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4	APPLICATION NO: 2024-04-3627
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	FARMERS NJ, LLC 1618-1622 PACIFIC AVENUE
6	CANNABIS RETAIL
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8	APPLICANT SEEKS SITE PLAN APPROVAL ALONG WITH
9	C VARIANCE RELIEF FOR ADULT USE RETAIL SALES OF CANNABIS.
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12	THE TAX MAP FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, LOCATED WITHIN THE RESORT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (RC).
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       DIRECTOR, PLANNING DEPARTMENT
       ROBERT L. REID
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       LAND USE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
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       G. JEFFREY HANSON, PE
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    COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT:
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       DAMON G. TYNER, ESQ.
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1	[COURT REPORTER'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING
2	TRANSCRIPT WAS PRODUCED FROM THE
3	AUDIO/VIDEO TAKEN BY THE VIDEOGRAPHER
4	PRESENT AT THE HEARING.]
5	LANCE LANDGRAF: All right. Our next
6	application, I think this is also you, Mr. Tyner.
7	DAMON TYNER: Yes, it is. Thank you.
8	LANCE LANDGRAF: It is Application
9	2024-04-3627, Farmers New Jersey, LLC, 1618-1622
10	Pacific Avenue. If that address sounds familiar
11	it's the same one from the previous application.
12	They seek site plan approval and C variance relief
13	for the retail sales of cannabis. It is located in
14	the RC District, as well as the Green Zone
15	Redevelopment Area.
16	Rob, we have proper notice on this
17	application?
18	ROBERT REID: Yes. I reviewed the proof
19	of service provided by the applicant and we do have
20	jurisdiction to hear the application.
21	LANCE LANDGRAF: Would you swear in Jeff
22	for us?
23	JANE FONTANA: Sure.
24	G. JEFFREY HANSON, having been first duly sworn
25	according to law, testified as follows:

2	JANE FONTANA: Thank you.
	LANCE LANDGRAF: Jeff, we're complete?
3	Good with completeness?
4	G. JEFFREY HANSON: We issued a
5	completeness letter. It was dated June 26th, 2024
6	recommending the issue of completeness.
7	LANCE LANDGRAF: Okay. Mr. Tyner, the
8	floor is yours. This one is a little bit more on
9	your side.
10	DAMON TYNER: Thank you, Mr. Landgraf.
11	At this time I would like to call up my
12	professionals so that they can be sworn. We have
13	Kevin Dixon, our engineer and planner, and we have
14	Craig Dothe, our architect.
15	LANCE LANDGRAF: Okay. You guys, come
16	on up.
17	JANE FONTANA: If you raise your right
18	hand.
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19	KEVIN DIXON, having been first duly sworn according
	KEVIN DIXON, having been first duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:
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19 20	to law, testified as follows:
19 20 21	to law, testified as follows:  CRAIG DOTHE, having been first duly sworn according
19 20 21 22	to law, testified as follows:  CRAIG DOTHE, having been first duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:

DAMON TYNER: Okay. Thank you.

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Actually, we will start with Mr. Dothe today with respect to his architectural aspects that he provided.

I would just open with a brief opening statement, that in connection with this project, as I indicated, this was -- the previous use was Fischer Florist. It has always been a retail use as far as I know. As a -- being born and raised here in the city, I can remember fond memories of going to the flower shop with my mother and father in the early `70s and this was always an interesting use because they would always have to circle around and look for parking, find parking and then go to the florist.

So this applicant seeks to sell a different type of flower, but it is, in fact, as we know, a permitted use within the Green Zone. It's specifically intended for this use and, in addition to that, we are aware of the committee and the CRDA's full approval of our next door neighbor at 1624 of an application for a dispensary, as well, so we will address that during our presentation.

So at this time, Mr. Dothe.

KEVIN DIXON: Bear with me, Mr.

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I'll insert the flash drive.
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    Landgraf.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Certainly. We'll mark
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    the submission as A-1.
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                Mr. Dixon, is there anything on that
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    you're gonna show us today that was not with the
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    application, that was not submitted with the
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    original application?
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
                               An aerial exhibit that
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    would be complimentary to the site plan would be
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    the only, the only document that was not originally
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Great.
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                 JANE FONTANA: A-2.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: -- A-2, yup.
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    you.
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                 KEVIN DIXON: I'll rotate this.
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    seven day trial to rotate, what?
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    that -- that doesn't make sense.
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                 All right. Can everybody see?
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 KEVIN DIXON: All right.
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            I will advance the slides as he needs.
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                 DAMON TYNER: Mr. Dothe, you've been
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    previously sworn and the board has recognized you
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as an expert in the field of architecture. 1 2 You've obviously appeared before this 3 board and many other boards throughout South 4 Jersey, correct? 5 CRAIG DOTHE: Yeah. Okay. 6 And specifically DAMON TYNER: 7 we're here today on an application for a 8 dispensary, an adult use -- licensed adult use 9 recreational marijuana dispensary. Have you worked 10 on similar projects? 11 CRAIG DOTHE: Yes, I have. 12 DAMON TYNER: In connection specifically 13 with this project, 1618-1622 Pacific Avenue, could 14 you describe what you were charged to do? 15 CRAIG DOTHE: Okay. Basically what it 16 was -- we're looking at our drawing, A-1, this is 17 our proposed first floor plan, which was to modify 18 the store into a cannabis dispensary, including, 19 you know, initially laying out the parking and 2.0 getting the loading in the right place, that type 21 of thing. We went through the process of looking 22 at it from the securities perspective in terms of, 23 you know, up there at the entry lobby, putting the 24 security up in that area, being able to check 25 people in, you know, in order to come in. We have

