In The Matter Of: CITY OF CAMDEN PLANNING BOARD

TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING April 10, 2025

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2	CITY OF CAMDEN
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4	Thursday, April 10, 2025
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6	Transcript of proceedings of the City of
7	Camden Planning Board was conducted as a virtual
8	meeting via a remote conferencing platform, TEAMS,
9	commencing at 6:06 p.m.
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11	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
12	STEVEN LEE, ACTING CHAIRMAN
13	ERIN CREAN DIRECTOR WALKER
14	IAN LEONARD COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS
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21	ZONING OFFICER; HPC SECRETARY
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VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Good evening. The meeting will now come to order. By the direction of the Planning Board Chairman Jose DeJesus, Jr. of the City of Camden, there will be a regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, April 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Since the City of Camden remains under a Declaration of a Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 virus, City Hall is open. Therefore, this regularly scheduled meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting via a remote conferencing platform, TEAMS. Instructions on accessing this virtual regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting and meeting agenda, can be found on the City of Camden's website. A reading of the Opening Statement, please.

DR. WILLIAMS: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Camden City Planning Board adopted a Resolution approving the same during the year 2025. One, posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board reserved for such purpose in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, first floor, Camden, New Jersey; transmitting a copy thereof to the Courier Post and to the Philadelphia Inquirer. These newspapers have been designated by this Board to receive same, and filing a copy thereof with the

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City Clerk, City of Camden, New Jersey. The subject
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    meeting was publicized through amendment on April
    11, 2025. Roll call.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mayor Carstarphen.
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         DeJesus. Mr. Lee.
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Present.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Present.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Humphrey.
    Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD: Here.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                               Ms. Crean.
                MS. CREAN: Present.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Thomas.
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                                             Ms.
    Fraction.
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                Mr. Vice-Chair, we have quorum.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Thank you. Approval
    of Planning Board Public Hearing Minutes dated March
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               Is there a motion? I need a motion.
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    13, 2025.
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                MR. LEONARD: So moved.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Second.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Roll call.
                                            Mayor
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    Carstarphen. Jose DeJesus.
                                  Mr. Lee.
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1	VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
2	DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
3	DIRECTOR WALKER: Yes.
4	DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
5	COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Yes.
6	DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
7	MR. LEONARD: Yes.
8	DR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Crean.
9	MS. CREAN: Yes.
10	VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Thank you. At this
11	time, we have the swearing in of all professionals
12	and planning staff.
13	MR. BURNS: For our professionals, please
14	raise your right hands, please.
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16	DR. EDWARD C. WILLIAMS, PP, ASIP, CSI,
17	AHP, CZO; DENA MOORE JOHNSON, PE, CME, having first
18	been duly sworn/affirmed, was examined and testified
19	as follows:
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21	VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Thank you.
22	MR. BURNS: Doctor Williams, I believe
23	Eric Bernstein is in the meeting room.
24	MR. BERSTEIN: I'm here.
25	MR. BURNS: Okay, Eric. I didn't know if

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you were put in. Thank you.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 Thank you, Jim.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Thank you.
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                Moving right along, Planning Director's
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    Report.
                               Mr. Vice-Chair, the only
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
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    item on the agenda under that category is the
    Downtown Master Plan. And we're waiting for the
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    county to give a definitive date for presentation
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    before the Board. And once I receive that date, I
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    will notify you all of the same. That ends my
    report, sir.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Thank you.
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    right along, the Certificates of Appropriateness.
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    I can do these in a block starting from 'A' and
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    ending at 'F,' Items 'A' to 'F.'
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                DR. WILLIAMS; If I may, Mr. Vice-Chair.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: On behalf of the
    Vice-Chair, we're recommending to the Board to
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    approve in block under New Business, Items 'A'
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    through 'F.' Re: 1372 N. Chesapeake Road; 1294 S.
    Merrimac Road; 1057 S. Merrimac Road; 1406 S.
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    Collings Road; 1346 S. Merrimac Road; 1019 Ironside
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    Road.
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To the Vice-Chair and members of the
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    Board, as a secretary and member of the commission,
    we did review Items 'A' through 'F' under New
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    Business. All have been approved in the affirmative
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    and make recommendations to the Planning Board and
    open up the public to approve the same.
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                MR. BURNS: Do we need a motion?
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: At this point we need
    a motion, don't we?
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                MR. BURNS: Yes, we need a motion.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Motion to open to the
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    public.
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                MR. LEONARD: Motion.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                                There are no hands up in
15
    the public and I did hear Mr. Leonard offer a motion.
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                MR. BURNS:
                             Yes.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: I'll second it.
                MR. BURNS: We have a second from the
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    Councilwoman. All in favor, say yays to open to the
    public.
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                THE BOARD:
                             Yays.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed?
                                              Motion
    carries.
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                MR. BURNS: Anybody in the public,
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    Dr. Williams?
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No. No public comments
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
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    from the public.
                MR. BURNS: So we need a motion.
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                MR. LEONARD: So moved.
                MS. CREAN: Second.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Roll call. Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Yes.
                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
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                                   Yes.
                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD:
                               Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Humphrey.
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    Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD:
                               Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Crean.
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                MS. CREAN:
                            Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                               Motion carries to approve
    Items under New Business, 'A' through 'F.'
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Okay. Item G,
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    Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan: Cooper
    Hospital (Tower A), 1 Cooper Plaza, Block 1402,
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    Lot 1; Block 1400, Lot(s) 55 through 65; and Block
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    1443, Lot 5.02. The applicant is proposing to
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construct a bridge from Tower A, across Haddon Avenue 1 2 to the existing MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper 3 located directly across from Tower A on Block 1443, Lot, 5.02. 4 Is there anyone here concerning this particular matter? 6 MR. SHEEHAN: Yes, Mr. Vice-Chair. 8 is Kevin Sheehan from Parker McKay on behalf of the applicant, Cooper Health System. 9 MR. BURNS: At this time, Dr. Williams, 10 11 I want to state for the record, Mr. Chairman that I have a conflict. I will recuse myself as the 12 13 solicitor. We have Eric Bernstein here. I also note that there are Items 'H' and 'I.' I don't know how 14 15 long Cooper's application is going to take. know that Ed Fox is very quick with his presentations 16 for the redevelopment. 17 I don't know if Eric would have a problem 18 with me not rejoining the meeting depending on how 19 far along Cooper goes. And Eric can handle the 20 21 presentation just for the motions to approve and we 22 have already -- I've already done resolutions for that, Items 'H' and 'I' tonight. Or we can take 23 the -- or finish Cooper at the end. 24 I leave it to

