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Megan Reiser Countywide Planning Division **Environmental Planning Section** Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

> Re: First Baptist Church of Highland Park, 4-21022 Statement of Justification in Support of Impacts

to Regulated Environmental Features

Dear Ms. Reiser:

On behalf of Community Housing Initiative, Inc. (the "Applicant"), we hereby submit this Statement of Justification in support of a development for the property and the associated impacts to the PMA. Please accept the following as the Applicant's justification for the approval of the requested impacts to regulated environmental features.

Description and location of the subject property: The property forming the subject matter of this application comprises in total approximately 18.64 acres in site area. The property is zoned R-80. The subject property is located on the south side of Sheriff Road at its intersection with hunt Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway (MD 704). The site is currently developed with a church, private school, and day care facility.

General Description of proposed use and the request: The applicant is proposing to develop a portion of the subject property with 138 unit apartments for the elderly. This use is permitted in the R-80 Zone subject to the approval of a detailed site plan.

Description of existing regulated environmental features on-site: The site contains a total of 4.40 acres of PMA, which comprises of wetlands, wetland buffers, steep slopes and stream buffers. The majority of the PMA runs along the southeastern boundary of the development while there is roughly 6,500 square feet of PMA found to the south of Parcel 61. There are seven separate impacts to the PMA. Six of those impacts are a result of existing conditions and one impact is associated with the applicant's proposed development. The Applicant's development proposal is designed in a manner that avoids, for the most part, impacts to the PMA. However, the proposed development will result in PMA impacts to one area of the property designated as Impact Area 1 shown on Plate 3. The area of PMA is located to the south of Parcel 61 will be impacted by a proposed stormwater outfall. This impact is temporary. Otherwise, the applicant's development proposal will not impact the PMA.

The existing impacts are shown on Plates Nos. 4 through 10 and are designated as Impact Areas 2 through 8. These are existing impacts associated with the existing conditions on the Subject property.

Impact Area 2 – contains 116 square feet of wetland impacts and 439 square feet of additional PMA impacts. This impact is associated with the installation of utilities on the site.

Impact Area 3 – contains 1,237 square feet of PMA impact associated with grading that occurred onsite as part of the existing development.

Impact Area 4 – contains 1,254 square feet of PMA impacts associated with grading that occurred onsite as part of the existing development.

Impact Area 5 – contains 352 square feet of wetland impact, 672 square feet of wetland buffer impact, 429 square feet of stream buffer impact and 3,929 square feet of additional PMA impact. This impacts are associated with existing grading and stormdrain installation that occurred as part of the existing development.

Impact Area 6 – contains 1,445 square feet of additional PMA impact. This impact is associates with grading the occurred on site as part of the exiting development.

Impact Area 7 – contains 650 square feet of stream buffer impact and 5.165 square feet of additional PMA impact. This impact is associated with existing grading and stormdrain installation that occurred as part of the existing development.

Impact Area 8 – contains 26 square feet of wetland impact, 529 square feet of wetland buffer impact and 950 square feet of stream buffer impact. This impact is associated with a 10' wide public utility easement located along the Sheriff Road frontage.

Description of applicable code: The applicable section of the Prince George's County Code, Section 24-130(b)(5), which contains the required finding:

Where a property is located outside the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Overlay Zones the preliminary plan and all plans associated with the subject application shall demonstrate the preservation and/or restoration of regulated environmental features in a natural state to the fullest extent possible consistent with the guidance provided by the Environmental Technical Manual established by Subtitle 25. Any lot with an impact shall demonstrate sufficient net lot area where a net lot area is required pursuant to Subtitle 27, for the reasonable development of the lot outside the regulated feature. All

regulated environmental features shall be placed in a conservation easement and depicted on the final plat.

Exhibits: Attached are Plates Nos. 4 through 10 which depict the impacted areas.

Specific description of the proposed impacts and justification of avoidance and minimization: The area of impact associated with this applicant's proposed development is one continuous impact crossing the PMA as shown on Plate 3. This impact is unavoidable as there is no other feasible area for the stormwater outfall to be located. As for the impacts sown on Plates 4 through 10, again these are existing impacts that are not created by the applicant's proposed development and the applicant is requesting that these impacts be validated as part of this request.

Mitigation: There is no proposed mitigation with this project.