one direction in, one direction out. We have a very large area for people to congregate in the center area, which adds additional security, then through the door and up to the actual sales counter, which is shaped in a similar manner as the client's Missouri store. They found that this -the individual shape actually benefited them Then we located all of the secure areas greatly. and employee areas immediately adjacent to it, so then at that point we've been able to separate the product from the people as well as possible. addition, based upon the unusual layout of the lot and the existing building and the fact that it was a flower store before, there's a garage in the back that was previously used to store the flowers and to park the truck that they use to run out and make deliveries with. So they would load up their flowers in this space. We propose to do the same It gives us an added security barrier, thing. because now the truck just drives in, nobody from the outside can even see that something is being delivered, so it makes this one actually more secure, I believe, than most of them. The upper floors, as Rob had indicated,

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were residential. We worked on this building about

20 years ago, or I think we did, and when we did that it was residential back then unused, okay, and so the use was residential but it was unused at The reason it's unused is the way it's that point. laid out, as far as primary and secondary means of egress, entry point to lobby, to be able to access it for somebody on the outside. So it appears as though it was -- traditionally the business owner lived probably above his store long before any of us were born, which is a very traditional way a lot of these older buildings are developed, but they don't lend themselves to somebody else moving in and being upstairs and having the security issues of the ground floor.

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DAMON TYNER: You made some interesting points. You said that this building -- the way that this building was laid out as a result of its prior use, you were able to successfully divide the area where the product would be stored as opposed to the retail space and you indicated that this was a similar setup to the, to the owner's operation in another state where they successfully operated. Have you found this to be a particularly well-suited location or site for this operation?

CRAIG DOTHE: Yeah. I think the loading

is kind of pretty exceptional as it relates to the operation. The loading is such a convenient place that the van can pull up right here and then go right through this secure door and be right into the safe storage area. So it's like, I couldn't imagine it being any more secure than that. got a couple of parking spaces, which is good because some of these applications don't, and then, you know, employees or somebody just dropping by has to go park somewhere else. So this one's fortunate enough to have some parking spaces. One of the things is there's a sliding gate that, then, can be locked off at night. It keeps, you know, people out of the parking lot so that it's not -it doesn't become a risk of potential break in from that perspective, as well. As far as the separation zones as you go through, it's multiple layers of security and by the time you get back to where the product is and you're actually purchasing it in the dispensary area -- oh, thank you -- right in this area right here, you know, you've already gone through several zones of security so it's like now you're actually purchasing it and at that point it's about as safe as it could be, so I think it's uniquely designed.

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DAMON TYNER: Okay. With respect to the remainder of the design, could you speak to the appropriate number of bathrooms and any other facilities that are convenient for patrons coming into the property?

CRAIG DOTHE: Okay. Scroll to the --

KEVIN DIXON: Yes. Towards the front?

CRAIG DOTHE: Yeah.

KEVIN DIXON: Towards the front of the

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CRAIG DOTHE: Yeah.

So what we have is a person comes in here. When they're in this -- the order center, this is where we have kiosks across here, where the ordering can take -- actually take place, so that they can stay in this area while the -- their purchase is being processed down in this area. Αt the same time we put men's and women's room up We made them both handicap accessible. made all the doors handicap accessible and we have doors coming in, doors going out in terms of their direction to assist people in their flow, so that they don't start to come in and start to buy and then somebody that's already leaving with their product and then back out the door, so this, in my

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opinion, is a very well-suited area.
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    at this back section over here we, we can -- scroll
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    that way.
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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    we located a bathroom back here in the employee
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    break room and a couple of offices, and that
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    bathroom serves not only the cashiers in this area
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    but also the people that are working the storage
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    area, but also any other employee can utilize this
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          So it's like we've separated the employee
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    bathroom needs from the patrons to add a little
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    more convenience to the whole operation.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    much, Mr. Dothe, and Mr. Dothe will be here for any
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    questions.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                   I have a couple.
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                 With the residential, the second floor
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    is going to be -- second and third are going to be
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    residential --
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: -- per the previous
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    application?
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CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: So access to those two
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    floors, can you show me how that's going to be
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    separated from the cannabis use?
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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    there's a stair that accesses the upper level and
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    we're just closing that off.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE: And then in the front
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    here, we're still gonna maintain that door because
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    some -- it's not gonna be occupied but the idea is
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    that you still have to gain access up there if you
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    have to fix a window or do some minor, you know,
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    maintenance and that can still take place in this
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    area and it's accessing the front security area, so
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    it's not like a workman has to come through a
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    sensitive area to gain access to the upstairs.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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    know, we always design things based upon the
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existing conditions and the existing needs right It's a cannabis operation. Their existing need is the ground floor operation, not the upper floors, and that's very similar to the way Fischer They didn't use the upstairs, Flowers was run. So what ends up happening is we -- or I either. envision that that will continue to go into the future in that way. Now, if for some reason they decide in their operation they want to reconfigure the upstairs, make it a different use or something, they would have to obviously come here, at which point we would redesign the access points and everything and get them to work as well as possible for that use, and that would include -- like, let's say, you know, for some reason it becomes a really wonderful residential space, then what we'll do is we'll do, like, some outside foyer type of design that allows people to gain access to it without conflicting with the cannabis use. LANCE LANDGRAF: So from the outside of the building how am I -- if I live upstairs how am I getting in? CRAIG DOTHE: Well, at this point no one's gonna live upstairs.