Mr. Bernstein who is nice enough to cover for me

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tonight.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Whatever the desire of
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    the Board is. I'm be more than happy to handle 'H'
    and 'I' if that is what the Board would like us to
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    do. Mr. Burns?
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: What do you think,
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    Doctor?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: I think we should carry in
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    the order recommended by Mr. Burns.
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Okay. So that means,
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    the adoption of the followings Resolutions,
    Certificates of Appropriateness?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: No, no. We've already
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    done that, sir. We're at Cooper Hospital now, Tower
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    A recommending based on recommendation of Counsel,
    that he be recused. As he can't -- he has to be
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    recused. So Mr. Bernstein can handle the
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    balance of the items on the agenda.
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                MR. BURNS: Mr. Bernstein is offering to
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    do that.
              I certainly appreciate that. I owe you
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    one, sir, and good to see. I will turn it over to
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    Mr. Bernstein for the remainder of the meeting. And
    I will turn it over to Mr. Bernstein. Thank you,
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    Eric.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Acting Chairman Lee,
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before Mr. Burns disappears, we're also talking about
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    the adoption of the three Certificates of
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    Appropriateness Resolutions; is that correct, Jim?
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes, that's what I
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    referred to earlier. That's what I was referring to
    earlier actually.
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                MR. BURNS: Yes.
                                  So those resolutions
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    will be approved tonight, memorialized tonight, Eric.
    And I also, for the record, and Mr. Sheehan can
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    remind everybody of it, I prepared with Mr. Sheehan,
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    two resolutions to memorialize Items 'H' and 'I' for
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    tonight. So we can memorialize those as well as the
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    Certificates of Appropriateness. And Mr. Sheehan
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    will, I'm sure, remind everybody of that fact.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Yes.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: No problem. Thank you,
    Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Burns.
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                MR. BURNS: Have a great night, Eric.
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    Have a great night everybody. I'll see you next
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    month.
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                              See you, Jim.
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                So Mr. Chairman, I'll continue with
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    Cooper if that's okay with you?
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                    Absolutely.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: So you identified the
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properties Block 1402, Lot 1; Block 1400, Lot(s)
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    55 through 65; Block 1443, Lot 5.02. This is the
    main Cooper Hospital Campus, as well as the MD
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    Anderson facility located directly across Haddon
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    Avenue.
                The applicant is seeking preliminary and
6
    final site plan approval to permit the construction
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    of a new tower that was identified as Tower A at the
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    corner of Haddon Avenue and Martin Luther King
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    Boulevard in April 2024. That tower is actually --
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    construction on that tower was actually started.
    It's a 10-story hospital building expansion with a
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    footprint of about 35,000-plus square feet.
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                Tower A was part of Cooper's longterm
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    investment in the community and it serves as the
    initial project for future demolition and
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    reconstruction and upgrades to the Cooper Hospital
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             The application before you tonight is an
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    amendment of that application. And there's a couple
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    of things that we're going to be doing. If it's okay
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    with you, I'll share my screen.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Sure.
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                               Can you see the bridge
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    shown on this elevation?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: I can see it.
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MR. SHEEHAN: Great. Thank you.

So the proposal is to build a bridge from Tower A to the MD Anderson facility across Haddon Avenue. Traffic will continue to flow underneath of Haddon Avenue. This will allow Cooper's patients and staff to move safely and conveniently from the hospital to the Cancer Center.

They're also proposing modifications to the central unit -- central utility plant on the Benson Street side of the property. They're proposing an upgrade to the existing sign package and new signs on Tower A and the bridge. And then as part of the construction of Tower A, excavation is required along Martin Luther King Blvd.

There's a support structure on the ground that's necessary to support that excavation. In consultation with the City Engineer, part of that support structure will be removed when Tower A is completed. But part of it will remain in place. And the City Engineer requested that we obtain a variance from the Board. We identified it as a setback variance from the Board to allow that structure to remain in place underground in accordance with his direction.

