28/32 Hopkins-Frey House 204 Heil Road Board of Appeals

Public Hearing Date 10-11-95

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BOARD OF APPEALS for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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Case No. A-4407

APPEAL OF THOMAS ALBRECHT

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The foregoing Resolution was proposed by William Green and concurred in by Allison Bryant, Susan Turnbull, Judy Clark and Helen R. Strang, Chairman.

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland, this 15th day of August, 1996.

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PRE-HEARING SUBMISSION

Montgomery County, Maryland, by its undersigned attorneys, submits the following information pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 2A-7(a), Montgomery County Code 1994, as amended, in the proceeding before the Board of Appeals scheduled for October 11, 1995 at 1:30 P.M.

A. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE</u>

This is an appeal from a decision of the Historic Preservation Commission granting an historic area work permit for a driveway. The approval required that the driveway be composed of 2 two-foot wide blue stone or quartz gravel strips with grass in between and be no wider than eight feet. Appellant has appealed from the imposition from these restrictions.

- B. <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS</u>
- 1. Staff reports.
- 2. Transcript of July 26, 1995.
- C. <u>WITNESSES</u>

Patricia Parker, Historic Preservation Planner
Maryland-National Capital Park
& Planning Commission
Design, Zoning & Preservation Division
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Ms. Parker will testify to proceedings before the Historic Preservation

Commission which resulted in the decision under appeal.

D. REQUEST FOR SUBPOENAS

None.

E. <u>ESTIMATE OF TIME</u>

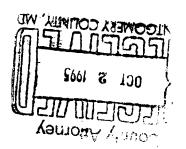
The County estimates that its portion of the case will take approximately fifteen minutes.

However, it is expected that William Schillerstrom will also appear and testify on his own behalf.

CHARLES W. THOMPSON, JR. COUNTY ATTORNEY

Alan M. Wright Senior Assistant County Attorney.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 204 Heil Road	Meeting Date: 9/27/95
Resource: <u>Master Plan</u> Site #28/32, Hopkins-Frey House	HAWP: Alteration
Case Number: 28/32-95A RECONSIDERATION	Tax Credit: No
Public Notice: 09/13/95	Report Date: 9/20/95
Applicant: Tom Albrecht	Staff: Patricia Parker
PROPOSAL: Construct Driveway	RECOMMEND: Approval

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Tom Albrecht, appeared before the HPC on July 26, 1995 to discuss approval to construct a new gravel driveway at 204 Heil Road. The <u>Master Plan</u> Site, the Hopkins-Frey House (#28/32) was the subject of an approved subdivision proposal to divide the property into two lots. One lot (Lot #1) is unimproved and contains .900 acres and Lot #2 is improved by the farmhouse and outbuilding and contains 1.140 acres.

Subsequent to subdivison approval, the HPC denied a request of this applicant to reduce the environmental setting for the historic house from 2.04 acres. The HPC decided that the environmental setting should remain as 2.04 acres for <u>Master Plan</u> Site #28/32, the Hopkins-Frey House. Therefore, the HPC would continue to review proposals which involve change to the property or any portion thereof.

Access to the smaller lot (under the ownership of this applicant) is provided through an easement in a panhandle configuration on property under separate ownership. The applicant proposes to construct a gravel driveway to provide access to Lot #1, via deeded easement, crossing Lot #2, 1.140 acres, which includes the historic house.

The construction of this driveway was the subject of an earlier HPC discussion (Staff Report of 7/26/95). At that meeting on July 26, 1995, the HPC approved the HAWP with certain conditions. The conditions were:

1) The driveway shall be eight feet wide with two strips of gravel (bluestone or quartz) each approximately two feet in width.

2) After the allee of trees, the driveway would shift toward the fence.

Three Commissioners voted in approval of the motion with two voting against the motion. The applicant now requests that the HPC reconsider its decision due to the following reasons:

"1. After a thorough review of the new information presented at the hearing on July 26, we wish to give our response. Not enough time was allowed at the hearing for a complete review and response.

2. As a result of our inspection and observation of driveways of a number of Master Plan historic houses, we found no driveways that conformed to the requirements imposed on our Historic Area Work Permit.

3. The approved driveway does not accomodate our three vehicles and discussions with road experts indicate that the precise measurements of the specifications for our driveway can not be applied to gravel.

4. After receiving our Historic Area Work Permit, several events have occurred that impact on the HPC decision."

Item 4 refers to an incident which was communicated to staff verbally that described the dismantling of the driveway by the adjacent property owner.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Reconsideration of this proposal is necessary to afford the applicant ample opportunity to respond to received comments. Further, staff feels that the conditions of HAWP approval may require revisitation of this issue because of construction specifications within the conditions for HAWP approval. Driveways with gravel spread in this manner normally exist because the driveway is in need of maintenance - that is, the driveway may have started as full width gravel and become two parallel tracks due to use. Continued use of driveways often cause rutting and the spreading of gravel beyond the its limits. The appearance of grass as a median strip is often because gravel is absent in that area due to use - not due to design.

The proposal is to construct a 10' wide x 150' long driveway of 3/4" bluestone surface. The driveway would commence at Heil Road and proceed north to Lot #1. Tree removal is not a part of this proposal.

Staff feels that approval of the proposal, as presented, is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property. Note 3 on the Record Plat states "Access (is) restricted to single driveway entrance to Heil Road for Lot 1." The applicant proposes to construct a single driveway entrance.

The material and placement of the driveway are consistent and appropriate for the historic site. The HPC has approved gravel as surfacing for driveways in the past. Staff feels that the driveway could bend closer to existing fencing after the allee of trees. However, staff does not feel that this feature should be a condition of approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A, particularly 24A-8(b)1 and 8(b)5:

The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district; and

The proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the property or suffer undue hardship;

and with Standards #1 and #10:

A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment; and

New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired. September 12, 1995

Historic Preservation Commission MNCPPC 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear HPC:

This letter is to request a reconsideration of the decision of the HPC at the hearing on July 26 regarding an application for a Historic Area Work Permit to construct a gravel driveway at 202 Heil Road, Silver Spring, MD. We would like to present new information on the following:

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- 2. As a result of our inspection and observation of driveways of a number of Master Plan historic houses, we found no driveways that conformed to the requirements imposed on our Historic Area Work Permit.
- 3. The approved driveway does not accommodate our three vehicles and discussions with road experts indicate that the precise measurements of the specifications for our driveway can not be applied to gravel.
- 4. After receiving our Historic Area Work Permit, several events have occurred that impact on the HPC decision.