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LANCE LANDGRAF: Well, so I'm -- I'm

going back to the application that was just -- not 1 2 approved but was received to allow residential on 3 the second or third floor, so we have to plan for 4 that as part of this application. 5 DAMON TYNER: Is there a separate 6 entrance? 7 CRAIG DOTHE: No. 8 ROBERT REID: It's reasonable to expect 9 it was accessed from the outside. 10 CRAIG DOTHE: This is the entrance right 11 here and it's already indoors. 12 LANCE LANDGRAF: Right. So if you're 13 living upstairs you're gonna go through the 14 security area --15 CRAIG DOTHE: Right. 16 LANCE LANDGRAF: -- for the cannabis but 17 you can show ID that you live upstairs, I guess 18 that would be the -- I mean, commingling those two 19 entrances seems to be a bit out of the ordinary, a 2.0 little odd. 21 If anything, the purpose DAMON TYNER: 22 for the nonconforming use application was to 23 preserve any rights that the property owner might 24 The reality of it is that it -- you know, 25 there are no intentions for it to be used as a

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lounge or any other coexisting, you know, co-use
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    with this facility. If anything, it would be
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    utilized as area --
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: The lounge would
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    actually work in this configuration because you've
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    got access. Residential doesn't.
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                 DAMON TYNER: It really would, yeah, but
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    at this time, like I said, there are no -- there
    are no intentions for that.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: We want to limit --
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                 DAMON TYNER: If anything, we wanted to
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    maintain the flexibility --
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Understood.
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                 DAMON TYNER: -- to go back and, you
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    know, as this project flourishes and moves forward,
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    we didn't want to limit our ability to do anything.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    somewhat related question since we're on the
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    architecturals?
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                 Are both residential units on the third
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    floor or is there one --
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: -- on the second
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    floor and one on the third floor?
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DAMON TYNER: 1 The second. 2 G. JEFFREY HANSON: Okay. I was just 3 confused. The architecturals illustrate the 4 existing second floor is all, like, office space 5 and storage area. It doesn't make any mention of 6 the residential, which is fine. I just wanted to 7 clarify for the record whether it's two separate 8 residential units. 9 DAMON TYNER: Separate residential --10 G. JEFFREY HANSON: One unit on the 11 second floor, one unit --12 (Multiple parties speaking. Inaudible.) 13 G. JEFFREY HANSON: I was just -- I need 14 that for the parking count. We're gonna consider 15 them residential for the parking. 16 DAMON TYNER: That's just --17 (Multiple parties speaking. Inaudible.) 18 G. JEFFREY HANSON: I needed to 19 determine the parking shortfall. That's all. 2.0 DAMON TYNER: Yup. LANCE LANDGRAF: So how I think we're 21 22 going to move forward with this, what we'll 23 indicate is at this time there's no residential being permitted upstairs. While the CNC is a 24 25 separate -- certificate of nonconformity is a

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separate application, you know, the board will
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    address to continue that use, as Mr. Tyner
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    indicated, there's no access provided to it just
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    yet.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    be willing to come back to the board if we were
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    changing -- if we were, in fact, going to pursue a
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    residential use or any other use on the second and
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    third floor.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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    having you come back but I don't see -- I mean,
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    what I can see is where that closet is behind the
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    security, you can put a door out to the street
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                   That would be the residential access
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    so it's separate.
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                 CRAIG DOTHE: And that could resolve the
    issue, but every time we touch the building we're
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    gonna open up a can of worms.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: It's an old building.
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    It happens.
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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    access so that solves one issue but it's only a
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    single means.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 DAMON TYNER: We have, we have egress,
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    as well.
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                CRAIG DOTHE: We're closing it off down
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           The reason being is we're coming into a
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    secured area.
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                LANCE LANDGRAF: All right. For this,
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    purpose of this hearing, we'll stick with just the
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    cannabis use. The residential we'll have to come
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    back in as -- when they come in for the CRUC for
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    it, they're gonna have to show proper access.
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    We'll handle it that way.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                CRAIG DOTHE: All right.
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    looking for.
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                G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    question related to that. For the parking
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    shortfall, we'll just consider those -- for the
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    parking demand are we gonna consider them vacant or
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    residential, just so we determine the correct --
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                LANCE LANDGRAF: I think residential,
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    because that's what the CNC is --
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                G. JEFFREY HANSON: Okay. Good enough.
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                ROBERT REID: Yeah.
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    existing for those two.
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                G. JEFFREY HANSON: It's grandfathered.
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    We've got it at 19 spaces at this point.
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ROBERT REID: And in regards to certificate of nonconformity for the two units upstairs, one of the next steps would be once that's approved, in order to occupy it you have to come in for certificate of land use and as part of the certificate of land use application that I would review, I would want to see a door out to Pacific Avenue. That's all.

