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| $1 \quad$ PROCEEDINGS | 1 Okay. Hearing no objections, is there |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: It's | 2 anyone else, besides Mr. Gothard, who wants to |
| 32 o'clock, so I am reconvening the public hearing | 3 testify, that is not going to be called by |
| 4 in the case of CU 20-02, Edmondson \& Gallagher | 4 Mr. Kline? |
| 5 Properties, an application for an independent | 5 All right. Hearing none, we will |
| 6 living facility for seniors on property located | 6 proceed. |
| 7 about 0.14 miles from the intersection of Frederick | 7 I thought the best way to proceed is |
| 8 and Plummer Roads in the R-90 zone | 8 let's hear Mr. Gothard's concerns, and then maybe, |
| 9 Just a little background -- we do have a | 9 Mr . Kline, your witnesses can respond. |
| 10 court reporter on this hearing. | 10 Mr. Gothard, thank you for your written |
| 11 Okay. Just a little background. We | 11 testimony. |
| 12 originally had this hearing on May 11th. | 12 Thank you for your written testimony, |
| 13 Shortly -- we adjourned the hearing at about 12:52, | 13 that was quite helpful. |
| 14 and shortly after we adjourned the hearing, I got | 14 So for now, if anyone -- does anyone |
| 15 notification from the County Council's staff, that | 15 object to proceeding like that? |
| 16 Mr . Gothard had tried to join the meeting, but was | 16 Okay. Hearing none, Mr. Gothard, do you |
| 17 unable to. | 17 have video, by any chance? |
| 18 So, today, we are going to reconvene the | 18 MR. GOTHARD: I have video disabled on my |
| 19 meeting, to allow him to testify and ask questions | 19 computers. |
| 20 of the Applicant's witnesses, if need be. | 20 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Well, |
| 21 Mr. Kline and Mr. Gothard, can you | 21 let's do this. Can you please raise your right |
| 22 identify yourselves for the record, please. And | 22 hand. |
| 23 one thing about these videos, if you could speak | 23 MR. GOTHARD: Yes, I'm raising my right |
| 24 and say your name slowly and spell it also, for the | 24 hand. |
| 25 court reporter, and also, if we can avoid | 25 Whereupon, |
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| 1 cross-talking each other because on this platform, | 1 JOSEPH GOTHARD, |
| 2 it can be very confusing for the court reporter | 2 being first duly sworn or affirmed to testify to |
| 3 Okay. With that being said, Mr. Kline, | 3 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the |
| 4 would you identify yourself for the record? | 4 truth, was examined and testified as follows: |
| 5 MR. KLINE: Good afternoon. For the | 5 EXAMINATION |
| 6 virtual record, my name is Jody Kline, J-o-d-y, | 6 BY HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: |
| 7 K-1-i-n-e. I'm an attorney with the law firm of | 7 Q. Okay. Mr. Gothard, why don't you tell us |
| 8 Miller, Miller \& Canby, with offices at 200B Monroe | 8 what your concerns are. |
| 9 Street in Rockville, which is the venue from which | 9 A. Okay. So I'm going to be pretty much in |
| 10 I 'm speaking right now. | 10 alignment with the statements -- the written |
| 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: All right. | 11 testimony. |
| 12 And, Mr. Gothard, can you state your name | 12 And the first concern is in regards to |
| 13 and address for the record. | 13 the potential impact to property value. And one of |
| 14 MR. GOTHARD: Joseph Gothard. The last | 14 the requests is that, you know, the Applicant make |
| 15 name is spelled G-o-t-h-a-r-d. We are located at | 15 sure that there's no negative impact to adjacent |
| 1619050 Wheatfield Drive, Germantown, Maryland 20876, | 16 property values. And we want the Applicants to |
| 17 the property adjacent -- to the south of the | 17 provide relevant information and objective evidence 18 from other low-income housing that they worked on |
| 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Thank you very | 19 and built. |
| 20 much. | 20 So that's item one. Any questions? |
| 21 Now, all the witnesses that the Applicant | 21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: No. Go ahead. |
| 22 called were sworn in at the last hearing and they | 22 Do you have any questions, Mr. Kline? |
| 23 are still under oath. | 23 MR. KLINE: I'll wait until it's all |
| 24 Does anybody object to reconvening this | 24 over. |
| 25 hearing? | 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |


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| 1 MR. KLINE: Probably don't -- yeah. | 1 belabor this. |
| 2 THE WITNESS: Okay. So then I proceed to | 2 A. Okay. Next item is the waste |
| 3 the next -- or the following items and then hand it | 3 disposal/Dumpster location. And, you know, once |
| 4 over back to you. | 4 again, it is my humble opinion, that they should |
| 5 So the second item was fencing, barriers | 5 not place it, you know, right in front of our home, |
| 6 to have no negative impact on our property and | 6 you know. And, essentially, my recommendation is, |
| 7 hous | 7 and expectation is that they move it towards |
| 8 The third item was trees, and we want to | 8 Route 355. There is plenty of wooded area. It's |
| 9 be sure that they are placed in such -- and | 9 much easier to remove the garbage from that |
| 10 maintained in such way that -- to ensure that | 10 location than, you know, to -- for -- for the |
| 11 roots, branches, debris remain on their property at | 11 dump -- for the trucks to travel all across the |
| 12 all times, and no damage to any part of our | 12 property to -- you know, pretty much to -- in front |
| 13 property. | 13 of our -- our home. And I know that they will |
| 14 And, you know, as I mentioned further | 14 likely make all kind of noises. There will be |
| 15 down, that -- and it is my humble opinion, that | 15 odors, potentially fluids and everything else |
| 16 they should be moved away from, you know, what | 16 happening. We really, really do not want that |
| 17 shown on the drawings. The -- some of the other | 17 location to stay. |
| 18 margins that they are shown in the drawings -- | 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Now, I |
| 19 BY HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: | 19 have Exhibit 45, which is the landscape plan up. |
| 20 Q. You're saying the trees? | 20 Is everyone able to see it? |
| 21 A. Yes. | 21 THE WITNESS: Not yet. |
| 22 Q. The (Inaudible). Okay. | 22 MR. KLINE: Not here either. |
| 23 A. The drawings show a very narrow sleeve of | 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: All right. |
| 24 ground where they -- where they plan to put trees. | 24 Not now either? |
| 25 And some of the prospectives show that they may | 25 THE WITNESS: Nope. |
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| 1 grow pretty tall, which also means that their roots | 1 BY HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: |
| 2 and branches likely to extend into our property. | 2 Q. All right. Well, I'll work on that. |
| 3 And, you know, in case of storm, obviously, it may | 3 Keep going. |
| 4 damage the home. | 4 A. Okay. Next item, 5, the drain: Ensure |
| 5 There is -- there is plenty of space if | 5 that all drainage is away from -- from our |
| 6 they move -- just move it towards 350 -- Route 355, | 6 property. |
| 7 Frederick Road. I think that solves the problem. | 7 And number 6, pest control: Ensure there |
| 8 Q. You mean move the -- do you have video on | 8 are no pest or rodent infestation that migrate into |
| 9 your -- where you're calling from, Mr. Gothard? | 9 adjacent properties. |
| 10 A. As I mentioned to you, ma'am, I | 10 7, noise control: Ensure that there is |
| 11 disabled -- we disabled, you know, cameras from -- | 11 no loud noise impacting the community. |
| 12 Q. Okay. I didn't know if that meant you | 12 And, finally, 8: The building height |
| 13 couldn't see, I was going to bring up an exhibit, | 13 should be reduced to blend in, you know, to -- you |
| 14 but that's okay. Keep going. | 14 know, what the entire community heights is, not to |
| 15 A. I can see what you are showing. I | 15 stick out like -- like a tall building. |
| 16 cannot -- I cannot enable my camera on short | 16 And, you know, the final -- in closing, |
| 17 notice. | 17 which we'd request that, you know, the Applicant |
| 18 Q. I see. No, that's fine. I was going to | 18 not proceed with on-site activities until they |
| 19 see -- hold on one second. | 19 address in writing and in documentation and |
| 20 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, Exhibit 45 is | 20 drawings and the -- the updated plans should |
| 21 the rendered site plan, which I think is a good | 21 provide objective evidence that the testimony |
| 22 exhibit for a lot of discussion. | 22 and -- and the documentation are allowed. |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: For some | 23 I yield back to you. |
| 24 reason, okay, I am not able to -- | 24 Q. Okay. Mr. Kline -- is that all you want |
| 25 Q. Okay. Well, keep going. I don't want to | 25 to say at the moment? |


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| 1 A. Yes, ma'am. | 1 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Do you | 2 Q. Mr. Wiencek, were you present when |
| 3 have -- Mr. Kline, do you have any questions for | 3 Mr. Gothard was speaking a few minutes ago? |
| 4 Mr . Gothard, or would you prefer to address his | 4 A. No. I only just joined, I'm sorry. |
| 5 concerns -- start giving your perspective of his | 5 Q. Okay, fine. Well, you do have a copy of |
| 6 concerns? | 6 his letter of the 18th of May, where he listed his |
| 7 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, no, I don't have | 7 concerns? |
| 8 any questions of Mr. Gothard at this time. I | 8 A. Yes. |
| 9 appreciate your guidance on this. You saw my note | 9 Q. You've had a chance to review that? |
| 10 about never having done this before in 46 years -- | 10 A. Yes. |
| 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yeah. | 11 Q. With the Hearing Examiner's permission, |
| 12 MR. KLINE: -- so I appreciate your | 12 I'll just ask the question -- |
| 13 leading us through this. | 13 MR. KLINE: I'm sorry, you must be on |
| 14 And I think that what I would probably | 14 mute, Ms. Robeson. |
| 15 like to do is call witnesses to try and address | 15 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I am. |
| 16 what he has brought up in his comments. And then | 16 Let me just remind you, you're still |
| 17 maybe have some kind of a dialogue or further | 17 under oath. |
| 18 discussion about it. | 18 THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That's fine. | 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay? |
| 20 MR. KLINE: All right. | 20 Go ahead. |
| 21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Why don't you | 21 MR. KLINE: Fine. |
| 22 call your first witness. | 22 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 23 MR. KLINE: Well, that's what I -- that | 23 Q. Mr. Wiencek, then, so let's just sort of |
| 24 was going to be my next step. I actually | 24 start a platform so Mr. Gothard understands what |
| 25 anticipated starting with Mr. Wiencek, you | 25 your role is. |
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| 1 remember, who is the architect, but it does not | 1 Would you explain what -- what is your |
| 2 look to me like he has joined us yet. | 2 profession, and what has been your involvement in |
| 3 Michael, are you there? | 3 this project? |
| 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I do not see | 4 A. So I'm an architect. I run a firm with |
| 5 his -- | 5 offices in Montgomery County and in D.C. And we |
| 6 MR. KLINE: Right. | 6 specialize in multifamily housing, both market rate |
| 7 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- name on | 7 and affordable, with a bent towards doing |
| 8 here. | 8 affordable and social justice-type projects. |
| 9 MR. KLINE: We all know he's been | 9 Now, what was the remainder of the |
| 10 prepped. We -- I talked to him yesterday. | 10 question? I'm sorry. |
| 11 Mr . Edmondson, who's here with me, has talked to | 11 Q. No, that was -- that was an adequate |
| 12 him . Could we have a couple of minutes just to try | 12 answer. |
| 13 and call him and -- | 13 What I'd like to do is ask if the |
| 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Wait. Wait. | 14 Hearing Examiner could bring up Exhibit 45 again, |
| 15 I do see his -- I do see his name there now. | 15 the rendered site plan. |
| 16 MR. WIENCEK: Yeah, Michael Wiencek. | 16 And ask you to just kind of give |
| 17 MR. KLINE: Oh, good. Yeah. Okay. We | 17 Mr . Gothard and the Hearing Examiner an overview of |
| 18 just didn't -- we didn't -- you don't -- you | 18 the organization of the site, the features of the |
| 19 haven't earned an icon yet on the screen, for some | 19 property, and why the buildings and improvements |
| 20 reason. There you go. Fine. | 20 are where they are located. And then we'll get |
| 21 Whereupon -- | 21 into the individual factors themselves. |
| 22 MICHAEL WIENCEK, JR., | 22 A. Yeah. |
| 23 previously sworn, was recalled, and continued to | 23 Q. So we all -- we all have Exhibit 45 in |
| 24 testify as follows: | 24 front of us right now. It's been blown up to catch |
| 25 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT | 25 the southern end of the property -- |



