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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 20, 2024

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The Regular Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment convened via Video Teleconference, pursuant to notice at 9:30 a.m. EDT, Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

FREDERICK L. HILL, Chairperson CHRISHAUN S. SMITH, NCPC Designee CARL H. BLAKE, Direct Resident Appointee

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson ROBERT MILLER, Vice-Chairperson

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

CLIFFORD MOY, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, A/V Production Specialist

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JOEL LAWSON

## OFFICE OF ZONING ATTORNEY ADVISORS PRESENT:

SARAH BAJAJ, ESQ. COMETRIA COOPER, ESQ. RYAN NICHOLAS, ESQ.

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the Regular Public Meeting held on March 20, 2024.

9:37 a.m.

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BZA CHAIR HILL: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Today is 3/20/2024. The public hearing will please come to order. My name is Fred Hill, Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment. Joining me today is Board members Carl Blake and Chrishaun Smith, and Zoning Chair Anthony Hood and also for one portion, Rob Miller.

Today's meeting and hearing agenda are available on the Office of Planning's website. Please be advised that this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter and it is also webcast live via WebEx and Youtube Live. The video to the webcasts will be available on the Office of Zoning's website after today's hearing.

Accordingly, everyone who is listening on WebEx or by telephone will be muted during the hearing. Also, please be advised that we do not take any public testimony at our decision meeting session. If you are experiencing difficulty accessing WebEx or with your telephone call-in, then please call OZ hotline number 202/727-5471 to receive WebEx call-in instructions. Once again, 202/727-5471.

At the conclusion of the decision meeting session, I shall, in consultation with the Office of Zoning, determine whether a full or summary order may be issued. A full order is required when the decision it contains is adverse to a party including an affected ANC. A full order may also be needed if the Board's decision differs from the Office of Planning's recommendation. Although the Board favors the use of summary orders whenever possible, an applicant may not request the Board to issue such an order.

In today's hearing session everyone who is listening on WebEx or by telephone will be muted during the hearing and only persons signed up to participate or testify will be unmuted at the appropriate time. Please state your name and home address before providing oral testimony or your presentation. Oral presentations should be limited to a summary of your most important points. When you are finished speaking, please mute your audio so that your microphone is no longer picking up sound or background noise.

All persons planning to testify either in favor or in opposition should have signed up in advance. You will be called by name to testify. This is an appeal. Only parties are allowed to testify. By signing up to testify, all participants completed the oath or affirmation as required by Subtitle Y408.7.

Request to enter evidence at an online virtual hearing such as written testimony or additional supporting documents, other than live video which may not be presented as part of the testimony, may be allowed pursuant to Y103.13,

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provided that the person making a request to enter an exhibit explain (a) how the exhibit is relevant; (b) the good cause to justify allowing the exhibit into the record, including an explanation of why the requester did not file the exhibit prior to the hearing pursuant to Y206; and (c) how the proposed exhibit would not unreasonably prejudice any party. The order of procedure for special exceptions and variances are pursuant to Y409.

At the conclusion of each case, an individual who is unable to testify because of technical issues, may file a request for leave to file a written version of the planned testimony to the record within 24 hours following the conclusion of public testimony of the hearing. If additional written testimony is accepted, the parties will be provided a reasonable time to respond as determined by the Board. The Board will then make its decision at its next meeting session, but no earlier than 48 hours after the hearing. specific additional Moreover, the Board may request information to complete the record. The Board and staff will specify at the end of the hearing exactly what it is that is expected and the date when persons must submit the evidence to the Office of Zoning. No other information shall be accepted by the Board.

Finally, the District of Columbia Administrative
Procedures Act requires that the public hearing on each case

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be held in the open before the public. However, pursuant to 1 Section 405(b) and 406 of that Act, the Board may, consistent 2 with its Rules of Procedures and the Act, enter into a closed 3 meeting on a case for the purpose of seeking legal counsel 5 on a case pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2-575B4 and/or deliberate on a case pursuant to D.C. Official Code 6 7 Section 2-575B13, but only after providing necessary public testimony and any case of emergency closed meeting after 8 9 taking a roll call vote. 10 Mr. Secretary, do we have any preliminary matters? 11 You're on mute, Mr. Moy. Still on mute. Take your time. 12 No, still on mute. Take your time, take your 13 time. 14 MR. MOY: Can you hear this? 15 BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes. 16 MR. MOY: Okay, I got one. Thank you. Can you 17 hear me now? 18 BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes. 19 Okay, all right, so as I was about to MR. MOY: 2.0 say, Mr. Chairman, what I have to say with regards to today's 2.1 docket, we do have a few logistical issues that I'm working out with staff on one case to see whether the chair or the 22 23 vice chair is or when will be available to speak which is to 24 Case Application No. 21037 of Nathanial and Patricia Robb.

