

**BOARD OF APPEALS  
for  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

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**WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Minutes of September 25, 2024, Worksession and Worksession Addendum.**

Action: Approved, (RM/CH, 5-0).

**2. S-2316, Petition of McDonald's Corporation (Drive-in-restaurant).** Letter to the Board from Michele Miller, Area Construction Manager, McDonald's, requesting an administrative modification of this special exception.

*Located at 12044 Cherry Hill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.*

Action: Granted the modification of this special exception, (JHP/RM, 5-0).

**3. S-2668, Petition of Taiwan Culture Center, Inc. (Service Organization).** Email to the Board from Tai L. Huang, President, The Taiwan Culture Center, Inc., submitting notice of the Center's Fall Open House, as well as the Transportation Management Plan.

*Located at 7509 Needwood Road, Derwood, Maryland.*

Action: Re-opened the record to receive Dr. Huang's submission, (JHP/CH, 5-0).

**4. S-2729, Petition of American Tower (Telecommunications Facility).** Letter to the Board from Vijay Shah, originally considered by the Board at its September 11, 2024, Worksession, requesting a public hearing on this administrative modification. Also included is a letter sent to Mr. Shah on September 12, 2024, indicating that the Board has no jurisdiction to consider the health effects related to this modification, asking if he would consider withdrawing his request, and stating that if the Board did not hear back from him by September 30, 2024, the Board would presume he did not wish to pursue his request. Also included are certified mail receipts evidencing delivery of the Board's letter.

*Located at 1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville, Maryland.*

Action: Re-opened the record to include Mr. Shah's letter dated August 22, 2024, Douglas Sampson's letter dated September 10, 2024 (responding to Mr. Shah's letter), and the BOA letter dated September 12, 2024, (JHP/RM, 5-0).

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