

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ZONING**
2 **APPEALS OF HENRICO COUNTY, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**
3 **BUILDING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER AT PARHAM AND HUNGARY**
4 **SPRING ROADS, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.,**
5 **NOTICE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH**
6 **FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AND FEBRUARY 13, 2012.**
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Members Present: R. A. Wright, Acting Chairman
Greg Baka
Gentry Bell
James W. Nunnally

Member(s) Absent: Helen E. Harris

Also Present: David D. O'Kelly, Jr., Assistant Director of Planning
Benjamin Blankinship, Secretary
Paul Gidley, County Planner
R. Miguel Madrigal, County Planner
Kim Vann, Henrico Police

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9 Mr. Wright - Welcome to the February 2012 meeting of the
10 Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals for Henrico County. I ask that you
11 please stand and join me as we **Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag of our Country.
12 Thank you.

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14 Mr. Blankinship, would you please read our rules.

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16 Mr. Blankinship - Good morning, Mr. Chairman or Acting Chairman,
17 members of the Board, ladies and gentlemen. The rules for this meeting are as
18 follows. Acting as secretary, I will call each case. And as I'm speaking, the
19 applicant is welcome to come down to the podium. We will than ask everyone
20 who intends to speak to that case to stand and be sworn in. Then the applicant
21 will present their testimony. Then anyone else who wishes to speak will be given
22 the opportunity. After everyone has spoken then the applicant, and only the
23 applicant, will have an opportunity for rebuttal.

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25 After the Board has heard all of the testimony and asked any questions, they will
26 move on to the next case on the agenda. They will render all of their decisions at
27 the end of the meeting. So if you wish to know their decision on a specific case,
28 you can either stay until the end of the meeting, or you can check the Planning
29 Department website this afternoon—we usually get it updated within about half
30 an hour after the end of the meeting—or you can call the Planning Department
31 this afternoon.
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33 This meeting is being recorded, so we'll ask everyone who speaks to speak
34 directly into the microphone on the podium, state your name, and please spell
35 your last name so that we get it correct in the record.

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37 Finally, there's a binder in the foyer that includes the staff report for each case,
38 including the conditions that have been recommended by the staff. For those of
39 you who are the applicants on use permit cases, it's particularly important that
40 you be familiar with the conditions that staff has recommended for your case.

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42 Mr. Wright - I'd like to state at this point that I'm sitting in for our
43 chairperson, Mrs. Helen Harris, who is ill today. I'm pinch-hitting for her. Are
44 there any withdrawals?

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46 Mr. Blankinship - Do you want to mention the four?

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48 Mr. Wright - Oh yes, let's do that. It's our custom that when we're
49 short a Board member to permit any applicant to defer the case to the next
50 meeting because it takes three affirmative votes to approve any application for a
51 variance or for a use permit. So if anyone here desires to have your case
52 deferred, please let us know at this time.

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54 Mr. Blankinship - We do have one request for deferral this morning,
55 which is Westhampton Memorial Park.

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57 **CUP2012-00005 WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL PARK** requests a
58 conditional use permit pursuant to Section 24-52(h) of the County Code to
59 expand an existing cemetery at 10000 Patterson Avenue (Parcel 744-742-5871)
60 zoned R-1, One-Family Residence District and A-1, Agricultural District
61 (Tuckahoe).

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63 Mr. Wright - Would you please raise your right hand and be
64 sworn.

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66 Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear the testimony you're about to give is
67 the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

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69 Mr. Hawkins - I do.

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71 Mr. Wright - Please state your name and spell your last name for
72 the record.

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74 Mr. Hawkins - My name is Dean Hawkins, landscape architect. My
75 last name is H-a-w-k-i-n-s.

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77 Mr. Wright - Thank you, sir.

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79 Mr. Hawkins - I'm here representing Westhampton Memorial Park.
80 We are requesting a 30-day deferral this morning after consultation with
81 Planning Staff due to an inaccurate notification of adjacent landowners. There
82 have been three landowners which have only recently—since the application was
83 submitted—who have taken possession of adjacent properties. There was no
84 way for us to know by County records who those people were. We do know who
85 they are now, and I have made contact with them, hand-delivering a package of
86 information to their homes yesterday. And the homeowners' association next
87 door representing the subdivision, there's been a change in their address and we
88 do know that. So Planning staff and I are coordinating our work to submit
89 notifications to them, and we look forward to being back here next month to
90 discuss our case.

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92 Mr. Wright - Since the notice is defective, this Board would not
93 have the authority to proceed to hear the case anyhow.

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95 Mr. Hawkins - That's right. We did want to appear to be sure that we
96 let you know that we have tried in good faith to contact all the owners. I have
97 personally sent out letters to thirty adjacent landowners or so, even though we
98 were not required to do so. The County has also followed up with their process
99 and we find that there is a deficiency that we need to look at.

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101 Mr. Wright - All right. Do I hear a motion that we defer this case?

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103 Mr. Baka - I make a motion, Mr. Chairman, that this be deferred.

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105 Mr. Nunnally - Second.

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107 Mr. Wright - Motions made. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in
108 favor say aye. All opposed say no. The ayes have it; the motion passes.

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110 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Baka, seconded by
111 Mr. Nunnally, **CUP2012-00005, WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL PARK**, has been
112 deferred until the March 22, 2012 meeting.

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115 Affirmative: Baka, Bell, Nunnally, Wright 4
116 Negative: 0
117 Absent: Harris 1

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120 The case will be deferred. I guess it will be the first case on our next agenda, will
121 it not?

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123 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir, it will. There is one question about this case
124 that I'd like you to be thinking about. I wanted to show this plan while we could

125 talk about it a little bit. I'm sorry; that's not really legible. The code provides any
126 grave to be setback 50 feet from any property line and 250 feet from any
127 dwelling, except that if there are existing graves within that setback the new
128 graves may be approved as close as the closest existing grave.

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130 The question arises because the language doesn't clarify exactly how that's
131 measured. In this case, if you look at the house—I have to see if I can get it a
132 little sharper.

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134 Mr. Wright - That's better.

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136 Mr. Blankinship - If you look at the house slightly to the right of the
137 center and you see the graves of that little grid just to the right of the house, that
138 house is about 113 feet, I believe, from the existing graves. So it would seem
139 that you could build new graves or create new graves as close to that house as
140 113 feet. But then if you look at the house to the left, two lots to the left right
141 under the word "Westhampton," there are no graves anywhere near that house.
142 So the question is do you have to stay the full 250 feet from that house even
143 though you can be as close as 113 feet from this house. Or does that provision
144 mean that because there is a grave within 113 feet of a house, then 113
145 becomes the new setback for any house in the subdivision?

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147 Mr. Baka - But the code currently says you have to be set back
148 250 feet from a house.

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150 Mr. Blankinship - Unless there is an existing grave closer than that, in
151 which case new graves can be as close as the closest existing grave.

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153 Mr. Baka - And Lot 31 is currently vacant?

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155 Mr. Blankinship - Yes. And Lot 31 is the one in the middle.

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157 Mr. Baka - The one in the middle.

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159 Mr. Wright - The grave that is closest to the house to the right, you
160 know, is 113 feet.

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162 Mr. Blankinship - I believe that's right.

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164 Mr. Wright - But if you take that language literally, those graves
165 are more than 150 feet to the lot to the left.

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167 Mr. Blankinship - Right. And that's the question. And I don't need to
168 resolve it this morning, but I wanted to point it out to you graphically while we had
169 the opportunity. Then you can be thinking about that when you read the staff
170 report this month and we'll hear the case next month.

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172 Mr. Wright - And also that would give the applicant an opportunity
173 to think about it and to address that issue.