So we're working on that one now.

So I want to hold that in

abeyance now. Right now it's still where it is on the line up, case line up.

And there's another case which possibly may be a late filing for postponement because the applicant has to be on family matters, suddenly an emergency and had to go out of town, but I don't have the latest information for you just yet.

Other than that, Mr. Chairman, for our view is to understand the chairman has reviewed and granted waivers to allow late filings and to the applicable case worker pursuant to Subtitle 1, Section 206.7 and Section 103.13, any other late filings during the course of today's live hearing should be presented before the Board by the applicant or other parties or witnesses after I call that case.

Other than that, Mr. Chairman, I think that's all I have.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Moy. Mr. Moy, just stick around here for one minute, if you wouldn't mind.

So everybody, this is Mr. Moy's last hearing with us. It's the last hearing with us at the BZA and I know that all will have an opportunity as the time passes to wish Mr. Moy his best, but I just wanted to take this opportunity to say, Mr. Moy, the city and the citizens have been very fortunate to have had you serve in this role at the BZA for

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now I guess like 20 years. The feedback that I've always gotten from people like just kind of in the community and different times that I hear about learning about the BZA, they've always said that you've helped them work through the process that can be very stressful. And that you've always been committed, sincere, patient, calm, and knowledgeable in what you're trying to do to process all of what can be a very hectic day and docket.

And I really appreciate all of the work that you've done. I haven't been here as long as some, but I have been here now since I guess -- and you helped me remember these dates, but I guess I've been here since July of 2015 which kind of surprised me a little bit. But since that time, I've gotten a little bit more comfortable in this role and it's because of being able to work with you that has made me this comfortable and I really do appreciate all of the support and even the friendship that you've offered me.

And I really wish the best for the next chapter that you have in your life and I think if there's anything that one could say is I hope you're very happy with what you've done here and I think that it's a body of work that you can be pretty proud of. So I appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

And so I'm going to go around the table here.

I'll end with Chairman Hood. But if I could go in what seems

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to be my normal order now, Mr. Smith, do you have anything you'd like to add?

I'll add something. Sure. MEMBER SMITH: I can't believe it's been almost four years now since I've been here, these four Ι want to thank Cliff for years professionalism and also your patience in getting me up to speed for the working of the BZA and how you conducted them. I know that we've had some off-the-meeting conversations about technical aspects of your review and what goes into your review because I've done some of that as a plan as well. So it's great to have those discussions and learning how the process happens behind the scenes and it makes me that much more appreciative of the work that you do and how you have led your team here, especially through the pandemic, as we have been completely virtual and all the work that goes into making a virtual meeting work.

So I'm sure it's a well-deserved retirement. I'm sorry to see you go, but rest up, friend and we'll continue to have more conversations. So thank you and congratulations.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Mr. Blake?

MEMBER BLAKE: Yes, I wanted to say a very sincere
thank you to Mr. Moy for his support over the last couple of
years. I'm the newest Board member and I have to say I was
really appreciative of the welcoming gestures that were

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extended to me by Mr. Moy. I remember one time I went to visit the hearing room and he said see, if we were here, you'd be sitting right there. And it was just a very warming and pleasant experience.

The other thing is I also want to thank you for your patience which I can definitely acknowledge, as well as the knowledge that you've imparted on me. You were tutoring, you helped me a lot with understanding procedures, the regulations, protocol, and even technical support.

I also want to say I really appreciate the mentoring, and the on-going encouragement. And I want to acknowledge your commitment to serve and thank you for those late nights, those early mornings, weekends. People don't realize how much goes into it with the constant back and forth and always really being available to us to answer the questions that we have. So you will be greatly missed. You're the only Board Secretary I've never known. Thank you.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Mr. Lawson, are you there? I see you there. I don't know if you are or not. Mr. Lawson, I didn't mean to put you on the spot, but I didn't know we were going to get you. So since I got you, would you like to add anything?