We hope to show that our original request was both reasonable and appropriate and was in accordance with HPC staff recommendations. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Nancy Albrecht

9-11-95; 14:01;

September 11, 1995

TO: Pat Parker, HPC

FROM: Nancy and Thomas Albrecht

RE: Additional information for reconsideration of HPC driveway approval

1. Our response to information presented at the hearing

2. Review of driveways for historic houses

3. Review of road specifications

4. Update on HAWP

TO: Patricia Parker, HPC A Rom: Thomas + Nancy Albrecht Date: Sept. 6, 1995 RE: Reconcideration fearing We would like to appear before the HPC on Sept. 27 to crequest a creconcidention to our Historic Atrea Work Resmit plication -We have addetional information to present -(Naney) Can be creach at 301-294-5583 during the day -

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Public Notice: 07/12/95	Report Date: 7/19/95
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BACKGROUND

The applicants most recently appeared before the HPC to discuss a proposal to reduce the environmental setting for <u>Master Plan Site #28/32</u>, the Hopkins-Frey House. At that meeting, the HPC decided that the environmental setting should remain as 2.04 acres. Therefore, the HPC would continue to review proposals which involve change to the property. The applicants now own Lot #1 comprised of .8 acres and unimproved (Lot #2, 1.2 acres, which includes the historic house was recently conveyed and is under separate ownership) and propose to construct a gravel driveway within the panhandle for access to the property.

The HPC did request and obtain an opinion from legal staff as to the status and validity of subdivision for this property because the HPC did not formally review the subdivision proposal as required. Unfortunately, error occurred during staff review and the HPC did not formulate a recommendation for the Planning Board. Attorneys for the HPC have determined that subdivision of the property into two lots is valid; unfortunately, revisitation of this issue by the HPC would be futile.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The proposal is to construct a 10' wide x 150' long driveway of 3/4" bluestone surface. No trees are involved in this proposal.

The material and placement of the driveway are consistent and appropriate for the historic site. The HPC has approved gravel as surface for driveways in the past.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission find the proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A, particularly 24A-8(b)1:

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PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION A	
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Signature of owner or authorized agent	Date

THE FOLLOWING ITEM ST BE COMPLETED AND THE AURED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

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2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" X 17". Plans on 8 1/2" X 11" paper are preferred.

- a. <u>Schematic construction plans</u>, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- b. Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context. All materials and fixtures proposed for the extenor must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

5. **PHOTOGRAPHS**

- a. Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- b. Clearly label pholographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

6. TREE SURVEY

A)

Historic Area Work Permit Application Thomas and Nancy Albrecht Lot 1, Block D, Rawls Spring Residential Building Lot 202 Heil Road Silver spring , MD 20905

List of Attachments

1) Written Description: The work to be completed under this HAWP application consists of spreading a strip of 3/4 inch bluestone gravel approximately 4 inches deep, 10 feet wide and 150 feet long to establish a driveway. This driveway will be located within an easement established in a sub-division plan approved by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Board and recorded by the applicants in April, 1995.

2) Site Plan: See attached plat.

3) Material Specifications: The materials will consist of 3/4 inch bluestone gravel as supplied by Rockville Crushed Stone.

4) Photographs: To be supplied.

5) Tree Survey: A forest conservation plan was completed during the sub-division process. The plan identified a treerow consisting of 8-12 inch Canadian Hemlocks, approximately 60 feet long, located along the west side of the driveway and beginning at the entrance along Heil Road.

6) Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners Addresses:

Harry P. Ridenour Jr. 15208 Water Oak Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Noel M. and M.E. Gregos 112 Heil Road Silver Spring, MD 20905

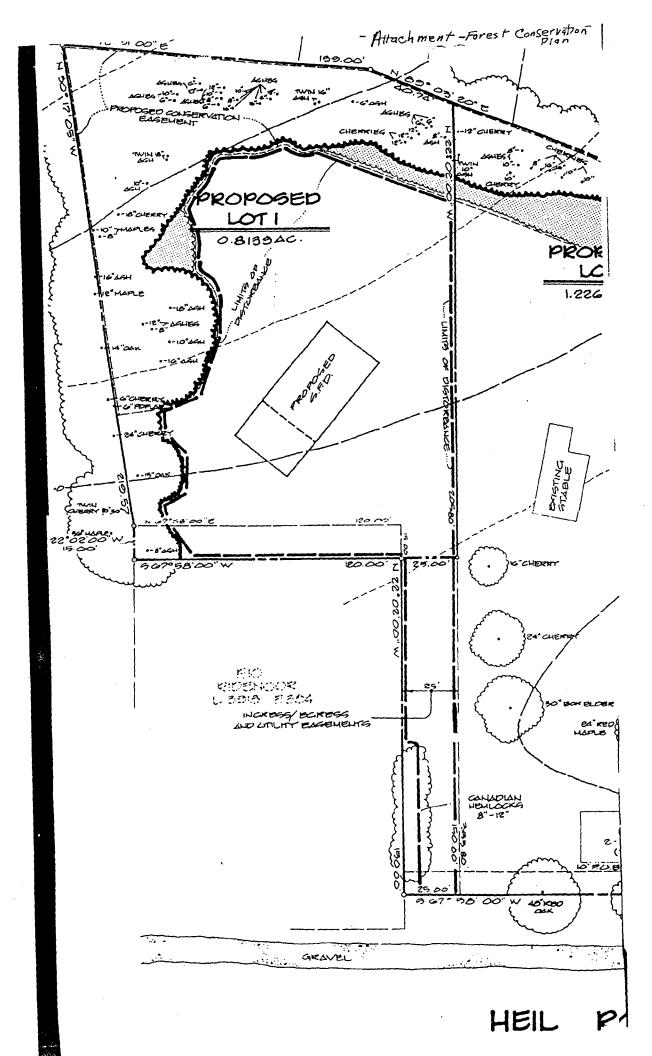
Lewis D. and S. Watson 14 Stonegate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20905

Adrian W. and E. S. Sybor 18 Stonegate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20905 Wm L. Jr. and M. M. Morris 22 Stonegate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20905