We me tonight are Kyle MacGeorge from

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Langan. He's the civil engineer on the project.
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    Leslie Hanson from HKS Architects. And Rachel
    Fifield, a professional planner from Langan. There
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    are in addition to the site plan, there's a couple
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    setback variances that are required because the
    bridge is spanning across the road, as well as some
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    sign variances that we'll go through in some more
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    detail.
             If we can have them sworn in.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 They were already sworn
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    but if not, would you raise your right hand.
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                KYLE MacGEORGE, P.E.; LESLIE HANSON,
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    R.A.; RACHEL FIFIELD, P.P., having first been duly
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    sworn/affirmed, was examined and testified as
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    follows:
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: What we're going to do,
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    normally I'd have everybody indicate who they are.
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    Kevin, we're going to do that one at a time.
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    As you call the witnesses, would they please state
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    their full names, spell their last names for the
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    record, indicate where they're from and their
    professional qualifications. But we'll do that as
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    the witnesses are called rather than doing it all at
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    once.
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MR. SHEEHAN: Okay. So following the
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    Board's typical procedure at this point, we usually
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    go through Ms. Johnson's report. And as they respond
    to questions from Ms. Johnson, before they continue,
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    I can do that for each witness.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
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                                Thank you.
                            I'm referring to Remington &
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                MS. MOORE:
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    Vernick's letter dated April 7, 2025. Starting on
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    page 4. For the Redevelopment Plan, the front yard
    setback for Benson Street, what's required is 5
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    feet. And for the proposed Block 1443 and Block 1400
    portion of the project, the front yard setback is
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    4.3 feet. So we understand that's a preexisting
    condition, correct?
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                MR. MacGEORGE:
                                Yes.
                                       This is Kyle
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    MacGeorge with Langan Engineering Environmental
    Services. For the record, I am a licensed
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    professional engineer in New Jersey.
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    testified in front of many Boards including this
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    one.
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                With regard to that question, yes, that
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    is correct that the setback is matched as the
    existing building.
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                MS. MOORE: And then from the
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    Redevelopment Plan for the front yard setback from
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Haddon Avenue, what's required is 5 feet. 1 2 proposed Block 1443 and Block 1400 portion of the 3 project, there is no setback. And also proposed Block 1443 portion, no setback. So you'll be 4 5 requesting a variance for both of those portions under the front yard setback of Haddon Avenue, 6 correct? 7 MR. MacGEORGE: Yes, that is correct. 8 MS. MOORE: Starting with Performance 9 10 Standards for parking. The plan states on the 11 coverpage that there are not any proposed parking spaces; however, Sheet CS101 indicates a 12 13 reconfiguration of existing parking spaces and now 14 shows 7 proposed spaces. Testimony should be 15 provided that the seven proposed parking spaces are 16 sufficient for the current use and that ADA parking is not required. 17 18 MR. MacGEORGE: Sure. Those parking 19 spaces that you're seeing as striped are for service 20 purposes. The hospital uses them for patient 21 transport vehicles and emergency vehicles that serve 22 the ambulance entrance to the emergency room. 23 such, they're not parking for the public and, therefore, they don't require ADA or changes to the 24 25 public parking space count for the campus. And they

are adequate in the number of spaces proposed. 1 2 MS. MOORE: The applicant should provide 3 testimony regarding satisfying the electric charging facilities' requirements at the overall hospital 4 5 site? MR. MacGEORGE: As similarly because 6 there are no additional parking spaces proposed. 7 8 There's no requirement for additional electrical charging spaces for the project. 9 MS. MOORE: Okay. And I think your 10 11 testimony with the overall site was that you're looking into an overall project at some point for the 12 13 entire Cooper site for electric charging vehicles; is 14 that correct? 15 MR. SHEEHAN: Yes. 16 MS. MOORE: Okay. Testimony should be provided if any new 17 bicycle parking spaces are proposed for the project. 18 19 MR. MacGEORGE: No new bicycle spaces are 20 proposed for this project. 21 MS. MOORE: The stormwater management 22 maintenance agreement currently filed with Camden County for Tower A must be revised to include the 23 24 amendments in this application. You acknowledge 25 that?

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MR. MacGEORGE: Acknowledged, yes.
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    do.
                MS. MOORE: A stormwater fee is to be
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    calculated for the site as outlined in Appendix 18 of
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    the City Ordinance. The calculation will be reviewed
    by our office and the fee must be paid by the
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    applicant prior to the final signatures of the plans.
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                MR. MacGEORGE: Understood.
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    Acknowledged.
                            The applicant should confirm
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                MS. MOORE:
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    that the footings and foundations of the central
12
    utility plant improvements will not encroach within
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    the City's right-of-way on Benson Street.
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                MR. MacGEORGE: Yes, that's confirmed.
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                MS. MOORE: How about the footings or
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    foundation of the pedestrian bridge installation?
    Would that encroach within the county's right-of-way
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    on Haddon Avenue?
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                MR. MacGEORGE: So those are proposed to
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    encroach within the right-of-way. The columns are
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    proposed to be behind the curbs and that is part of
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    the easement agreement that's being coordinated with
    Camden County.
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                MS. MOORE:
                            Okay.
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                The project must be approved by the City
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Engineer and the City Fire Chief. You're aware of
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    that and you'll provide the approval emails to me?
                                 Yes, will do.
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                MR. MacGEORGE:
                MS. MOORE:
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                             Okay.
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                The concrete strength indicated in the
    concrete collar details and the connection to brick
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    sewer details should be increased.
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                MR. MacGEORGE:
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                                 Understood.
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    correct that.
                             The applicant should indicate
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                MS. MOORE:
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    if there are any changes to the previously approved
    landscaping and lighting details.
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                MR. MacGEORGE: There are no changes to
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    the details that are from the most previously
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    approved.
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                MS. MOORE:
                             Okay.
                And lighting details should be provided
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    for this project, including the applicant indicates
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    lighting is being proposed underneath the pedestrian
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    bridge so that detail also should be provided.
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                MR. MacGEORGE: We will provide those,
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    yes.
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                MS. MOORE:
                             The applicant is to provide
    testimony regarding any and all environmental
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25
    concerns, studies and remediation pertaining to the
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1 site? 2 MR. MacGEORGE: There has been ongoing 3 environmental soil testing. That's all being done under the direction of a New Jersey licensed site 4 5 remediation professional to comply with all the soil management and fill management policies in 6 7 New Jersey. 8 MS. MOORE: So it is under an LSRP right 9 now? 10 MR. MacGEORGE: Yes. 11 MS. MOORE: Okay. 12 The Visual Impact Assessment. 13 description of the proposed project should be presented in the report to indicate the extent to 14 15 which the site must be altered; the kinds of 16 facilities to be constructed and the uses intended. 17 Sorry to interrupt. MS. HANSON: My name is Leslie Hanson. I'm a registered architect in the 18 19 State of New Jersey. I reside in Richmond, Virginia. 20 We have provided some information on 21 this, but we will comply and send an additional 2.2 narrative. 23 MS. MOORE: Okay. Thank you. 24 including the negative and positive impacts of the 25 project. Even if it's just one or two items.