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175 Mr. Blankinship - Yes. He and I have been discussing it. All right. Well,
176 the case has been deferred.

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178 Mr. Wright - It's been deferred. Thank you very much for
179 appearing.

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181 Mr. Hawkins - Thank you.

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183 Mr. Wright - Thank you, sir.

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185 **VAR2012-00002** **CALVIN PIERCY** requests a variance from Section
186 24-95(b)(6) of the County Code to build a one-family dwelling at 5917 Amherst
187 Street (EDGEHILL LAWN) (Parcel 806-709-3814) zoned R-4, One-Family
188 Residence (Varina). The lot width requirement is not met. The applicant
189 proposes 46 feet lot width, where the Code requires 50 feet lot width. The
190 applicant requests a variance of 4 feet lot width.

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192 Mr. Wright - Raise your right hand and be sworn.

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194 Mr. Blankinship - Does anyone else intend to speak to this case? Okay.
195 Do you swear the testimony you're about to give is the truth and nothing but the
196 truth so help you God?

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198 Mr. Piercy - Yes.

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200 Mr. Wright - Please state your name for the record and spell your
201 last name.

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203 Mr. Piercy - My name is Calvin Piercy—P-i-e-r-cy.

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205 Mr. Wright - All right, sir, please present your case.

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207 Mr. Piercy - Yes. I'm here today asking for the variance on a lot
208 that I own. The code says that it has to be fifty feet wide to build a single-dwelling
209 home on it. The lot is only 46-1/2 feet, so I'm asking for the variance of 3-1/2 feet
210 in order to get a building permit.

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212 Mr. Nunnally - Are you planning on building this house for yourself?

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214 Mr. Piercy - No sir, I'm selling the lot. I would like to sell it as a
215 buildable lot.

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217 Mr. Nunnally - Do you have a contract on the lot subject to the
218 variance?
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220 Mr. Piercy - Yes.
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222 Mr. Blankinship - He actually owns the lot.
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224 Mr. Piercy - Yes, I own the lot myself.
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226 Mr. Nunnally - Are you going to build a house or—
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228 Mr. Piercy - No, I'm selling it to a contractor.
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230 Mr. Wright - Are there any other lots on that street with forty-six
231 feet lot width?
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233 Mr. Piercy - Yes sir. There are four lots on my end of the block
234 that are 46-1/2 feet. Three lots are built on. Mine is the only remaining one that
235 does not have a house built on it.
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237 Mr. Wright - Mr. Blankinship, any house constructed on that lot
238 would have to meet the setbacks for the side lot, front yard lot, and other
239 requirements of the County ordinance. Is that correct?
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241 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir. He has not applied for a variance from the
242 setbacks or anything, just the lot width.
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244 Mr. Wright - Just the lot width.
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246 Mr. Piercy - Yes sir.
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248 Mr. Baka - And you feel confident you could place a house on
249 there meeting both the side yard setbacks. It would be a long and narrow house.
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251 Mr. Piercy - Yes sir.
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253 Mr. Baka - Okay.
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255 Mr. Wright - Are there any other questions?
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257 Mr. Baka - I have one other question; it deals with the adjacent
258 lot. I realize Louisa Street is a public right-of-way to the south. 5913, is that lot
259 greater than 104 feet in lot width? Or what's that lot width?
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261 Mr. Piercy - My neighbor's lot, he owns two lots. Each lot is fifty
262 feet wide. I have asked if he would sell me part of his lot in order to make mine

263 wide enough, and he said he would have to decline because it would put him in
264 the same situation that I'm in; it would make his lots too small to sell.

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266 Mr. Blankinship - That's exactly what the neighbor told us when we
267 were on site.

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269 Mr. Wright - Is that 5913? What's the width of the frontage on that
270 lot?

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272 Mr. Blankinship - It's two fifty-foot lots.

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274 Mr. Baka - Exactly a hundred feet. It's not a situation where it's a
275 104 feet or greater. It might a different situation then.

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277 Mr. Piercy - He said if the two lots were over a hundred feet he
278 would have no problem selling me some.

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280 Mr. Wright - He's right. If he sold off a little of that, that would
281 cause him to lack adequate width.

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283 Mr. Piercy - You need his lot to be nine feet longer than it is.

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285 Mr. Nunnally - All right. Well the house built directly in back of you
286 towards Darbytown Road, that's only 46.6 feet, isn't it?

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288 Mr. Piercy - That's correct. There's one on Darbytown Road and
289 one directly across the street on Edgelawn from me that's built on the same size
290 lot.

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292 Mr. Wright - There are two conditions that have been suggested
293 by the staff if this is approved. Have you reviewed those conditions?

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295 Mr. Piercy - Yes sir.

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297 Mr. Wright - Okay. And you're in accordance with them.

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299 Mr. Piercy - Yes. Are you talking about the County water and
300 sewer hookups?

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302 Mr. Wright - Yes sir. Any other questions by members of the
303 Board? Is anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that
304 concludes the case.

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306 Mr. Piercy - Thank you.

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308 Mr. Wright - Thank you very much for appearing.

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Mr. Piercy - Thank you.

[After the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board discussed the case and made its decision. This portion of the transcript is included here for convenience of reference.]

Mr. Wright - Do I hear a motion?

Mr. Nunnally - I move we approve this variance because I don't think it will be detrimental to the neighborhood because they already have three or four houses in that section right there that are on lots forty-six feet wide. I don't think it will be detrimental to the neighborhood or change the character of the neighborhood. And the only way the lot can be used is if you put a house on it.

Mr. Wright - Motion by Mr. Nunnally. Do I hear a second to that?

Mr. Bell - Second.

Mr. Wright - All right, Mr. Bell. Any further discussion on this case? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The ayes have it; the motion passes.

After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board **approved** application **VAR2012-00002, CALVIN PIERCY's** request for a variance from Section 24-95(b)(6) of the County Code to build a one-family dwelling at 5917 Amherst Street (EDGEHILL LAWN) (Parcel 806-709-3814) zoned R-4, One-Family Residence District (Varina). The lot width requirement is not met. The Board approved the variance subject to the following conditions:

1. This variance applies only to the lot width requirement for one dwelling only. All other applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.
2. Any dwelling on the property shall be served by public water and sewer.

Affirmative:	Baka, Bell, Nunnally, Wright	4
Negative:		0
Absent:	Harris	1

[At this point, the transcript continues with the public hearing on the next case.]

354 **CUP2012-00004** **REITHOFFER SHOWS** requests a conditional use
355 permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of the County Code to hold a carnival at
356 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike (Parcel 800-731-0125) zoned B-1, Business
357 District and M-1, Light Industrial District (Fairfield).
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359 Mr. Wright - Would the applicant please come to the microphone?
360 Please raise your right hand and be sworn. If anyone else here desires to speak
361 on this case, either for or against it, please stand at this time and be sworn so
362 that when you come forward we won't have to do that. All right.
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364 Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear the testimony you're about to give is
365 the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?
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367 Mr. Wright - All right. Please state your case. State your name and
368 spell your last name.
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370 Mr. Hagan - My name is Mark Hagan and it's H-a-g-a-n. I'm
371 booking Reithoffer Shows over at The Showplace April 5th through to the 15th.
372 They have some nice rides. I'd like to show you this if I can. They have admitted
373 they have out there with them Mid-Cities Service Center, a non-profit
374 organization.
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376 Mr. Wright - Tell us something about this. What do you propose to
377 do?
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379 Mr. Hagen - I'm going to turn that over to him.
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381 Mr. Wright - And when you want to do it, and how it's to be done,
382 and all of those things.
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384 Mr. Alberts - I am Nick Alberts—A-l-b-e-r-t-s—representing
385 Reithoffer Shows. We'd like to put on a temporary carnival for a non-profit
386 organization. We have the layout of the diagram that we're going to use with the
387 easements from the road. I think we're in accordance with all of the right people
388 to hold this event.
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390 Mr. Wright - Tell us a little bit about the event. What will you be
391 doing there?
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393 Mr. Alberts - It will be a temporary carnival to raise money.
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395 Mr. Wright - When would it take place?
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397 Mr. Alberts - April 5th through the 15th.
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399 Mr. Wright - What hours?

