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RE: WP-18-020, Downtown Columbia Crescent Area 3
(F-17-059)

Dear Ms. Hoang:

The Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered your request for an alternative compliance from the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

As of the date of this letter, the Planning Director **approved** your request for an alternative compliance of **Section 16.144(d)(2)**, which states "if the Department of Planning and Zoning or the review committee indicates that additional information is needed in order to decide whether to approve the plan, the developer shall provide the information within 45 days of receiving such indication"; and Section 16.144(r)(3) of the Subdivision & Land Development Regulations, which states "if additional information needed for plan approval is not provided within 45 days, the plan shall be denied".

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. F-17-059 must be resubmitted within 45 days from the previous resubmission deadline date (**on or before October 2, 2017**).
2. Please add the file number, section, decision, date of decision and any conditions of approval as a general note on the plan.

Our decision was made based on the following:

Extraordinary Hardships or Practical Difficulties: During review of the multiple plans, a decision was made by the County and Howard Hughes Corporation that a proposed parking garage originally to be financed with TIF bonds would become a private garage and that certain roads on the plan originally designated to be private will now be public. Due to the infrastructure and ownership changes, as well as the complexity of the plan, it became necessary to split the site development plan into two site development plan and to revise the final plan to reflect these changes. It would be an extraordinary hardship to start with a new site development plan for the section of the site to remain on SDP-17-027 and F-15-059 since there has been a lot of time spend to coordinate these complex issues, and most issues have been resolved. It would be inefficient to resubmit F-17-059 until the changes are finalized and coordinated amongst all plans.

Alternative Proposal: The alternative proposal avoids beginning new plans from initial submission that would warrant additional staff time to re-process a plan already in review with the County.

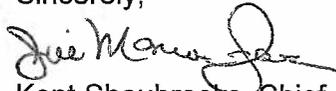
Not Detrimental to the Public Interest: The extension will not be detrimental to the public interest as it is a modest extension of time to ensure all agency comments are adequately addressed and fully coordinated.

Will not nullify the intent or purpose of the regulations: This alternative compliance is a modest extension of time to ensure all comments are adequately addressed. The plan is still active and there are no negative effects on the availability of housing allocations by this small delay.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all related plats, and site development plans, and building permits. This requested alternative compliance will remain valid for the time period specified in the conditions of approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Manion-Farrar at (410) 313-2350 or email at jfarrar@howardcountymd.gov.

Sincerely,


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