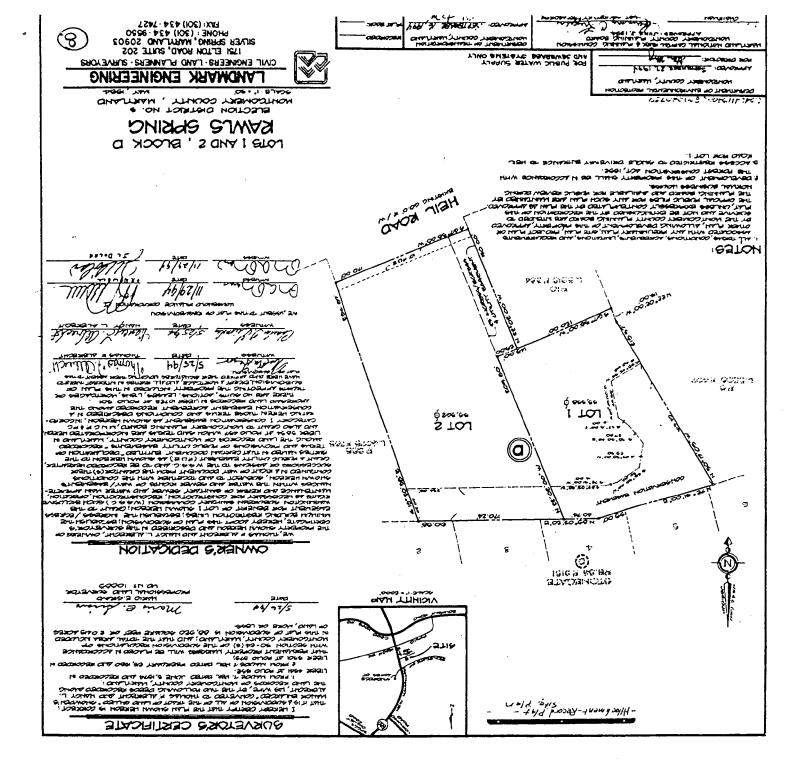
Marita N. Turner et al 26 Stonegate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20905

Om P. and M. Arora 115 Heil Road Silver Spring, MD 20905

Wm Schillerstrom and L. Powalski 204 Heil Road Silver Spring, MD 20905



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you at the last worksession on this because I do feel this needs to be clearly thought-out so that the Commission has a strong position to defend their recommendations.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Definitely. Okay. The next order of business is the Historic Area Work Permits. I'd like to open the public record. Have these been duly advertised?

MS. PARKER: Yes. They were advertised in the Montgomery County Journal on September 13, 1995.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Okay. Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to Case B, C or D? Do I hear a motion?

MR. RANDALL: Yes. I would move that Cases B through D be approved on an expedited basis on the basis cited in the Staff Report.

MS. SODERBERG: I second them.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: There being a motion and a second, is there any discussion? I close the public record. Can I have a show of hands, all those in favor? The motion passes unanimously. Okay. The next case is Case A, 28/32-95A. Can we have a Staff Report?

MS. PARKER: Yes we can. This is a case that was before you earlier in July of this year presented by applicant, Tom Albrecht, to construct a gravel driveway on the property of 204 Heil Road. You will remember that this

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is a Master Plan site -- the Hopkins-Frey House was the subject of an approved subdivision proposal dividing the property into two lots.

Lot 1 is unimproved. It is still under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht. Lot number 2 is improved by the farmhouse and an outbuilding contains 1.140 acres, is now under the ownership of Mr. Schillerstrom and Powalski. Access to the smaller lot under the ownership of the applicant is provided through an easement in a panhandle configuration on the property.

The applicant proposes to construct a gravel driveway to provide access to this lot. It is via a deeded easement. It does cross Lot 2 which includes the historic The construction of the driveway was approved by the house. HPC with certain conditions. The conditions were that the 15 driveway should be 8-feet wide with two strips of gravel, 16 bluestone or quartz, each approximately 2-feet in width. 17

Second condition would be after the allee of 18 trees, the driveway would shift towards the fence. At that 19 time, three Commissioners voted in approval of the motion, 20 with two voting against the motion. The applicant now 21 requests that the HPC reconsider its decision because of the 22 followings reasons: the applicant states that one, after a 23 thorough review of the new information presented at the 24 hearing on July 26th, they wish to give their response. 25

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Fourth, after receiving their Historic Area Work 12 Permit, several events occurred that impacted on the HPC 13 decision. Now item four refers to an incident communicated 14 to Staff verbally that described the dismantling of the 15 driveway by the adjacent property owner. Before you was 16 placed earlier at the worksession, comments that were 17 received by Mr. Schillerstrom. 18

These comments were also faxed to the applicant's 19 attorney so that they are aware of the comments. Today we 20 have received some additional explanation from Mr. 21 Schillerstrom submitting a series of photographs and you 22 have before you a description and he lists them from 23 describing one through seventeen -- the photographs that are 24 submitted. 25

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I will pass them around to you so that you certainly can view those. These have not been provided to the Albrecht's. Staff feels that reconsideration of this proposal is necessary to afford the applicant ample opportunity to respond to received comments. This has been the tradition of this HPC.

Further Staff feels that the conditions of HAWP approval may require re-visitation of this issue because of 8 construction specifications within the conditions for HAWP approval. Gravel often spreads when applied in this manner, 10 meaning that the driveways that were pictured by the 11 Schillerstrom's could possibly be in need of maintenance. 12

Driveways are also constructed in the manner that 13 the Schillerstrom's have described to you. Staff actually 14 feels that the driveway could be constructed in either 15 manner. But before you tonight is an application and a reconsideration by the Albrecht's. The Albrecht's are 17 describing to you a proposal to construct a 10-foot wide 18 gravel driveway to access Lot 1. 19

Staff feels that the approval of the proposal as 20 presented is necessary in order that the owner of the 21 subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the 22 property and also we note that there is a note 3 on the 23 record plat that states that access and I quote "is 24 restricted to single driveway entrance to Heil Road for Lot 25

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Staff recommends that the Commission find the 10 proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A, 11 particularly 24A-8(b)1 and 8(b)5. "The proposal will not 12 substantially alter the exterior features of an historic 13 site, or historic resource within an historic district; and 14 the proposal is necessary in order that the owner of the 15 subject property not be deprived of reasonable use of the 16 property or suffer undue hardship; and with Standards 1 and 17 10." 18

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I brought with me tonight some slides showing the property as of July -- about July 26. 3

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Okay.

MS. PARKER: This is the historic farmhouse, the Hopkins-Frey House, you'll see Heil Road to the right there. I'm still on Heil Road here and you can see the -- just the beginning of where the driveway would be constructed. Again, a similar picture. Again, where the beginning of the driveway would be, there's an allee of trees that you can see just not quite the center of the photograph, but somewhat to the left. 12

You can see it more clearly here. The drive --13 I'm standing in Heil Road and the drive would continue straight back north toward Lot 1. This is the confronting 15 property across Heil Road from Hopkins-Frey House. This is 16 an adjacent property to the west. This is an open field and 17 out toward New Hampshire to the east. Heil Road is just at 18 the bottom of your picture to the right. 19

Now, you're looking -- again, you're going 20 straight back toward Lot 1. So, we're talking about this 21 area for the construction of the driveway. Again, the 22 driveway would be constructed closer to the fencing there. 23 You can see the "for sale" sign up. Again, I emphasize that 24 these pictures were taken earlier somewhere toward the later 25

 $1 \parallel part of July.$

This is Lot 1. It's marked by the "for sale" sign. This is to the east. This is part of the historic property, Lot 2. Again, showing the barn and outbuilding which is part of the Hopkins-Frey House. Again, to the east. Now we're looking back. This is the lot and we show -- another picture -- we're moving toward the west here to give you an idea of the size.