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401 Mr. Alberts - Five p.m. to eleven p.m. on weekdays and one p.m.
402 until eleven p.m. on weekends.
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404 Mr. Wright - That would be on Saturday and Sunday one to
405 eleven?
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407 Mr. Alberts - Yes sir.
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409 Mr. Wright - What will you have there? What type of equipment
410 and so forth?
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412 Mr. Alberts - Amusement rides. Some concessions. Food stands.
413 Bingo.
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415 Mr. Wright - I'm looking at the location. It fronts on Mechanicsville
416 Pike. Just where on that parcel would this equipment be and would you be
417 conducting these events?
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419 Mr. Alberts - It's on the grass lot to the right of The Showplace.
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421 Mr. Wright - How far back off of Mechanicsville Pike would that
422 be?
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424 Mr. Alberts - Fifty feet, sir.
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426 Mr. Wright - How about parking?
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428 Mr. Alberts - We have 300 parking spots in The Showplace
429 parking lot and we have permission to use the church across the street for
430 overflow parking.
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432 Mr. Wright - All right. How much noise would this generate?
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434 Mr. Alberts - We keep it down. We have a few rides with the
435 merry-go-round and things like that that have music. But we stay within the
436 standards.
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438 Mr. Baka - I just have one question. What's the tallest ride that
439 you'd utilize at this specific carnival here on this site?
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441 Mr. Alberts - I'm going to say about sixty-five feet, the ferris wheel.
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443 Mr. Baka - Sixty-five, okay. Would that be set back into the site
444 of the carnival rather than right up against the fifty-foot setback along
445 Mechanicsville Turnpike?

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447 Mr. Alberts - No, it would be set back.
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449 Mr. Wright - Mr. Blankinship, I understand that this was referred to
450 the Division of Police for their comments about safety, and crime, and so forth.
451 Was their report favorable?
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453 Mr. Blankinship - Yes sir. Our staff has met with them several times.
454 And one of the people who stood up is Kim Vann, the crime prevention officer; I
455 don't know if Kim would want to come up and answer any specific questions.
456 You should have a copy in your packet of a memorandum from her listing the
457 conditions and provisions that police would like to see the carnival include within
458 their operations.
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460 Mr. Alberts - Yes.
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462 Mr. Blankinship - I don't know that anything has been identified that
463 would prevent the Board from feeling comfortable approving the use permit. But
464 once it is approved there are a lot of details that the promoter will be working out
465 with the Division of Police, and also with the Division of Fire. Division of Fire has
466 been in on all these conversations as well.
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468 Mr. Wright - We have twenty-two proposed conditions that the
469 staff has proposed if the Board were to approve this application for this permit.
470 Have you reviewed all these conditions?
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472 Mr. Alberts - Yes sir.
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474 Mr. Wright - And you will comply with these conditions.
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476 Mr. Alberts - Yes sir.
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478 Mr. Wright - Has there been any indication of any opposition from
479 anybody to your knowledge, Mr. Blankinship?
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481 Mr. Blankinship - No sir, not that we have heard.
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483 Mr. Wright - Okay.
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485 Mr. Blankinship - Miguel, have you had any opposition?
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487 Mr. Madrigal - [Off microphone.] We only received one phone call
488 and they were concerned with respect to the noise being generated.
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490 Mr. Wright - How many people do you expect to attract let's say
491 on a weekday?

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493 Mr. Alberts - I would hope they would get a lot so we could
494 generate cash, but I would say an average of a thousand on the weekdays, and
495 weekends according to the weather.
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497 Mr. Wright - Have we ever had one here before?
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499 Mr. Blankinship - The same company, Reithoffer did a show two years
500 ago at—
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502 Mr. Alberts - Virginia Center Commons.
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504 Mr. Blankinship - Virginia Center Commons. Yes, they've been to
505 Virginia Center Commons several times. I was thinking in Fairfield on the—
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507 Mr. Alberts - We did that last year.
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509 Mr. Blankinship - Fairfield Commons Mall.
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511 Mr. Wright - So they've been in the County before.
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513 Mr. Blankinship - Yes they have.
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515 Mr. Wright - All right. Did we have any problems?
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517 Mr. Blankinship - We have had some complaints and some issues,
518 which is part of the reason why as soon as we sent out the agenda, the Division
519 of Police expressed interest in getting together and why they've put so much
520 work into this upfront.
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522 Mr. Wright - So you think what we've done now would pretty well
523 take care of those complaints?
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525 Mr. Blankinship - That probably would be a good question for Kim Vann
526 to answer.
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528 Mr. Wright - Yes.
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530 Mr. Nunnally - What's the distance from the carnival to the
531 subdivision across the street?
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533 Mr. Alberts - I'm going to say it's at least four or five hundred feet,
534 sir, because we're set back and then you have the divided highway, and then the
535 church property. But I have no actual measurements myself.
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537 Mr. Wright - You were going to ask someone to address the
538 question of complaints.

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540 Mr. Blankinship - Yes. Kim Vann with the Division of Police.

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542 Mr. Wright - A little unusual, but let's get this done right at this
543 point. State your name and identify yourself.

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545 Ms. Vann - Good morning, Kim Vann with Henrico Police. And
546 that's V as in Victor-a-n-n.

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548 Mr. Wright - All right. Mr. Blankinship said we had some
549 complaints in prior years when they conducted some of these events in Henrico.
550 My question was, is what the staff has done working with the applicant worked
551 these complaints out.

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553 Ms. Vann - Sure. The applicant has worked with us quite a bit.
554 We've been in contact by phone, e-mail, and in person meeting on site. So we
555 appreciate their proactive approach to this. As Mr. Blankinship referred, though,
556 there are still a number of items that we will want to get worked out if you do
557 approve the festival to go on. I know the layout is still questionable because of
558 the bingo parlor—or bingo tent needing to be moved. I believe Fire had some fire
559 lane questions as to the distances and all because of the movement of that.

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561 I know some of the agreements that we made, that were listed in my memo, we
562 would make sure that they fully understand the need for not only private security,
563 Henrico Police off-duty, and also Henrico Fire. All three groups have met with
564 him on site and we believe they understand what we are looking for.

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566 The other thing is the advanced arrangements for the money. We base that on
567 the festival permit and how that works. And also making sure that if this is
568 approved that there is a permit approved from the Gaming Commission for the
569 bingo.