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can have something in there for that portion also.
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                MS. HANSON: Yes, that's correct.
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    acknowledged and we'll be happy to do so.
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                MS. MOORE: Okay. Thank you.
                MR. BERNSTEIN: Ms. Hanson, by whom are
5
    you employed? I don't want to interrupt Ms. Johnson
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    while she's on a roll.
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                MS. HANSON: I'm employed by HKS
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    Architects. I've been with the firm for 22 years.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: What was that again?
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    apologize.
                MS. HANSON: I'm with HKS Architects.
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    I've been with the firm for 22 years.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: And where is HKS
15
    Architects located, Ms. Hanson?
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                MS. HANSON: We have a variety of
    different offices. I reside in Richmond, Virginia.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you. Sorry,
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    Dena.
                MS. MOORE: No, no. That's fine.
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                We are on the signage portion of the
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    project. And I know that the applicant had indicated
    to me that they would like to visually show the signs
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    before we get into this portion.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Yes. Thanks, Dena.
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So Mr. Chairman and Board members, we're asking for a lot of signs, some replacement signs and some new signs. And if we just read through Dena's report, you may not get to be able to see what it is we're actually proposing and what we're voting on tonight.

So Rachel Fifield from Langan is our professional planner and she will go through the location and the type of sign for each of the signs that we're going to propose and identify the variances that we're requesting in reference to Dena's report. And once she does that, she'll also talk about the Positive and Negative Criteria necessary after she identifies all the signs for you.

So, Rachel, can you identify yourself for the record, your affiliation with Langan, and a little bit about your expertise in planning to qualify you as an expert in professional planning?

MS. FIFIELD: Sure. My name is Rachel Fifield. I'm a licensed professional planner here in the State of New Jersey. I'm also a member of the AICP. I work with Langan engineering located in Parsippany, New Jersey, and I've been with them for about four years.

MR. SHEEHAN: Thank you. So I have an

exhibit up that says Exhibit For Hearing Signs for 1 2 04/10/2025. I guess we can mark that A-1, 3 Mr. Bernstein? MR. BERNSTEIN: Yes. Just for purposes 4 5 of the record, does anyone have any questions of Ms. Fifield and anyone have any issues in having her 6 declared or approved as an expert? And the same 7 8 for Mr. MacGeorge and Ms. Hanson? I apologize for 9 not taking care of that earlier. 10 Hearing none, Mr. Chair, then obviously, 11 they're all approved as experts. Ms. Fifield, we're going to mark this as A-1. For purposes of the 12 13 record, Mr. Sheehan, can we indicate what A-1 14 represents, who the author is and when it was 15 created? 16 MR. SHEEHAN: Yes. It is the sign packaged prepared by Focus ER&D that was submitted 17 18 with the application. We have reorganized it so that Rachel can go through the location of each sign as 19 you can see here. And then, show you what the sign 20 21 will look like and provide some details for you for 22 each of the signs. It is 25 pages. The exhibit is 23 25 pages. 24 MR. BERNSTEIN: So we're marking the

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entire exhibit?

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MR. SHEEHAN: Yes, please.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 And the date on the
    exhibit is?
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                               04/10/2025.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 Thank you.
                MR. SHEEHAN:
                               All right. So Rachel, can
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    you see my screen? Am I sharing?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes, I can. thank you.
                MR. SHEEHAN: So if you just roll -- if
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    you go through it, start with the sign on the corner,
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    I'll scroll through and follow you.
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                MS. FIFIELD: So we're starting with Sign
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    E-1 which is there on the corner of the Martin Luther
14
    King Boulevard. You'll see it's like in a pink oval.
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    So it's right there on the corner. So for that sign
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    we're replacing a nonconforming 20-foot-by-14-foot
    and 3 inches monument sign with a smaller
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    15-foot-by-8-inch-by-11-feet-and 3-inches sign.
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    this new sign has a square footage of 176.18 square
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    feet, which means that we need the following
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    variances: From the Redevelopment Plan, a d(8) which
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    the maximum 40 square foot area for a monument signs
    like this.
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                Also from the Redevelopment Plan,
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    d(9). And then from the regular design ordinance,
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Section 870-253.0(13(d), maximum 5-foot sign height.
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    We're exceeding that. You can see here that this
    sign serves to, not only identify the site but also
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    to provide wayfinding for people on the street level
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    especially letting them know, you know, how to get to
5
    the emergency room and then how to get to other
6
    equally important but maybe less urgent locations.
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    So dividing it up into sections and having that
    height is important for visibility here.
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                If you can move on to the next sign.
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    this is Sign E-2. It's an new sign.
                                           It's 52.5
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    square feet. It's a wall-mounted sign.
                                              For that
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    we're seeking the following variances from the
14
    Redevelopment Plan, again, a d(9) because we're
15
    exceeding that max 5-foot sign height. And then from
16
    the Design Ordinance Section 870-253.0(12(c), the
    maximum letter height is 6 feet for these signs.
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    you can we're exceeding that. So this sign kind of
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    serves to identify Cooper. It's not giving specific
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    directions by it's creating clarity about what's
21
    here; Tower A is new; kind of helping you identify
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    that this is part of the larger campus.
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                If you can move to the next one.
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                               Can we see it, E-7?
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                                    So for E-7 is, again,
                MS. FIFIELD:
                              E7.
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- a replacement monument sign. It's 45 square feet. 1 2 We're going to be seeking that variance from the 3 Redevelopment Plan for the maximum 5-foot sign height. As you can see, we're exceeding that height. 4 5 And this is a monument sign so it's standing on its own here. 6 MR. SHEEHAN: I think we're on the main 7 8 tower. There we go. Here is E-6. 9 MS. FIFIELD: Okay. So E-6 is, again, is a replacement sign, 1672.26 square feet of 10 11 wall-mounted signage. We're, again, seeking a 12 variance from the Redevelopment Plan for that maximum 13 5-foot sign height. And we're also seeking variances of Q(10) and Q(12)(c). Both wall signs are not to 14 15 cover windows or wall openings and the maximum letter height of 6 feet. And this is mounted quite high on 16 the building for identification sort of at a 17 neighborhood level. And so it's quite large. 18 19 MR. SHEEHAN: This is replacing the 20 existing Cooper sign that's on the Delaware River 21 side of the building, correct? 22 MS. FIFIELD: Yes. So it's a 23 replacement sign for an existing sign for the sign
- MR. SHEEHAN: This is E-8.

identification.