MR. LAWSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I asked to be put on the spot. So I do appreciate you bringing me in. I just wanted to on behalf of Office of Planning just to really

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thank Cliff again, like the Board members were saying, for your many years of dedication.

I can only imagine what it's like to try to deal with the BZA schedule and keeping it on track and you've done it masterfully. And I have really appreciated our many, many, many off-line conversations about scheduling of cases and just about stuff in general. You're going to be greatly missed and we really wish you well in this next chapter and thank you for everything on behalf of Office of Planning. Thanks again.

Thanks, Mr. Chair.

BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Lawson. Vice Chair Miller?

COMMISSIONER MILLER: Thank you for allowing me to come to your BZA meeting today. I'm not a Zoning Commission participant. Our Zoning Commission Chairman Anthony Hood is here and I'm sure he will speak shortly.

I just want to briefly add my thanks to Cliff Moy for his public service, your incredible work ethic, Cliff, and your friendship over the last -- well, I've been on the Zoning for 12, almost 12 years. But before that, and you were on the BZA when -- you were the BZA Secretary when my wife, Roseanne was chair, many eons ago. And we also have served together at the National Capital Planning Commission, at NCPC. How many years were you there?

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1 It was double digits, sir. 2 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Yes, me, too. And overlapped with yours, so it's been a long time that I've 3 known you and I've appreciated your professionalism as others 5 have said, your friendship and support. 6 What people have said here, your ability to really 7 navigate when it's often the chaotic BZA world of multiple 8 multiple parties, multiple requests from 9 members, from the public, all coming in at once and your 10 ability to navigate that, keep the calm, sense of order, and keep it running smoothly into late nights as others have 11 12 It's really very remarkable. We will -- the city will miss you and we thank you on behalf of the citizens of the 13 District of Columbia for your service. Thank you. 14 15 I look forward to seeing you at some retirement -- post-retirement venues. Let's put it that way. 16 Take 17 care. 18 BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Vice Chair Miller. 19 Chairman Hood? 2.0 ZC CHAIR HOOD: I quess I'm ending up. 2.1 start thinking about your next endeavor of your life, I start 22 thinking about how I came to know you. And there was a young lady named Sheri Pruitt Williams. 2.3 Do you remember Sheri 24 Pruitt, who was a good friend of yours?

Absolutely.

MR. MOY:

ZC CHAIR HOOD: When you were getting ready to be hired and for the life of me I didn't understand at the time, she was so excited about -- Jerilee and Sherry, they were going to bring you on in the Office of Zoning. I said this guy must be great. She ran out of the office and I was like, I got to really meet this guy. So you came and sure enough, you definitely measured up to the bar that they raised and you have done a superb job.

the things appreciate One Ι about you, everything that everyone has said I agree. One thing I appreciate about you the most is there have been times and you remember some of these times where we would go in front the City Council and everybody at all times is favorable and especially when things don't go their way. I can always look to you to get a positive face. Regardless of what the situation was, what the scenario was, because it hasn't always been great, but it's people like you and others who have made our relationship with the community -- and I'm part of the community, too -- all better. And it's better because you passed this way.

And I think about the 2 a.m. updates that we'd get. I'd say to myself, really? At 2 o'clock? We're going to know who's in front of us? So the public needs to know this. Mr. Moy is working at 2 o'clock in the morning to make sure things are right when you come down to present your case

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before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. And that goes a long way. That's the service that you don't hear about. That's the things that you don't see. And I think that's a credit to Cliff of the things that he has done over the years. He has definitely made this Commission better and enhanced it better for the experience with the residents in the District of Columbia are receiving.

But I know, Cliff, I will just caution you as you retire, and I've learned this, too, in playing sports. I know you are an advocate soccer player, so as we get older, my doctor tells me this when I go in there with all these pains and problems, as we get older, he says, Anthony, you're not 20 anymore.

Now Cliff, I have never seen you play soccer. I know you travel abroad and do different know you're good. So just take it easy, enjoy yourself, relax. things. the ball to the young folks and let them make the points. You don't always have to make all the points, so stand there by the goal, and let them kick to you and you just kick it in and make the point. But enjoy that, enjoy the music. know you're very musically inclined as well. I'm not sure if you're still in a band or was in a band or whatever the I won't throw all your business out there, but enjoy life, enjoy family, and you will be deeply missed and I'm sure I will see you again very soon at some other event.