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571 The one thing that the Division of Police does have a concern with, though, is
572 this has not been held at The Showplace at least in many years, that I'm aware
573 of. We feel there is going to be a lot of foot traffic. I know this is nothing that they
574 have any control over, but because of the neighborhood and the closeness to
575 the city of Richmond, we're very concerned about the foot traffic across six lanes
576 of a 45-mile-an-hour roadway. We appreciate that they are looking to try to
577 create a crossing walk at Watts Lane where the traffic light is, but we all know
578 the tendency of people to just kind of cross wherever. Again, I know that's
579 nothing that they can really do anything about; it's just a concern both from police
580 and fire. The fact that there are other carnivals looking to come to this site, you
581 know, it does raise a concern for us for safety. But we will employ officers on the

582 roadway, and within the parking lot, to try to help this and mitigate any problems
583 that could occur. That that is a concern.
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585 Mr. Wright - These concerns you have, they are expressed in your
586 memo?
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588 Ms. Vann - Yes sir.
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590 Mr. Wright - Are they all in here?
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592 Ms. Vann - Yes sir.
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594 Mr. Wright - Condition #10 says the applicant shall comply with
595 the Division of Police recommendations that are outlined in this number. So if it's
596 approved and this condition is approved, then they would be required to do this.
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598 Ms. Vann - Correct, right.
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600 Mr. Wright - So that would eliminate many of those concerns.
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602 Ms. Vann - Right. We have tried to be very clear with them
603 upfront on what we are concerned with, and had dialogue with them both in
604 person and via e-mail. So far I believe they are supportive of what we're asking.
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606 Mr. Wright - That sounds good. Thank you very much.
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608 Mr. Baka - One question, if I may. Just a range. For an event of
609 this typical size what is a range of numbers of Henrico Police officers that might
610 be assigned to such an event?
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612 Ms. Vann - We actually have tried to figure that out for this event
613 so that they would know the cost upfront before they went forward. We are
614 requiring one lieutenant, one sergeant, and ten officers. And that's just for
615 Henrico Police. And that's every day. And they are also aware that should the
616 numbers of people decline beyond what we anticipate—because this is over
617 spring break, part of this particularly eleven days will fall over spring break—they
618 are in agreement that should the numbers decline during the day on weekdays
619 or increase, it is the lieutenant's prerogative each day to either dismiss people or
620 bring additional people on, and they will need to pay for that.
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622 Mr. Baka - Thank you.
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624 Mr. Wright - Thank you very much for your input. Is there anything
625 else, Mr. Alberts that you wish to present?
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627 Mr. Alberts - No sir. We're just looking forward to doing the event
628 here and hoping it goes well so we can play this County again, sir.
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630 Mr. Wright - All right. Is anyone here in opposition to this? If you
631 will have a seat and listen to the opposition, and then you're going to have an
632 opportunity to rebut the opposition.
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634 Mr. Blakey - Good morning, gentlemen.
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636 Mr. Wright - Please state your name for the record.
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638 Mr. Blakey - My name is Trustee Gerald Blakey—that's B-l-a-k-e-
639 y—of Mosby Memorial Baptist Church, which is right across the street from The
640 Showplace where they want to have this carnival. The church is not in opposition
641 to the carnival, but the gentleman stated that he had permission to park on the
642 church. At our last trustee meeting, we did not say that we gave permission for
643 anyone going to the carnival to park on the church lot. That is our concern.
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645 Mr. Wright - If this is approved, we could put a condition in that
646 there would be no parking on the church property. That would not be something
647 they would ordinarily be doing anyway, parking on somebody else's property
648 without their permission.
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650 Mr. Blakey - Right.
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652 Mr. Wright - Your statement is the church does not approve—
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654 Mr. Blakey - Yes sir.
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656 Mr. Wright - —the use of any of the church parking.
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658 Mr. Blakey - Property or easements.
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660 Mr. Wright - Right. We will certainly protect that.
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662 Mr. Blankinship - If you look at the map, you see the church is directly
663 across the road, so they definitely have a stake in this.
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665 Mr. Baka - I just have a question or clarification. Was the
666 applicant referring to the church across the street giving permission or the church
667 next door giving permission?
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669 Mr. Blakey - This is the only church in that area. Next door to that
670 is the Pepsi Company.
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672 Mr. Baka - Pepsi; I'm sorry. My fault. I appreciate you bringing
673 this concern back to the Board. I think it would be great, Mr. Chairman, if the
674 applicant could address that now. Thank you.

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676 Mr. Blakey - All right. Thank you, sir.

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678 Mr. Wright - Anyone else in opposition who would like to speak?
679 All right. Would the applicant come back to the podium and address that
680 concern? There seems to be some misconception; the church does not approve
681 your use of their parking facilities. Do you understand?

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683 Mr. Alberts - Yes sir. I went over to the church the day—

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685 Mr. Blankinship - Make sure you're speaking into the microphone.

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687 Mr. Alberts - I went over to the church where the white van was
688 parked out front and got the phone number off of it. I did call and left a message
689 on the machine. Then I went over there that following Sunday. The lady in the
690 office, her name was—I don't know her name right off the bat, but she was inside
691 the office there. I said we'd like to use your back parking lot for overflow just in
692 case; we're doing a carnival over there. She said call this number here and leave
693 a message on this man's machine, which I did. And she said we'll call you back.
694 Okay. Three days later some lady named Tina—I think her name was Tina or
695 Tonya; I have it on the machine on my house phone—said the pastor said bring
696 him some paperwork and we'll see, and then I'll call you when our next church
697 pastor meeting is and let you come to it. Okay. She did not call me back so I
698 called her back. And she said the pastor meeting is today, okay. My truck broke
699 down that day. I asked her when was the next one. I went by there and gave her
700 letter saying what we wanted to do, and she e-mailed back. I have the e-mail at
701 home. She said they said it was okay.

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703 Mr. Wright - When you say "they," you have to be concerned
704 about who "they" is. I've been involved with my church for umpteen years. And
705 somebody will say this or that, but the Board of Trustees is the legal authority for
706 the use of church property.

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708 Mr. Alberts - Yes sir.

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710 Mr. Wright - And this gentleman has said—Mr. Blakely has said
711 that the trustees have voted that you cannot use the property, and that should
712 clear it up. I'm not doubting what you say, and somebody may have called you.
713 Sometimes pastors just—you know how they are; they don't want to deny
714 anybody anything, and they'll come out and say yes it's fine. But the Board of
715 Trustees evidently has met and this gentleman—we have to take him at his word
716 under oath—has said that the Board of Trustees has voted. So that should put
717 that issue to rest. If this is approved, I'm going to suggest that we put a condition

718 in the use permit that the church property or their easements cannot be used for
719 parking for this event.

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721 Mr. Alberts - Okay. I have one more thing for you, too. The guy
722 that has that little market that I call it a farmers' market or whatever, but it's not a
723 farmers' market, it's right there. As you go down the road, right there beside him
724 to the right. That man has already said he can—he will be working the bingo tent
725 where the non-profit [unintelligible] with us. He owns that big grassy field back
726 there.

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728 Mr. Wright - I don't understand what—where the red roof is?

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730 Mr. Baka - Red roof?

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732 Mr. Alberts - Yes, where the buses are. No. Let me get my
733 bearings. Go over where the church is. Right there. That right there, that whole
734 back field. He's with the group that's doing the bingo.

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736 Mr. Wright - He says you can use that property for parking?

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738 Mr. Alberts - Yes. He's said he's going to charge five dollars for
739 parking in his field.

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741 Mr. Wright - Where is the light, at Watts Lane?

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743 Mr. Blankinship - At Watts Lane, yes sir.

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745 Mr. Wright - If they park down there, they're going to run right
746 across Mechanicsville Pike. Looks like to me that would be a dangerous
747 situation. You say you have how many parking places?

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749 Mr. Blankinship - I think he underestimated. Is it in the staff report, the
750 number of parking spaces?

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752 Mr. Wright - I thought it was and I couldn't find it.

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754 Mr. Baka - Seven sixty?

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756 Mr. Blankinship - That sounds more like it.

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758 Mr. Baka - Page one at the bottom.

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760 Mr. Blankinship - It's well over 700 parking spaces.

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762 Mr. Wright - That's a lot of parking.