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MS. FIFIELD: So E-8 is a 194.64 square
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    foot wall-mounted sign, and it's simply going to be
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    removed.
                MR. SHEEHAN: That's the existing sign at
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5
    the top of the building -- of the Roberts Pavilion on
    the Martin Luther King side
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                Next is E-3.
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                MS. FIFIELD: So E-3 is a new 618 square
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    foot wall-mounted sign. We're, again, seeking that
    variance from the Redevelopment Plan for the maximum
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    5-foot sign height, you know, scaled with this
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    building. We're seeking a larger sign than that.
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    And then, again, Q(12)(c) from the regular ordinance
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    for a maximum letter height of 6 feet.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: And this will be the top of
16
    the new Tower A on the Martin Luther King side of the
    building?
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                                     So this is, again,
                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
    sort of neighborhood level identification of this new
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    building associating it with the existing campus.
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2.1
                MR. SHEEHAN: Next are E4 which are two
22
    signs on the stair tower?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
                                     So this is divided up
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    into E-4A and E-4B but they're extremely similar.
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    this is that new stair tower for --
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MR. SHEEHAN: There you go.
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
                                    So you can see it's
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    there right behind the bridge. So these are new
    signs and they're both wall-mounted signs.
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    they're also sort of also kind of identity signs
    here. So E-4A which is the one that we're looking at
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    right now, is a new 257.13 square foot wall-mounted
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    sign. We're seeking a variance from the
    Redevelopment Plan, again, for the maximum sign
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    height which is 5 feet under the plan. And then
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    we're seeking a variance under Q(10), again, because
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    this is located in a glassed-in area so it
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    technically covers a window.
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                And can we move to E-4B which is
    extremely similar?
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                MR. SHEEHAN: I don't see that here,
    Rachel.
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                MS. MOORE: I'm sorry. One thing,
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             Rachel, a question for you. Is it Q(10) or
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    Rachel.
            Because I think I have signs covering a
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    F(10)?
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    window as F(10). But is it O(10)?
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                              I have 870-253.Q(10), wall
                MS. FIFIELD:
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    signs not to cover wholly or partially any wall
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    opening or project beyond the ends of the wall to
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    which they are attached.
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MS. MOORE: Okay. Because I think it's
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    in my report as F(10). I can just check as you're
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    going through.
                    I'm sorry. I'll just --
                MR. BERNSTEIN: Page 6, No. 6, Dena,
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    (H) \#6. you got it as F(10).
                MS. MOORE: Right. So I'll just confirm
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    that it is Q(10). I apologize. You can keep going.
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                MS. FIFIELD: Thank you.
                MR. SHEEHAN: I don't see 'B' here but
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    that's similar to this. Do you want to talk about
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    the dimensions?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
                                    So 'A' and 'B' are,
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    you know, they're opposite sides of the same tower.
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    So 4B is a new 141.78 square foot wall-mounted sign
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    there. Again, we're seeking those same variances
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    both from the Redevelopment Plan for the maximum
    5-foot sign height. From Q(10) for wall signs not to
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    cover windows. And then from O(12)(c), maximum
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    letter height of 6 feet.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: And then E5?
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                MS. FIFIFIELD: So much like E-4, E-5 is
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    kind of a pair of signs on either side of the
23
    proposed new pedestrian bridge. They're both new
    signs because it's a new bridge. So 5-A is a 509.23
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    square foot wall-mounted sign. Those variance we're
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seeking are from the Redevelopment Plan for the
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    maximum 5-foot sign height. From the ordinance for
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    window signs which is Section 870-253.I(12), window
    signs inside the window, permanent window signs only
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    permitted if signage background area is less than 10
    percent of the window area.
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                And then, again, what might be O(10) or
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    as the counsel person is looking up, what might be
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    F(10), wall signs not to cover windows. So as you
    can see, this is a mostly transparent, you know,
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    bridge background. So less than 10 percent of the
12
    window area would be a quite small area. So E-5A and
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    E-5B is the exact same dimensions on the other side.
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    You can see them here and seeking the exact same
15
    variances.
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                              Okay. So can you speak to
    the Positive and Negative Criteria for the variance?
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Just before she does,
    Kevin, 'A' is the Cooper sign and 'B' is the MD
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    Anderson sign?
                MR. SHEEHAN: Or is it one side then the
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22
    other?
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                                    It's one side and then
                MS. FIFIELD:
                              No.
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    the other.
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                                        So what's the
                MR. BERNSTEIN: Okay.
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difference between 'A' and 'B'? Just one sign versus
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    the other?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
                                     They have the same
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    dimensions and the same size but they're on
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    opposite sides of that bridge to identify it, you
    know, depending on which direction you're coming
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7
    from.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 Thank you.
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                MS. MOORE: And I did note, it is
            I just wanted to make sure. It's F(10).
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    F(10).
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                MS. FIFIELD: Thank you very much.
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                MS. MOORE: No problem.
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                MS. FIFIELD: So I'm going to move
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    towards Positive Criteria for signage unless there
15
    are other --
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Were they all F(10),
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    Dena?
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                MS. MOORE: Before you do that, if I can
    just go through just to confirm. So the signage --
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    just to go through the nine comments that I have for
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21
    signage?
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Okay.
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                MS. MOORE: So per the Redevelopment
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    Plan, no sign shall be more than 5 feet in height.
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    All of the proposed signs exceed 5 feet. So you are
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    requesting that variance, correct?
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Yes.
                MS. MOORE: Per the Redevelopment Plan, a
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    sign for any non-residential use shall not exceed 40
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    square feet. All of the proposed signs exceed 40
    square feet. You're requesting a variance from that
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    requirement?
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Yes.
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                               Yes.
                MS. MOORE: Per Section
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    870-253.I(1), all window lettering and signs shall be
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    inside the window. The applicant has proposed window
    lettering signs on the exterior of the windows.
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    applicant requests a variance.
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Yes.
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                MS. MOORE: Per Section 870-253.I(2),
    permanent window lettering or signs shall be
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    permitted only if the rectangle or circle confining
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    such lettering or sign, or the background upon which
    it appears, does not exceed 10% of the window area.
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2.1
                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Yes.
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                             The applicant has proposed
                MS. MOORE:
    window lettering signs that exceed 10% and you're
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24
    requesting a variance.
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                               Yes.
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MS. MOORE: Per Section 1 2 870-253.0(12)(a), there shall be not more than one 3 wall sign for each principal building except that, where the building abuts two or more streets, one 4 5 additional sign shall be permitted. The applicant has proposed multiple wall signs. And you're 6 7 requesting a variance? MS. FIFIELD: 8 9 MS. MOORE: The applicant has requested a variance from Section 870-253.F(10), so that signs 10 11 may cover windows. The applicant has requested this 12 variance to permit wall signs to cover wholly or 13 partially windows in the building and/or bridge So that's a variance for that? 14 15 MS. FIFIELD: Yes. 16 MS. MOORE: Per Section 870-253.Q(12)(c), maximum letter height shall be 6 feet, but in some 17 18 cases shall be reduced to maintain consistency with 19 building design. The applicant has proposed letter 20 heights that exceed 6 feet so you are requesting a 21 variance of that requirement. 22 MS. FIFIELD: Yes. 23 MS. MOORE: Per Section 870-253.Q(13)(d), 24 a freestanding identification sign shall not project 25 higher than 5 feet as measured from the base of the