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1 So good luck in the next phase. And stay in touch 2 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. with us as well. 3 Thank you, Chairman Hood. BZA CHAIR HILL: Mr. Moy, I don't mean to put you on the spot, but do you have any 5 rebuttal? 6 Well, if I do, it's all favorable. MR. MOY: I'm 7 completely overwhelmed and unaware of these sentiments. 8 heard very kind words about working hard, professionalism. 9 I love what I do with regards to the planning and serving the public 10 because in city planning it's all about So I do everything to make that happen. 11 participation. 12 motivated to work hard because I know the Board members and the Zoning Commission work very hard. 13 So I never wanted to disappoint you all, so that which means I have to work hard. 14 15 yes, so it's not only work, it's 16 friendship. And as Commissioner Miller mentioned, which I 17 won't say I've forgotten, but I served under Mr. Miller like years and years at the National Capital Planning Commission. 18 I would present projects to Zoning Commissioner Miller, who 19 2.0 represented the District Council, yes, that's how far back 21 probably didn't like Yes. Не some 22 recommendations I made, but hey. 23 COMMISSIONER MILLER: You're not as old as I am. 24 MR. MOY: I don't know. So it was a fun time. As you know all know, you work hard, and you play hard.

1	that's been my MO and I'm sorry to have to leave, but I
2	thought really hard. Due to the pandemic, it was time. And
3	I know you all will do well. You're all on your way. So
4	again, I don't want to prolong this. I'll talk to you
5	separately. Thank you very much. I'm going to miss you all.
6	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Moy. All right,
7	Vice Chair Miller, I believe you're now going to leave us?
8	COMMISSIONER MILLER: I am. Thank you for your
9	indulgence in letting me contribute to this honor of Cliff
10	Moy. Well deserved. Thank you. Have a great day, Cliff.
11	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. All right, Mr. Moy,
12	the beginning of your last day. You may call our first case.
13	MR. MOY: Okay, so I'll leave this at your
14	discretion, Mr. Chairman, but the Board also has Board action
15	on a proposed decision and order which is to Application No.
16	20053 of District Properties.com, Inc. to vote on that so
17	that we can issue that order. So we can either address that
18	now or address at the end of the day.
19	BZA CHAIR HILL: Can we address that at the end
20	of the day because I'm going to maybe talk to you a little
21	bit about that at our lunch break.
22	MR. MOY: Sounds good. That works.
23	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, great.
24	MR. MOY: Okay, so in the Board's meeting session
25	today, we have two expedited review cases, the first of which

1	is Case No. 21076 of Andrea Bosch, B-O-S-C-H, as amended.
2	Self-certified application pursuant to Subtitle X, Section
3	901.2 for special exceptions under Subtitle D, Section 5201
4	from accessory structure building area requirements of
5	Substitute D, Section 5003.1; and accessory structure
6	location requirements of Substitute D, Section 5004.1(a). The
7	property is located in the R-1B zone at 3621 Patterson
8	Street, NW, Square 1863, Lot 4. Thank you, sir.
9	BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay, thank you. All right, I
10	had an opportunity to review this case. I thought it was
11	relatively straight forward. I would agree with the
12	applicant in how they are meeting the burden of proof for the
13	relief. There seemed to be a little bit of discrepancy
14	between what may or may not be needed in terms of this
15	relief, but again, this is a self-certified application and
16	I'm going to go with the applicant's measurements, just out
17	of an abundance of caution. And so I'm going to be voting
18	in favor of this application.
19	Mr. Smith, do you have anything to add?
20	MEMBER SMITH: I agree with your assessment of
21	this case and will support the application as well.
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Mr. Blake?
23	MEMBER BLAKE: Mr. Chair, I believe the record is

I've reviewed the case and I'm prepared to vote in

25 favor of the application.

1	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Chairman Hood?
2	ZC CHAIR HOOD: I have heard and I will be voting
3	in favor as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. I'm going to make a
5	motion to approve Application 21076 as captioned and read by
6	the Secretary and ask for a second, Mr. Blake?
7	MEMBER BLAKE: Second.
8	BZA CHAIR HILL: The motion has been made and
9	seconded, Mr. Moy. If you could take a roll call?
10	MR. MOY: When I call your name, if you will
11	please respond to the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve
12	the application for the relief requested. The motion to
13	approve was seconded by Mr. Blake.
14	Mr. Smith? Okay, I'll come back to Mr. Smith.
15	Mr. Blake?
16	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
17	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
19	MR. MOY: Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood.
20	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Yes.
21	MR. MOY: Mr. Smith?
22	BZA CHAIR HILL: We seem to have lost Mr. Smith.
23	Mr. Smith are you there?
24	MR. MOY: You're muted, Mr. Smith.
25	BZA CHAIR HILL: He might be having a little bit