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LANCE LANDGRAF: Correct.

JANE FONTANA: With regard to this certificate of nonconformity, if they weren't and have not been in use, does that have an impact on the decision?

LANCE LANDGRAF: Yeah. That's something I'm gonna review as part of the hearing officer report, because showing that that second floor is commercial, how do we now say that that's allow --

ROBERT REID: Well, I can say the records I have, that I have reviewed indicate there always was two residential units. Because it wasn't rented out does not take away there's physically two residential units that have been there and they, in my opinion, have a right to continue that based on all the information I've reviewed.

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LANCE LANDGRAF:
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    as part of that application, because that's
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    confusing to me, as well.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: (Inaudible) --
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    correct?
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Yeah.
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    applications here. I don't want to do that so -- I
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    wish they were on completely different agendas.
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    That would have been a better --
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                 All right. So that will be handled
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    under certificate of land use compliance when it
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    does come in for residential, or whatever use it
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    comes in for.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 Okay.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    forward -- thank you, Mr. Dothe. Moving forward,
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    Kevin Dixon has been previously sworn and
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    recognized as an expert as a planner and engineer.
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                 Mr. Dixon, you were retained, sir, to
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    review the property and prepare a site plan for an
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    adult marijuana dispensary, correct?
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                 KEVIN DIXON: Correct.
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                 DAMON TYNER: Okay. You have shown an
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aerial photo. This has been previously marked as A-2, which is being re-displayed at this point. Could you give an idea of what we're looking at, sir?

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KEVIN DIXON: As soon as I can get a handle on the Adobe. It's not working for me.

Good morning. By way of orientation -- LANCE LANDGRAF: Good morning.

KEVIN DIXON: -- I just wanted to give you a sense of context just by showing you that the subject property is located on Pacific Avenue. Well-known to you, of course, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. So in between the blocks of Mt. Vernon Avenue and MLK Boulevard. On Pacific Avenue we can see the former Sands site. Adjacent to that, in between Indiana and MLK, former site of the Midtown Motor Lodge, where I tended bar in 1977, and the Coachman Inn right there on Pacific Avenue, so -- a block away. We also see, I just want to point out very briefly, some parking, a The other side of Mt. Vernon is a parking lot. public parking lot and also additional parking in the rear, which I believe holds a private parking lot but -- so getting into -- I'll zoom in just a little bit just so we can get a little better

handle on it. But there we have it, basic context 1 2 of the site. The Schultz Foundation next door 3 towards Mt. Vernon, and I believe you reviewed 4 another application very near this location very 5 recently. So let me please call up the site plan, 6 which is the same document that was submitted to 7 this, to this board and pull it up and I'll go 8 through it with you. I want to touch on also the 9 variances and also just a brief description of the 10 site and how it's all placed from a site 11 standpoint. Fairly simple from the standpoint of 12 the fact that it's an existing site. There are 13 basically minimal improvements to the site. 14 Certainly no ground disturbance to speak of and a 15 reorientation of the parking, some lighting, 16 handicapped access and that kind of thing. 17 So what we have is -- and if you bear with me, let me just retrieve my notes here so I 18 19 can speak intelligently to this. 20 DAMON TYNER: So jumping ahead a little 21 bit, and I know you didn't get into it, essentially 22 we are requesting six variances that are all from 23 existing nonconformities, correct? 2.4 KEVIN DIXON: We are requesting six 2.5 variances. One of those is a conformity that

requires lot consolidation in order to be -- to 1 2 remain in conformity as a condition of this. 3 site plan approval, if it, if it is to be granted, 4 would include the consolidation of Lots 3 and 4, 5 such that the lot area would then be complying. So 6 to the extent that that becomes a condition, I 7 suppose it's not a required variance but it was 8 listed under variance criteria and made sense to do 9 so depending upon how the conditions of any 10 approval that might be granted would be. 11 nonconformity because the two lots are separate 12 right now. G. JEFFREY HANSON: I think we would 13

G. JEFFREY HANSON: I think we would still consider it an existing nonconformity until they're consolidated, right?

LANCE LANDGRAF: Yeah.

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KEVIN DIXON: It exists as a nonconformity, I would agree, so that would be six variances.

DAMON TYNER: Okay.