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The applicant has proposed a directional sign
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    sign.
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    that exceeds this 5 feet. And you're requesting a
    variance, correct?
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                MS. FIFIELD:
                              Yes.
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                MS. MOORE: And then the last comment:
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    Clearance signs shall be provided in both directions
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    on the pedestrian bridge. You'll add that for the
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    clearance sign?
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Yes.
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                MS. MOORE: Okay. All right. Thank you.
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    I just wanted to go through that. I have each of
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    those in the back under variances and waivers, but we
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    can go through that after your testimony. Then we
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    will go through the miscellaneous after your
15
    testimony too.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Okay. So Rachel, do you
    want to touch on the Positive and Negative Criteria
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    for the variances?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Sure. So here for signage
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    our Positive Criteria is the replacement signs that
    I've talked about are closer to conformance than the
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    existing signs, although obviously, we still need
    variances for them.
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                Sign sizes here serve to provide
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    visibility and wayfinding at a relevant scale whether
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that's street level, neighborhood level. Or up closer, they identify the new tower and the bridge as part of the larger campus and they provide clarity from busy intersections like the combination of Martin Luther King and Haddon.

They're also moving with the purpose of zoning particularly Purpose 'H,' to encourage the location and design of transportation routes which will promote the free-flow of traffic while discouraging locations of such facilities and routes which result in congestion or blight; grants relief for the signage; allows for efficient internal and external circulation clearly identifying the site and key areas within it such as the emergency department, creating visibility for better flow and traffic.

For Negative Criteria for signage, no substantial impact on the public good. Signage does not impair light or air. This window front signage that we've discussed, is located on those parking staircases which are mostly glassed-in. There's also, you know, locations on that bridge which is designed to be largely glass as well. So they're not impairing light or visibility. Signage design here is consistent throughout the site to avoid a sense of visual clutter. And there's no substantial impact on

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    the Zone Plan or Master Plan here. The Cooper Plaza
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    Redevelopment Plan seeks to promote that as one of
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    its goals to promote Cooper University Hospital's
    expansion. This signage serves the goal of, you
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    know, improving with Tower A and better connectivity
    and access to facilities across the street.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: So it's Purpose 'H' only?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Yes.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: What is Purpose 'H'?
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                MS. FIFIELD: Purpose H is free-flow of
    traffic design for visibility.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: That's the only purpose
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    under 40:55.D(2) that you believe the Positive
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    Criteria applies to?
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                MS. FIFIELD: I mean, we could certainly
    expand, you know.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: If that's the testimony,
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    that's fine. I just want to make sure for the
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    purposes of the record.
2.1
                MS. FIFIELD: Yes, for the purposes of
22
    the record, you know, each is concise for what we're
    doing here.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 Thank you.
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                MS. MOORE: I will continue on page 7
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under Miscellaneous. Testimony should be provided 1 2 that the proposed addition will match the existing 3 building. The exact square footage of the building addition should be provided and confirmed. 4 5 you're on mute? MS. HANSON: Thank you. The materials 6 for the new construction match the existing Cooper 7 8 The bridge matches Tower A and MD Anderson. And the Central Utility Plan addition matches the 9 existing Roberts Towers. So we believe that that 10 11 complies. As far as the exact square footage, we provide this information in the upcoming revision as 12 13 far as the square footage. 14 MS. MOORE: Okav. 15 A structural review of the documents provided by Pierce Engineering will be provided with 16 a resolution compliance review should this project be 17 approved by the Planning Board. 18 19 MR. MacGEORGE: We acknowledge that. 20 MS. MOORE: Details for the proposed 21 fencing should be provided and conform to Section 2.2 870-197. 23 Now, Mr. MacGeorge and I spoke this afternoon regarding the security screening. 24