In light of the above, the Applicant contends that based on the limits of disturbance shown on the TCP1, and the impact exhibits, the regulated environmental features on the subject property have been preserved and/or restored to the fullest extent possible, in accordance with 24-130(b)(5) of the Subdivision Regulations and therefore respectfully request the approval of this variation.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY PLAN OF SUBDIVISION **Colliers GENERAL NOTES:** FIRE DEPT APARTMENT HOUSING FOR ELDERLY **EXISTING PARCEL/LOT INFORMATION:** A. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK, PARCEL D, PLAT BOOK MMB234, PLAT NO. 83 B. TAX MAP 59, GRID E4, PARCEL 61, DEED REF. 40454/372, 6901 SHERIFF ROAD C. TAX MAP 59, GRID E4, PARCEL 67, DEED REF 21285/421, 7015 SHERIFF ROAD & Design PPS 4-21022 2. TAX MAP NUMBER AND GRID: MAP 59, GRID D4 3. 200 FOOT MAP REFERENCE (WSSC): 202 NE 06 FOR PRIOR APPROVALS: DSP-91071 (DETAILED SITE PLAN) 5-03121 (FINAL PLAT) copied, reused, disclosed, distributed or relied upon for any other pur ACP-02037 (ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE) 4-98052 (PRELIMINARY PLAN) MASEI NRI-037-08 (NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY TCPI-007-92 (TREE CONSERVATION PLAN) TCP2-129-91 (TREE CONSERVATION PLAN) FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK COUNCIL BILL CB-9-2019 CAVATORS, DESIGNERS, OR ANY PER EXISTING PARCELS: PARCEL D, PARCEL 61 AND PARCEL 67 TOTAL GROSS AND NET TRACT AREA BY ZONE: GROSS TRACT AREA: 786,776 SF (18.06189 Ac.) 9,993 SF (0.22941 Ac.) 17,456 SF (0.40073 Ac.) 814,225 SF (18.69203 Ac.) FOR STATE SPECIFIC DIRECT PHONE NUMBERS PROPOSED PARCEL: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK, PARCEL E FLOODPLAIN AREA: 13,078 SF (0.30023 Ac.) VISIT: WWW.CALL811.COM 9,993 SF (0.22941 Ac.) 17,456 SF (0.40073 Ac.) 801,147 SF (18.39180 Ac.) NET TRACT AREA: 773,698 SF (17.76166 Ac.) PARCEL 61 PARCEL 67 TOTAL 3,355 SF (0.07702 Ac.) 17,456 SF (0.40073 Ac.) 615,898 SF (14.13907 Ac.) ACREAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATED FEATURES: 6,638 SF (0.15239 Ac.) 0 SF (0 Ac.) 191,689 SF (4.40057 Ac.) PRIMARY MANAGEMENT AREA: ELECTION DISTRICT 13, KENT WETLANDS: 3,768 SF (0.08650 Ac.) 39 SF (0.00090 Ac.) 0 SF (0 Ac.) 3,807 SF (0.08740 Ac.) 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN: 0 SF (0 Ac.) 13,078 SF (0.30023 Ac.) 13,078 SF (0.30023 Ac.) 0 SF (0 Ac.) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND 8. ACREAGE OF ROAD DEDICATION: ZONING: ZONE R-80/INSTITUTIONAL (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK) EXISTING STATISTICS EXISTING USES: CHURCH SANCTUARY (1,199 SEATS) VICINITY MAP DAY CARE CENTER (117 CHILDREN) PRIVATE SCHOOL (250 STUDENTS) SCALE: I"=2000' 10. NUMBER OF PARCELS: ONE (CONSOLIDATION OF PARCEL D, PARCEL 61 AND PARCEL 67) PROPOSED USE OF PROPERTY INSTITUTIONAL **INDEX OF SHEETS** APARTMENT HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED FAMILIES SHEET NO. SHEET NAME 12. PROPOSED DWELLING UNITS BY TYPE: APARTMENTS HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED FAMILIES: 138 13. DENSITY CALCULATION: 138 UNITS/18.69 Ac. = 7.4 UNITS PER ACRE COVER SHEET AND COMPOSITE PLAN 14. MANDATORY PARK DEDICATION: OWNER PROFFERS TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE BUILDING TO ALL PRELIMINARY PLAN RESIDENTS IN LIEU DEDICATING LAND FOR A PARK. PROPOSED FACILITIES INCLUDE: FIRST FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOMS PRELIMINARY PLAN FITNESS ROOM WITH EXERCISE EQUIPMENT MOVIE THEATER BUSINESS CENTER 15. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TIER: DEVELOPED 16. MILITARY INSTALLATION OVERLAY ZONE: NO R-80 ZONE 17. CENTER CORRIDOR LOCATION: NO 18. EXISTING GROSS FLOOR AREA (NON-RESIDENTIAL ONLY): 19. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT CONCEPT NUMBER: 16624-2009-02, APPROVAL DATE 08/28/2019 20. WATER AND SEWER CATEGORIES: EXISTING CATEGORY 3 L. 40454 F. 372 **EXISTING PARCEL D:** 9,993 SQ, FT. (0.22941 Ac.) 21. AVIATION POLICY AREA: NONE OF HIGHLAND PARK L. 36074 F. 48 PLAT BOOK 234 PLAT NO. 83 22. CEMETERIES ON OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE PROPERTY: 786,776 SQ. FT. (18.06189 Ac.) LEGEND 23. HISTORIC SITES ON OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPERTY: THE HARMONY MEMORIAL PARK HISTORIC RESOURCE (72-045) IS ADJACENT TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY 24. TYPE I FOREST CONSERVATION PLAN: YES. TCP1-421022 ----- LEASE AREA PROPOSÉD APARTMENTS 25. CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA: FOR ELDERLY 26. WETLANDS: YES. THE WETLAND INFORMATION SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS FROM A REPORT BY BAY ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. DATED MAY 17, 2019. 27. STREAMS: YES EX. SANCTUARY PRIMARY MANAGEMENT AREA 28. SOILS: CHRISTIANA-DOWNER, RUSSELL-CHRISTIANA, ZEKIAH 29. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT ADIACENT TO AN EASEMENT HELD BY THE MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST. THE MARYLAND **EXISTING PARCEL 67:** -----SB------SB-------STREAM BUFFER AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION, OR ANY LAND TRUST OR ORGANIZATION. TAX MAP 59, GRID, E4 L. 21285 F. 421 ----- FP------ FP------ 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN LIMIT 30. SOURCE OF TOPOGRAPHY: THE TOPOGRAPHY SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS FROM M-NCPPC GIS DATA AND FIELD SURVEY BY 17,456 SQ. FT. (0.40073 Ac.) LANDMARK ENGINEERING. WETLAND BOUNDARY 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN: YES. THE COUNTY REGULATED 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON 09/19/2011 UNDER FPS #201107. A FLOODPLAIN EASEMENT ENCOMPASSING THE FLOODPLAIN WAS RECORDED IN THE COUNTY LAND RECORDS FOUND AT R-80 ZONE 6. THERE ARE NO KNOWN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. — — — — — (S) EXISTING SEWER LINE PROPOSED PARCEL D: 7. NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY NUMBER: NRI-037-2008-01 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK WETLAND AREA PURPOSE NOTE: STEEP SLOPES (> 15%) THIS PRELIMINARY PLAN OF SUBDIVISION IS BEING PROCESSED TO CONSOLIDATE THREE (3) EXISTING PARCELS INTO A SINGLE PARCEL. ALL THREE PARCELS ARE UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO LOT CONSOLIDATION, THE OWNER WISHES TO N 6379'34" W 51.59'-CONSTRUCT APARTMENT HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED FAMILIES TO ACCOMMODATE 138 RESIDENTIAL UNITS. THE DEVELOPMENT OF APARTMENT HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED FAMILIES IS BEING PURSUED UNDER COUNCIL ∕N 63″19′34″ W 240.16′ L_{S 27'35'25" W 2.48'} JOHN W. CLAPSADDLE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER - LICENSE NUMBER: 16956 ___S 32°05′06" E 51.65' MASER CONSULTING, INC. OCUMENTS WERE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY ME. AND THAT I AM A ULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE TATE OF MARYLAND, LICENSE NO. 16956 EXPIRATION DATE: 6-09-PRELIMINARY PLAN OF SUBDIVISION (APARTMENT SCALE: 1" = 100' HOUSING FOR ELDERLY) FIRST BAPTIST I'' = 100'CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK PPS 4-21022 THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION 6801 SHERIFF ROAD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF | PRELIMINARY PLAN HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING BOARD ACTION: PER PGPB RESOLUTION #: HYATTSVILLE ADOPTION DATE: SIGNATURE APPROVAL DATE: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 22375 Broderick Drive, Suite 110 Sterling, VA 20166 Phone: 703.430.4330 & Design COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC DOING BUSINESS AS MASER CONSULTIN 17000633P OWNER: APPLICANT: **CONSULTANT:** SURVEYOR/ENGINEER: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK, INC. COMMUNITY HOUSING INITIATIVE, INC. 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