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| 1 the pieces of the wings, as you can see, so that | 1 height. |
| 2 one piece -- one thinner piece sticks forward and | 2 And then with Mr. Gothard's side yard, |
| 3 one piece sticks back. But then on the piece that | 3 our building -- we tried to get the building as far |
| 4 steps back, we actually dropped it and only did a | 4 away as possible from his property. And so we're |
| 5 two-story element at that point. So that we -- | 5 about 80 feet away from his actual home. |
| 6 we're trying -- the idea is, we're trying to break | 6 And as I said, the building, then, is |
| 7 up the apparent mass. | 7 modulated to step up. The tallest portion of the |
| 8 The other reason that we put the -- the | 8 building at that back corner is 50 feet, but the |
| 9 buildings as we did, and -- and put the parking as | 9 shortest portion of the building over there is |
| 10 we did was, the way the grading works, our parking | 1044 feet. As you go upslope towards the Dumpster, |
| 12 below the first floor of your house. So what | 12 towards the Dumpster, the building comes up at a |
| 13 happens is, at the parking area, we have a berm up | 13 grade. |
| 14 to your grade, and then the civil engineers put in | 14 So those were the biggest challenges. |
| 15 landscaping there and then -- to act as a screen, | 15 And, you know, like I said, we tried -- my firm is |
| 16 which we'll get into through a section, in a | 16 sort of known -- well, not sort of known, we're |
| 17 moment. But | 17 known for really being detail-oriented and -- and |
| 18 Q. Mr. Wiencek, what you're referring to is | 18 making our buildings work within the environment, |
| 19 that green strip between the gray, which is our | 19 and meet the needs of both the client and the |
| 20 parking lot, and the property line on the back of | 20 residents who are going to use the building, but |
| 21 Mr . Gothard's house, that will be berm and linear | 21 respect all the neighbors. And so we really spent |
| 22 separation? | 22 a lot of time and tried to make sure we were going |
| 23 A. Correct. And it's got three types of | 23 to screen it. |
| 24 planting; mountain laurels, arborvitae, and some | 24 So one of the things that, when we were |
| 25 larches or something like that. We can look at the | 25 working with Soltesz, and we had them working on |
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| 1 landscape plan. But -- | 1 that section, you know, we worked closely on having |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: May I | 2 the -- setting the elevation of our building and |
| 3 interrupt? | 3 setting the elevations of the parking so that, you |
| 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. | 4 know, one of the big things that you don't want to |
| 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I didn't | 5 have happening is headlights coming up during the |
| 6 hear -- can you hear me? | 6 night and disturbing a neighbor. And I think we |
| 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. | 7 did a really good job at that. |
| 8 MR. KLINE: Yes, ma'am. | 8 And then the landscape architect really |
| 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How far below | 9 made a lot of nice choices. If you look at their |
| 10 the first floor of his house is the parking area? | 10 plan, again, when we get to that, you'll see that |
| 11 Was it 4 feet? | 11 there's, actually nearest Mr. Gothard's house, the |
| 12 THE WITNESS: It's -- it's 3 feet -- his | 12 arborvitae that are underplanted under the larger |
| 13 house is at about 438, and our parking adjacent to | 13 deciduous trees really give a nice screening. And |
| 14 his house is at 435. So there's a berm -- and, | 14 then what we did by stepping the building away from |
| 15 actually, we have an exhibit which is a site | 15 the parking in the way we did with those two jogs |
| 16 section, which is not in my set of drawings, it's | 16 in the end of our building, we've got redbuds and |
| 17 in the civil set of drawings, that actually does a | 17 low planting against the building. |
| 18 really good job. It takes a section through | 18 And as I said at the last hearing, what |
| 19 Mr . Gothard's house, as well as our building. | 19 you'll end up seeing then is, you'll look through |
| $20 \quad$ One of the points I was trying to get to | 20 the taller trees -- you probably won't really see |
| 21 was, we're actually 64 feet -- we set our building | 21 much through the arborvitae, but when you can see |
| 2264 feet away from the property line, where the side | 22 it from, say, your front yard between some trees, |
| 23 yard setback here is 16 feet. And we set the | 23 you'll then see the landscape piling up on |
| 24 building and the parking down into the grade so | 24 itself -- or on each other. And then you get this |
| 25 that we would, you know, give less of apparent | 25 nice layered effect of the redbuds behind the lower |


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| 1 laurels underneath of the -- the arborvitae and the | 1 But what we've done is use two tones of |
| 2 deciduous tr | 2 brick and two tones of siding and two types of |
| 3 Q. Mr. Wiencek, going back to additional | 3 siding, so -- to try to break the building up and |
| 4 text, because I think you've done a good job on the | 4 work with making it more vertical, facing |
| 5 height issue, and so I don't characterize the | 5 Route 355, and trying to use stepping materials -- |
| 6 statement, I'll just read it: The use of color | 6 or stepping of the materials in the back side, |
| 7 schemes to reduce the visual impact of a five-level | 7 which we'll get to in a moment, to break down the |
| 8 facility is created, but it doesn't resolve the | 8 scale even more. So we wanted to present sort of a |
| 9 impact to the adjacent community. | 9 more gateway-type scale along Route 355, and a more |
| 10 Were there | 10 residential scale |
| 11 articulation features you wanted to point out to | 11 So what we did was, here, you can see on |
| 12 talk about how you use, other than color? But then | 12 the front, we've got some red elements -- red-brick |
| 13 also, describe how you use color to mitigate the | 13 elements, all the red is a red brick that go up, |
| 14 impact of the height of the building | 14 and some go to the top and some step at various |
| 15 A. Yeah. Could we go to the renderings that | 15 heights to try to, again, break things apart. But |
| 16 are -- | 16 then other tower elements are done with a darker |
| 17 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, I believe what | 17 gray tone of cementitious panels so that it's got |
| 18 Mr . Wiencek would be talking about would be | 18 one -- a different type of texture, and it's |
| 19 Exhibits 51, and then probably 12, 13, 14, and 15, | 19 actually set 4 inches back from the face of the |
| 20 the exterior elevations | 20 brick. |
| 21 A. Actually, it's -- it's 18 and | 21 Then on the lower elevation, directly |
| 22 Q. Okay. | 22 behind the column that's holding up the porte |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. I | 23 cochére, you can see a rectangle of darker gray. |
| 24 thought there was some on Exhibit -- okay. | 24 And actually, that same gray is another rectangle |
| 25 There's -- this is Exhibit 51, which are revised | 25 to the left, past the tower next to the entrance, |
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| 1 elevations. | 1 those are gray panels. And, again, we wanted to -- |
| 2 THE WITNESS: Those are elevations, but | 2 to start to break the scale of the building down, |
| 3 what we did last time was use the renderings to | 3 using that. |
| 4 actually show the materials, which -- just keep | 4 And on the rest of the building |
| 5 going. Two more sheets. | 5 surrounding the gray brick panels, we have |
| 6 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Is this it | 6 horizontal cementitious lap siding, which is much |
| 7 here? | 7 more residential and just has a nicer texture to |
| 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah. | 8 it. |
| 9 So this is really the front of the | 9 So by using the -- the different colors |
| 10 building, but it starts -- | 10 of brick and different colors of siding, but as |
| 11 BY MR. KLINE | 11 well as using the different textures of both, we |
| 12 Q. Well -- and -- yeah, when you say, "the | 12 get -- we try to break the materials down a lot. |
| 13 front," you better probably say the upper -- give | $13 \mathrm{We}-$ or the scale down a lot. We also put a band |
| 14 us a perspective of both the upper and the lower | 14 around the top here to sort of give a cap to it. |
| 15 one. | 15 If you go to the next sheet, we can show |
| 16 A. Yeah. So the upper one is, as you drive | 16 you a view that will actually be a very similar |
| 17 up Frederick Road and just as you get to the corner | 17 view to what Mr. Gothard would see if the trees |
| 18 of our property, you'd be looking up at the view | 18 weren't in the -- the new trees wouldn't be in the |
| 19 that you see in the upper rendering. And then as | 19 way. |
| 20 you pass, and you can see that porte cochére, the | 20 So the lower view is what you would |
| 21 cover, drive-in entrance for the residents. | 21 actually see from your backyard, Mr. Gothard. The |
| 22 And then on the lower one, it's a similar | 22 trees have been ghosted out completely, so you -- |
| 23 view, but more direct, as you drive past the | 23 but that -- that is our lower courtyard elevation. |
| 24 building, and you see, again, that -- the | 24 And you can see how we've got a red-brick base, and |
| 25 porte-cochére element sticking out. | 25 then at the corner on the left of the rear |


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| 1 elevation, we've got brick going -- gray brick | 1 I hope that's helpful or discernible from |
| 2 going up above that. And, again, beyond that and | 2 what I'm talking about. Could we go -- |
| 3 at the very top, we have the horizontal lap siding. | 3 BYMR. KLINE: |
| 4 On the -- | 4 Q. I'm sorry, maybe I cut you off. Did you |
| 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: May I ask a | 5 want to add something other -- because I was going |
| 6 question? | 6 to go to sort of a different section here, but if |
| 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. | 7 you had something else to say, you finish it out. |
| 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: These -- these | 8 A. Only if we wanted to go to sections in |
| 9 are the ghosted-out trees here -- | 9 the landscape plan, but -- |
| 10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Correct. | 10 Q. I think I'll pass on that for right now. |
| 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- where | 11 A. Fine. |
| 12 the -- for the record, it's the gray -- dark -- | 12 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson and Mr. Gothard, |
| 13 very light-gray areas. | 13 I'm going to kind of change, go to a slightly |
| 14 Are the redbuds included in that | 14 different subject, and I just wondered, do you want |
| 15 ghosting? | 15 this opportunity to ask any questions of |
| 16 THE WITNESS: No. No. The ghosting | 16 Mr . Wiencek now, or do you want to wait till he's |
| 17 is -- was done more conceptually just to give an | 17 finished and reserve your questions until then? |
| 18 idea that there -- that you'd be looking through | 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Gothard, |
| 19 trees. If we showed all of them in ghosting, | 19 do you have questions? |
| 20 you -- we're trying to show Park \& Planning the | 20 MR. GOTHARD: Yes. I will first say that |
| 21 building more than the landscape through here. But | 21 I appreciate Mr. Wiencek's expertise and |
| 22 the landscape plan, I think, if we can go to that | 22 explanations; however, would you be kind to be |
| 23 next after this, we can talk about how this all | 23 responsive in addressing the concerns raised in the |
| 24 works. | 24 written testimony? |
| 25 You can see that, then, on the right-hand | 25 I understand that, you know, you are |
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| 1 portion, you can see how the bottom of the -- the | 1 proud of your work, but that doesn't resolve, you |
| 2 gray works up around the bottom of that and -- and | 2 know, building height problems, locations of the |
| 3 reduces the apparent height of that. And then | 3 Dumpster, the trees being located close to the |
| 4 we've got the red-brick base. But then the | 4 house and being as tall as they are, potentially, |
| 5 red-brick base that's to the far right is that | 5 in the case of a storm, damaging the house, et |
| 6 one-and-a-half-story portion of the building. | 6 cetera. So I would very much appreciate it if you |
| 7 So while it doesn't show well in this -- | 7 would be kind to address the written testimony |
| 8 we can show it better on an elevation, possibly. | 8 items. And once again, I do appreciate you being |
| 9 That starts to break up the scale again, so that | 9 proud of your work. |
| 10 we're trying to respect the scale of the | 10 THE WITNESS: I appreciate it. Thank |
| 11 surrounding houses, even though I'm 80-some feet | 11 you. |
| 12 away from them. | 12 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 13 And when you have the redbuds sitting | 13 Q. Mr. Wiencek, my suggestion is, we do have |
| 14 against it and then the taller trees in the | 14 the landscape architect. I'll -- I'll kind of |
| 15 foreground, looking at that -- that section that | 15 reserve the -- the questions on the landscaping for |
| 16 Soltesz did will be helpful, but when you get the | 16 him . Although, you may -- you may get to it. But |
| 17 tall trees in the foreground and then the colorful | 17 apropos of Mr. Gothard's suggestion, let me read a |
| 18 trees in the background, you get this really nice | 18 sentence in Paragraph 8 of the letter of his |
| 19 layering and the -- the tall trees being close to | 19 concerns, and have you try and focus on the two |
| 20 you, actually will appear taller relative to the | 20 elements in this. |
| 21 building, and, in fact, will appear to be, when | 21 So the sentence reads: This community, |
| 22 you're standing on the ground, looking up through | 22 meaning the neighborhood where Mr. Gothard lives, |
| 23 them, will appear to be about the height of the | 23 should continue to have residential buildings of |
| 24 building. It will screen, basically, the whole | 24 similar nature and value, not tall, low-income |
| 25 height of the building. | 25 housing. |


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| 1 And in that, I read two things; one, can | 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. That -- |
| 2 you explain why you feel this building has been | 2 that's what I was thinking of. |
| 3 made compatible with its surrounding buildings, and | 3 THE WITNESS: No, that's the other one. |
| 4 then we'll go to the low-income aspect of it, | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So -- |
| 5 please. | 5 THE WITNESS: So that's behind us, where |
| 6 A. Yeah. So the -- the use of the | 6 we're actually -- they look up the hill at us, and |
| 7 materials -- the residential materials and the way | 7 then the next section -- |
| 8 we've take -- have taken them and placed them on | 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Wait. I might |
| 9 the building to modulate the building and break up | 9 have to - |
| 10 the scale, is a way to pay deference and use the | 10 MS. PRZYGOCKI: It's 23(a). |
| 11 same textures and materials that are found in the | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: 23(a)? |
| 12 neighborhood. | 12 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Yes. |
| 13 Mr. Gothard's house is a tannish brick, | 13 THE WITNESS: Sorry. |
| 14 and there's other houses in the neighborhood with | 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Do |
| 15 brick and siding on them. You know, we tried not | 15 you -- do you have it up now? |
| 16 to make this look like a commercial building. We | 16 MR. KLINE: Not yet. |
| 17 wanted it to be -- feel like a residential | 17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How's that? |
| 18 building, but because of -- one of the things that | 18 THE WITNESS: That's it. |
| 19 people tend to feel will make a building look more | 19 So this shows on the right -- this is the |
| 20 residential is to put a pitched roof on them. In | 20 drawing by Soltesz. The right-hand side is |
| 21 this case, all that would do would make the | 21 Mr . Gothard's house, with the two stories and then |
| 22 building feel much taller. So we were really | 22 the roof pitch shown on top. Then you can see how |
| 23 trying to -- to keep the scale down. | 23 you come to the property line, which is shown as a |
| 24 As I said, the average height of a | 24 vertical line. You see the taller trees, which the |
| 25 building is $\mathbf{4 7}$ feet. The highest point near | 25 landscape architect can talk about, the deciduous |
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| 1 Mr. Gothard is 50 feet from grade. But by being | 1 trees with the arborvitae below it, which is the |
| 280 feet away from him, we really feel like the -- | 2 conical trees below, and then you'll see the |
| 3 the way we broke the scale down on the elevations | 3 screening. |
| 4 with the materials, does respond to it, because a | 4 So you see how the -- the way we work |
| 5 lot of this has to do with scale and not -- not | 5 this is, even standing in Mr. Gothard's yard, he |
| 6 necessarily being a -- mimicking a single-family | 6 won't be looking at the cars. He'll be looking |
| 7 home. You know -- | 7 through landscaping across the top and they'll be |
| 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Wiencek, | 8 screened by that berm. |
| 9 I -- it's my recollection that there is somewhere | 9 And then the effective height of the |
| 10 in the record a elevation that shows the height | 10 building relative to his is kept, you know, in |
| 11 compared to -- maybe it's not Mr. Gothard's | 11 keeping -- frankly, one of the reasons I kept it, |
| 12 property, maybe it was -- I thought there was a | 12 or we kept it so far away, the -- you know, the |
| 13 side elevation comparing the height of this part, | 1380 feet that we've got away, is to make sure that |
| 14 the -- I guess it would be the southern part of the | 14 we didn't have a scale issue. |
| 15 property. | 15 And then -- so it's a combination of |
| 16 Am I misremembering that? | 16 the -- the use of the materials to create blocks |
| 17 THE WITNESS: No. It's -- it's in the | 17 that break the building down so that it appears |
| 18 civil drawings. It's a section that shows it very | 18 that it's made out of modules that, you know, are |
| 19 nicely. I had it up here. | 19 more residential in scale. But, also, we -- we did |
| 20 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, Exhibit 23(a) | 20 rely a lot here on how the landscaping will make |
| 21 and (b) are cross-sections through the project -- | 21 this look. The building will become just a |
| 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah -- | 22 backdrop in the landscaping. |
| 23 MR. KLINE: -- and -- | 23 And that was sort of the concept is, you |
| 24 THE WITNESS: And -- and it's taken right | 24 know, we -- the building shape was defined because |
| 25 through Mr. Gothard's home. | 25 of the way we had to create landscaping around it, |