we're going to look at the security screening as

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fencing in this matter. And there's an issue with
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    the height, correct? We need to add a variance
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    regarding the height; is that correct, Kyle?
                MS. HANSON: Yes.
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    understanding is that there's a 6-foot height
    limitation. However, this is an enclosing or
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    providing security to an exit stair. And so we would
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    request an 8-foot height so that would require a
    variance.
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                            And I know that section was
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                MS. MOORE:
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    sent to me but just to have it on record, if I can be
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    given that section again, 870-?
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                MS. HANSON:
                             870-197.
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                MS. MOORE: Okay. Any letter after that?
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                MR. MacGEORGE: Letters 'F' and 'G' both
    deal with the height so it's both of those letters.
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                MS. MOORE:
                            I'll note that. So I added
    under the Summary of Variances and Waivers, a
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    variance Section 870-197.F and 'G' for the height of
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    fencing. And then in parenthesis with fencing I said
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    security screening. So we're all aware of that.
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                MS. HANSON:
                             That's correct.
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                MS. MOORE: The applicant is responsible
24
    for obtaining a bridge easement agreement with Camden
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             I believe that is in the works right now
    County.
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from your testimony. 1 2 MR. MacGEORGE: Yes. MS. MOORE: And the applicant and owner 3 are reminded that site safety is their 4 5 responsibility. You'll add the site safety note to the plans? I'm surprised I didn't see it. So if 6 it's somewhere already there, I couldn't find it. 7 8 MR. MacGEORGE: If it's not there, we'll add it for sure. 9 10 MS. MOORE: Thank you. 11 So the Summary of Variances and Waivers I 12 have variances from the Redevelopment Plan for front 13 yard setback for both the bridge and the Central Unit 14 Utility Plant. From the Redevelopment Plan, the sign 15 And then from the City Ordinance, signs area. covering windows, interior window lettering and 16 signs, signs 10 percent of window area, the number of 17 wall signs, letter height and height of 18 identification sign. And then I added the Section 19 870-197.F and G, the height of fencing in 20 21 parenthesis, security screening. And we have no 22 waivers for this one. 23 You're aware of the Approval Process as 24 listed pages 7 and 8. If you have any questions, you 25 can contact me. You're aware?

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MR. MacGEORGE: We're aware.
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                MS. MOORE: And Outside Agency Approvals,
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    I have Camden County Planning Board and Camden County
    Soil Conservation District. Are there any others
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    that I may be missing?
                MR. MacGEORGE: No.
                                     That's what we have
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    as well.
                MS. MOORE: Well, that concludes my
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    review of the project. Thank you.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: At this time --
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    Doctor Williams, I believe this is the opportunity
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    for the someone from the public to comment if they
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    have any concerns or questions. Is that true?
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                               I will recommend,
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    Mr. Vice-Chair, ask any Board members if they have
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    any comments regarding the plans. And then after no
    questions from the Board members, ask the general
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    public. We'll open it up to the public.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Anybody from the
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    Board have any concerns or questions regarding the
    application? I guess not. So we'll move forward and
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    open up the floor to the public. I guess a motion in
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    order to do that. Is there a motion to open to the
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    public?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: No, no, Mr. Vice-Chair.
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There's someone with their hand up, Mr. Quinn
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    DeMenna.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Okay.
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                MR. DeMENNA: Great presentation. I just
5
    had one question. I have a concern for glare. Which
    of the lights -- which of the signs or if any of
6
    them, are internally lit and particularly the bridge
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8
    signs?
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                MR. SHEEHAN: I believe they're all
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    internally lit.
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                MS. MOORE: I think you may have to put
    your address on the record, Mr. DeMenna, too.
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                MR. DeMENNA: Sure. Quinn DeMenna, 576
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14
    Benson Street.
                MS. MOORE: It's been a while. Good to
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16
    see you.
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                MR. DeMENNA: Good to see you too, Dena.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Mr. DeMenna, I'll swear
             The testimony or statements you're about to
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    you in.
    give, will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing
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    but the truth so help you God?
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                MR. DeMENNA: Yes, I do.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                Thank you.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: So all signs including the
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    bridge signs are internally lit.
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MR. DeMENNA: Is there a light level that
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    we would expect to, again, causing no difficulties in
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    passing through under the bridge with any kind of
    potential glare?
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                MR. SHEEHAN:
                            That was going to be a part
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                MS. MOORE:
    of the revised plans because we don't have details on
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    those lights at this time.
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                MR. DeMENNA: All right. Thank you.
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    I have a concern because as I age, of course, the
11
    eyesight and night driving is always difficult.
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    Thank you.
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                MS. MOORE: All of us are getting there.
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    But we will take a look at that to make sure.
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    the applicant is aware too of that issue. Thank you.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: At this time I assume
    there's nobody else from the public that wants to be
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            So we need a motion to approve or deny.
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    heard.
                DR. WILLIAMS: Anyone that's not
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    testifying or speaking for the record, please mute
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    yourself, please.
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                                Mr. Chair, for purposes,
                MR. BERNSTEIN:
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    this is a preliminary and final major site plan for
    Cooper Hospital Tower A, Block 1402, Lot 1;
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    Block 1400, Lots 55 through 65; and Block 1443,
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Lot 5.02. This is the approval of a bridge and
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    related signage, as well as all other additional
    items requested by the applicant and the various
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    reports and/or testimony provided as well as in
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    response to Remington & Vernick's rather extensive
    report on the project, including an additional
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    variance listed tonight. This is still subject to
8
    all other requirements and provisions therein.
                MS. MOORE: Mr. Bernstein, this was a
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    small report just so you know.
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11
                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 I know.
                                          I've seen some
    of your others. It's extensive nonetheless. Length
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13
    is not the issue, Ms. Johnson. It's the items
14
    covered.
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                MS. MOORE:
                            Thank you.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Is there a motion to
    approve as stated by Mr. Sheehan?
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                MS. CREAN: So moved.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Second.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Roll call.
                                            Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
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                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Yes.
                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Yes.
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DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
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                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                               Ms. Crean.
                MS. CREAN: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Motion carried to approve.
                MR. SHEEHAN: Thank you.
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                                Doctor Williams, for
                MR. BERNSTEIN:
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    purposes of the record, who made the motion and who
    made the second?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Crean made the motion
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    and Director Walker seconded it.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you, sir.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: The adoption of the
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    following resolutions. The attorney is going to
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    handle this one, right?
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Not yet, Mr. Vice-Chair.
    So the next thing scheduled on the agenda is the Area
17
    In Need Public Hearing. And if approved or
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    recommended, a Redevelopment Plan. Although I will
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    say that either David Benne -- or I'll ask.
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    David Bennedetti or Ed Fox present tonight?
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Neither one are on the
23
    call.
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                MR. SHEEHAN: Yes, I know. I didn't see
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    them either so that's why I was asking. So I had
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spoken to Mr. Bennedetti this afternoon and he had told me that either he or Mr. Fox will be on the call. So I'm surprised that neither one are. But if neither are on, Mr. Vice-Chair, I don't believe we can go forward with the public hearing.