Now we're looking back toward Heil Road. The
house that you see at the end of the picture here is across
Heil Road. It is the same house that we showed you earlier.
And again, the gravel drive would be constructed. You can
see the allee of trees here. And I should mention, it was
mentioned in the earlier Staff Report, that tree removal is
a part of this HAWP proposal.

This is, again, the same shot located a little bit differently. Okay. I hope that helps.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Thank you. Are there any questions of Staff from the Commission? Okay. Would the applicant like to come up to the table?

MR. BROCKETT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, my name is Ward Brockett and I represent the applicant. The applicant has today, Mr. McCollum present who is a Civil Engineer and he has been building roads for over 40 years and he's prepared to testify as to road

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construction and the nature of the spreading of the gravel. But his testimony is essentially what is incorporated to some extent in the Staff Report.

Ms. Albrecht is also ready to testify as to the existence of other driveways in the area and in the historical area and their nature, and indicate that no driveways are constructed in the way that their's was required to be. In view of the Staff recommendations, I'd like to postpone their testimony and in view of the lateness of the hour, to see if it's necessary to bring them forward.

I would, however, like to comment on two points. 11 One is whether or not there exist an easement. I think the 12 Staff Report indicates that there is a deeded easement in 13 existence. The next question is whether or not that there's 14 a legal right for the Albrecht's to do what they are doing. 15 I believe that came up at the last hearing and I would 16 indicate to you that I think the case law is clear that the 17 Albrecht's --18

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: If I could interrupt a second. I don't -- really what we're concerned with is the historic attributes of the gravel. And you know certainly the case that you can make for it from the road builder, your Civil Engineering, but not the legal right to turn an ingress or egress into a paved right-of-way.

MR. BROCKETT: Okay. I don't want to bring that

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up because I believe the opponents to the application have indicated or questioned that legal right to put it in there. ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: That can be addressed at another place, not here.

MR. BROCKETT: I say in view of the Commission's report, do you wish to hear from the witnesses now?

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Maybe we should hear from the other speakers and then you can bring them up as -if required. Okay, would William Schillerstrom come up?

MS. POWALSKI: Good evening. I'm Lynn Powalski.

MR. SCHILLERSTROM: And I'm William Schillerstrom. We live at 204 Heil Road. I assume that the Commission has read the letter that we dated September 24th addressing our position on this reconsideration. We have submitted several photographs addressing the issues that the Albrecht's have brought up primarily the issue of whether the driveway is functional in its current state. They have claimed that their vehicles cannot use this driveway.

We have taken pictures of a Jeep Cherokee on the driveway and a sedan -- a Camry, a Toyota Camry -- full size sedan. And as you can see, the cars fit perfectly on the existing driveways two gravel strips. We are willing to modify the driveway if the Albrecht's feel this will enhance their ability to use the driveway by moving the strips, narrowing the width between the strips or widening it

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depending how they feel would best suit their particular needs.

In terms of the second contention that they have 3 not been able to find any historic houses with the two 4 strips of gravel with grass medium. We are assured that 5 they have discovered houses on the Master Plan that don't 6 have this type of driveway, but I'm sure the Commissioners 7 are familiar that there are many different types of 8 driveways to historic houses. There can be gravel. There 9 There can cobblestone or brick. can be paved. 10

We're sure that given enough research, that we can locate houses -- historic houses, whether on the Historic 12 Registry or other designations that do have this type of 13 driveway. As we indicated earlier at the previous hearing, 14 this is a familiar looking driveway for a historic farmhouse 15 which our house is. 16

And we're sure that the -- from our participation 17 in the last hearing, that the Commission was basically 18 looking at both proposals and attempting to a fashion that 19 compromise between the two positions of the affected 20 parties. We as the owners of the property are, of course, 21 concerned with maintaining the setting that least impacts 22 our house and we believe the two strips with the grass 23 medium meets that need while meeting the Albrecht's need for 24 accessing their unimproved lot. 25

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We feel that the Albrecht's request for a 10-foot gravel driveway is excessively wide and is unnecessary. The road that we live on, Heil Road, is a gravel road and it is only 11-feet wide and we just don't want essentially an extension of Heil Road down the side of our property which extends to the side and it's essentially in our backyard.

We don't have any testimony from Civil Engineers 7 or anything like that stating what is the proper 8 construction of a roadway. In our original proposal, we did 9 have down that we felt that a proper grading of the area 10 with a crushed stone subsurface with the gravel over that 11 would probably be the most permanent and best method of 12 constructing this driveway, but suggestion or proposal was 13 not approved by the Commission. 14

We were opposed to the construction of the improvement all together and until the property was improved with a house and that aspect of our proposal also was not approved. So, I think that under the circumstances, the Commission came to a common ground by modifying the Albrecht's application to meet some of our desires as well as coming to a workable solution for meeting their needs.

And we are opposed to the Commission granting the Albrecht's application as it's originally applied because I believe that it abandons this compromise that the Commission had arrived at in their previous hearing. As to the other

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-- the last contention of the Albrecht's that we dismantled the improvement, is not accurate.

What happen and I think you can see it in some of the pictures here -- picture one shows it and picture two which -- actually I submitted a slide to Pat Parker.

MS. PARKER: Would you like for me to show that now?

MR. SCHILLERSTROM: Yes, if you would. When the 8 Albrecht's constructed the driveway as it currently exists, 9 they laid an excessive amount of gravel down. I took it 10 upon myself to bring it into compliance and what that 11 entailed was essentially removing access gravel and then 12 filling in as appropriate, and this was the section on the 13 right here. The strip on the right was the condition of the 14 two strips and as you can see, that's a yard stick that I 15 have laid onto the gravel and you can see it's in excess of 16 3-feet. 17

It's actually -- in some sections it was close to 4 and as well as the spreading characteristics of the gravel being -- they laid down about six to eight inches of gravel in depth so once a car drove over it any amount of time, it would essentially spread into the 10-foot continuous strip that the Albrecht's had originally desired.

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to it, as you can see in some of the pictures what it currently looks like. It's approximately -- each strip is approximately 2-feet wide.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Okay. Thank you. Would the applicant like to come back up?

MR. BROCKETT: Again, I would state, it's the applicant's legal right to use that easement, to improve that easement, to maintain that easement, as long as they conform with any governmental requirements or requirements of this Commission. I don't believe it's up to the proponents to be able to object to from anything from a historical point of view.

And again, we're prepared to present, but again the Commission report indicates that this is not an uncommon driveway -- an uncommon method of way of driving -- of maintaining or improving a right-of-way. And we're dealing with a practical situation here. If you put down gravel, it's going to spread.

And if you're going to drive over it, it's going move. And what we're saying is, we'd like to be able to construct about a 9-foot driveway with the knowledge that once you use that driveway, you're not going to be going down the same lanes each and every time in exactly the same spot -- that gravel is going to move and it may extend out the 9-1/2 to the 10-feet.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: How about if we have the Commission address some comments and questions to you and your other experts and maybe we can get to that testimony quickly.