KEVIN DIXON: And beginning with lot area, the consolidated tract size would be 8,208 square feet, which would be conforming. The lots individually do not add up to, either one, 7,500 square feet, which is the minimum lot area, so a

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variance would be required and, of course,
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    of those lots.
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                 DAMON TYNER: Just for the record, the
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    building, physical building itself spans both lots
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                 KEVIN DIXON: It does. It does.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    physical issue, per se. It's just a lot line.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: It's a line drawn on
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                 KEVIN DIXON: It's an imaginary line
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    that needs to be erased.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: -- on one property
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                 KEVIN DIXON: The building is outlined
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    in white on the plan and then the lot line runs
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    between the two lots in this general location.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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                 KEVIN DIXON: So it cuts --
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G. JEFFREY HANSON: Bifurcates.

KEVIN DIXON: It definitely cuts the building pretty much in half. It is an offset

4 building.

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We also are requesting a lot depth variance, whereas 150 feet is required, 100 feet is provided on one side. It is 150 feet but by definition does not meet the definition of the required lot depth.

By the same definition, or in the same definitions is lot width. It is 50 feet -- it is required to be 50 feet and one of the lots is 37.5. That would be the lot width variance that would be requested, and again, this is an irregularly shaped lot, L shaped, if you will, so considering the lots, you know, having been consolidated, we have an L shaped lot. One of those legs is 37.5.

The rear yard setback is zero. The building is -- and by the way, these are all existing conditions. As I've mentioned, the previous variances and the ones yet to be mentioned, they are all existing and they will not be revised if any manner.

DAMON TYNER: Or exacerbated?

25 KEVIN DIXON: Or exacerbated. The rear

yard setback is -- actual setback is zero. The building is on the line. The requirement is 20 feet. We're asking for variance relief in that regard.

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The maximum allowable impervious coverage is 80 percent. This site is virtually 100 percent, perhaps not virtually, perhaps actually. I haven't found any green space on it but -- it's pretty much paving and building from stem to stern.

Finally, there's off-street parking and as it's been calculated by Jeff, it would be 23 spaces required. I think we're still in that mode because we're still looking at it as residential for the second floor, so --

G. JEFFREY HANSON: Yeah. That's what we discussed before, right?

Would be -- yes. That would be the number. That
would be the extent of the variances required.

G. JEFFREY HANSON: 19 for the cannabis operation and then two each for each of the residentials.

KEVIN DIXON: Right. Right. And as you see on the plan, four spaces are required. One of

them has been reconfigured to be handicap accessible, including van accessible. We have three spaces adjacent to that for a total of four parking spaces. They are -- those four spaces are embodied within the middle of what was previously basically the parking area which was secured behind a fence gate presently and which continues to be secured, as well as at the time they were basically undefined, unstriped, so it's just basically an undefined parking area, so we're saying it's four spaces. The area will remain four spaces.

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DAMON TYNER: Can you talk a little about the unique location that this area offers for public transportation and public parking in the near vicinity?

KEVIN DIXON: Well, with regard to the parking issue itself -- and I want to get into the variance testimony and the justifications for the variances, but specifically with regard to the, to the parking, as I mentioned in the, in the introduction on the aerial, we see public parking is essentially right around the corner. There is kiosk, quote-unquote, metered parking on the side streets, and this is similar to other businesses along Pacific Avenue where there is no parking on

Pacific Avenue and very little parking off street for a limited number of actual commercial enterprises fronting on Pacific Avenue, so this is -- I would consider this to be typical. It's run of the mill and it's also a revitalization of a commercial enterprise that's been abandoned, which we know from just historical activity, Fischer Flowers, it was a much more intensely used site with flower deliveries in and out on a regular basis and walk-up traffic was a regular thing. Wе also have jitney and bus service right there on Pacific Avenue, so we have access to this facility by means of public transportation, so it's not necessarily intended that this would necessarily serve a walking population coming out of the near neighborhoods, although it could, but because we're in a commercial district, there are ample parking and public transportation opportunities available to the patrons and the employees of the facility. So with regards to the variances -- and

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I'd like to, if I could, provide testimony about the variances in the aggregate with all the variances being included due to the fact that they are all based on existing conditions and as we have changed the use of the building, we need to revisit

those variances as they relate to the new use and variances are granted for the use for which they are approved, for the approved use. So with that in mind, the grant of the variances needs to be -or the proofs that we are offering would be commensurate with the use that is proposed. We're looking at the hardship criteria and we look at by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property. We have narrow, very narrow conditions in here. We were, I think, fortunate that we're able to squeeze in some parking spaces on site, but otherwise we are looking at an existing building that has very little room outside those four parking spaces for access for parking in particular, but the existing conditions being what they are, the other bulk variances come into play by reason of exception. Topographic conditions are physical features uniquely affecting a specific piece of property. Of course the physical feature being buildings that have been there for quite a while and they stretch themselves to the limits beyond the bulk standards, so that is an existing physical feature of the Extraordinary and exceptional, exceptional situation uniquely affecting a specific piece of

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property or the structure's lawfully existing thereon. So we're making the argument that the structure is lawfully existing on the property and I think it would be an extraordinary circumstance to try to modify this site or the building to come into conformance with the bulk standards that we've just delineated here that require variance relief.