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The Area In Need Report Investigation was prepared by ERI and Mr. Bennedetti and Mr. Fox. And they would need to provide the testimony and summary of that report for the Board significantly because one of the properties is -- Council had asked that it be investigated to determine whether it was an Area In Need with the Power of Condemnation. So I had reached out to them. When I noticed that they were not on the call earlier, I had emailed them shortly after six o'clock and I have not received a response. And unfortunately, I do not have their cell phone numbers.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Okay.

MR. SHEEHAN: So if it's okay with the Board, I would ask that this be carried to next month. And I will provide new notice so that especially as I said, given that the recommendation is related to one condemnation parcel, I will give new notice in both the newspaper and the mailing notice and insure that we comply with those

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    requirements.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: That's for both, 'H' and
    'I,' Mr. Sheehan?
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                MR. SHEEHAN: It is, yes.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Mr. Chairman, therefore,
    there is a motion to continue the hearing on the
6
    Review and Consideration of an Amended Resolution
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    from City Council directing the Planning Board to
    conduct a preliminary investigation to determine
9
    whether certain areas and properties identified
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11
    herein are areas in need of redevelopment or
12
    rehabilitation as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5,
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    without the power of eminent domain as to Block 1221,
    Lots 3, 12, 12(billboard) & 17; Block 1238, Lots 3 &
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    14; Block 1239, Lot 17; Block 1240, Lot 1; Block
    1241, Lot 15; Block 1250, Lots 7, 123, 124 & 129;
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    Block 1251, Lot 11 (a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment
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    Area); and with the Power of Eminent Domain
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    (Condemnation Redevelopment Area) as to Block 1250,
    Lot 128 to the May meeting. What's the date on the
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    May meeting, Dr. Williams?
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                                The May meeting is
                DR. WILLIAMS:
    scheduled for May 8th.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: To May 8th at
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    6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be
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heard with notice by the applicant.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN:
                                 Is there a motion?
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     So moved.
                MS. CREAN: Second.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Roll call.
                                            Mr. Lee.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
6
                                     Yes.
7
                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
8
                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Yes.
9
                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                                Ms. Crean.
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                MS. CREAN: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Motion carries to approve.
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    Thank you.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: One more item. We need
    another motion for Review and Consideration of all
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    those items listed, as I mentioned, regarding 'I' for
    a further -- Review and Consideration of a
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21
    Redevelopment Plan for all the areas previously
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    discussed, carried to May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or
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    soon thereafter the matter may be heard with further
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    notice.
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                MS. CREAN:
                             So moved.
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VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Second.
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                DR. WILLIAMS:
                               Motion by Ms. Crean and
    seconded by Mr. Lee. Roll call.
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                                       Mr. Lee.
4
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
                DIRECTOR WALKER:
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                                   Yes.
7
                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
8
                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Crean.
                MS. CREAN:
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                           Yes.
                DR. WILLIAMS: Motion carries to table;
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    continued.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: We have three
    Certificates of Appropriateness to seek approval.
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    The first one is, The Phoenix Development Group, LLC
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    at 1816 Filmore Street seeking exterior work to a
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19
    property within the Waterfront South Historic
    District.
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2.1
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: Okay. They were
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    already approved obviously.
                MR. BERNSTEIN: But there's a resolution,
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    a resolution to approve the adoption -- approve the
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    approval -- the adoption of the resolution approving
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it.
         Thank you.
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                MS. CREAN: So moved.
                                     Second.
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                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Through the Vice-Chair.
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    I'm assuming through the Vice-Chair that he's asking
    for a motion for the approval of resolutions under
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    C of A, 'A,' 'B,' and 'C', Phoenix Development Group,
7
    1816 Filmore, 1818 Filmore, and 1830 Filmore.
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    through the Vice-Chair, we need a motion.
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                MR. BERNSTEIN: Ms. Crean made the
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    motion.
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                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Second.
13
                DR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Crean made the motion.
14
    Councilperson Ramos seconded it.
15
                DR. WILLIAMS: Roll call. Mr. Lee.
16
                VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE:
                                     Yes.
17
                DR. WILLIAMS: Director Walker.
18
                DIRECTOR WALKER:
                                   Yes.
19
                DR. WILLIAMS: Councilperson Ramos.
20
                COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS:
                                      Yes.
2.1
                DR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Leonard.
22
                MR. LEONARD: Yes.
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                                Ms. Crean.
                DR. WILLIAMS:
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                MS. CREAN: Yes.
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                DR. WILLIAMS: Motion carries to
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    approve.
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                 VICE-CHAIRMAN LEE: We need a motion to
    adjourn.
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                 MS. CREAN: So moved.
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                 COUNCILWOMAN RAMOS: Second.
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                 DR. WILLIAMS: All those in favor,
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    indicate by saying yays.
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                 THE BOARD: Yays.
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                 DIRECTOR WALKER: Good night.
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                 DR. WILLIAMS: Good night everyone and
    have a blessed evening.
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          ***(Meeting concluded at 7:01 p.m.)***
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