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764 Mr. Blankinship - At the Showplace.
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766 Mr. Wright - And there will be a lot of people who walk there who
767 won't be driving.
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769 Mr. Baka - I'd be more inclined to allow the parking just on the
770 760 spaces on the northwest side of the road.
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772 Mr. Blankinship - That's definitely preferable. If that fills up, then I think
773 we want to know what they're going to use for overflow so that they don't go to
774 any place they don't have permission to use. And certainly the people coming to
775 the carnival will choose to park as close as they can.
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777 Mr. Wright - You have ten officers, and probably one of them will
778 be down there to direct people and prohibit them from crossing Mechanicsville
779 Turnpike. That's a dangerous thing for somebody to try to walk across.
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781 Mr. Baka - Mr. Chairman, if I may, I've driven by this property a
782 lot and it's always vacant. I think it would be a great opportunity and a great use
783 to have an activity there. I haven't been back inside; I'm trying to recall if the
784 parking spaces are still striped. More often with large events if you have striped
785 parking at least people can recognize that they're striped. You'll tend to get a
786 whole lot more cars in there than if you just have asphalt that's not striped. You
787 can lose 100 or 200 spaces easily.
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789 Mr. Blankinship - They had been painted; it's somewhat faded. Some
790 places you can see the lines clearly and some places you can't. That's about
791 what it's like on the ground as well.
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793 Mr. Baka - Okay, thanks.
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795 Mr. Wright - All right. Anything further? Thank you very much. That
796 concludes the case.
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798 **[After the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board discussed the case**
799 **and made its decision. This portion of the transcript is included here for**
800 **convenience of reference.]**
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802 Mr. Wright - Can I hear a motion on this case?
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804 Mr. Baka - Mr. Chairman, I would make a motion that we
805 approve the case with the suggested conditions listed in the staff report. I don't
806 recall hearing any specific changes.
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808 Mr. Blankinship - I think Mr. Wright was suggesting a change to
809 Condition 12. I was going to propose in that sentence just stating that they shall
810 not use any parking for which they do not have a written agreement.

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812 Mr. Wright - That's good.

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814 Mr. Baka - So I recommend approval with the change that Mr.
815 Blankinship just referred to about specific approval for parking in Condition #12.
816 And there would be a total of what, twenty-two suggested conditions?

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818 Mr. Wright - Yes, twenty-two.

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820 Mr. Baka - That would be my motion.

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822 Mr. Wright - Okay. Is there a second to that motion?

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824 Mr. Nunnally - Second.

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826 Mr. Wright - All right, seconded by Mr. Nunnally. Any discussion?
827 Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The ayes have it; the
828 motion passes.

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830 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Baka, seconded by
831 Mr. Nunnally, the Board **approved** application **CUP2012-00004, REITHOFFER**
832 **SHOWS'** request for a conditional use permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of
833 the County Code to hold a carnival at 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike (Parcel 800-
834 731-0125) zoned B-1, Business District and M-1, Light Industrial District
835 (Fairfield). The Board approved the temporary conditional use permit subject to
836 the following conditions:

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838 1. This use permit is for the approval of a carnival to be held at the Showplace
839 exhibition venue from April 1, 2012 to April 18, 2012. Concurrent use of the
840 facilities by other show promoters or events during the scheduled event is
841 prohibited.

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843 2. The carnival shall be limited to the following dates and times:

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a. Set-up:

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i. Sunday, April 1, 2012 to Wednesday, April 5, 2012.

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ii. Hours of operation: Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; Monday to
847 Wednesday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

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b. Carnival:

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i. Thursday, April 5, 2012 to Sunday, April 15, 2012.

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ii. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm;
851 Friday and Saturday, 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm; and Sunday, 12:00 pm to
852 10:00 pm.

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c. Break-down:

- 854 i. Monday, April 16, 2012 to Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
855 ii. Hours of operation: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.
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- 857 3. Carnival activities that generate noise, light or glare beyond the property lines
858 shall cease one hour after closing and shall not resume until 7:00 am the
859 following day.
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- 861 4. The applicant shall locate the carnival along the northern boundary line of the
862 property and shall not encroach further into the asphalt parking field than the first
863 row of parking lot lights.
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- 865 5. Only the improvements shown on the site plan submitted February 15, 2012,
866 may be constructed pursuant to this approval. Any substantial changes or
867 additions to the footprint of the carnival will require a new use permit.
- 868 6. The carnival shall maintain be set back 50 feet from the right-of-way of
869 Mechanicsville Turnpike, and 25 feet from all other property lines. These areas
870 shall be maintained free and clear of any obstructions for use as emergency
871 access routes.
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- 873 7. Existing fire lanes shall be marked and maintained in accordance with the Fire
874 Prevention Code.
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- 876 8. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited during the event.
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- 878 9. The applicant shall secure the perimeter of the carnival with appropriate
879 temporary fencing to ensure safety and security during and after hours to the
880 satisfaction of the Divisions of Police and Fire. Emergency ingress and egress
881 shall be provided at their discretion.
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- 883 10. The applicant shall comply with the Division of Police recommendations as
884 outlined in the Inter-office Memorandum dated February 14, 2012 (see
885 attached).
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- 887 11. The existing parking lot light fixtures shall remain on during hours of
888 darkness (dusk to dawn) for the duration of the event, including carnival set up
889 and breakdown. At the discretion of the Division of Police, additional lighting may
890 be required for safety and security during the carnival event.
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- 892 12. Prior to the event, the applicant shall secure overflow parking agreements as
893 part of a contingency plan in case on-site maximum parking capacity is reached.
894 The applicant shall have a plan in place to re-direct vehicular traffic and safely
895 assist pedestrians in crossing Mechanicsville Turnpike during the event. There
896 shall be no carnival parking on any lot for which the promoter has not secured
897 written permission from the owner or responsible party.
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899 13. The applicant shall install a temporary pedestrian crosswalk across
900 Mechanicsville Turnpike at Watts Lane to the satisfaction of the Division of
901 Police.

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903 14. The applicant shall designate an on-site guest loading and unloading zone
904 near the existing building. Dropping off passengers shall be discouraged on
905 Mechanicsville Turnpike.

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907 15. The applicant shall provide adequate restroom (standard and handicap)
908 facilities throughout the carnival. These facilities shall be serviced daily.

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910 16. The applicant shall obtain necessary building, electrical, and amusement
911 device permits and shall comply with all required County inspections.

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913 17. The applicant and/or event sponsor shall comply with § 18.2-340.15,
914 regarding the Commonwealth's charitable gaming provisions, for the operation of
915 a Bingo tent during the carnival event.

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917 18. All food vendors shall obtain the necessary permits, clearances, and
918 inspections required by the Health Department.

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920 19. The applicant shall maintain the property so that debris is controlled during
921 the event. Adequate trash receptacles shall be provided throughout the carnival
922 with regular pickups.

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924 20. Sound generated by the carnival shall not exceed 65 dB at the limits of the
925 property.

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927 21. The applicant shall install temporary traffic barriers to discourage public
928 access and parking behind the existing building.

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930 22. The applicant shall prohibit loitering on the property.

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933 Affirmative: Baka, Bell, Nunnally, Wright 4
934 Negative: 0
935 Absent: Harris 1

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938 **[At this point, the transcript continues with the public hearing on the next**
939 **case.]**

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941 **CUP2012-00006 WEST END ASSEMBLY OF GOD** requests a
942 conditional use permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of the County Code to
943 allow a tent at 401 N Parham Road (Parcel 753-736-0655) zoned R-1, One-
944 Family Residence District (Tuckahoe).