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| 1 to make sure that we didn't overpower anybody near | 1 second half of the sentence I read to you a minute |
| 2 us or -- or cause them to feel like there was a | 2 ago, and I'll lead off by saying, is there any |
| 3 behemoth sitting behind them. This is just a | 3 feature of the building that a person riding up |
| 4 four-story wood construction building. And as | 4355 , or living next to it, would read it as being a |
| 5 can see, the type of the roofs on residential homes | 5 building populated by people qualified for |
| 6 make the homes really appear much larger and | 6 low-income status |
| 7 volumetric than -- than -- than only a, you know, a | $7 \quad$ A. No. So as I said, we do -- I've done |
| 8 two-story look. So this gives you a good idea of | 8 over 90,000 units of multifamily housing. A good |
| 9 the scale of our building to Mr. Gotha | 970 percent of that has been affordable or mixed |
| 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Do you know | 10 incom |
| 11 how -- do you know how far Mr. Gothard's house is | 11 And one of the things that we really |
| 12 from the property line? | 12 pride ourselves, we actually were -- our firm was |
| 13 THE WITNESS: From scaling it on Jane | 13 instrumental in changing what affordable housing |
| 14 drawing -- and, Jane, you can comment on th | 14 looks like in the Washington metropolitan area. |
| 15 MR. KLINE: 16 | 15 And I've been in business now for 34 years, doing |
| 16 THE WITNESS: I believe it's 16 feet | 16 this. And what -- one of the things that we did |
| 17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. | 17 was made affordable housing -- you know, you can |
| 18 THE WITNESS: And then we have a 16-foot | 18 drive through and see 1970s' buildings that you can |
| 19 setback requirement. And that's where the parking | 19 say, ah, that's affordable housing. Well, that |
| 20 starts. But we're actually 6 -- from the property | 20 doesn't fly today, at least in the way we approach |
| 21 line to the closest point, and it actually is | 21 buildings, and most architects today. |
| 22 a point on the building, we're 64 feet from the | 22 When you drive by this, you're going to |
| 23 property line. And so that's where I get the | 23 think that this is a high-end building and we want |
| 2464 feet, plus his 16 -foot side yard gives us the | 24 you -- we believe that most people look at it and |
|  | 25 say, jeez, that's a great location, I'd like to |
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| 1 I appreciate the comment that you ma | 1 live there. And that's happened so many times. I |
| 2 Mr. Gothard, about the -- the larger landscaping | 2 think Jim can talk to this too. People will come |
| 3 there. And then we'll let the landscape architect | 3 to the buildings we build and they'll find out, |
| 4 talk about it, but we put a lot of thought into | 4 well, they actually have to -- I have income to |
| 5 making it so that you would be looking up through | 5 qualify, but they absolutely want to live in these |
| 6 it and -- and weren't intending to over -- you | 6 buildings. |
| 7 know, to cause your property any damage. I don't | 7 Also, the funding instruments that are |
| 8 think it would, but we were trying to use the | 8 used to finance these through the state, the state |
| 9 landscaping as sort of a palette that also softens | 9 has very high standards that you need to meet. If |
| 10 the building. And that's done a lot. You know, | 10 this was a market -- straight market-rate building, |
| 11 landscape -- people don't give landscaping enough | 11 I would not have as much brick on it as I do today |
| 12 credit relative to architecture. | 12 because of the standards that we have to meet. To |
| 13 In my mind, we were giving you a very | 13 qualify for the tax credits, you've got to really |
| 14 nicely landscaped new side yard, but that's just -- | 14 not only create units that are larger than most |
| 15 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, I guess | 15 market-rate units, but you've got to make them |
| 16 the question is, and I don't think it's yours to | 16 attractive because the state -- I actually helped |
| 17 opine, his question is, what happens with the part | 17 the state write the standards, a number of years |
| 18 of the tree that's crossing over the line? And | 18 ago, to make sure that housing that was for |
| 19 that may not be | 19 affordable residents or for disadvantaged -- |
| 20 MR. KLINE: Mr. Park and I have talked | 20 economically disadvantaged residents didn't have an |
| 21 about, and he will be prepared to address that in | 21 appearance or a connotation. And, remember, this |
| 22 his testimony. He's the landscape architect. | 22 is affordable. |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. | 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Appearance or |
| 24 BY MR. KLINE | 24 connotation of what? |
| 25 Q. Mr. Wiencek, if I could take you to the | 25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry? |

1 live there. And that's happened so many times. I
2 think Jim can talk to this too. People will come
3 to the buildings we build and they'll find out,
4 well, they actually have to -- I have income to
5 qualify, but they absolutely want to live in these 6 buildings.

Also, the funding instruments that are used to finance these through the state, the state 9 has very high standards that you need to meet. If 10 this was a market -- straight market-rate building, 11 I would not have as much brick on it as I do today 12 because of the standards that we have to meet. To 13 qualify for the tax credits, you've got to really 14 not only create units that are larger than most 15 market-rate units, but you've got to make them 16 attractive because the state -- I actually helped 17 the state write the standards, a number of years 18 ago, to make sure that housing that was for afordable residents or for disadvantaged 21 appar 21 appearance or a connotation. And, remember, this 2 is affordable.
23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Appearance or 25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?

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| 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: What is the | 1 I can give an example. In Reston, |
| 2 appearance or connotation you were trying to avoid? | 2 Virginia, we did a property surrounded by very |
| 3 THE WITNESS: There's a lot of buildings, | 3 high-end homes and town homes along the golf -- one |
| 4 say, in old Rockville, not out this way because | 4 of the golf courses. And when we got done, nobody |
| 5 affordable housing wasn't out in Germantown in the | 5 knew it was affordable housing. And, actually, the |
| 6 old days, but that -- affordable housing used to be | 6 high-end communities around us hired us to come in |
| 7 done as big, blank boxes. You might see a little | 7 and redo their properties because they thought that |
| 8 bit -- or either ball brick in the early '50s and | 8 our property looked better than their |
| 9 '60s, or you'd see a little bit of brick at the | 9 And then we did several other projects |
| 10 base and then vinyl siding at the top. And they | 10 around the area where the new buildings that we do |
| 11 just -- they were done as what I call, throwaway | 11 bought more investment into the surrounding |
| 12 projects, and today, architecture matters. | 12 community because it set a higher standard for |
| 13 Again, you know, I'm not trying to toot | 13 people to -- to meet and feel comfortable. |
| 14 our horn, but we really work hard to make these | 14 MR. KLINE: Mr. Gothard, I'm going to |
| 15 buildings look like a great piece of architecture | 15 move on from question number 8 , so if you had any |
| 16 fit into the environment. We've got $100-$ or over | 16 questions about the testimony from Mr. Wiencek on |
| 17150 design awards, of which, again, 70 percent of | 17 question number 8 , feel free to ask him now. |
| 18 them are for affordable housing. And it's -- | 18 MR. GOTHARD: Well, I listened carefully, |
| 19 they're national, some of them are international | 19 Mr . Wiencek, and I appreciate the explanations. |
| 20 design awards, and a lot of them are state and the | 20 I -- you know, obviously, my testimony stands as -- |
| 21 local AIA awards. | 21 as written of the, obviously, the concern. |
| 22 And so I mentioned before, I don't -- it | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: All right. |
| 23 may not mean much to Mr. Gothard, but I became a | 23 MR. KLINE: Thank you. Okay. So I'll |
| 24 fellow of the AIA, which is like 1 percent of the | 24 just keep going through some of the other |
| 25 architects in the country become fellows, but the | 25 questions, if that's all right, Ms. Robeson. |
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| 1 reason I became a fellow was that we had changed | 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That's -- |
| 2 the face of affordable housing. We had made | 2 that's -- |
| 3 affordable housing look and feel just as nice as | 3 MR. KLINE: Sure. |
| 4 any market-rate project. | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- what is a |
| 5 My -- my concept is that if I-- if I was | 5 good idea. |
| 6 to be driving down high-end Massachusetts Avenue in | 6 MR. KLINE: Very good. |
| $7 \quad$ D.C., our buildings should be able to fit there and | 7 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 8 feel in place. And then when I'm in a neighborhood | 8 Q. So, Mr. Wiencek, the next -- or actually, |
| 9 like this, I want to make them attractive so people | 9 the preceding question on Mr. Gothard's memo was |
| 10 who look at them and see them through the landscape | 10 number 7, dealing with noise control. And since |
| 11 and see them at night with the way we do our site | 11 you apparently have quite a background in |
| 12 laying, it's an attractive addition to the | 12 developing multifamily, how -- do you feel that |
| 13 neighborhood that -- that enhances the neighborhood | 13 this project -- well, what measures have been taken |
| 14 and enhances everybody's experience. | 14 to reduce noise emanating from the property, and |
| 15 BY MR. KLINE: | 15 would there be much in a project of this nature, in |
| 16 Q. Mr. Wiencek, based on your substantial | 16 any event? |
| 17 experience and your portfolio of designing and | 17 A. You know |
| 18 constructing affordable housing, are you aware of | 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Start with -- |
| 19 any instance where one of your buildings with | 19 can you start with how much noise he's going to |
| 20 low-income housing in it had a negative or | 20 experience? |
| 21 diminution in value of surrounding properties? | 21 MR. KLINE: Sure. Yeah. |
| 22 A. No, not actually. You know, I've done a | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And -- and, |
| 23 number of properties, actually, where we were the | 23 also, whether you can move that -- you know, |
| 24 catalyst for improvement in the remainder of the <br> 25 neighborhood. | 24 whether it's possible to move the Dumpster, say, 25 to -- let's see if I'm sharing -- I don't think I |


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| 1 am sharing, hold on -- about moving the Dumpster | 1 Q. By that, you mean pickups? |
| 2 somewhere, for instance, over here, closer to | 2 A. Pickups, I'm sorry, yes. |
| 3 this -- I think this is a club on the northern side | 3 And you actually, you know, for various |
| 4 of the property? I know I threw you a loop on that | 4 reasons, for odor and vermin and such, you'd want |
| 5 one, but it's a thought. | 5 to make sure that it's being pulled often enough, |
| 6 A. I think I'll address - | 6 so that you don't overflow it. Or another way to |
| $7 \quad$ Q. Break it down -- let's break it down and | 7 reduce the number of pulls, is to make this a |
| 8 separate it out. | 8 massive enclosure that has, you know, lots of |
| 9 So in the -- what is the noise that | 9 Dumpsters in it. That means when they do pick up |
| 10 typically generated from a project with 11 | 10 there, they're much longer and it just causes mor |
| 11 residential units of this size? | 11 problems. |
| 12 A. You know, very, very quiet, from a use | 12 So we've got a two-Dumpster pad located |
| 13 standpoint. Remember, this is 62 and older, senior | 13 there right now. And on other properties, what's |
| 14 residents. It tends to be a lot of single women | 14 been done is asked that the pickups be done at |
| 15 because women outlast men. And we have about 12 or | 15 certain hours, you know, say, after 9:00 in the |
| $16121 / 2$ percent of two-bedroom units. But even | 16 morning and before 7:00 in the evening and, you |
| 17 they, for the most part, turn out to be either a | 17 know, it depends on various ordinances and |
| 18 healthcare worker living with a female resident | 18 requests. But that -- that can easily be done. |
| 19 or -- or two singles living in the same unit. | 19 One of the things that was done here -- |
| 20 We have, you know, outdoor spaces, but | 20 and I'll let Soltesz talk more about the exact |
| 21 again, we don't have kids and -- and rowdy | 21 location and if it can be moved, because there's a |
| 22 residents. We've got -- | 22 lot to do with stormwater management and grading |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: You would have | 23 that -- that made this a reasonable spot to put it. |
| 24 a generator, correct? And you do have the truck | 24 I'm not saying the only spot, but is that we held |
| 25 that empties the Dumpster, correct? | 25 it up near that big tops of trees that is going to |
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| 1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So we have the | 1 stay along -- shoot, the name of the street -- |
| 2 potential of having a generator, and that's being | 2 Wheat -- Wheatfield. And so we were trying to hold |
| 3 investigated now. The generator, we placed as far | 3 it as far away from Mr. Gothard's house and the |
| 4 as -- away from any residential use as possible. | 4 other property behind us to -- to have as little |
| 5 It's actually underground, inside the building, to | 5 impact as possible. |
| 6 the left of the entry on the plan that you're | 6 The other thing is, we do have a rooftop |
| 7 looking at right now. So that little angular -- | 7 terrace. Again, we're talking about seniors, it's |
| 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So it's -- | 8 not like there's blaring music. |
| 9 A. Alittle lower. Alittle further south. | 9 On the lower terrace, near you, we have a |
| 10 Right there. | 10 pienic area with some grills. You know, there will |
| 11 So it's below grade in the basement of | 11 be families visiting, but at a senior housing |
| 12 our building there, and the exhaust comes out at | 12 project of any type, you really get just very |
| 13 the roof, and so the sound -- and it goes through | 13 little noise coming from them. In fact, there's a |
| 14 mufflers, et cetera, so the sound and any odor is | 14 nice -- the other nice thing is, cars tend to be |
| 15 dissipated. So it's -- like I said, it's -- we | 15 parked a lot more often and not moved as often as |
| 16 held it close to 355 and away from residential. | 16 in a family. People aren't going to work every |
| 17 I can speak to the -- | 17 morning, so you don't have cars starting every |
| 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And how about | 18 morning and moving them around. So there's just |
| 19 the Dumpster? | 19 fewer trips generated and fewer -- less noise |
| 20 THE WITNESS: The Dumpster, you know, | 20 generated by the cars as well. |
| 21 what we've done -- and I know Angie has done this | 21 Q. We'll -- we'll have Ms. Przygocki, with |
| 22 before -- this -- this will probably have around | 22 Soltesz, also talk about the location of the |
| 23 three pulls a week, so the dump -- | 23 Dumpsters and its operations. |
| 24 Q. You mean pickups? | 24 Continuing on, paragraph number 6 deals |
| 25 A. I'm sorry? | 25 with pest control. Based on your experience in |