of difficulty. Mr. Moy, why don't you just take our three 1 2 votes? 3 MR. Okay, I was going to suggest that. MOY: Okay, so staff would record the vote as 3 to 0 to 2. 5 this is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to approve the The motion to approve was seconded by Mr. application. 6 7 Blake, who also voted to approve the application, as well as approval from Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Chair, Mr. 8 9 Blake, and Chairman Hill. No other members participating. 10 Again, the motion carries 3 to 0 to 2. Why don't we just wait a 11 BZA CHAIR HILL: Okay. minute here and see if Mr. Smith will resolve his technical 13 issues. 14 Mr. Moy, I do have three of us. Why don't you go 15 ahead and do our next one and see, since it's an expedited 16 review and see if we can get Mr. Smith. 17 Very good. The next expedited review MR. MOY: Tom Fishbein, the meeting session is 21095 of 18 in 19 Veronica Gomez-Lobo. F-I-S-H-B-E-I-N, and This is 2.0 self-certified application pursuant to Subtitle X, Section 2.1 901.2 for a special exception under Subtitle D, 22 5201.1 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle D, Section 23 The property is located in the R-1D zone at 3210

Thank you.

45th Street, NW, Square 1605, Lot 460.

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And I believe that's

Okay, great. And for the record, 1 BZA CHAIR HILL: 2 I guess Mr. Smith is back. Can you hear us? Okay, great. 3 All right, I've had a chance to review this I again thought this one was relatively straight 5 forward in terms of the screen porch. I didn't think -- I thought it was a relatively small project and I didn't think 6 7 it was going to affect light, air, or character, scale, or 8 I was waiting to see if there was a little bit more 9 feedback from their outreach with the ANC. There is a letter 10 in the record in Exhibit 19, where ANC 3D01 had voted not to take any action because they didn't see any problems with the 11 application, so at least there is some feedback that 12 appreciate from the applicant. 13 And I am going to be voting 14 in favor of this application. Mr. Smith, do you have anything you'd like to add? 15 I agree with what's been said in 16 MEMBER SMITH: 17 this particular case and support the application. 18 BZA CHAIR HILL: Great. Mr. Blake? 19 MEMBER BLAKE: Yes, Mr. Chair. The record is full 2.0 and sufficient to assess the application. I give great 21 the Office of Planning's recommendation for to 22 approval and I will be voting in favor of the application. 23 BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. Chairman Great. 24 Hood? 25 ZC CHAIR HOOD: With my colleagues, the record is

1	complete, and I will be voting in support of this
2	application. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you. I'm going to make a
4	motion to approve Application No. 21095 as captioned and read
5	by the Secretary and ask for a second. Mr. Blake?
6	MEMBER BLAKE: Second.
7	BZA CHAIR HILL: The motion has been made and
8	seconded. Mr. Moy, if you could take a roll call?
9	MR. MOY: Yes, thank you, sir. When I call your
10	name, if you will please respond to the motion made by
11	Chairman Hill to approve the application for the relief
12	requested. The motion to approve was seconded by Mr. Blake.
13	Mr. Smith?
14	MEMBER SMITH: Yes.
15	MR. MOY: Mr. Blake?
16	MEMBER BLAKE: Yes.
17	MR. MOY: Chairman Hill?
18	BZA CHAIR HILL: Yes.
19	MR. MOY: Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood?
20	ZC CHAIR HOOD: Yes.
21	MR. MOY: Staff would record the vote as 4 to 0
22	to 1. And this is on the motion made by Chairman Hill to
23	approve. Motion to approve was seconded by Mr. Blake, so
24	also voted to approve the application, as well as approval
25	from Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood, Mr. Smith, and

1	again, Mr. Blake, and Chairman Hill; no other Board member
2	participating. Motion carries, sir, 4 to 0 to 1.
3	BZA CHAIR HILL: Thank you, Mr. Moy. I guess, Mr.
4	Moy, there are a few postponement requests, but we need to
5	call them and hear from the applicants and parties. So if
6	you would please call our first one when you get an
7	opportunity.
8	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
9	record at 10:08 a.m.)
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