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946 Mr. Wright - Please raise your hand to be sworn. Is there anyone
947 else here who desires to speak to this application? All right, sir, please raise your
948 hand to be sworn.
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950 Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear the testimony you're about to give is
951 the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?
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953 Mr. Ruhlen - I do.
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955 Mr. Wright - Now sir, would you state your name and spell your
956 last name for the record.
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958 Mr. Ruhlen - My name is Terry Ruhlen. Last name is R-u-h-l-e-n.
959 I'm standing in for Pat Brag who had to take his wife on a cruise this week to the
960 Bahamas.
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962 Mr. Wright - All right, Mr. Ruhlen, would you please state your
963 case.
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965 Mr. Ruhlen - I represent West End Assembly of God. We have an
966 annual Christmas program that's quite large that we've conducted for about
967 fifteen years. Last year we began an Easter program. We are requesting to erect
968 a 30 by 30 tent for storage before and during the show for our set pieces and
969 various pieces of equipment. It's erected behind the church and it's not visible
970 from the roadway. There is a subdivision that is being built to the rear. And there
971 is one home, as you can see, that is—you can almost see it, but there's a
972 treeline and seven-foot-high fence. Our pastor has spoken to the owner of that
973 building, and he is really comfortable with what we're doing.
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975 So what we would like to do is—we're looking at maybe for two years as
976 suggested because we come back every year, and the conditions are pretty
977 much the same or similar that we would look for maybe two years instead of one
978 year. So that would be two years for each of our Christmas productions in
979 December and our Easter product around April. So that would be four different
980 time periods.
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982 Mr. Wright - Have you reviewed the suggested conditions?
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984 Mr. Ruhlen - Yes sir I have, and we can meet all those conditions.
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986 Mr. Wright - And you are in accord with those conditions.
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988 Mr. Ruhlen - Yes we are.
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990 Mr. Wright - All right. Any questions from members of the Board?
991 All right. Is there anyone here in opposition to this request? Hearing none, that
992 concludes the case. Thank you very much.
993
994 Mr. Ruhlen - Thank you.
995
996 **[After the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board discussed the case**
997 **and made its decision. This portion of the transcript is included here for**
998 **convenience of reference.]**
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1000 Mr. Wright - Do I hear a motion on this case?
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1002 Mr. Bell - I move that we approve it.
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1004 Mr. Wright - Motion made that we approve it. Is there a second?
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1006 Mr. Nunnally - Which one is it?
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1008 Mr. Wright - This is the West End Assembly of God.
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1010 Mr. Nunnally - I second it.
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1012 Mr. Wright - All right, seconded by Mr. Nunnally.
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1014 Mr. Blankinship - Can we have a statement on the record?
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1016 Mr. Baka - I'm a member of the church and I've been advised by
1017 staff and talking to counsel that there is no formal need to recuse myself from a
1018 vote. However, I still may choose to abstain.
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1020 Mr. Wright - Mr. Bell, would you state your basis for your motion?
1021 You made the motion. Would you state your basis for the approval of the use
1022 permit?
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1024 Mr. Bell - There are three things. One is it's been used in the
1025 past for one year. The difference is they are extending it to two years so they
1026 don't have to come back. There are no objections from the surrounding
1027 community. And also it certainly does not affect any light, air, or traffic problems.
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1029 Mr. Wright - All right. All in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The
1030 ayes have it; the motion passes.
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1032 Mr. Baka - I abstain.
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1034 Mr. Wright - Mr. Baka abstains, so it passes three to zero.
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1036 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr.
1037 Nunnally, the Board **approved** application **CUP2012-00006, WEST END**
1038 **ASSEMBLY OF GOD's** request for a conditional use permit pursuant to Section
1039 24-116(c)(1) of the County Code to allow a tent at 401 N Parham Road (Parcel
1040 753-736-0655) zoned R-1, One-Family Residence District (Tuckahoe). The
1041 Board approved the temporary conditional use permit subject to the following
1042 conditions:

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- 1044 1. This use permit applies only to the placement of a temporary 30' X 30' storage
1045 tent at the rear of the church, adjacent to the loading and unloading zone. All
1046 other applicable regulations of the County Code shall remain in force.
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 - 1048 2. The installation of the tent shall coincide with the following dates:
 - 1049 a. March 12, 2012 through May 14, 2012;
 - 1050 b. October 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013;
 - 1051 c. March 9, 2013 through May 14, 2013; and
 - 1052 d. October 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014.
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 - 1054 3. The tent shall be removed within one week of the last show for each
1055 respective time period.
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 - 1057 4. No external tent lighting is authorized by this use permit.
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 - 1059 5. All fire lanes marked on the property shall be maintained in accordance with
1060 the current Fire Prevention Code.

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1063 Affirmative:	Bell, Nunnally, Wright	3
1064 Negative:		0
1065 Absent:	Harris	1
1066 Abstain:	Baka	1

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1069 **[At this point, the transcript continues with the public hearing on the next**
1070 **case.]**

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1072 **CUP2012-00007** **ROYAL DOMINION HOMES** requests a conditional
1073 use permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of the County Code to allow a
1074 temporary sales trailer at 433 Kingsridge Parkway (KINGSRIDGE) (Parcel 809-
1075 725-3797) zoned R-5, General Residence District (Varina).

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1077 Mr. Wright - Does anyone else desire to speak with respect to this
1078 case either for or against? All right, sir, please your raise your right hand to be
1079 sworn.

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1081 Mr. Blankinship - Do you swear the testimony you're about to give is
1082 the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

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1084 Mr. Bjelstrand - I do.

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1086 Mr. Wright - Please state your name for the record and spell your
1087 last name.

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1089 Mr. Bjelstrand - My name is Kenny Bjelstrand; I will spell that for you.
1090 It's B-j-e-l-s-t-r-a-n-d.

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1092 Mr. Wright - All right, sir, please present your case.

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1094 Mr. Bjelstrand - Good morning. My name is Kenny Bjelstrand. I'm
1095 here on behalf of the applicant, Royal Dominion Homes, and the owner, Mark
1096 Motley, requesting a conditional use permit for a trailer to be used as a
1097 temporary sales and marketing facility for this townhouse project. It is truly
1098 temporary. It sits at the front of the neighborhood. The construction is actually
1099 towards the rear of the neighborhood. It's really just for visibility so that we can
1100 get traffic in there while the construction is going on and the model building is
1101 being erected. Again, the trailer will come out as soon as the model home can be
1102 occupied.

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1104 Mr. Nunnally - Did you get permission to put that trailer there. Has
1105 that been taken care of? I know it's up there, but you had some work to do to get
1106 it in—

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1108 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes sir. It's kind of a comedy of errors, and we
1109 apologize for that. We sort of plead ignorance, and then beg forgiveness and
1110 relief. The original intent was to have a construction trailer for the building guys.
1111 When they ordered the trailer, the trailer company just kind of put where they—
1112 the best location, which actually makes sense because where they put it there's
1113 a little stub road, so it's just kind of an easy place to put it. And the applicant,
1114 unfortunately, wasn't aware of the fact that he even needed a permit, much less
1115 meet any setback requirements.

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1117 In the meantime, since I've been involved—I do a lot of consulting for the
1118 company, and when I became aware of what they were doing, I was the one that
1119 said they needed to get a permit. So the trailer was already there, but nothing
1120 had really been done to it. When we went in for a permit, they decided they were
1121 going to do everything they knew was going to be required for the permit, which
1122 included installing the handicap-accessible ramp, which was very nicely done.
1123 It's all been skirted and landscaped. All the conditions on the staff report are fine;
1124 they have no problems taking care of those with, unfortunately, the exception of
1125 the setback. I don't know what we can do with that. It's a bad situation because
1126 there is really no other place to put the thing without doing a tremendous amount

1127 of work. Behind the trailer there is actually a stand of trees and a pretty
1128 significant swale. So pushing it back the twelve or fifteen feet to get it in the
1129 setback requirement would be problematic at best. We're willing to do whatever
1130 you think might be appropriate; it's kind of a challenge. With the trees behind it,
1131 you can't just push the trees down and move it. It would be a lot of earthwork,
1132 which we are trying to avoid, obviously, and certainly the expense. I have
1133 pictures that are more current that show all the improvements. I'll send those up
1134 to you if you'd like to review them.