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| 1 designing units of this type, what programs are | 1 it's going to be flowing down the road, and |
| 2 implemented to ensure that there will be no pests | 2 Mr. Gothard's property is up a 3-foot berm from us, |
| 3 brought into the neighborhood or be bothersome to | 3 so in -- the next -- the one before this -- if we |
| 4 the surrounding | 4 |
| 5 A. So even during construction of the | 5 get any drainage going over into his property. |
| 6 documents and the contract that the owner has with | 6 MR. KLINE: Mr. Robeson, I don't have any |
| 7 the contractor, requires that there be pest control | 7 other questions to ask of Mr. Wiencek. However, |
| 8 throughout the project to make sure that -- that | 8 Mr . Gothard may feel that some of the answers don |
| 9 there isn't a problem. The way materials ar | 9 hit all the questions. We do have a witness for |
| 10 stored on site, you know, needs to be taken into | 10 all the other questions he has on his list, but if |
| 11 account a lot, to make sure that they don't become | 11 he has any questions of Mr. Wiencek, he's welcome |
| 12 little habitats, and contractors know that. And | 12 to ask them n |
| 13 it's written into the contract, so it's | 13 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 14 enforceab | 14 Mr. Gothard, do you have any questions of |
| 15 And then once the building is up, just | 15 Mr . Wiencek |
| 16 before it's turned over, the contractor's required | 16 MR. GOTHARD: I think it's more of a |
| 17 to do a full extermination and review of the | 17 statement. As I mentioned in the written |
| 18 building to make -- and -- and the site, to make | 18 testimony, the drainage cannot say what it is, for |
| 19 sure that there are no pests. The owners, | 19 the reasons I mentio |
| 20 including E\&G, all have pest control services | 20 We also discussed noise and the three |
| 21 coming through units all the time to make sure that | 21 times pickup, at 9:00 a.m. or after. I can tell |
| 22 there isn't a problem in any of the buildings and | 22 you that my wife and I, we are working on opposite |
| 23 in the sit | 23 shifts. My wife works 12 -hour night shift as a |
| 24 And one of the things, you know, the | 24 charge nurse at hospitals, the last thing we need |
| 25 reason I'm trying to keep to the two Dumpsters and |  |
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| 1 the relatively small Dumpsters is, the residents, | 1 And, you know, odors and everything else |
| 2 in this case, are going to be taking their trash | 2 from the front of the house because, you know, that |
| 3 out to the Dumpster, and they will have -- they | 3 Dumpster is just in front of the house, a little |
| 4 won't be able to open the covers, that only opens | 4 bit to the left. |
| 5 when the truck picks it up. And there's a side | 5 MR. KLINE: And -- |
| 6 door that swings open easily for a senior. We have | 6 MR. GOTHARD: My suggestion -- my |
| 7 to use a certain spring tension on those, so that | 7 suggestion is to do -- you know, I basically |
| 8 they can drop their trash in and then it gets | 8 second -- Ms. Robeson's has the point, when we |
| 9 immediately closed. So that keeps smells and | 9 discussed the site, to move it in the opposite |
| 10 vermin and pests out of -- out of that area. | 10 corner of the property, towards 355 . It fits |
| 11 Although, just as you probably have today in the | 11 nicely in the wooded area. It is very easy to |
| 12 woods, you know, there's animals that are in the | 12 remove by -- by the Dumpster truck. |
| 13 woods. But we're -- there's extermination and | 13 MR. KLINE: Mr. Gothard, let me say this. |
| 14 humane trapping, when something like that comes | 14 Had we spoken to you six months ago, when we first |
| 15 along. | 15 wrote you and you told us that, we wouldn't be |
| 16 Q. And how -- the last question I wanted to | 16 having this conversation today about the -- the |
| 17 ask you is, on paragraph number 5, which is titled, | 17 Dumpster. There are reasons why it is there and |
| 18 Drainage, and I know you've done some studies in | 18 it's the most logical place, and Ms. Przygocki will |
| 19 looking and everything about -- but, essentially, <br> 20 why would our stormwater management program avoid | 19 explain to you why it's there. |
| 20 why would our stormwater management program avoid 21 having -- causing any problems for Mr. Gothard? | 20 We normally would probably have been <br> 21 willing to remove it, but I'm really reluctant to |
| 22 A. As you saw in that site section, the | 22 do that at this point in time in the process |
| 23 the way the drainage is going to happen through the | 23 because what happens is, we have to amend the |
| 24 site, it's either going to be picked up in | 24 application, Ms. Robeson has to send it out to |
| 25 landscaped areas by storm drainage structures, or | 25 Park \& Planning to look at, and it delays the |


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| 1 process of the application. So I'd like you to | 1 any question for Mr. Wiencek. |
| 2 hear why we think it can be done there and not have | 2 The second thing that might be addressed |
| 3 any adverse effect on you, before we make final | 3 by the experts, is the fact that the trees are tall |
| 4 conclusion on that. | 4 and extend into our property. And, you know, |
| 5 Normally, I probably would have been | 5 storms -- I would take that -- I will say that have |
| 6 willing to negotiate that, but it's very late in | 6 a good chance to, let's say, result in damage to |
| 7 the process, and we're not sure why we're hearing | 7 our ho |
| 8 this now, instead of months ago, when you first | 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 9 heard about it -- or from -- heard from us. | 9 Mr. Kline, do you have a landscape |
| 10 But let me go back to something you said. | 10 architect that's going to testify to that? |
| 11 You saw the cross-section, your property is going | 11 MR. KLINE: Yes, ma'am, we do and -- |
| 12 to have a 5 -foot berm between it and the | 12 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. If you |
| 13 development, how is it that water is going to get | 13 can -- Mr. Gothard, we're going to get to that one |
| 14 onto your property? | 14 with a different expert, but we will get to that |
| 15 MR. GOTHARD: I -- you know, I'm not | 15 one. |
| 16 going to continue on discussing that part because I | 16 MR. GOTHARD: Thank you. |
| 17 think the section clarified that part. As I | 17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Let's |
| 18 mentioned, the fact that the Dumpster is currently | 18 go forward with the Dumpster -- or with |
| 19 shown in front and to the left of our home, and it | 19 Ms. Przygocki. |
| 20 would create noise every time it is removed -- you | 20 Whereupon -- |
| 21 know, the trash is removed. We -- we cannot go | 21 JANE PRZYGOCKI, |
| 22 along with that. | 22 previously sworn, was recalled, and continued to |
| 23 I mentioned that my wife works 12-hour | 23 testify as follows: |
| 24 night shifts at the hospital. We just cannot have | 24 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT |
| 25 that. And we definitely don't want the odor and | 25 BY MR. KLINE: |
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| 1 everything else that comes with Dumpsters. You | 1 Q. Jane Przygocki, would you please |
| 2 know, there's a much better location on the sit | 2 introduce yourself to Mr. Gothard. |
| 3 I don't believe that, you know, the change to the | 3 A. Hello, Mr. Gothard. I'm Jane Przygocki. |
| 4 application is very significant magnitude with | 4 I am a land planner with Soltesz, and project |
| 5 regards to the Dumpster. | 5 manager, and -- and largely responsible for a lot |
| 6 MR. KLINE: Well, Mr. Gothard, | 6 of the drawings and overseeing the production of |
| 7 understand your answer, and thank you for | 7 the drawings here. |
| 8 correcting me on the -- the drainage issue. | 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And, |
| 9 Ms. Robeson, maybe we can use this as an | 9 Ms. Przygocki, you're still under oath. |
| 10 opportunity to try and come up with something that | 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 11 works. | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Go |
| 12 Now, could I kind of finish with | 12 ahead. |
| 13 Mr . Wiencek -- I had no further questions, and | 13 Q. So two questions, Ms. Przygocki, and |
| 14 bring on Ms. Przygocki for a limited area, but | 14 let's get to one that's really the most critical |
| 15 primarily, to talk about the Dumpster and why | 15 one right now. |
| 16 Soltesz thought that was the optimum location and | 16 Why did Soltesz determine that the |
| 17 let's see if that's correct. | 17 location shown for the Dumpster was the optimum |
| 18 Mr. Wiencek, do you agree? | 18 location, both from our point of view, and the |
| 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Wiencek -- | 19 impact on the surrounding neighborhood? |
| 20 MR. GOTHARD: If I may? | 20 A. Well, there were a lot of factors that |
| 21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- you may be | 21 went into that decision. They -- one thing that |
| 22 excused. | 22 we -- as -- as Mr. Wiencek mentioned, we are trying |
| 23 Yes? | 23 to be sensitive to all of the neighbors, and |
| 24 MR. GOTHARD: Ms. Robeson, just one more | 24 pulling the building away from the neighbors has |
| 25 thing because Mr. Kline was saying that if I have | 25 less of an impact on the neighbors, as does the |


| 1 | building, if it's close to the -- the neighbors. |
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| 2 | So we put the parking around the perimeter and then |
| 3 | provided landscaping to screen, not only the |
| 4 | parking, but the building. |
| 5 | So the area remaining, after the |
| 6 | significant dedication that is required along 355, |
| 7 | is what you see inside of the -- basically, where |
| 8 | you see the first row of trees that is along 355, |
| 9 | along that service drive, so we only had from there |
| 10 | back to work with. |
| 11 | So now, for stormwater management, we -- |
| 12 as is required by stormwater management |  |
| 13 regulations, there's -- every 20,000 square feet of |  |
| 14 a site has to be treated and -- for the amount of |  |
| 15 runoff, as well as the quality of the runoff. |  |
| $16 \quad$ So there's no more big stormwater |  |
| 17 management ponds in -- in the county anymore, they |  |
| 18 don't do that. You have to have small facilities |  |
| 19 that treat the entire site. And then after -- |  |
| 20 after all of the facilities are in place and all of |  |
| 21 the calculations have been done, that site -- the |  |
| 22 runoff from that site is as though it was woods in |  |
| 23 good condition. |  |
| 24 | So any runoff to any of the adjacent |
| 25 neighbors, whether it be Mr. Gothard or to the |  |

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other adjacent neighbors, will be no more than woods in good condition.

So now, that being said, because we do
have to treat them in -- at every 20,000 square
feet, there are a number of facilities around the site.
7 And maybe if we could go to the site plan, which is Exhibit --
Q. Hey, Jane.

10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Are we talk -- are you leading up to the 12 Dumpster? Because I think I'd like to dispose of 13 that issue first.
14 A. Well, I -- yes, I am leading there. I'm 15 going there --
16 Q. Okay.
17 A. -- believe it or not.
18 Q. Okay.
19 A. So -- actually, so if you look at the
20 site plan, there were a number of the open spaces
21 that were remaining after meeting a lot of the
22 other setback requirements for both building and
23 parking. We're -- we're in the corners, one of
24 them being where the Dumpster is now.
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The -- the suggestion to, for instance,
put it at the north corner, left of the building,
it could not be put there because there is a stormwater facility there. And, also, that grade, it goes down considerably, as you noticed in the other cross-section, the 23(b), towards that property. We wanted the Dumpster to be as far from any house as possible, and that's sort of the farthest place that we could --

HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How far -yeah, how far is it from Mr. Gothard's house?
THE WITNESS: The Dumpster is actually about 70 feet away, and it is surrounded by a wood fence, 6 -foot wood fence, so you would not see it. And part of the reason it's positioned the way it is, is the doors to the fencing open towards the, 16 would be the western side of the site, in other 17 words, away from Mr. Gothard's property. So that 18 when -- even when they open the doors, he won't be 9 able to see in because it's on the opposite side. So none of that will be visible.

HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I don't think it's the doors that he's concerned about. I think it's the sound.
24 THE WITNESS: So -- right. 25 MR. GOTHARD: It's the -- the location

1 and the fact that this is a Dumpster in front and a little bit left of our house, with removals that occur at, you know, especially when my wife comes from 12-hour shift at the hospital, and -- and, you know, this trash is removed.

Ms. Robeson Hannan mentioned -- you know, pointed before to the opposite corner on the site.
Not -- not the corner that -- where you have
drainage, the opposite corner of the site, where
it's much easier to remove. No, it's in that
11 larger wooded area, farther down, or if you be kind 12 to point, farther to the left.
Yes. Yes.
14 THE WITNESS: Right.
MR. GOTHARD: That area or across the
16 driveway are -- you know, there, it's much easier
17 to remove and it's wooded area. It blend -- it can
16 driveway are -- you know, there, it's much easier
17 to remove and it's wooded area. It blend -- it can
18 made -- be made to blend in. That solves the 19 entire problem with absolutely minimum change to 20 the drawings.
21 THE WITNESS: Well, if you were to come
22 in with a truck, and be -- it would be a very tight
23 turn to make that as a left turn and to be emptying
24 the trash, you don't really have room. You would
22 in with a truck, and be -- it would be a very tight
23 turn to make that as a left turn and to be emptying
24 the trash, you don't really have room. You would
22 in with a truck, and be -- it would be a very tight
23 turn to make that as a left turn and to be emptying
24 the trash, you don't really have room. You would
25 have to go in the opposite direction and I
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| 1 suppose -- | 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How much lower |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: What about | 2 is it? |
| 3 here? | 3 THE WITNESS: About 2 feet. |
| 4 THE WITNESS: Pardon me? | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How much, did |
| 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: What about | 5 you say, lower? |
| 6 midpoint, along that northern, plan north property | 6 THE WITNESS: 2 feet. |
| 7 line that shows the three, I guess they're rosebud | 7 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I couldn't -- |
| 8 trees? | 810 feet? |
| 9 THE WITNESS: Right. Well, directly | 9 MR. KLINE: 2. |
| 10 across from that is a loading area in which there | 10 THE WITNESS: 2 feet. 2. |
| 11 would be delivery trucks that pull off in that | 11 MR. KLINE: 2. |
| 12 indentation that you see there. And so that would | 12 THE WITNESS: T-w-o. |
| 13 be a conflicting movement with the loading area. | 13 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: 2 feet. |
| 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, the | 14 THE WITNESS: Right. The site goes up |
| 15 loading area is right in, right out, so to speak, | 15 from the south to the north. So next to |
| 16 right? | 16 Mr . Gothard's house, it's about 5 -- the parking is |
| 17 THE WITNESS: Correct. Right -- no, it's | 17 about 5 feet lower, and farther down, it's even |
| 18 just -- it's just -- | 18 lower. It's -- we're talking 432 or, you know, |
| 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I guess -- | 19 whereas up at the top, it's about 436. But it |
| 20 THE WITNESS: It's just a pull-off. It's | 20 still is lower than his property and then it's |
| 21 just a pull-off. | 21 surrounded by a 6 -foot wood fence. And then it's |
| 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yes. | 22 also surrounded by trees, shrubs, and not only |
| 23 THE WITNESS: Okay. | 23 deciduous trees, but evergreen trees to screen the |
| 24 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So I guess | 24 sight and sound of the Dumpster area. |
| 25 I'm -- let me tell you my concern. | 25 MR. KLINE: And the berm. |
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| 1 When I originally looked at this, I did | 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Now, what |
| 2 not realize that Mr. Gothard's house -- I did not | 2 would -- what would be the issue of moving it -- |
| 3 realize that this was in the, basically, the front | 3 aside from, I agree with Mr. Kline, it's late in |
| 4 yard of his house. | 4 the process, but it is the -- |
| 5 THE WITNESS: Right | 5 MR. KLINE: Uh, yeah. |
| 6 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I mean, it's | 6 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- public |
| 7 not in the front yard, but it faces the front yard. | 7 hearing. |
| 8 I -- and, you know, maybe I should have -- I | 8 Who said that? |
| 9 probably should have seen the driveway there | 9 But it is -- |
| 10 because that would have told me, but it didn't -- | 10 MR. KLINE: We're just -- |
| 11 it didn't cause -- | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- the public |
| 12 MR. KLINE: Well, we -- Ms. Robeson -- | 12 hearing, and this is the kind of thing we do look |
| 13 THE WITNESS: It basically -- | 13 at at the public hearing. |
| 14 MR. KLINE: -- we -- Jane. | 14 So tell me why you couldn't put it up |
| 15 Ms. Robeson, we understand your point, it | 15 along this -- this edge. |
| 16 is adjacent to the front yard. But here -- we were | 16 THE WITNESS: Well, it -- there is about |
| 17 sort of muting -- | 1716 feet of depth there. |
| 18 BY MR. KLINE: | 18 Let's see. |
| 19 Q. Jane, explain, what is the visibility of | 19 MR. KLINE: While Ms. Przygocki's doing |
| 20 that feature from the front yard of Mr. Gothard's | 20 that, I would say we -- we are comfortable and |
| 21 house? | 21 confident that we can screen it, so it cannot be |
| 22 A. So the Dumpster is actually several feet | 22 seen. We understand Mr. Gothard's concern about |
| 23 lower, a minimum of, at least, 2 feet lower than | 23 the noise, and I would be having Mr. Edmondson |
| 24 the property on -- than Mr. Gothard's property. | 24 testify about he would, basically, contract for |
| 25 Then it is surrounded by a 6-foot wood fence. | 25 services to minimize the pickup times, to try and |