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DAMON TYNER: Let me ask you this,

Kevin. Would any business, commercial operation

that's permitted within this area require the same

variances?

extremely low intensity. If you're going to use this building, the square footage that's allocated for this commercial use for, you know, highest and best use on a commercial application, any, any of them would, and certainly with regard to the physical setbacks of the building because it's already there.

DAMON TYNER: Understood.

KEVIN DIXON: I'm speaking specifically related to the parking, which is really the only fungible, the only flexible variable out there and that's not very flexible. We have a limited amount of space to work with.

LANCE LANDGRAF: Kevin, would you say the historic parking deficiency is similar demand from the flower shop to the cannabis facility?

They're both retail.

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KEVIN DIXON: They are both retail. I would say the flower shop would be more because of the increased deliveries on a regular basis from the flowers, whereas deliveries here will be once or twice a week.

LANCE LANDGRAF: Okay.

KEVIN DIXON: Twice a week product would be delivered in a van and I would say daily flower delivery vehicles would be in and out all day long.

LANCE LANDGRAF: Thank you.

KEVIN DIXON: So in summary, with regard to the hardship criteria, the tight lot conditions, existing building and site layout, it would be very impractical to modify this site to try to bring it into conformity. Basically, it would require demolition of this site, which now renders this site into inutility for compliance with the variances and it would just -- and that -- and therein lies the hardship.

I would like to also go towards the C(2) criteria in addition to the C(1) and talk about the

benefits and the detriments. First we want to share that we're advancing the purposes of the act which would tend to contribute to the positive criteria and give the proof of meeting the positive criteria at least in regard to that aspect of it. Of course, (a), to encourage municipal action to guide the appropriate use and development of all land of this state, and a -- (inaudible) -- which will promote the public, health, safety, morals and general welfare. It is our argument the neighborhood, the City of Atlantic City and this block in particular is well-served by bringing back a permitted use into a longstanding, largely vacant commercial property and will eliminate the eyesore by the upgraded architectural and revitalize the commercial aspect of this building by the grant of this variance and the introduction of this business. Kevin, with the exception DAMON TYNER: of the Schultz Hill building, would you say that the remainder of the block, that the properties are underutilized?

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KEVIN DIXON: Underutilized, possibly obsolete, possibly dilapidated, depending on your perspective, I think those are judgment calls, but

certainly this building is in a dilapidated condition, at least the -- (inaudible) -- 30 percent along Pacific Avenue. And I'm not intimately familiar with the interior or the guts of the building. I'm sure it's structurally okay or Craig would have told us otherwise, but certainly the facade is obsolete and dilapidated -- DAMON TYNER: Thank you.

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KEVIN DIXON: -- and in desperate need of revitalization.

Purpose (g), to provide sufficient space and appropriate locations for a variety of agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial and industrial uses, and open space, both public and private, for either respective environmental requirements in order to meet the needs of all New Jersey citizens. This is a permitted use, so it certainly meets the sufficient space and appropriate locations proof. It meets the criteria. It requires the variance relief only due to the existing conditions.

Finally, purpose (i), to promote a desirable visual environment through creative development techniques and good civic design and arrangement, and again, as I said earlier, the

upgraded architecture will be a much needed facelift on this building and a revitalized building will add vitality to this block and to this region or this portion of the commercial district. That would be an asset to the neighborhood, to this block and to the city variances, so I think the benefits substantially outweigh any detriment.

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Now, I think that the only real detriment that I would point to is the parking deficiency, when you look at the extent of the variance relief required, and again, this is -- we're talking about an existing condition and we're talking about offset to that detriment by the availability of public transportation and ample parking on the side streets where the patrons can park and just walk around the block. Many urban environments, particularly Atlantic City and other urban environments, if you're finding parking spaces within a block, you're doing -- you're doing good, and there's plenty of parking on the side streets.

DAMON TYNER: Let me touch on something briefly that I brought up in my opening. From a planning perspective are there any issues with

respect to the fact that a -- the same permitted 1 2 use is approved next door to our location? 3 KEVIN DIXON: No. I think they could 4 make the same basic planning arguments and I don't 5 think that we have -- there's not an intensity 6 issue or something along those lines that would 7 preclude it. I mean, you can have --8 (inaudible) -- of the same, of the same offerings 9 side by side. 10 DAMON TYNER: T-shirt shops on the 11 Boardwalk? 12 KEVIN DIXON: T-shirt, pizza and, yeah, 13 souvenir shops side by side on the Boardwalk, 14 exactly. So no, it's not -- it is not a negative 15 impact or negative factor in the development of 16 this particular use. 17 LANCE LANDGRAF: Just to -- along the 18 same lines, and Mr. Tyner, just so you're aware, as 19 of yesterday there's 32 cannabis facilities now 2.0 approved in the City of Atlantic City. 21 DAMON TYNER: Okay. 22 LANCE LANDGRAF: So it's gonna be a very 23 competitive market. I'm hopeful that most of these 24 can survive through that. Really just an awareness 25 thing. I want to make you guys aware that

there's -- as of yesterday, pending retail period, there was 32 that have been approved, including the one immediately next door.

DAMON TYNER: Absolutely.