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1136 Mr. Wright - Yes, we would.

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1138 Mr. Bjelstrand - We have plenty of room on the left side of the trailer
1139 to do all the parking requirements. The lighting issue is not an issue; we'll take
1140 care of that. The real big thing is the visibility and the proximity to Laburnum is
1141 ideal for directing sales.

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1143 Mr. Wright - Which condition are we talking about here, Mr.
1144 Blankinship?

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1146 Mr. Nunnally - That portable toilet, has that been taken care of?

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1148 Mr. Bjelstrand - It's going to be moved. I don't have a copy of the
1149 picture, but if you look at the one that shows the actual—you can see the top of
1150 the portable toilet. There is room to move that just farther to back where it's not
1151 visible at all. And they can build a little path and the fence. All that is fine; that's
1152 easily accomplished.

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1154 Mr. Wright - Number 2 is the one you're talking about, Condition
1155 #2 that says the trailer should be located to—

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1157 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes sir.

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1159 Mr. Wright - —comply with the front-yard setback of thirty-five feet.

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1161 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes sir. That's the most challenging.

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1163 Mr. Wright - Where is it sitting?

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1165 Mr. Bjelstrand - The corner of the trailer sits about twenty-three or
1166 twenty-four feet off the curb. So I assume that this is not incorporating the whole
1167 right-of-way, so it's probably somewhat less than that. I'm saying it's twelve or
1168 thirteen—or, you know, ten or twelve feet to get out of the setback requirement.
1169 But it may actually be a little bit more because I'm not sure exactly where the
1170 right-of-way is. We just used the curb as a measurement. The trailer is in it, but
1171 the ramp—because it has to be so big to get the fall requirements it just sticks
1172 out a little farther. It's very visible, which is great, and it's easily utilized. It's just

1173 that the one condition of the setback is a little bit of a challenge. We have plenty
1174 of room on the other side to expand and do the parking, and additional
1175 landscaping, and whatever else we need to do; is no problem.

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1177 Mr. Wright - I notice that Condition #7 requires the trailer to be
1178 removed on or before March 1, 2013.

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1180 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes sir. We have no reason to think that it would be
1181 there that long. Obviously we're dealing with the developer as well, and so you
1182 never know what their schedule is going to be with weather and everything. But
1183 the intent is to have the construction of the model building started as soon as the
1184 equipment can get out of the way and we're not in their way. We don't anticipate
1185 it being there more than six months tops. I think with the weather, you know, we'll
1186 be able—they'll be able to finish the development site work, and we can get
1187 started on the building, and it won't take—hopefully about four months to build
1188 the whole building. And the model building will be the first one completed.

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1190 Mr. Wright - Probably sometime in August you'll be removing the
1191 building.

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1193 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes, worst case. We could even stipulate, or even
1194 volunteer, that come heck or high water we'll have the trailer out of there in six
1195 months if we can get some relief on the setback. If we have to take in a
1196 temporary something or other, a mobile sales center, we could do that for the
1197 short period of time before we can get an occupancy permit for the trailer. We'd
1198 be very willing to do that.

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1200 Mr. Baka - Just to clarify. This is a conditional use permit to allow
1201 the temporary sales trailer as a use. Suggested Condition 2 says that the BZA
1202 might be able to consider approval of the conditional use permit, but the
1203 applicant would still have to meet the thirty-five-foot setback. Correct? So this is
1204 not a request for any type of setback relief or any type of variance from that
1205 thirty-five-foot requirement. Is that correct?

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1207 Mr. Blankinship - I would think they would need a variance for that.

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1209 Mr. Baka - I thought of that. I'm just trying to separate the apple
1210 from the orange.

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1212 Mr. Bjelstrand - I had a discussion with the applicant about that. If we
1213 have to do another meeting with you guys for a variance on the setback, we'd be
1214 happy to that. The expense and the time is way better than—

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1216 Mr. Blankinship - Looking ahead, I don't see any way the Board could
1217 approve that.

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1219 Mr. Baka - What we're looking at are the suggested conditions in
1220 front of us today. We're looking at whether we could approve the use in a
1221 situation where you meet this setback requirement, Condition #2. Would you be
1222 prepared to meet that?
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1224 Mr. Bjelstrand - I'm sorry; say that again.
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1226 Mr. Baka - Would you be prepared to meet Condition #2? I know
1227 you said it was twenty-three to twenty-four feet from the curb. I guess my next
1228 question is how far is it from the edge of the right-of-way. I think I heard you say
1229 you weren't certain how far it was from the edge of the right-of-way.
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1231 Mr. Bjelstrand - It's about twenty-four feet from the curb, and I'm
1232 assuming the right-of-way is beyond the curb, so it's somewhat less than that. So
1233 it would be fifteen feet, probably, not complying with the setback requirement.
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1235 Mr. Wright - Just to clarify, I was going to ask Mr. Blankinship this
1236 very question. This thirty-five-foot requirement is not something that staff has
1237 proposed as a condition; I think it's in the ordinance. Isn't that correct?
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1239 Mr. Blankinship - That's correct.
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1241 Mr. Bjelstrand - Yes sir, that's my understanding.
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1243 Mr. Wright - Well see, this Board would not have the authority to
1244 grant you that without a variance, in view of Cochran.
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1246 Mr. Bjelstrand - So I have to get the variance first and—
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1248 Mr. Wright - Let me say this. In view of the Cochran case, you
1249 may have heard of this famous case—if you have a reasonable use of this
1250 property without the variance, the Board would have no authority to even discuss
1251 it or question it. I'm afraid you're pretty well stuck with the thirty-five feet, the way
1252 I look at it. You can go and apply for a variance, and bring it before the Board,
1253 and do whatever you want, but I think we would be faced with that concern.
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1255 Mr. Baka - I generally concur with that. I think that the point I
1256 want to point out here is that if we were to approve the conditional use permit
1257 with the condition suggested by staff in the report, it's interesting to note that that
1258 approval would not necessarily—it would not approve what's there on site today.
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1260 Mr. Wright - No.
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1262 Mr. Baka - That's a unique situation.
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1264 Mr. Wright - Well he's given until March 31st to comply.

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Mr. Baka - Right.

Mr. Bjelstrand - I didn't mean to dodge your question, Mr. Wright. The original intent was to be a construction trailer. When they found out that it was so visible and in a great location, they decided to make it a sales trailer. And again, they didn't realize that you needed a permit, and then the setback became another issue. I will tell you that the contractor and the developer have been kind enough to offer the equipment to run up the road and push the trees down, and try to make us some room so that we can meet the setback. We don't want to take them away from their jobs building the site because it is somewhat time-sensitive. But they are willing to do that. And if we need to do that in order to get the approval we would make every effort to move that thing back out of that—into the setback requirement.

Mr. Wright - What we're saying, I think, to sum it up is that if we approve this, we will be required to approve it with Condition #2 in there, and give you until March 31st to move the trailer.

Mr. Bjelstrand - If that's what we have to do, that's what we have to do. There is really no place else to put it, so if we need to go back and meet that requirement, that's what we have to do.