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| 1 coordinate with Ms. Gothard's schedule the maximum | 1 Drive. So if we have the slope going down, you |
| 2 amount possible. So we -- we -- | 2 can't put a leveled Dumpster on that. And we've |
| 3 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yeah, but -- | 3 gone to considerable effort to screen the perim |
| 4 MR. KLINE: -- can make it invisible and | 4 of the property and -- and provide the amount of |
| 5 we can try and make it silent. | 5 landscaping, as is required by the landscape |
| 6 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, the | 6 regulations. |
| 7 thing is, what if her schedule changes? | 7 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, yeah, it -- this |
| 8 MR. KLINE: Sure. Let's continue | 8 is the kind of thing you'd like to try to work out |
| 9 let's continue the discussio | 9 in this hearing, but it sounds like there's some |
| 10 BY MR. KLINE: | 10 unknowns that we can't answer today. So I think |
| 11 Q . Is there an alternative? | 11 what I'm going to suggest is, ask if -- when we |
| 12 Jane, where can it go? | 12 conclude the hearing, to leave the record open, |
| 13 A. It may be possible to -- again, we would | 13 which you would probably have to do anyway, to get |
| 14 have to look at the turning movements. We would | 14 the transcript, and within X-number of days you |
| 15 have to do a truck turning study because these | 15 select, we will get back to you with either a we |
| 16 vehicles do not maneuver as easily as automobiles | 16 can't do it; or two, we can do it and here's how we |
| 17 do. But we can -- we could look at providing it in | 17 would do it. And I guess that would require us to |
| 18 that area adjacent to the parking lot for the | 18 revise the plan and you would need to ship it to |
| 19 private club. But it -- they don't -- they don't | 19 Park \& Planning Commission. But I don't think we |
| 20 turn easily, so it would probably eliminate a | 20 can get closure on it today because of the -- so |
| 21 number of parking spaces because of the angle that | 21 many unknowns, and I just wish I'd known about it |
| 22 they would need to go in. Whereas at -- in the | 22 earlier. |
| 23 other corner, because of the configuration of the | 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I do |
| 24 site, we did have more room to be able to do that. | 24 understand that, but -- I do understand that. |
| 25 I'm not saying that it's impossible, but | 25 MR. KLINE: I think we've exhausted the |
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| 1 I'm not saying it's possible. I'm -- and it's | 1 issue about Dumpsters, unless somebody else had any |
| 2 certainly a reasonable concern that Mr. Gothard | 2 questions or comments about it. |
| 3 has. I -- and I wish that, perhaps, we would have | 3 MR. GOTHARD: I just want to say I |
| 4 known of this earlier, maybe we could have taken | 4 appreciate your effort to solve it and -- and that |
| 5 that into consideration before it got to -- through | 5 is, you know, mainly because, yes, I heard you, |
| 6 the planning board hearing and to this point. | 6 while we're going to manage the Dumpster -- the |
| $7 \quad$ Q. Mr. Gothard has suggested down in the | 7 removal to be X, Y, Z time and so forth, I am |
| 8 southeast corner, and there is a triangular parcel | 8 thinking long term, ladies and gentlemen, and |
| 9 of land that is nothing but trees, or backs up to a | 9 whatever arrangement -- schedule arrangements we've |
| 10 property, it's got lots of U-Haul trucks in it. | 10 made -- people make today is subject to change. |
| 11 Is there anyplace down in that area where | 11 So , therefore, you know, I appreciate you moving |
| 12 it could fit? | 12 it . |
| 13 A. That actually has a stormwater facility | 13 The one last point on this subject I want |
| 14 in that area -- | 14 to make is, I am not aware of any previous times |
| 15 Q. Okay. Okay | 15 that these plans were made -- made available to us, |
| 16 A. -- to prevent any water from running off | 16 so I had no knowledge until this time of the |
| 17 into adjacent properties. And so does the corner | 17 layouts and, you know, the sections and everything |
| 18 that is directly adjacent to the U-Haul operation. | 18 else. So thank you. |
| 19 Q. Okay. | 19 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: All right. |
| 20 A. So I guess the only other place that we | 20 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, you know what my |
| 21 could consider would be either adjacent to that | 21 answer -- |
| 22 parking lot, or maybe somewhere in between where it | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Kline, do |
| 23 is and that other corner. However, that -- that | 23 you want to go back -- |
| 24 area won't work because the -- the slope in that | 24 MS. PRZYGOCKI: What? |
| 25 area drops off significantly towards Wheatfield | 25 MR. KLINE: I'm sorry, we lost you at the |


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| 1 end there. | $1 \quad$ Is there to be any fence at all? |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Who did you | 2 A. There is no fencing proposed along the |
| 3 lose? | 3 property line. The only fence that's proposed is |
| 4 MR. KLINE: You. I didn't hear the end | 4 the one that screens the Dumpster, which is a good |
| 5 of your sentence. I think you were maybe inviting | 515 feet away from the property line, and a good |
| 6 me to call another witness. | 670 feet away from Mr. Gothard's house. |
| 7 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yes. | 7 MR. KLINE: Thank you. I have no further |
| 8 MR. KLINE: Yeah. | 8 questions of Ms. Przygocki. |
| 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: We're moving | 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 10 on from the Dumpster, as I understand it. | 10 Mr. Gothard, do you have any more |
| 11 MR. KLINE: I think we've exhausted that. | 11 questions of Ms. Przygocki? |
| 12 BY MR. KLINE: | 12 MR. GOTHARD: I -- |
| 13 Q. Ms. Przygocki, was there anything else | 13 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. Hearing |
| 14 that came up in questions from Mr. Gothard that you | 14 none -- |
| 15 wanted to address to supplement Mr. Wiencek's | 15 MR. GOTHARD: I thank -- |
| 16 testimony? | 16 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Oh, go ahead. |
| 17 A. Well, I would agree with Mr. Wiencek | 17 MR. GOTHARD: Thank you. |
| 18 about that the -- the materials are compatible with | 18 So somebody else is addressing the trees, |
| 19 residential subdivisions, in that he's gone out of | 19 just so that you know that I have a very good |
| 20 his way to incorporate residential-type materials | 20 reason to be concerned. Our house was already |
| 21 and -- and scale, in a way that makes it fit with | 21 damaged by some -- some of these trees. |
| 22 the neighborhood. | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Some of the |
| 23 I can -- I can address the tree issue, | 23 trees that are currently on the property? |
| 24 if -- if you'd like, or we can go on to -- | 24 MR. GOTHARD: That -- that are not on our |
| 25 Daniel Park is our landscape architect. I don't -- | 25 property, on the adjacent property. |
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| 1 I think there are -- will be far fewer trees there, | 1 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 2 after this is built, than there are currently | 2 Okay. Mr. Kline, do you want to call the |
| 3 This is a fully forested site. | 3 landscape architect? |
| $4 \quad$ I don't -- I don't anticipate that | 4 MR. KLINE: Mr. Park, would you please |
| 5 with -- when the fall leaves fall, that they will | 5 hold your hand up, so Ms. Robeson knows. |
| 6 all blow in the right direction, as they probably | 6 Yeah. |
| 7 don't now. But I would -- I can say it will be a | 7 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 8 much more manicured landscape and very controlled, | 8 MR. KLINE: And you've heard her -- |
| 9 and that all the lawns will be mowed and the trees | 9 you've heard her admonition that you are -- have |
| 10 will be trimmed, and it won't be -- look like the | 10 been sworn -- you're sworn and -- you're still |
| 11 forest that's there now, with considerable | 11 sworn. |
| 12 underbrush and fallen tree limbs and grazing deer | 12 MR. PARK: Yes, Mr. Kline |
| 13 and other -- that I think it will be much less | 13 Ms. Robeson, good afternoon. |
| 14 prone to any disruption than it is in its current | 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Good |
| 15 state. | 15 afternoon. You're still under oath. |
| 16 Q. Well, Ms. Przygocki, we have the | 16 Whereupon -- |
| 17 advantage of seeing Mr. Park sitting there, | 17 DANIEL PARK |
| 18 drumming his fingers on the table, ready to | 18 previously sworn, was recalled, and continued to |
| 19 testify. So we'll -- we will call him in a second. | 19 testify as follows: |
| 20 But there is something that you can | 20 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT |
| 21 address in condition number -- or, I'm sorry, | 21 BYMR. KLINE: |
| 22 concern number 2 talks about, ensure that fencing | 22 Q. Mr. Park, you've had -- you've had the |
| 23 barriers, when we build them, are on our property | 23 advantage of hearing Mr. Gothard's concerns |
| 24 and don't have an adverse effect on the Gothard | 24 directly, and I'm not going to even ask you a |
| 25 property. | 25 question. I'm just going to ask you to address his |


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| 1 concerns and then we'll -- we'll come back and | 1 you're proposing? I forget which exhibit is the |
| 2 forth. | 2 landscape plan, but what are the taller trees |
| 3 So explain -- explain your landscaping | 3 you're proposing? |
| 4 scheme and how you think his concerns can be | 4 THE WITNESS: Right. So the taller trees |
| 5 address -- or are addressed. | 5 are Tilia americana, in other words, American |
| 6 A. Certainly. I think we may want to go | 6 lindens, or basswoods, as they call it. And, you |
| 7 back to Exhibit 23(a), the section drawing. | 7 know, versus the trees that are there, which are |
| 8 And, you know, Mr. Gothard, I don't want | 8 the tulip poplars, they don't lean as much. They |
| 9 to get very technical. I mean, it's really a | 9 have a very straight central leader and they will |
| 10 practical matter, if we can pull up that drawing in | 10 go up straight, and continue to grow up straight |
| 11 the meantime. | 11 through the life of the tree, which -- which is one |
| 12 But, you know, I actually live about | 12 of the reasons we picked that tree for that |
| 1320 feet from a forest conservation easement, so I'm | 13 location. And it really is a lower maintenance |
| 14 very familiar with the issues with trees, | 14 tree with medium growth rate. |
| 15 especially on mature growth, the issues with roots | 15 And, Mr. Gothard, you have to realize, |
| 16 and branches. You know, trees are living things, | 16 though, when we put these trees in, they are going |
| 17 and as they grow, they can grow in different ways. | 17 to be planted at $31 / 2$-inch caliper, or roughly |
| 18 And you probably have experienced that with the | 1814 feet in height. So they'll only be about 7 or |
| 19 trees that are on your site today. | 198 feet wide when they're planted. |
| 20 I would like to say that the trees that | 20 So, you know, if you look at the life of |
| 21 are on your site, primarily, are tulip poplars and | 21 this tree, it will probably be about 20 years |
| 22 black oaks. And the issue with tulip poplars, | 22 before that canopy really grows out and starts to |
| 23 especially on mature growth, when they get tall, as | 23 encroach beyond the property line. So, you know, |
| 24 the ones that are adjacent to your site, they tend | 24 that is one thing we did consider, that those trees |
| 25 to lean. And they will continue to lean, and the | 25 will take a little bit longer to grow. And then |
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| 1 branches will continue to break, especially with | 1 underneath of it, obviously, there is -- there are |
| 2 the spring season and the fall season. And they | 2 evergreens and the shrubs as well. |
| 3 will drop to break. | 3 As with all trees, they have roots, and |
| 4 So, you know, I think it's fair to agree | 4 the roots will grow where the soil is. And we |
| 5 that trees are living things and they produce | 5 certainly understand your concern about roots. I |
| 6 seeds, they produce leaves which fall and grow, as | 6 think, in my expert opinion, I think that the roots |
| 7 Jane Przygocki pointed out, I'll point it out. | 7 will affect your property a little less -- a lot |
| 8 I would like to say, though, that with | 8 less, I would say, than if the trees had been |
| 9 the plan proposed within -- if you look at that | 9 planted on a berm that went up the other way. The |
| 10 plan on the elevation, from that parking space to | 10 roots will grow, probably, more into your -- into |
| 11 your property line is about 16 feet, approximately. | 11 the berm, and the roots that are on the surface and |
| 12 The zoning code requires 10-foot setback, and we | 12 exposed will be on the side of the proposed |
| 13 knew that if we wanted to create a substantial | 13 development, more so. |
| 14 buffer between our proposed development and your | 14 So I believe that will help the situation |
| 15 residence, Mr. Gothard, that we would want to do | 15 and, you know, it will be a matter of time before |
| 16 our best to increase that as much as to the -- as | 16 those trees grow up. But they will not get as tall |
| 17 much as possible. And so 16 foot, really, there | 17 as trees that are there today, and they will have |
| 18 is -- is the maximum extent possible and within | 18 less maintenance involved with them -- to them |
| 19 that area, Mr. Gothard, we really did provide a | 19 versus the trees that are in there today. |
| 20 nice area where we have some very low-maintenance | 20 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 21 trees. | 21 Q. Mr. Park, let me go back and just make |
| 22 I can start by -- | 22 sure I get something right, from the beginning. So |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: What kind of | 23 the -- the county code would have required you to |
| 24 trees -- can I interrupt? | 24 have at least a 10-foot planting strip. You've -- |
| 25 What -- what are the taller trees that | 25 you've gone one and a half times that, to make sure |