MR. RANDALL: I've got a question. The Commission spent a fair amount of time on this issue already and if you've ever taken the Meyers Briggs Test, you know that an ENTP type -- personality type hates to be redundant and keep doing the same thing and I'm an ENTP. Why is it that what the Commission already approved, doesn't work.

I mean I have pictures in front of my that suggest that for normal type vehicles, it fits. Is there a vehicle 12 that is routinely driven that is in excess of 8-feet wide 13 where the tires are?

MR. BROCKETT: Which we haven't had an opportunity to see those pictures.

> Well, you're free to come up and --MR. RANDALL: MR. SCHILLERSTROM: They can use ours.

I would like Mr. McCollum to MR. BROCKETT: 19 respond to that. 20

MR. MCCOLLUM: Okay. I don't know what the 21 pictures show, but I know what normal driveways look like. 22 The first thing is the Commission apparently specified two 23 strips of gravel. I've been building roads for 41 years and 24 I have never seen a driveway built out of two strips of 25

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gravel. Now, I've seen a lot of them with the grass growing in the middle, but if you dig, you'll find that the gravel goes all the way across.

So, I think probably they were thinking of the appearance and not necessarily what the construction was. Second thing, is if you put down a relatively narrow strip of gravel, the wheel traffic tends to pound it and move it aside. I mean the pressure, I shouldn't say pound, the pressure of the wheels going over it would tend to move the gravel until it stabilizes, so you will tend to make two wheel tracks.

But the gravel itself will tend to spread out and 12 I think that's why they were thinking that a 10-foot 13 driveway would be reasonable. I think the appearance once 14 this driveway is built 10-feet wide and gives it a chance to 15 stabilize, with the small amount of traffic that you're 16 going to have going in and out of that thing, you're going 17 to have grass growing up the middle anyhow. 18

But it's a very awkward -- I mean, frankly, I went 19 out there with the man to construct this thing and the best 20 way we could do it was block off a section of the trucks bed so that it dumped into streams one on each side. The truck 22 bed is like 6 -- 3 or 4 inches wide something on that order 23 and approximately 18 inch spacing on each side. It hits the 24 ground, of course it moves some. 25

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It's not going to stay in the same place. Gravel by definition is non-cohesive, so it's going to move.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: If there isn't that center portion of gravel there to hold back the gravel that's spreading, would the two tracks tend to rut more?

MR. MCCOLLUM: Well, yeah, there's give. But 6 besides that, normally when you spread stone to make a 7 driveway, you spread it all the way across. And as I say, 8 if the driveway is not used much, then the grass grows in 9 the middle. And I think that's what you're trying to get is 10 the appearance, you know, consistent with the historic 11 property. 12

I've built roads on three continents, and I've never seen a driveway built like that.

MR. RANDALL: Well, you've got one like that right It's there. now.

MR. MCCOLLUM: It was a real strain, but I'm not sure how long it's going to stay there.

MS. SODERBERG: I think it's important that you're aware that it is just the appearance that we're concerned 20 with. 21

MR. MCCOLLUM: Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

That's exactly it. If you are MS. SODERBERG: 23 familiar with Colonial Williamsburg at all, you know that 24 the corporation that runs that keeps some of their houses 25

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unpainted or with the paint peeling off and things like that with some of the shingles gone, so that it looks more authentic. And this is the kind of look that we're, again, we're trying to mitigate the impact of building a new house next to a historic by putting an old looking driveway in.

MR. MCCOLLUM: Yes, ma'am, but surely you realize that what I'm saying is that what you're specifying is not realistic in that I don't believe they exist anywhere, at least I've never one.

MS. SODERBERG: Well, if we -- what if we were to specify that it wouldn't matter if it went over 8-feet wide -- between 8 and 10-feet wide you know.

MR. MCCOLLUM: You can put it down 8-feet, but it's not going to stay 8-feet.

MS. SODERBERG: Exactly. That's the idea. We realize that gravel moves and that's the way it did in the old days too.

MR. MCCOLLUM: And that's why I'm saying that if you build it all the way across, which is the normal way to construct a driveway.

MS. SODERBERG: No. I'm not saying that. We still want the patch in the middle, but it will spread around, that's true.

MR. MCCOLLUM: But if no traffic goes over it, grass will grow up through it.

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MR. RANDALL: But, if no traffic goes over it, why do you need it?

MR. MCCOLLUM: You can still ride on it.

MR. ALBRECHT: No traffic goes over the tracks -the tires don't ride on the middle of the drive, they ride on the side.

MR. RANDALL: Then, what I'm sort of lost about is 7 that one, this is the only example of this on three 8 continents, but it does now exist. And two, it can't be done, but it is there. Now I think we all recognize that 10 the gravel is going to spread some and I don't think that the HPC is ever going to send the enforcement arm of this 12 county out to see if it's 2-feet and 4 inches that it 13 spread, that's not the point. 14

I think what we were trying to create was 15 something that if you take a look at the pictures -- that 16 you got the same pictures now and I think it's number five, 17 if your's is marked -- is a considerably more obtrusive 18 picture of what would be here if we were to have approved 19 that. Now, I think a lot of us that either live in the 20 country or have been out in the country, have seen a lot of 21 basically two strips of gravel with the grass growing up. 22

Now maybe that's not the way it started out, that's the way it eventually got.

MR. MCCOLLUM: That's what I'm saying here sir.

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MR. RANDALL: But you've got the benefit that you didn't have to wait for history to catch up with, you've already got it like that. And I think from the Commission's perspective when we voted on this, we felt that was going to be the least obtrusive impact on the historic structure there.

And I think when I take a look at this other 7 driveway that I guess is 11-feet wide -- the road actually 8 versus your request for a 10-foot wide and it's going to be q a 150-feet long, that's a significant amount of gravel and I 10 think is a significant amount of impact. I don't know why 11 -- I don't think anybody is denying anybody reasonable use 12 of the property, certainly that's not the Commission's 13 intent. 14

Our only perspective and concern is not whether an 15 easement does or doesn't exist, who has reasonable access or 16 not, but to the extent somebody has a legally ability to put 17 something there, the impact on that historic resource. And 18 I continue to believe that, in particular now since you've 19 got that after it's driven on a period of time, sure it's 20 going to spread out a little bit. And at some point, 21 there's going to be a need to fill in somewhat with gravel. 22 I've got a gravel parking area outside my historic 23

home and I know that you come in and once in awhile you'll have to drop a little bit of gravel down and shovel it

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around and that sort of thing. I don't see a big issue, but I do see a dramatically different picture of what that's going to look like were the Commission to approve a 10-foot, 150-foot long driveway packed with gravel compared to what's there right now.

