.
MR. VOGEL: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We have not marked
it into evidence. -- oh, we do have the police response. Yeah.

Why don't we mark the Police Department dated April 23rd, and I'll read it into the record.

MR. REGAN: B-4.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And mark it as Board
Exhibit-4.
MR. REGAN: 4/23.
(Whereupon, Police Department Report,
$4 / 23 / 18$ is received and marked as Exhibit B-4 for identification.)

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And it's dated 4/23.
It reads:
"Review of this application reveals nothing that is of concern to the Montvale Police Department in terms of impeding public safety or any of the other enumerated areas of review at this time. And then we have a Fire Department review letter."

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MR. REGAN: B-5.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: We'll mark it into evidence as B-5.
(Whereupon, Fire Department Review Letter is received and marked as Exhibit B-5 for identification.)

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: And it reads:
"We have noted that all the driveways on-site are 24 -feet wide. For proper access of fire apparatus we recommend that all interior roadways comply with the 2015 International Fire Code, Appendix D, with 26 -feet-wide access roads.
"The utility plan shows the water main branching into two deadened mains, terminating at the southeast and southwest corners of the building. We recommend that these two branches be interconnected across the south end of the building to improve fire flows."

Does that sound like a feasible --
MR. VOGEL: Yes.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: -- thing to do?
And what about this 25 feet versus 26
feet?
Mr. Hipolit, are you aware of that
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MR. HIPOLIT: No. I actually have never heard of that requirement. And Mr. Fette may chime in on this. They're doing an excellent job.

Twenty-four for us is standard everywhere.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Jeff, do you know anything about this?

MR. FETTE: I don't.
MR. HIPOLIT: I never heard of this
before. I could call the Fire Department.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: But in your opinion
as an engineer, and you are familiar with the equipment that the Borough of Montvale uses, do you believe that the proposed roadways, interior roadway of 24 feet is adequate to accommodate our vehicles?

MR. HIPOLIT: I do.
The really big ladder truck that they
have, I don't know the width of it when the extensions come out, I don't know if somebody else knows that. Maybe that's why.

MS. RUSSO: That may be what they're asking because usually that's the main complaint in a regular standard turnaround, they usually end up having a problem being able to turn the fire, the

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ladder truck.
MR. HIPOLIT: Again, our Fire
Department is very reasonable. I think it's worth it to ask the question.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Yeah. Could you research that and get that.

I mean, at this point, I would not particularly want to redraft a plan of these roadways if, in fact, we could live with the 24 feet particularly in light of the fact that you are unaware of that requirement.

MR. HIPOLIT: We have never done it anywhere else.

MR. REGAN: I don't recall making that recommendation.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: So let's check into that.

MR. HIPOLIT: Okay.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Can you think of anything else? Can anybody think of anything else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: No?
Okay. So with that said, this meeting will be carried to our August, is it the 7th meeting?

No further notice will be provided to
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the public other than this announcement.
And it is subject to us receiving
revised plans in a timely manner and subject further to the board professionals preparing technical review letters or amended technical review letters which they will share with you prior to the meeting so that, hopefully, we could get a wrap on this at that time.

MR. VOGEL: All right. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Thank you. Have a good evening.

MR. VOGEL: I appreciate the time, I appreciate being heard on short order and we will get the plans in by Friday.

CHAIRMAN DePINTO: Okay. Thank you.
(Whereupon, this matter will be continuing at a future date. Time noted: 11:00 p.m.)

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