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you have more than an adequate amount of planting
space for trees, and you get more separation that
way.
A. Yes, that's correct.
5 Q. Okay. And maybe to put it into a graphic
6 \text { sense, the exhibit that's on the screen now is}
probably showing a tree in its 15th or 20th year of
life?
9 A. That's correct.
10 Q. Okay. Thank you.
    Go ahead, continue, if you had something
else to add.
13 A. No, I -- I just think, you know, that if
14 you -- if the purpose is to achieve screening, I
1 5 \text { really think that the design, as proposed, is}
16 really mis -- advantage -- advantageous to
17 Mr. Gothard's property. Obviously, the property
18 line is where it is. But as far as the plant
19 material selected, we believe it's appropriate
20}\mathrm{ and -- for the setting and this condition of the
21 plan currently.
    Q. Was there anything else you heard in
23 Mr. -- either read in Mr. Gothard's concern or
24 heard in our presentations today, subjects that you
25 wanted to comment on that we -- that I didn't think
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to ask you about?
A. He -- Mr. Gothard did mention debris.
And debris will tend to collect on the bottom of
the berm, when the wind blows it, it'll collect --
kind of the trees will filter it, will probably get
stuck before they do get to Mr. Gothard's property,
so I think that also is another advantage of the
current layout.
9 MR. KLINE: Thank you. I have no further
10 questions of Mr. Park.
11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
12 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay.
13 Mr. Gothard, do you want to ask Mr. Park
14 anything?
15 MR. GOTHARD: Yes, thank you.
16 Two -- two things. Is there any other
17 tree type? Potentially, lower and a smaller
18 diameter as it grows out, you know, from a
19 branches' perspective.
20 And, also, I mentioned that we had damage
21 from -- from trees from adjacent properties to the
22 house, to the siding, and we had damage from the
23 roots that damaged the drainage below the basement
24 floor. It basically -- it went right through the
25 plastic, you know, that drainage --
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1 THE WITNESS: Drainage pond.
MR. GOTHARD: Right. Yeah. So, you know, that's -- those are the, I think, very valid reasons why we have that concern.

THE WITNESS: Yes, I can speak to that, Mr. Gothard.

So we are clearing the forest in that area, and by doing that, the trees that are there, they will die, they will be removed. And the roots 0 that go onto your yard, will also decay at some 11 point. Those are the deep tap roots, as well as 12 structural roots that encroach your property.
13 So I think in the near -- 20, 30 years, 14 what we're doing will improve the situation on your 15 yard, as far as the roots.

As far as other tree types we can propose 17 -- you know, there are a bunch of trees we can 8 propose. I think this site, the American linden 9 that we're proposing is a good tree. The other 0 trees we could propose would still have the same -a similar form, and that is because we have to have 2 a certain amount of tree canopy to cover the 3 parking lot along the proposed development, as part 4 of the zoning requirements.

So I don't think moving to a different
canopy tree, at that point, of the same size would improve your situation there. So I mean, you know, if you're thinking something more columnar, that would not be acceptable for zoning code.

But, you know, just imagine, the trees will go in. They'll be 7 foot, 8 foot in diameter, and it will be 20, 25 years out, before you have a real maintenance issue, which you would have today, anyways, if the trees were there.
10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Wait. I'm -1 I'm not clear.
12 MR. GOTHARD: Sorry.
13 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: What you're -14 go ahead, Mr. Gothard. You go ahead.
15 MR. GOTHARD: I appreciate the fact that
16 you're -- you're saying that we have that problem
17 now. Well, since you are doing work, you know, and
18 you've already placed those trees, I -- that is not
19 good justification for -- for the problems to
20 continue.
21 THE WITNESS: Should I respond,
22 Ms. Robeson?
23 MR. KLINE: Well, I'm not sure I
24 understood the question, so maybe, can you clarify 25 it, Mr. Gothard?

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| 1 MR. GOTHARD: Okay. Sorry about that. I | 1 talking about more fibrous roots that will not |
| 2 going to clarify. So I mentioned that, yes, we | 2 necessarily damage foundation. You know, they'll |
| 3 do -- we did have problems before, both with trees | 3 stabilize the soil, actually, on -- on the |
| 4 falling and damaging the house, and with roots | 4 properties, and Ithink the roots that are going to |
| 5 penetrating the -- the drainage under the house. | 5 be an issue will be deeper, especially with this |
| 6 But what I am -- the reasons why I ask those | 6 type of tree. And, again, as I said, it will be a |
| 7 questions and I put in testimony what I put in | 7 long time before any of those issues would arise. |
| 8 there, is because going forward, we do not want to | 8 But, yes, you know, the drip line is where the |
| 9 have that kind of problem. So I appreciate any | 9 canopy would be. |
| 10 effort you can put in, making sure that that | 10 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, I guess I'll |
| 11 doesn't happen. | 11 give you the benefit of -- or give you and Mr. |
| 12 Thank you. | 12 Gothard the benefit of some research I did this |
| 13 THE WITNESS: Mr. Gothard, I think -- I | 13 week on behalf of the Aspen Hill Pet Cemetery whose |
| 14 think that the Applicant has put forward that | 14 trees, in a historic site, grow over the parking |
| 15 effort by pushing the -- the grading down so that | 15 lot of a church next door. And the church is |
| 16 the berm is higher on your side. I think that does | 16 concerned that branches are going to fall on the |
| 17 help the situation with the roots and it helps the | 17 cars in the parking lot. And we have authorized |
| 18 situation, you know, with the screening. | 18 them that they -- the law says under what -- |
| 19 And as far as the plant material | 19 Maryland follows what they call the Massachusetts |
| 20 selected, you know, we think it's appropriate. And | 20 Rule, is that a property owner can shave the -- any |
| 21 the maintenance issue will be significantly reduced | 21 encroaching branches to the property line. |
| 22 for the next 20, 25 years. You know, if your | 22 So Mr. Gothard's always got the right to |
| 23 concern is beyond that, you know, I don't think | 23 cut off a branch that extends over onto his |
| 24 there's any tree that we could put there, that | 24 property line. |
| 25 would not become an issue, you know, beyond 25, | 25 Unfortunately, his concern seems to be |
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| 130 years. But, you know -- | 1 more subterranean, and I have to tell you, I've |
| 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Can I -- | 2 never had a zoning hearing where somebody asked me |
| 3 THE WITNESS: Yes. | 3 to put in trees smaller so that they would not grow |
| 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Can I ask -- | 4 larger and into the property. |
| 5 well, maybe this is a question for the Applicant. | 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I had the same |
| 6 Do they have -- do these types of communities have | 6 thought -- I had the same thought. But I guess |
| 7 (Indiscernible) trees? Is -- that's not a | 7 what we're caught with is, what I'm reading, I |
| 8 question. | 8 mean, if we had to leave it at the arborvitae, but |
| 9 Is somebody maintaining these trees, I | 9 you have the canopy shading requirements -- |
| 10 guess is my question, either from the management | 10 MR. KLINE: Correct. |
| 11 company or -- like, they just don't let the | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- for the |
| 12 parking -- any of the landscaping grow out of | 12 parking area, which in a way, you know, |
| 13 control, do they, or do they? | 13 sometimes -- it used to be that we would just say, |
| 14 MR. KLINE: Well, I guess I'm going to | 14 put arborvitae on that side and leave it at that. |
| 15 ask a question of Mr. Park first. And thinking | 15 MR. KLINE: Otherwise, I think we would |
| 16 about the cross-section you had up there. | 16 consider changing the tree, but then we would have |
| 17 BY MR. KLINE: | 17 to find where we would have to go meet our canopy |
| 18 Q. Mr. Park, is it just an old wives' tale | 18 requirement elsewhere. And we're worrying about a |
| 19 or is it true that the drip line, the canopy of the | 19 problem that, frankly, none of us are going to be |
| 20 tree is usually equivalent to the -- the extent to <br> 21 which the roots grow out? | 20 living long enough to see. Well, Mr. Park maybe, 21 but the rest -- |
| 22 A. That's not necessarily true, Mr. Kline. | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Speak for |
| 23 The drip line would be inward towards the trunk | 23 yourself. |
| 24 of -- of the critical root zone. But the critical | 24 Do these -- are you saying that the |
| 25 root zone are, you know, surface roots. We're | 25 roots -- Mr. Park, are you saying that the roots |


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| 1 are not going to cause -- of the new tree, are not | 1 to be within that length. And if that's |
| 2 going to cause as much damage because they grow | 2 achievable, still without that tree in that |
| 3 into the berm? | 3 location, then I think it's quite possible. |
| 4 THE WITNESS: That's correct. | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, |
| 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I wasn't sure | 5 Mr . Gothard, are you sure you don't want that tree |
| 6 what you were -- go ahead. | 6 right there? What if it's just arborvitae and the |
| 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. Because we have a | 7 smaller understory stuff? Are you sure you don't |
| 8 berm situation there, the roots that run along the | 8 want that tree there? |
| 9 first 18 inches of the soil, and as far as depth, | 9 MR. GOTHARD: The -- as I mentioned, the |
| 10 will probably only be on the lower side, and | 10 concern is twofold, right. One is the roots and, |
| 11 there's been studies that show this, and on the | 11 actually, you know, I appreciate Mr. Park's |
| 12 upper side, you will have less growth of roots. | 12 explanation; however, the -- the -- we have a |
| 13 Toward Mr. Gothard's property, you will have less | 13 basement and the berm situation actually makes |
| 14 growth -- root growth because of the berm. | 14 it -- makes it more likely that the roots will -- |
| 15 BY MR. KLINE: | 15 will grow right under our basement. And that's |
| 16 Q. Is it sort of the -- the roots are smart | 16 where we had the problem. |
| 17 enough that the course of least resistance is to go | 17 The other thing is that, yeah, I am |
| 18 down the berm, rather than horizontal onto his | 18 familiar with the Massachusetts Law because |
| 19 property? | 19 Montgomery County, when we -- when we called, when |
| 20 A. The -- as far as nutrition and what | 20 the house was damaged from the trees on the |
| 21 they -- the plants need, they prefer the first 18 | 21 adjacent property, you know, Montgomery County sent |
| 22 inches of soil. And so they'll grow in that | 22 us a note saying that the Massachusetts Law |
| 23 direction. And, you know, it depends on how steep | 23 applies. Well, that's fine and dandy, but we ended |
| 24 the slope is, but they -- you know, obviously, the 25 root ball is sunken in, so they'll go in the lower | 24 up paying for repairs. We ended up paying for tree 25 maintenance, and that is something that I don't |
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| 1 direction and then the roots that are tucked in, | 1 think that -- that we should have been dealing |
| 2 into the grade, will have a tougher time getting in | 2 with. |
| 3 through the deeper soil. | 3 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. |
| 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Do you need -- | 4 MR. GOTHARD: Now you want to send -- now |
| 5 could you take out one tree opposite his house and | 5 you want to say why I -- |
| 6 put it somewhere else? Like this tree? I don't -- | 6 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Let me ask -- |
| 7 which one is your landscape plan? | 7 MR. GOTHARD: -- why I am concerned about |
| 8 THE WITNESS: Ms. Robeson -- | 8 the large trees next to the house. |
| 9 MR. KLINE: That's -- the landscape plan | 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, what if |
| 10 is 20 -- sorry, it would be 41 -- | 10 they were moved that -- can you see the screen? |
| 11 THE WITNESS: (b). | 11 MR. GOTHARD: Yes, ma'am. |
| 12 MR. KLINE: -- (b). 41(b). | 12 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. There's |
| 13 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, okay. | 13 one -- |
| 14 Would it mess up your canopy shading too | 14 MR. GOTHARD: I think two trees -- two |
| 15 much, if you just took out this one tree? It's | 15 tress are probably main -- of main concern. The |
| 16 just an idea and there's common area over here, but | 16 one that's right in towards the center of the |
| 17 I don't know. | 17 house, and the one above that. |
| 18 THE WITNESS: Ms. Robeson, I'm going to | 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: You mean -- |
| 19 let Mr. Kline counsel the Applicant regarding this | 19 the one plan north to -- |
| 20 matter. But my opinion is, as far as tree canopy, | 20 MR. GOTHARD: Yes. |
| 21 that one tree could be relocated to another area of | 21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yes. |
| 22 the parking lot to achieve that. The only thing we | 22 MR. GOTHARD: So the reason why I was |
| 23 want to check is that the perimeter planting | 23 thinking if -- if they could be smaller trees, you |
| 24 requirements, that we have enough canopy trees. | 24 know, it would -- it would solve the problem. I -- |
| 25 And there are a certain number of trees that need | 25 I did hear, and I understand your -- your -- the |

explanation regards to the canopy, and so forth.
But, you know, as you can see, the trees are pretty
close to the home.
MS. PRZYGOCKI: If I could interject, is
that possible?
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yes, please.
MS. PRZYGOCKI: One of the other
requirements, unfortunately, Mr. Gothard, of -- of
the landscape requirements for the perimeter is
that there be a shade tree planted every 30 feet on
center. So if we were to take out two trees, we
would not be meeting that requirement.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And now, where
is this requirement, though? Because I think I can
waive that requirement.
MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Still need
(Indiscernible). Is that in Article 6 of the
Zoning Ordinance?
MR. KLINE: Yeah.
MS. PRZYGOCKI: Yeah.
MR. KLINE: 562.5 -- 2.9 ?
MS. PRZYGOCKI: 2.9 .
MR. KLINE: 2.9 , yeah.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: 2.9 . Because

HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: 2.9. Because
if you look at 7.3.1.E.2.B -- and I don't have the
document in front of me, but I'm pretty sure this
is a conditional use, I can waive that
requirement -- any requirement of Article 6, to the extent needed to ensure compatibility.

MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay. Well, the only other thing I would mention is that the Tilia cordata that we selected here is a pretty compact growing tree. And it's -- it's not as loose and, for lack of a better term, messy, as some trees might be. It's pretty -- grows pretty tight and, most likely, only would be about 30 -feet wide. It's shown as 35 -feet wide here.
MR. PARK: Yes. Ms. Robeson, for the record, the tree is a Tilia americana, and not a Tilia cordata.
17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I don't know what that means, but I'll take --
19 MR. KLINE: Yeah. So what's -- what's 20 the significance of that, Mr. Park?
21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- your word for it.
23 MR. PARK: I believe Ms. Przygocki
24 mentioned a different tree than -- than we were
25 talking about. But, you know, it's a linden. It's
a basswood. But I do agree it's more compact than,
you know, say, a gnome -- and not as tall as a --
as a tulip poplar that existed.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: How much
shorter do you expect it to grow, compared to a tulip poplar, Mr. Park?

MR. PARK: I think in this condition, we're probably looking at, you know, 50 feet -- 40, 50 feet. I think in this condition, those tulip poplars can get up to 80 feet.

HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Right. MS. PRZYGOCKI: The other --
MR. KLINE: I'm sorry, yes.
MS. PRZYGOCKI: -- point I wanted to make is, by removing those two trees, although we 6 certainly could, if that was the preference of the 17 Hearing Examiner and we would -- we would go by 8 your decision, it would -- it would diminish the screening of the -- the building and of the landscaping that surrounds the building. So I guess, in my opinion, I think that would be less desirable than more desirable, to not have that tree there, and to have the additional landscaping.

HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Is -- is the root spread of this tree approximately the same as the tulip poplar, do you know?

MS. PRZYGOCKI: No, I -- I don't know. I know that the tulip poplar does grow to be a lot taller. I think -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Park -- that would be more like 60 to 80 feet. I mean, be -- walking the site, they were -- they were very large and there were significant dropped branches. But I don't -- I can't say for certain, I think I would defer to Mr. Park on that.

MR. KLINE: And I believe the Applicant is ambivalent about what to plant and where to plant it, in the sense we thought this was beneficial to Mr. Gothard. He's had some problems, 14 and I understand why he's taking the position he's taking. If he doesn't mind having narrower trees 16 or shorter trees or more visibility of our building, in order to get a trade-off, so he has 8 less risk of having root encroachment, we'd be 9 willing to do that, if you have the ability to help 20 us do that.
21 What I would ask, though -22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I think --

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| MR. KLINE: And let me tell you what my -- what my qualifier would be. <br> HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: You can go ahead. <br> MR. KLINE: That you would normally ask <br> us to come up with a revision to our plan and send it to Park \& Planning and ask them for their opinion, and I would -- I would ask that you not do that because they would think we were crazy to give 10 up a tree -- a beautiful tree that would screen everything, and I think they would recommend against that very strongly. So -- but it -- <br> HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yeah. But you <br> 4 know what, that doesn't mean I have to take 15 their -- I know what opinions -- I have -- I have 16 no choice, I didn't write the zoning ordinance. <br> 7 But -- because we tried not to have to, when they 8 were drafting this, we tried not to have to refer 9 everything back to Park \& Planning. <br> But at the end of the day, my question <br> 21 is, the shade requirement is really more <br> 22 environmental, and I think it's difficult to say <br> 23 that one or two trees is going to significantly <br> 4 impact the environmental requirement. <br> 25 And who knows what Park \& Planning will | ```think. Is this parking lot landscaping? Is it -- are these trees driven by the parking lot landscaping requirements in 6.2? Or are they driven by the perimeter landscaping requirements in 6.5? MR. PARK: Ms. Robeson -- MS. PRZYGOCKI: They're driven by -- oh, I'm sorry, go ahead. MR. PARK: Oh, yeah, Jane knows, if you 0 don't know. It's, I believe it's the 6.2.9. MS. PRZYGOCKI: I would -- HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. So you also have this option: The deciding body may waive 4 any requirement of 6.2 . So there is some flexibility there. So the -- so I guess the question -- my question to you is, we have both 7.3.1. My computer is freezing. We have the standards in 7.3.1 that give us some flexibility. And then we have the 6.2, but, really, I don't see why you need the 6.2 because we have the 7.3.1.B. So I guess I would have to take it back. 24 I don't have to agree -- I don't know what Park \& 25 Planning -- who's the planner on this? I don't``` |
|  | ```None know. MR. KLINE: Phillip -- Phillip Estes wrote the staff report, and Doug Johnson was the environmental reviewer. HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, it doesn't need to go back to him because this is landscaping. MR. KLINE: Sure. HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So then the question -- MR. KLINE: I was just going to say -- HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- becomes, is there -- MR. KLINE: -- we are ambivalent. We would follow your guidance. HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: -- a tree that does a little bit of screen for Mr. Gothard without root system? MR. KLINE: Yeah, we are prepared to follow your guidance. I just hope that we don't get caught into a fight down at Park & Planning Commission about this issue that holds us up, that's -- that was my only concern. HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, I mean, I think he's got a -- Mr. Gothard, I understand his ``` |


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| 1 concern. |  |  |
| 2 How far is he from the property line, |  | 2 I'm saying is that I think we need to look at it, |
| 316 feet? |  | 3 but we might be very close where we can satisfy |
| 4 MR. KLINE: Your question was what, |  | 4 both sides of the coin, if we can get it to work. |
| 5 Ms. Robeson? |  | 5 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That would be |
| 6 MR. GOTHARD: 6 feet -- 16 feet and 3 is |  | 6 wonde |
| 7 setback, as I understand it, 10 feet. The tree |  | 7 Okay. So why don't we -- let's -- let's |
| 8 grows to 50 feet or so. Mr. Park can confirm those |  | 8 look at this. |
| 9 numbers. |  | 9 Mr. Gothard, before I start, what I'm |
| 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So, |  | 10 going to do now is set some time, as far as |
| 11 Mr . Gothard, what if they just take out trees and |  | 11 checking out the Dumpster changing and these two |
| 12 leave the arborvitae? Is that going to be |  | 12 trees. Before I start into that, do you have any |
| 13 acceptable to you? Or do you want some kind of |  | 13 more questions of anyone? Mr. Gothard? |
| 14 mid-range tree that could go in there? |  | 14 MR. GOTHARD: Yes, so sorry about that, I |
| 15 MR. GOTHARD: I -- we could -- we could |  | 15 remained on mute. Thank you for checking. |
| 16 go along with some mid -- some smaller trees that |  | 16 I believe that, you know, we've -- you |
| 17 don't grow that tall and, you know, they -- they |  | 17 were all very kind to attempt to address most of |
| 18 don't have such large canopy, if you would. Either |  | 18 the things. I think if -- those two items are |
| 19 way, they -- what we are looking for is not -- not |  | 19 probably on the top of the list, and the other -- |
| 20 to -- to reduce the potential for damage to the |  | 20 the only -- the other, I guess, item is probably |
| 21 house or drainage due to the roots. That's -- |  | 21 the height of the building, but that -- the most |
| 22 that's all we are looking for. |  | 22 important among the eight. |
| 23 MR. PARK: Ms. Robeson, Mr. Gothard, if I |  | 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. So I'm |
| 24 may. You know, I think -- |  | 24 pulling -- I'm pulling my phone out, but I'm doing |
| 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yeah. |  | 25 it to look at my calendar. |
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| 1 MR. PARK: -- I think that a fastigiate |  | 1 MR. KLINE: Sure. Ms. Robeson, I did |
| 2 or columnar tree in that location at |  | 2 have one last witness, but it's probably really |
| 3 Mr. Gothard's -- adjacent to Mr. Gothard's home, |  | 3 just a very quick mop-up. |
| 4 you know, I think that may be a solution where we |  | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: No, that's |
| 5 could keep the 30-foot spacing needed by Park \& |  | 5 fine. That's fine. I didn't -- I thought we had |
| 6 Planning and the zoning ordinance. And, perhaps, |  | 6 done -- we were done. |
| 7 we seek a waiver on the canopy coverage. I think |  | 7 MR. KLINE: No. We got into the trenches |
| 8 it's -- Jane, what's the canopy coverage on the |  | 8 a little earlier than I expected. |
| 9 parking lot? |  | 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: The trees. We |
| 10 MR. KLINE: It should -- it should be |  | 10 couldn't see the forest for the trees. |
| 1125 percent, isn't it? |  | 11 Okay. Go ahead. |
| 12 MR. PARK: That's correct. |  | 12 MR. KLINE: I'd like to call |
| 13 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Yes, the minimum is |  | 13 Jim Edmondson. Can you see him on your screen? |
| 1425 percent. I believe, right now, with the |  | 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Edmondson, |
| 15 coverage that we have, we are very close to |  | 15 you're the most important person on the team. |
| 1630 percent. |  | 16 You're still under oath. Please go ahead. |
| 17 MR. PARK: Okay. So, yeah -- |  | 17 Whereupon -- |
| 18 MS. PRZYGOCKI: So we would be |  | 18 JAMES EDMONDSON, |
| 19 removing -- I don't know what the area of those two |  | 19 previously sworn, was recalled, and continued to |
| 20 trees is, in terms of how much that would diminish |  | 20 testify as follows: |
| 21 the -- the total square footage, whether that would |  | 21 MR. KLINE: Thank you. |
| 22 put us under 25 percent or not. Most -- |  | 22 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT |
| 23 MR. PARK: Right. |  | 23 BY MR. KLINE: |
| 24 MS. PRZYGOCKI: -- probably not. I don't |  | 24 Q. Mr. Edmondson -- |
| 25 know. |  | 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Why don't you |


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| 1 tell Mr. Gothard, very briefly, who you are. | 1 among the recognized experts in putting great |
| 2 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm a partner in the | 2 design on affordable housing projects and helping |
| 3 firm of E\&G Group. E\&G stands for Edmondson \& | 3 us, as developers and operators of |
| 4 Gallagher. We've been doing affordable housing for | 4 properties, to -- to win the allocations of the |
| 538 years in the Washington area and a number of | 5 financing that we need. |
| 6 other markets. And I'm -- I'm happy to say that | 6 This -- the designs, the renderings that |
| 7 I'll associate myself with Michael Wiencek, the | 7 you've seen, the designs, all of that, are |
| 8 architect, we've used him repeatedly on doing | 8 reflective of great skill, and our confidence that |
| 9 projects in the Washington, D.C. area. | 9 the nature of the -- the design will enable us to |
| 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. | 10 get the financing that we need in order to do |
| 11 BY MR. KLINE: | 11 the -- to do the development. |
| 12 Q. Sure. Based on your exp | 12 Q. Are you aware of any -- any multifamily, |
| 13 actually, first off, for Mr. Gothard, please | 13 multistory affordable project you developed in any |
| 14 explain the number of units you've developed in the | 14 of the local jurisdictions that had a -- that |
| 15 metropolitan area, so he has a sense of your level | 15 caused a diminution in value of any surrounding |
| 16 of experience. | 16 properties? |
| 17 A. In the greater Washington, D.C. area, we | 17 A. Quite to the contrary. I can't think of |
| 18 have done approximately 5,000 units of affordable | 18 a single example where we haven't actually improved |
| 19 housing that -- rehabilitation and new | 19 the circumstances in a particular neighborhood. |
| 20 construction. And we are -- we are considered | 20 Partly, that's by good design; partly, in some |
| 21 experts and among the -- the leading firms in | 21 cases, which doesn't apply here, it's because we've |
| 22 Washington area using low-income housing tax | 22 taken derelict buildings and turned them around |
| 23 financing, which is what will apply here on the | 23 into something that's new and modern and fresh. |
| 24 Frederick Road site. <br> 25 Q. And you have embarked on the application | 24 We -- we delivered a property, late in 25 2019, in Washington which is really, in most |
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| 1 that would get that financing available for this | 1 respects, analogous to this property, the one we're |
| 2 project? | 2 proposing; a senior project sitting in an area |
| 3 A. Yes. We've done some preliminary | 3 that's -- that has different types of buildings, |
| 4 that regard, yes. | 4 single-family houses, town houses, other apartment |
| 5 Q. And in that process, what -- what | 5 buildings. |
| 6 requirements must you meet that would dictate the | 6 This -- this particular building, which |
| 7 quality of the design of the building; the | 7 we call Milestone Seniors actually has one side of |
| 8 materials and everything else? | 8 the building that's closer to a single-family house |
| 9 A. Yes. The State of Maryland and | 9 than the proposed building will be to Mr. Gothard's |
| 10 Montgomery County, like virtually every other | 10 house. It was an enormous up -- upgrade to the |
| 11 jurisdiction in the greater Washington area, had | 11 community. That owner and all the other |
| 12 requirements that we, as seekers of financing for 13 affordable housing units, have to comply with. | 12 single-family owners in the immediate vicinity were <br> 13 delighted with the new structure, partly because |
| 14 Failing to comply means we don't get the financing | 14 it's -- it's beautiful architecturally and it -- |
| 15 that we need, so we can't do the projects. And | 15 they know that it comes along with a -- an upgrade |
| 16 those requirements include targeting certain income | 16 to the -- to the appearance and operation and |
| 17 groups, setting rents that are affordable to people | 17 general viability of the neighborhood. |
| 18 in certain income ranges, continued successful | 18 Q. And, Mr. Edmondson, let's see. You're |
| 19 operation of the properties. If we were bad | 19 agreeable to managing the community to have the |
| 20 property managers, we would lose the opportunity to | 20 waste management pickups at times and days a week |
| 21 do more properties. | 21 to minimize the impact on the surrounding property |
| 22 And, perhaps, most significantly, for | 22 owners? |
| 23 Mr . Gothard's point of view, we have design | 23 A. Oh, yeah, that's -- yes, absolutely. |
| 24 requirements that have to be met. Michael Wiencek | 24 That is -- that is a standard thing that we |
| 25 and his company, his -- his architectural firm are | 25 request. We're -- when you have apartment |