And if I thought the only way that you could ever get a vehicle across it was if you had that, then I might feel differently. Or if I were convinced that it's not possible to create a two strip, I might feel differently, but we've got evidence in front of us that it is possible to do that. And in fact, with a certain amount of pride, this Commission has a created the first in three continents.

MR. MCCOLLUM: Could I ask a question sir? What's going to happen when it snows? 14

MR. RANDALL: What's going to happen when it snows?

MR. MCCOLLUM: Yes, sir. I'm looking at a picture 17 that apparently somebody took, it shows a Jeep Cherokee 18 sitting there with a few inches of spare room on each side 19 of its wheel, that's fine right now. What happens when it 20 snows though and he can't see where that roads is and you 21 try to go in there? He's going to be off to one side and 22 stuck. 23

MR. RANDALL: If it snows, he's not going to be able -- he's going to be off one end of the road possibly

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anyway. I mean how are you going to get your orientation if it's all covered with snow?

MR. MCCOLLUM: The wider it is the less important it is. You got some room to play with, but if you build it -- if you leave it like that, it's easy enough to get right off the edge of it.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: If I could maybe clarify something? It seems to be we're mixing maybe an issue of construction and appearance. The two pictures on my left is the existing two strip driveway, on my right is 10 the 10-foot gravel road. A driveway paved like this picture on my right will look like the picture on my left in three years. Right?

Basically, the center will have a hidden layer of 14 gravel there. The picture on my right unless somebody 15 bothers to maintain the crown the way they would on a road, 16 will end up looking like the picture on the left. The 17 picture on the left if it's built like that from the 18 beginning really will not be a functional driveway over 19 time. 20

Then he would still have the gravel MR. BROCKETT: 21 and still have -- give the vehicle a basis to go over it. 22 Yes, you're going to have the grass in the middle. But I 23 think you're also -- I don't think there's any precedence 24 that I know of for requiring a two lane gravel driveway as 25

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you have here. You've got the problem that it is going to be difficult to drive on if it's inclement or you got snow covering it.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Well I guess that's my point that -- this is the appearance you may want -- the picture on the left, but this is not how you build it unless you're Disney or somebody and you want it to look like this from opening day -- that you build it like the picture on the right. Is that the --

MR. MCCOLLUM: That's exactly what I'm saying. Yes, sir.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Okay.

MS. LANIGAN: But it's already built like -- it already looks like that. I don't see any evidence why we should reconsider this case at all. I haven't seen any reason -- it's access to an unimproved lot. I believe the original application was that it's temporary access to an unimproved lot. It's infrequently used. I don't see any reason for us to reconsider our decision.

MR. BROCKETT: It's unimproved now, but as the Staff pictures indicate, they're trying to actively sell it. As soon as it is sold -- and they've worked with architects as to acceptable plans for building. So while it may be used minimally now, the whole purpose of it is, is to create a driveway or an access through a residential piece of

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MS. SODERBERG: In your reasons here for asking for reconsideration, you have given four reasons. The first 3 one about time, we're not concerned with. The last one, I think also is not in our bailiwick. Number two, the fact 5 that you found no driveways that look like this, I think we 6 can counter that. 7

Number three, "the approved driveway does not 8 accommodate our three vehicles and discussions with road 9 experts indicate that the precise measurements of the 10 specifications for our driveway cannot be applied to gravel" 11 -- seems to be -- I mean, you've already built it -- you've 12 already put the gravel down so how can it not be applied to 13 gravel, if it's already done? 14

MR. BROCKETT: You're placing that restriction 15 that -- or you have placed that restriction that there be no 16 gravel in the middle and we're trying to indicate to you 17 that the gravel is going to spread -- and you put that 18 restriction in there. 19

MS. SODERBERG: I don't think we put any 20 restrictions that the gravel didn't spread. We said that we 21 wanted a grassy strip in the middle, it doesn't have to be 22 precise. You don't have to put little barriers on either 23 side to make sure the gravel doesn't go anywhere. You've 24 got 25-feet to work with there of right-of-way and I don't 25

think that we made specifications that the gravel must stay in two little 3-foot wide ruts. We just said we wanted it to have a grassy strip in the middle.

MS. ALBRECHT: We have three cars. We have a Toyota and for a Toyota to cross the gravel it needs at least 6-feet to allow 6 inches of gravel on each side of the wheels. We have a truck that requires 7-feet in order to keep 6 inches of gravel on both sides of the wheels and we have a horse trailer that requires at least 9-feet in order to have a little bit of gravel on each side of the wheels.

The center with no gravel starts to get a lot 11 smaller when you think about the center between -- in the 12 middle of a 6-foot, 2-foot strip drive for a Toyota. So the 13 strip in the middle gets a lot smaller because you just 14 can't -- you've got to allow enough gravel on each side of 15 the wheels so that you can in fact travel down the road 16 without having to worry about falling off the edge onto the 17 grass. 18

We did look at dozens of historic driveways. We 19 did not find any in the vicinity of the Hopkins-Frey House 20 that was in fact two strips. I'm not going to say there 21 aren't driveways that have two strips of gravel. I will say 22 though that after measuring and taking pictures of dozens of 23 driveways that we came out with an average graveled driveway 24 of 11-feet 4 inches, and an average hard top driveway of 10-25

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MS. SODERBERG: Are these from historic houses of the same period?

MS. ALBRECHT: These are historic Master Plan houses and they're all within 8 to 10 miles of the Hopkins-Frey House. I did not overlook any because they had two strips of gravel, I just randomly picked ones in the area of this house and we did not find any. In fact, the driveway to the Hopkins-Frey House is much wider and is a solid graveled driveway.

For us to have this restriction is very limiting 11 in terms of getting in and out of our right-of-way. 12

MR. RANDALL: You said you found a number that were graveled but not two strips?

MS. ALBRECHT: I did not find any that were two strips and I probably looked --16

MR. RANDALL: Then I'd like to go back to your 17 construction expert and ask him why they don't have grass 18 going down the strips after three years? 19

There's always grass growing in MS. ALBRECHT: 20 them. 21

MR. MCCOLLUM: I'm not sure what the question is? 22 MR. RANDALL: I know the fellow that -- a moment 23 again in three years we're going to have what appears to be 24 two strips going down here. 25

MS. ALBRECHT: A lot of these houses that have gravel do have grass growing in the middle, but it's gravel 2 the whole way across. In fact, we have pictures too of all 3 the examples that were provided in pictures from Mr. Schillerstrom at the last hearing showing you two strips of gravel. 6

All these driveways with two strips of gravel, all of those driveways are in fact full driveways of gravel with just grass growing in the middle. In measuring, I did not find any driveway that was only 8-feet wide.