KEVIN DIXON: I suspect that --

LANCE LANDGRAF: Survival of the

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KEVIN DIXON: Exactly. I am old enough that I was here and I had the opportunity to do the engineering site planning for six different casino projects. At least three of them were never built.

LANCE LANDGRAF:

KEVIN DIXON: And I'm aware back then at the time there were 30 casino projects approved by the Atlantic City Planning Board and ultimately the maximum number that we ever built, ever existed, I think 13 was the -- we topped out at 13 but I think it took a while to get there. So to your point, Mr. Landgraf, there's no guarantee that any one of these will open or survive and it's just gonna be a commercial enterprise, just like the same --I'm sure we see that on the Boardwalk (inaudible). on a regular basis. I'm not monitoring the commercial successes, but again, if you're gonna have 10 t-shirt shops, some of them are gonna do

well and probably better than others, and yeah, nowhere -- (inaudible) -- but thank you for that and really reminded me when I heard that because Damon brought it up to me and that number stuck in my mind.

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LANCE LANDGRAF: I didn't know there was 30 casinos approved. I did not know that.

KEVIN DIXON: Yeah. I worked very closely with a consultant that was involved in 28 of them, Gary Sawhill.

11 LANCE LANDGRAF: Oh, yeah. I remember 12 Gary.

KEVIN DIXON: Touching upon the negative criteria, we touched on that very briefly, as indicated, in the zone plan and substantial impairments, but we don't -- we want to -- like to demonstrate that this variance relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good or substantially impair the intent and purpose of the zone plan and zoning ordinance as it relates to the CRDA zoning criteria, but as I mentioned before, this use will be less intense than the former use just by nature of the two businesses.

One is going to be delivering twice a week, the other one was probably delivering a half dozen

times a day with employees that would be there to make full arrangements, cut, deliver and so it would be much, much more intensive use and so with regard to that being an existing and a permitted use, we recognize that this will be a lesser intensive use and certainly will not, will not be a substantial detriment to the public good, and it's a permitted use, so I think inherently we know that. And with regard to the zone plan and zoning ordinance, I just want to read three items out of the purpose and intent of the Tourism District To create zoning controls that will regulations. enhance the Boardwalk, beach and nearby streets through extensive entertainment and event programming, create an improved street level experience on major thoroughfares, and I add with emphasis, offer new dynamic retail offerings, increase cleanliness and safety and take advantage of the Tourism District's frontage on the ocean inlet, back bay and, finally, I emphasize to provide for a variety of mixed uses. This is actually a mixed use development if you consider the residential above commercial. The second one is to provide a zoning scheme generally consistent with the Municipal Land Use Law that will catalyze

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appropriate highly functional siting and rateable 1 2 producing development in an orderly and safe manner 3 within the Tourism District. I think we've shown 4 that that is the proposal here. And then finally, 5 to continue to use practical and flexible 6 development controls to spur the market friendly 7 development that promotes a desirable visual 8 environment and protects from natural forces. Ι 9 think we touched on many of those points, practical 10 and flexible development controls, market friendly 11 development, desirable visual environment, I think 12 we've touched on that. We're gonna revitalize a vacant and abandoned building with this site plan 13 14 and we hope that the board is able to grant the 15 variances based on the proofs that are offered. 16 DAMON TYNER: I would offer Mr. Kevin Dixon for any questions if you have any follow-up 17 18 questions. 19 LANCE LANDGRAF: I don't think so. Τ 2.0 think I asked him as he was going through. 21 appreciate that. 22 A couple questions I may have -- I'm not 23 Do you have another witness or --24 DAMON TYNER: We do have available with 25 us a representative of Farmers NJ. That's Joe

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He's the East Coast manager for the
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                 As we indicated, we are a -- or aspire
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    that are open in Missouri.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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    are number of employees, hours of operation, kind
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    of description of how you see the site functioning,
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    the internal functioning, so maybe --
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: -- bring him up.
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    JOSEPH SIMMONS, having been first duly sworn
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    according to law, testified as follows:
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                 DAMON TYNER: Joe, thank you for your
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    testimony today.
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                 Could you just give the board a brief
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    background, your brief background?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    first of all, good morning.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    to this in law enforcement, retired out of the
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    State of Missouri, and then five years ago I
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    started working for some cannabis companies in the
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	and human resources.
3	DAMON TYNER: What is your title with
4	Farmers?
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6	manager for New Jersey.
7	DAMON TYNER: And specifically, you
8	moved out here in December to oversee these
9	projects in the State of New Jersey, correct?
10	JOSEPH SIMMONS: Correct.
11	DAMON TYNER: And you have a project
12	that's already open and operating in Plainfield,
13	New Jersey?
14	JOSEPH SIMMONS: Correct. Royal M
15	Dispensary in Plainfield.
16	LANCE LANDGRAF: Just for the record,
17	Joe's last name again?
18	JOSEPH SIMMONS: Simmons.
19	DAMON TYNER: Simmons.
20	LANCE LANDGRAF: Simmons. Thank you.
21	JOSEPH SIMMONS: Like Richard but less
22	enthusiastic.
23	DAMON TYNER: And alive.
24	LANCE LANDGRAF: And alive, yeah.
25	DAMON TYNER: Really not meaning to