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| 1 buildings, you have Dumpsters or some other mode of | 1 So I guess, I have to ask your team, how soon they |
| 2 trash hauling, which inevitably involves noise. | 2 can look at moving the Dumpster and either |
| 3 And so -- so scheduling the pickup times is always | 3 substituting -- you know, finding different trees |
| 4 important for our residents, as well as for the | 4 that are not going to cause the concern, and maybe |
| 5 neighbors. | 5 still meet the shading -- the canopy requirements. |
| 6 Q. And, finally, you're prepared to work | 6 But even if it's altered, if the canopy |
| 7 with the Hearing Examiner and Mr. Gothard to try | 7 requirements are altered by a small amount, that |
| 8 and possibly relocate the Dumpster itself, and | 8 doesn't give me a lot of concern. I'd rather |
| 9 maybe work with the landscaping to try and address | 9 have -- you know, if we can get a tree that is a |
| 10 Mr . Gothard's concerns? | 10 little shy of the canopy requirements, that doesn't |
| 11 A. We are. In a perfect world, from my | 11 concern me. |
| 12 standpoint, this would not result in a multimonth | 12 MR. KLINE: Well, thinking ahead. Today |
| 13 delay of the process because, as I've said, we've | 13 is Thursday. Friday is not usually a good workday |
| 14 already -- we've already begun seeking the first | 14 for most people. Monday is a holiday. |
| 15 step in the financing that we need for the building | 15 So would Soltesz be in a position to be |
| 16 with the Montgomery County Housing -- Housing | 16 able to get back to the Applicant by the middle of |
| 17 Office. | 17 next week, with advice about we can or cannot move |
| 18 MR. KLINE: I have no further questions | 18 the Dumpster? And what we can do about trees along |
| 19 of Mr. Edmondson. If Mr. Gothard would like to ask | 19 the perimeter of the property? Would, say, next |
| 20 any questions, I'm sure he'd be glad to respond. | 20 Tuesday or Wednesday be possible? |
| 21 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Gothar | 21 Jane, you're the project manager. |
| 22 do you have any questions of Mr. Edmondson | 22 MS. PRZYGOCKI: I would say yes. We'd be |
| 23 MR. GOTHARD: Thank you for asking. | 23 happy to take a look at it and try to come up with |
| 24 So you mentioned that, you know, your | 24 a solution that is good for everyone. |
| 25 property development improves the condition of | 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Would it help |
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| 1 other properties. I understand and appreciate the | 1 you to have till Friday? |
| 2 example you have given. I will check it out | 2 MS. PRZYGOCKI: That would help. And if |
| 3 myself, if you provide the proper information that | 3 we can beat that deadline, we'll do that too. |
| 4 allows us to check it out. | 4 MR. KLINE: What I was going to suggest |
| $5 \quad$ The -- one more item that I would like to | 5 is that we try and have the answers to you by |
| 6 touch on is, appreciate you -- your commitment to | 6 Tuesday or Wednesday, and if they are positive, |
| 7 manage waste removal schedules. I don't want to | 7 then we would have a plan or plans to you by |
| 8 end up in a situation where my wife has to schedule | 8 Friday. |
| 9 her work in the hospital, based on your schedule. | 9 Jane -- |
| 10 I hope you understand that. That is a long-term | 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I see what |
| 11 thing. Today, you can say it will happen in a | 11 you're saying. |
| 12 certain way. A year from now, who knows? I really | 12 MR. KLINE: -- would that |
| 13 appreciate relocation. We definitely cannot accept | 13 MS. PRZYGOCKI: I understand. Yes. We |
| 14 the Dumpster at the current location. | 14 would want to do -- |
| 15 Thank you. | 15 MR. KLINE: Yeah. |
| 16 MR. KLINE: Ms. Robeson, I said at the -- | 16 MS. PRZYGOCKI: -- a site first and then |
| 17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: All right. | 17 maybe present the results and then see if that's |
| 18 Let's -- | 18 amenable, and then produce revised plans that would |
| 19 MR. KLINE: -- I said at the beginning, | 19 incorporate that. |
| 20 I've never had a reconvened public hearing, so now | 20 MR. KLINE: Yeah. And, unfortunately, |
| 21 I know how they operate. | 21 because the Dumpster -- |
| 22 Where would you like to go now? | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That -- |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, what I'd | 23 MR. KLINE: -- the Dumpster shows on |
| 24 like to do is set a time frame -- I do understand, 25 you know, that you've applied for the financing. | 24 virtually all the plans, we -- we do have to make a 25 lot of changes. The landscaping plan's a little |


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| 1 bit easier, but the -- we'll have to figure out | 1 everybody's benefit. |
| 2 some -- some way to do it. | 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So what if we |
| 3 Maybe what we could is, if you'd be -- | 3 try to do that by -- is June 3rd unrealistic for |
| 4 this would be if you'd be willing to do this. Let | 4 Soltesz? |
| 5 us submit a site plan and a landscaping plan that | 5 MS. PRZYGOCKI: June 3rd -- I'm sorry, is |
| 6 you would send to Park \& Planning Commission, and | 6 that Wednesday? |
| 7 then in the -- while they're looking at it, we | 7 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Yes. |
| 8 would do all the other sheets to reconcile them | 8 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay. Yes, we can do |
| 9 with those two main sheets, and that way, you | 9 that. Wednesday, 6/3. |
| 10 wouldn't have to send, you know, 15 pages down to | 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I mean, they |
| 11 Park \& Planning Commission. | 11 don't have to be final plans, just they can be |
| 12 Ms. Robeson, would that sound doable to | 12 conceptual. |
| 13 you? | 13 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Two weeks from yesterday. |
| 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That's fine, | 14 It basically -- yeah. With Monday being out, that |
| 15 as long as -- when is Mr. -- should we set a time | 15 will give us Tuesday to -- to come up -- well, |
| 16 frame for Mr. Gothard to weigh in? | 16 Friday and Tuesday to come up with the drawings. |
| 17 MR. KLINE: Sure. Well, he certainly | 17 MR. KLINE: I'm just wondering if we |
| 18 should. And what I would do is, I would make | 18 missed a week or skipped a week, because June 3rd |
| 19 arrangements to -- | 19 is actually two weeks from yesterday. And I didn't |
| 20 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: That way -- | 20 think you were thinking about that long, |
| 21 that way, you know, we'll -- I'm trying to get to | 21 Ms . Robeson. |
| 22 his working with -- see what's the most acceptable | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I was not. |
| 23 by a certain time before we -- | 23 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Oh, I think you're |
| 24 MR. KLINE: Sure. Sure. Yeah. | 24 thinking of -- I'm sorry, May 27th? |
| 25 Well, why don't -- why don't you think of | 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I apologize. |
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| 1 how much time you want to give him. And I'll -- | 1 MS. PRZYGOCKI: May 27th. |
| 2 we'll proffer that we will hand deliver whatever | 2 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I'm just |
| 3 documents we come up with and leave them on the | 3 looking at this -- I'm looking -- I have too much |
| 4 front steps of his house, and by whatever date you | 4 new computer technology. |
| 5 think you'd like him to have it, and give him | 5 Let me do it this way. Okay. May 27th. |
| 6 whatever time it's going to take. And we won't be | 6 How's that? |
| 7 transmitting -- asking you to transmit to Park \& | 7 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay. That will be fine. |
| 8 Planning until he has said, this is okay. | 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: No, you |
| 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, I don't | 9 have -- |
| 10 need him to -- I just need to find out whether -- | 10 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Yes. |
| 11 what his position is, not necessarily -- I'm not | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Give me |
| 12 giving him approval authority over it, but let's | 12 something realistic. |
| 13 see what we can do. | 13 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Can we -- |
| 14 MS. PRZYGOCKI: So with those drawings, | 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: 28th? |
| 15 then, for Wednesday delivery, would they be | 15 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Can we say the 28th, and |
| 16 deliverable to whom? | 16 then we would have to deliver the drawings the |
| 17 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Gothard, | 17 following Monday to Park \& Planning? |
| 18 can they e-mail revised drawings, or do you want -- | 18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: No, no. Hold |
| 19 do you need hand-delivered ones or can you do -- | 19 up. Hold up. |
| 20 can you work with e-mail? | 20 What I'd like to do is, you can -- you |
| 21 MR. GOTHARD: E-mail, electronics, any -- | 21 can e-mail the drawings to Mr. Gothard on the 28th. |
| 22 any electronic means are good. Thank you. | 22 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay. |
| 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Is that easier | 23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay? At the |
| 24 than trying to hand deliver the plans? | 24 same time, you can e-mail them to Park \& Planning. |
| 25 MR. GOTHARD: Probably faster for -- for | 25 But, Mr. Gothard, you have till June 3rd |


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| 1 to give us your written comments on the plans. | 1 MR. KLINE: Yeah. And that -- that would |
| 2 MR. GOTHARD: Will do, ma'am. Anything | 2 be more than I would need. The 14th would be fine, |
| 3 to help. | 3 Ms. Ro |
| 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So on 5/28, | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: We'll do -- I |
| 5 you can e-mail plans to Park \& Planning. They are | 5 mean, I'm setting -- I'm setting deadlines. We |
| 6 accepting amendments by e-mail | 6 don't have to take the full amount of time. I know |
| 7 MS. PRZYGOCKI: Okay | 7 |
| 8 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And then, | 8 MR. KLINE: Okay. Fine. That's fine. I |
| 9 Mr . Gothard, if I could get your written comments | 9 understand your point. |
| 10 by June 3rd, in writing. | 10 Now, you saw how quickly Mr. Estes |
| 11 Then I will give the Appli | 11 responded to your shuttle condition, and I think he |
| 12 June 8th to make any comments, based | 12 probably will do the same thing, so I think those |
| 13 Mr . Gothard's comments | 13 are good outside dates. And maybe that's -- |
| 14 And then we'll leave the record -- I also | 14 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I'm sorry, I |
| 15 have to see if Park \& Planning -- I have to leave | 15 lost part of |
| 16 the record open for them to comment. So let me do | 16 MR. KLINE: Pardon me? |
| 17 this. | 17 MR. EDMONDSON: She lost you. She was -- |
| 18 We'll get the plans to Park \& Planning | 18 she was locked |
| 19 May 28th. We'll have Mr. Gothard's comments on | 19 MR. KLINE: Yeah. No. You were |
| 20 June 3rd. I'll give Park \& Planning till | 20 commenting on the speed at which Park \& Planning |
| 21 June 12th, and then -- unless they can ge | 21 may respond, and you noticed how quickly Mr. Estes |
| 22 faster, depending on how major -- I know -- I don't | 22 gave you his comments on the shuttle condition. |
| 23 know if this is going to change the stormwater or | 23 And he seems to be pretty efficient. So I think |
| 24 not. | 24 he'll probably -- you'll probably hear from him |
| 25 And then, Mr. Kline, if you have any | 25 pretty quickly. So maybe what -- rather than have |
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| 1 comments on Park \& Planning comments, you can pick | 1 due dates, just say, Mr. Kline, you've got to |
| 2 a -- pick a date after June 12th. | 2 respond within 48 hours after Mr. Estes gives you |
| 3 MR. KLINE: I don't need five days from | 3 his report. |
| 4 the 3rd till the 8th. I don't think that | 4 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. All |
| 5 necessarily speeds anything else up, but I can ge | 5 right. |
| 6 back to you in two days or so. | 6 MR. KLINE: Okay? |
| $7 \quad$ So you can put me down for my response to | 7 Because I'm tired of getting kicked under |
| 8 Mr . Gothard's comment on the 5th. And in terms of | 8 the table by Mr. Edmondson here. |
| 9 Park \& Planning, again, two-day turnaround. | 9 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Mr. Edmondson? |
| 10 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay. So that | 10 MR. EDMONDSON: Yes, ma'am. |
| 11 would be the 16th. | 11 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Do you a -- |
| 12 All right. So what I have -- let me ju | 12 honestly, do you have a drop-dead deadline for the |
| 13 go over it again. I have plans delivered to | 13 taxing -- low-income tax incentive financing? |
| 14 Mr . Gothard, by e-mail, and Park \& Planning by | 14 MR. EDMONDSON: We have -- we have an |
| 15 5/28. | 15 unofficial deadline. It's open enrollment. |
| 16 On 6/3, Mr. Gothard, written comments. | 16 It's -- what you do is, you -- you get in line. |
| 17 6/5, any comments Mr. Kline has on | 17 The sooner you submit a full application to the |
| 18 Mr . Gothard's comments | 18 County, the sooner you'll hear. And the sooner we |
| 19 6/12, Park \& Planning's comments | 19 submit, the further ahead in the line we're going |
| 20 And 6/16, any final comments. | 20 to be. So time does matter, but it's not like I |
| 21 How's that? | 21 have a June 15th drop-dead date by which time -- |
| 22 MS. PRZYGOCKI: I'm sorry. 16 is what, | 22 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: I understand. |
| 23 final comments by? | 23 But you lose some priority? |
| 24 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Kline -- | 24 MR. EDMONDSON: Yes. |
| 25 Mr . Kline on Park \& Planning. | 25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: You may lose |

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some priority?
    MR. EDMONDSON: Yes, ma'am.
    HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay.
    So let me see -- I'm going to keep all
the deadlines here, but I am going to ask Phil if
he can get us his response as quickly as possible.
    MR. KLINE:Thank you. That'd be great.
Thank you very much.
    HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So that we
0 can -- we can move some of these deadlines up.
11 MR. KLINE: Wonderful.
12 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: My -- and the
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most, you know, as soon as you can get the drawings
4 in, that's where we start, to the extent you're
15 able to change things.
16 MR. KLINE: And we understand your
17 instructions.
18 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: And I am
19 actually in the process of drafting the decision,
20 so hopefully, this extension will not hold up the
21 overall decision.
MR. KLINE: Mr. Edmondson --
23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So the --
24 MR. KLINE: No, that's fine. Wonderful.
23 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So the --
24 MR. KLINE: No, that's fine. Wonderful.
25 HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Okay.
MR. KLINE: Thank you. Thank you again.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: So the record
is going -- so the record is going to, just for
drop-dead date, the record is going to close $6 / 16$,
but I'm going to ask everyone to get their comments
as soon as possible.
Anything else before we adjourn?
MR. KLINE: Thank you for the education
on reconvened hearings.
MR. GOTHARD: Thank you, all.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, hearing
nothing else -- Mr. Gothard, do you have anything
else?
MR. GOTHARD: Just to thank you all and
wish you good health.
MR. KLINE: And you, sir.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Well, I hope
we plant the right trees for you.
MR. GOTHARD: Thank you.
HEARING EXAMINER ROBESON: Thank you very
1 much. I'm going to adjourn the hearing.
(Off the record at 4:28 p.m.)

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