MR. CLEMMER: Let me give you some exceptions now. You've had your properties that you selected from around where you live. I'm going to choose properties that I know something about that we've been considering tonight and there are two that I'm familiar with. Go to Montanverde, it was built in 1804 -- 1806 and they didn't have dump trucks back then, all they had were wagons and carts and horses.

And the road up there today, is an unimproved 18 sunken lane from just years of these carts turning up dust, 19 digging a little deeper down in the ground -- there's 20 There's gravel in the right lane. There's gravel gravel. 21 in the left lane and there's a big clod of dirt that goes up 22 the center that you can bottom out a couple of times if you 23 go up to see Diana Validedas and her horses. 24

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what the old farmers were doing back in those days. If they had a muddy hole, they went down dug some gravel out of the bank and threw it in the mud hole, and that's how these roads evolved. There are hundreds of roads like that around the country. They're back off the back sections of the county now, but they exist.

Same thing happens at Pleasant Hills -- another property that was on here. Tom Kelly didn't take gravel, he took cinders. And he'd go out and he'd throw cinders in the mud hole right down the front line access road -- right down -- you saw a sight of it earlier tonight. It since been changed since the house has been bought. But when I knew Tom when he was living in there in the 80's, he would go out every winter and take cinders and throw that down the alley and that's the way it was.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Yeah, I think if we could get back on track here. There seems to be some clear opinions about the nature of this driveway and if -- unless anybody that hasn't spoken would like to comment briefly -if there's a motion?

MS. MARCUS: And the question you have before you is whether to reconsider your previous approval. This is not a new hearing, you're just deciding whether to reconsider your previous approval.

MS. LANIGAN: I move that the previous approval

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MR. RANDALL: Second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: There being a motion and a second, is there any discussion?

MR. RANDALL: The only discussion that I would offer is that from my perspective, I'd be willing to stipulate that I expect there to be some movement of the gravel, that we're not talking an absolute 2-foot. What I don't expect is somebody come in and start trying to fill-in a lot of the gravel up to 3 or 4-feet or something like that.

But, you know, trying to keep the replacement gravel but that there be an expectation that when we say the strips running down there that there is going to be some movement of the gravel and that's not troublesome to me and it's an expectation on my part. That's all I would offer.

MS. ALBRECHT: Could I say one more thing on this. We put the driveway down on September 1st or August something -- on a Monday. We came back on a Friday and Mr. Schillerstrom had started digging up the driveway.

MR. BROCKETT: I don't believe that's before the Commission.

MS. ALBRECHT: Well my point is that he decided to move and dumped the whole driveway onto our lot. We have now got this very thin strip of gravel which is totally inadequate for the winter. It's not wide enough and --ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Well, we need to address the motion here.

MR. BROCKETT: We're also and understanding that it is going to expand more than 8-feet the original requirement and -- you have the problem dealing with how much gravel can you put down because the more gravel you put down to a point, the more it may tend to spread. Is there a criteria on the amount of the gravel?

MS. LANIGAN: The motion was that we not reconsider.

ACTING CHAIRMAN KOUSOULAS: Okay. Is there any other discussion?

With that respond and to that -- let MR. RANDALL: 14 me just say that when the Commission rules one way or 15 another as we're probably about to, we don't expect kind of 16 fraudulent compliance. I mean obviously there's not an 17 expectation that somebody puts down a 2-foot strip that's 4-18 feet high that all of a sudden we know -- well it's going to 19 spread out now to 12-feet -- common sense has got to come 20 into that. 21

If gravel needs to be replaced, it needs to be replaced, but not in a way that's intentionally going to violate, I think, the spirit of what the Commission is going to do. It's just common sense.

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Case No. A-4407

APPEAL OF THOMAS ALBRECHT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland, in the Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, in the Second Floor Davidson Memorial Hearing Room, on the 11th day of October, 1995, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard, on the application filed pursuant to Section 2-112 of the Montgomery County Code.

The appellant charges administrative error on the part of the Historic Preservation Commission in its imposition of conditions in its approval of a historic area work permit pertaining to driveway construction, dated July 26, 1995. In accordance with Chapter 2A, Administrative Procedures Act, a copy of the "charging document" (appeal) is attached to this notice.

The subject property is Lot 1, Block D, Rawls Springs Subdivision, located at 202 Heil Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Notices forwarded this _____ day of September, 1995, to:

Thomas Albrecht County Attorney Alan M. Wright, Senior Assistant County Attorney Director, Department of Environmental Protection Hal Phipps, Environmental Manager,

Department of Environmental Protection Robert Hubbard, Chief, Division of Development Services

and Regulation, Department of Environmental Protection Walter Booth, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator,

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BOARD OF APPEALS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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APPEAL CHARGING ERROR

IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULING OR ACTION Please note instructions on reverse side.

Attach additional sheets if required for answers.

Appeal is hereby made pursuant to Section 2-112 of the Montgomery County Code 1984, as amended, from the decision or other action of an official or agency of Montgomery County specified below which Appellant contends was erroneous.

	Official or agency from whose ruling or action this appeal is made THE MONTHOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESENTATION COMMISSION (HPC)
	Brief description of ruling or action from which this appeal is made (attach duplicate copy of DENIAL OF REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT 10 FEET
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	Number of section, and subsection if any, of the Montgomery County Code 1984, as amended, or
	citation or other statutory provision, which appellant contends was misinterpreted:
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	Error of Law, if any, involved in the ruling or action from which this appeal is made: <u>HPC</u> ADUSED ITS DISCRETION WITH REGARD TO DRIVEWAY REQUREMENTS.
	Question(s) of fact, if any, presented to the Board by this appeal: THE UNPRECEDENTED REQUIRE- ENTS That WERE IM POSED ON APPLICANTS REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A DRIVEW AY.
	question(s) of Law, if any, presented to the Board by this appeal WHETHER THE HPC HAS THE AUTH ITY TO IMPOSE ARBITRARY, UNPRECEDENTED + UNFOUNDED REQUIREMENTS ON DRIVEWAY
	Description of real property, if any, involved in this appeal: Lot, Block
	Parcel, Subdivision Rawls Springs, Street and Number 202 Heil Road
	, Town, Zone,
	Appellant's present legal interest in above property, if any: 📉 Owner (including joint owner-
	ship) Lessee Contract to lease or rent Contract to purchase Other
	Statement of appellant's interest, i.e., manner in which appellant is aggrieved by the ruling or action complained of (as property owner or otherwise): Ruling Places under restrictions on the const-
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	I hereby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in or filed with this appeal
	EXHIBIT NO

Signature of Attorney

are true and correct.

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INSTRUCTION FOR FILING APPEAL CHARGING ERROR

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- 1. Address all correspondence to the County Board of Appeals, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 217, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Phone (301) 217-6600.
- 2. Send with the appeal a check or money order made payable to MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, to cover filing fee. Cash cannot be accepted.