Mr. Blankinship - For future reference, you might pass along that a construction trailer does not need a use permit, but it does have to meet setbacks. So if that was a construction trailer you'd have the same—

Mr. Bjelstrand - Well, it was an R-5 and they—I went back and looked at it; it's thirty-five. It's all there. If you look for it you can find it. It was just, again, an ignorance issue.

Mr. Baka - One quick practical question. About how many parking spaces are available for your employees and customers on that gravel area?

Mr. Bjelstrand - To the left of the trailer there is all kinds of room. We just need to gravel it and then mark it, and we can do exactly what's required in the staff report. There will be no problem with that.

Mr. Baka - Would you say it's more than five spaces, or ten spaces, or—

Mr. Bjelstrand - There's enough room to do as many as we need. The five is fine. You don't usually have fifteen cars there at one time. It's scattered throughout the day so five should be plenty.

1311 Mr. Blankinship - Five was our standard requirement when the
1312 economy was good.
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1314 Mr. Bjelstrand - I don't that we even need that many right now.
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1316 Mr. Blankinship - You hope you need five.
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1318 Mr. Bjelstrand - We hope we do.
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1320 Mr. Wright - All right. Is anyone here in opposition to this request?
1321 Hearing none, sir, that concludes the case. Thank you very much.
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1323 Mr. Bjelstrand - Thank you; I appreciate it.
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1325 **[After the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board discussed the case**
1326 **and made its decision. This portion of the transcript is included here for**
1327 **convenience of reference.]**
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1329 Mr. Wright - Do I hear a motion on this case? This is the trailer.
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1331 Mr. Nunnally - Is that one you're talking about getting a variance on?
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1333 Mr. Wright - No, no. If we approve it, we would approve it with the
1334 condition that would require them to comply so they wouldn't need a variance.
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1336 Mr. Nunnally - I move we approve it with the condition then.
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1338 Mr. Wright - All right.
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1340 Mr. Bell - Second.
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1342 Mr. Wright - Would you state your basis for the motion, Mr.
1343 Nunnally?
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1345 Mr. Nunnally - I just don't think it would be detrimental to the way it is
1346 right now. I've been down there and talked with the people, and there's plenty of
1347 space and all that.
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1349 Mr. Wright - All right. All in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The
1350 ayes have it; the motion passes.
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1352 After an advertised public hearing and on a motion by Mr. Nunnally, seconded by
1353 Mr. Bell, the Board **approved** application **CUP2012-00007, ROYAL DOMINION**
1354 **HOMES'** request for a conditional use permit pursuant to Section 24-116(c)(1) of
1355 the County Code to allow a temporary sales trailer at 433 Kingsridge Parkway
1356 (KINGSRIDGE) (Parcel 809-725-3797) zoned R-5, General Residential District

1357 (Varina). The Board approved the temporary conditional use permit subject to
1358 the following conditions:

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1360 1. Only the improvements shown on the plot plan and building design filed with
1361 the application, as amended by these conditions, may be constructed pursuant
1362 to this approval. Any additional improvements shall comply with the applicable
1363 regulations of the County Code. Any substantial changes or additions to the
1364 design or location of the improvements will require a new use permit.

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1366 2. No later than March 31, 2012, the trailer shall be relocated to comply with the
1367 front yard setback of 35 feet. The trailer shall be skirted on all sides with a
1368 durable material as required by the building code for a permanent installation.

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1370 3. No later than March 31, 2012, the portable toilet shall be relocated behind the
1371 trailer and screened from view by means of an opaque fence.

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1373 4. No later than March 31, 2012, the parking area shall be relocated to comply
1374 with the required setback of 10 feet from the right-of-way, and shall be expanded
1375 to provide five parking spaces, each measuring nine feet wide by 18 feet deep,
1376 with a drive aisle 24 feet wide. The parking spaces shall be delineated with
1377 stripes, bollards, wheel stops, or some other means. At least one parking space
1378 shall comply with the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities
1379 Act.

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1381 5. No later than March 16, 2012, a detailed landscaping and lighting plan shall be
1382 submitted to the Planning Department for review and approval. Approved
1383 landscaping shall be installed no later than March 31, 2012. All landscaping shall
1384 be maintained in a healthy condition at all times. Dead plant materials shall be
1385 removed within a reasonable time and replaced during the normal planting
1386 season.

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1388 6. No later than March 31, 2012, the lights affixed to the trailer shall be shielded
1389 to prevent glare from spilling onto the right-of-way.

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1391 7. The trailer shall be removed from the property on or before March 1, 2013, at
1392 which time this permit shall expire.

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1395 Affirmative: Baka, Bell, Nunnally, Wright 4
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1397 Absent: Harris 1

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1400 Mr. Wright - Minutes of the January 26, 2012, meeting. I only have
1401 one and it's on page seven.

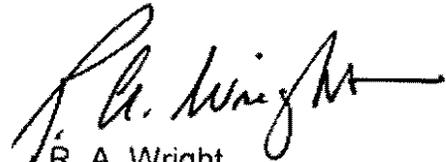
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1403 Mr. Baka - I have one after that.
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1405 Mr. Wright - Page 7, line 297. The last sentence on that line. It
1406 says, "I think it would be compatible with the general plans and objections." It
1407 should have been "objectives."
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1409 Mr. Baka - I have one other change, Mr. Chairman. On page 11,
1410 top of the page, line 453 at the end of the sentence, "for a two-car or three-car
1411 garage to be attached." I believe I said, "to be attached to the house," to make
1412 that clear. So insert the three words, "to the house," at the end of the sentence.
1413 Thank you.
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1415 Mr. Wright - Okay. All right. Any others?
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1417 Mr. Nunnally - I think I have one here. The first one here Mrs. Harris
1418 says, "Welcome to the December 26th meeting." I think it was supposed to have
1419 been January.
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1421 Mr. Wright - Any other suggested corrections? Do I hear a motion
1422 that we approve the minutes as corrected?
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1424 Mr. Baka - So moved.
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1426 Mr. Wright - Mr. Baka moved. Is there a second?
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1428 Mr. Bell - Second.
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1430 Mr. Wright - Seconded by Mr. Bell. Any discussion? Hearing none,
1431 all in favor say aye. All opposed say no. The ayes have it; the motion passes.
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1433 On a motion by Mr. Baka, second by Mr. Bell, the Board **approved as corrected**
1434 **the Minutes of the January 26, 2012**, Henrico County Board of Zoning Appeals
1435 meeting.
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1438 Affirmative: Wright, Baka, Bell, Nunnally 4
1439 Negative: 0
1440 Absent: Harris 1
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1443 Mr. Wright - I think at this time we were supposed to elect a vice
1444 chair to replace Mr. Witte.
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1446 Mr. Baka - I nominate Mr. Wright.
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1448 Mr. Nunnally - Second.

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 1450 Mr. Baka - All in favor say aye. Opposed?
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 1452 Mr. Wright - Thank you. Most efficiently done. All right. Anything
 1453 else, Mr. Blankinship, to come before this body?
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 1455 Mr. Blankinship - No sir.
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 1457 Mr. Wright - Then do I hear a motion that we adjourn?
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 1459 Mr. Bell - So moved.
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 1461 Mr. Wright - All right, Mr. Bell. Is there a second to that motion?
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 1463 Mr. Baka - Second.
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 1465 Mr. Wright - All right. Seconded by Mr. Baka. All in favor say aye.
 1466 All opposed say no. The ayes have it; the motion passes.
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1469	Affirmative:	Wright, Baka, Bell, Nunnally	4
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 1474 We are adjourned until our next meeting. Thank you.
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 1485 Benjamin Blankinship, AICP
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