

February 29, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Prince George's County Planning Board

VIA: Steve Adams, Urban Design Supervisor, Development Review Division

FROM: Ruth Grover, Planner Coordinator, Urban Design Section, Development Review Division

SUBJECT: **Revisions to Staff Report dated February 23, 2012**
Detailed Site Plan DSP-01030-02
Police Station District VII

Staff would like to offer the following revisions to Finding 6 "Design Features" of the technical staff report for Detailed Site Plan DSP-01030-02, Police Station District VII. Additions have been indicated in **bold face underlined type** and text to be deleted has been [*bracketed and italicized*].

6. **Design Features:** The site is primarily accessed from a single point along Fort Washington Road where a driveway leads directly to two parking areas, one in front of the proposed 18,908-square-foot police station, containing [2]**17** parking spaces (with three handicapped), and one to the rear of the proposed building, containing **51**[28] parking spaces (with three handicapped), and indirectly to a third 30-space "overflow" parking lot constructed of pervious pavers just to the west of the front parking lot. The site is landscaped with a partial planting strip along the subject site's Fort Washington Road frontage, and in the front and rear parking areas, though planting is noticeably absent around the proposed stormwater management pond, to be located just west of the proposed building and in the overflow parking area.

Existing structures on the site include a 330-foot-high telecommunications tower, three maintenance buildings, and three sheds, labeled "to be removed." The tower is accessed by a gravel road, which originates from the western side of the project's Fort Washington Road frontage. It would appear that the maintenance buildings, tower, and gravel road are intended to remain on the site.

The architecture of the proposed police station building is utilitarian though all façades, except for the rear, provide visual interest through a creative fenestration pattern and use of standing seam metal on the roof [*and on the building as well*]. The first story of the building is primarily composed of brick and the second story [, *with no standing seam metal,*] is either window glass [in] **of** an interesting pattern or metal panel.

Though a **freestanding** sign for the project was initially submitted with the application, the applicant has since withdrawn it from consideration. **A single wall-mounted sign is indicated for the project above the front entrance.**