\$ 150.00* - individual

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INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY APPEAL

- 1. 4 copies of Appeal Application (Form 3).
- 2. 4 copies of list of adjoining and confronting property owners (Form 5).
- 3. 4 copies of ruling or other document indicating official or agency action from which this appeal is made.
- 4. 4 copies of plats, plans, other exhibits, transcript of testimony, etc. which constituted the record of information and evidence before the official or agency in question in this matter at the time of the alleged erroneous ruling or action.

SUGGESTION FOR APPELLANTS

It is suggested that appellants consult the Montgomery County Code 1984, as amended, and that they direct any argument at the public hearing to the question of whether there was error of fact or law in the administrative decision from which the appeal is taken, on a basis of the facts before the administrative official or agency at the time of that decision.

FORM 5 (REVISED 11/92)

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BOARD OF APPEALS FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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LIST OF ADJOINING AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS (PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE)

NAME	ADDRESS (PLEASE ADD ZIP CODE)	LOT	BLOCK
	Harry P. Ridenour Jr. 15208 Water Oak Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878		
	Noel M. and M.E. Gregos 112 Heil Road Silver Spring, MD 20905		
	Lewis D. and S. Watson 14 Stonegate Drive Silver Spring, MD 20905		
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	Montgomerty Division of Development Services and Regulation County 250 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 Covernment Historic Preservation Commission (301) 495-4570
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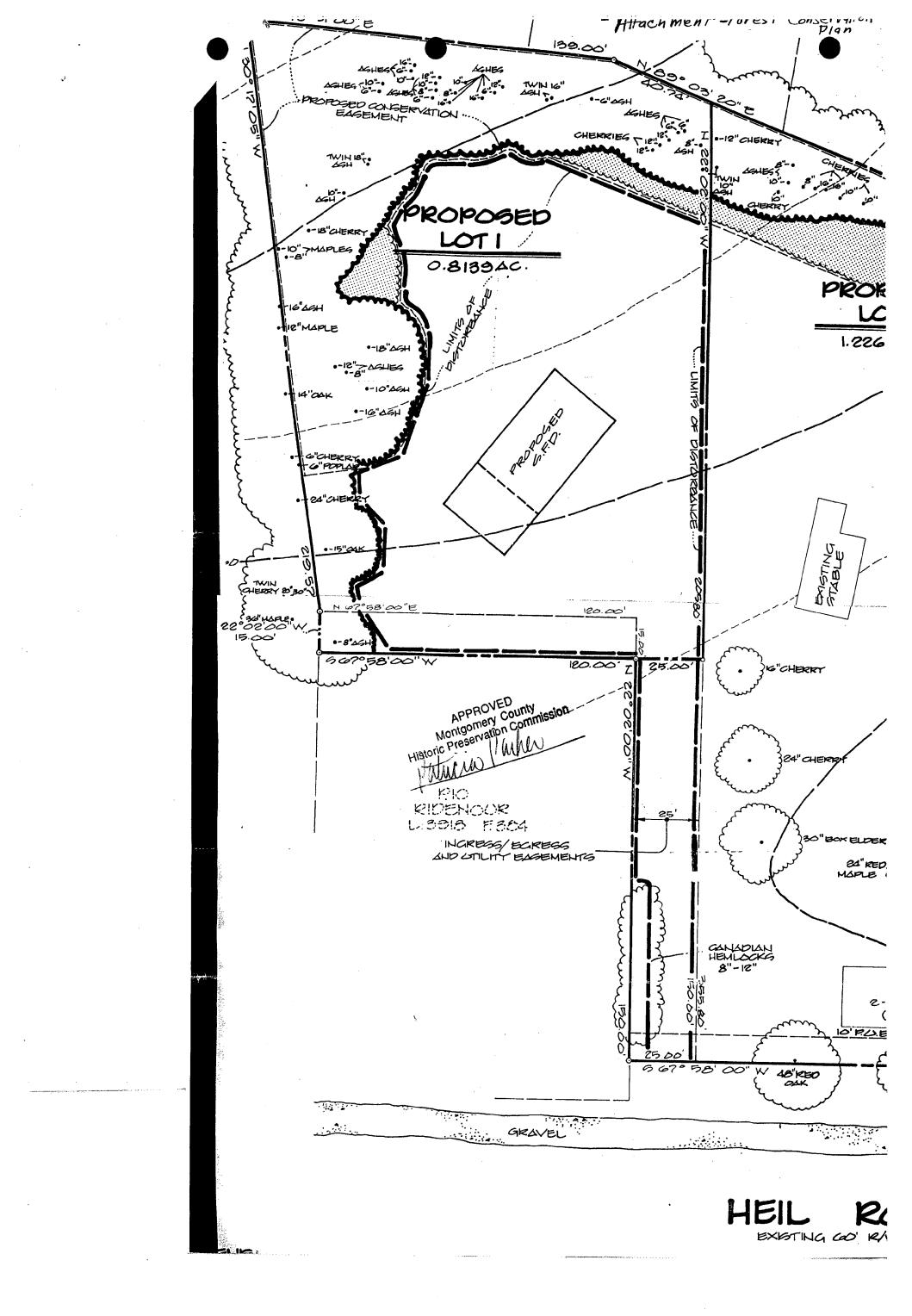
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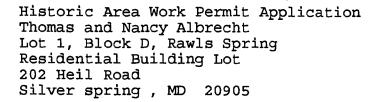
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List of Attachments

1) Written Description: The work to be completed under this HAWP application consists of spreading a strip of 3/4 inch bluestone gravel approximately 4 inches deep, 10 feet wide and 150 feet long to establish a driveway. This driveway will be located within an easement established in a sub-division plan approved by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Board and recorded by the applicants in April, 1995.

2) Site Plan: See attached plat.

3) Material Specifications: The materials will consist of 3/4 inch bluestone gravel as supplied by Rockville Crushed Stone.

4) Photographs: To be supplied.

5) Tree Survey: A forest conservation plan was completed during the sub-division process. The plan identified a treerow consisting of 8-12 inch Canadian Hemlocks, approximately 60 feet long, located along the west side of the driveway and beginning at the entrance along Heil Road.

6) Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners Addresses:

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AND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 3787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

uli, 26, 1995 DATE:

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Robert Hubbard, Chief Division of Development Services and Regulation Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit

The Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit. The application was:

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THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERANCE TO THE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT(HAWP).

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Department of Environmental Protection

Rockville Metro Center

BUILDING PERMIT-PERMIT NO 9507130140 AUGUST 04, 1995 EXPIRES: 08/04/96

HIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

THOMAS &	NANCY ALBRECHT	
13020	WAINWRIGHT	КD
HIGHLAND	HD 20888	
	1 (202)514-6236	

HAS PERMISSION TO: CONSTRUCT

0000 HISTORIC SITE

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HISTORIC APPROVAL ONLY **BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED**

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