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                 Joe, you've heard Mr. Landgraf's general
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    1618-1622 operating?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    no more than 30, I suppose, but obviously not
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    working at the same time. For speed, we would like
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    to have probably seven or eight registers open,
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    plus two security personnel on duty at all times
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    and probably a handful of inventory people, so less
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    than 20 people per day.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    foresee the proposed hours of operation would be?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    open about 9:00 in the morning till about 8 or
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    9:00 at night.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    Sundays we would close a little early for our
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    family based company, so we would close at 6:00 on
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    Sundays.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    so you said 30 potential new jobs?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS: Correct.
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DAMON TYNER: 1 And what would those jobs 2 entail besides cashiers? 3 JOSEPH SIMMONS: So other than that, 4 we've got people that would check customers into 5 the front. We have the inventory team, so they're 6 responsible for intake of product, making sure that 7 it's, you know, all legal and compliant and in pricing that, putting it on the shelves. 8 9 looking at doing a home delivery service, as well, 10 so we would have delivery drivers and other people like that. 11 12 DAMON TYNER: Okav. In connection with this operation here on Pacific Avenue, you're 13 14 familiar with the location --15 JOSEPH SIMMONS: Umm-hum. DAMON TYNER: -- correct? 16 17 Does it inhibit your desire to develop 18 the site knowing that you will have competition up 19 and down Pacific Avenue? 20 JOSEPH SIMMONS: No. I think what's 21 gonna separate us is our business plan. I honestly 22 think that with our adherence to compliance and 23 safety and then customer service, I think that 2.4 we're gonna far outweigh everybody else. 2.5 DAMON TYNER: Okay. Mr. Landgraf,

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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: I have a question
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    regarding -- you mentioned delivery service.
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    you partner with a third party that has a Class 6
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    license or would you seek the Class 6 license?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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    with another, yeah.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: What was that question?
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    I'm sorry.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    were planning on getting their own Class 6 license
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    through their LLC or whether they were gonna
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    partner with a third party for the -- they
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    mentioned deliveries.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Okay. So that is a
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    separate license.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    the separate license for delivery.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: And you requested that
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    with the city?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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    separate --
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
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                 JANE FONTANA: That would be third
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party, then. 1 2 (Multiple parties speaking. Inaudible.) 3 LANCE LANDGRAF: Third party on 4 deliveries. 5 Ouestion on the deliveries to the site. 6 This may have to go back to Kevin for a minute on 7 that, but that's gonna happen inside, which is 8 great. How are the vehicles getting into the site? 9 I mean, are they pulling in head first? Are they able to maneuver on the site and turn around? 10 11 DAMON TYNER: That's a Kevin question. 12 JOSEPH SIMMONS: Thank you. 13 KEVIN DIXON: So the idea would be that 14 it would be coordinated, generally speaking, off 15 hours. So they would be able to do a k-turn within 16 the parking lot because those spaces would not be 17 occupied. There would be maneuverability within 18 that parking area. 19 LANCE LANDGRAF: I quess my biggest 2.0 concern is they're gonna be pulling in and pulling 21 out on to Pacific Avenue head first. 22 KEVIN DIXON: We are not backing out on 23 Pacific Avenue, period. 24 LANCE LANDGRAF: You know the reason for 25 the question.

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KEVIN DIXON:
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    Thank you.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    would have -- anybody that would park there, it
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    looks like they would be able to pull forward
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    overhead door to be able to maneuver so that they
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    wouldn't have to back out.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
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                 KEVIN DIXON: And as we know, the
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    handicapped space is vacant, it's gonna be vacant
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    90 to 95 percent of the time so it's always going
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    to be a k-turn area available just, you know,
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    temporary.
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                 JANE FONTANA:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Go ahead.
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                 JANE FONTANA: Did we see where we're
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    doing trash and refuse collection?
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                 DAMON TYNER:
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    collection.
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                 KEVIN DIXON:
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    set up it is going to be handled internally and
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    then it will be picked up privately so that it
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    would be delivered out of doors when the truck
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    shows up and then it would be -- all collection
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    would take place indoors.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: Where is it gonna be
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    stored?
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                 KEVIN DIXON: I don't know that we
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    actually identified a spot. Craig may have that.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    just add, I think the testimony that it's going to
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    be stored indoors is okay as far as I'm concerned
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: There's a storage area
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    right in the front coming off of there.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: That's what I
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    thought might be the case but I'll let the
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    applicant --
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
                               We'll show that on our
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    plan.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                  Okay.
                                         Please add that,
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    as well as a note saying it will be stored
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    internally and picked up privately.
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                 CRAIG DOTHE:
                               Okay.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                 Question. On the
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    security plan, has ACPD been able to approve that?
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                               That has been submitted to
                 DAMON TYNER:
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    you guys. We will, in fact, submit it to Atlantic
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City Police Department --
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                  All right.
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                 DAMON TYNER: -- and have them review
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    it.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                  All right.
                                               All cameras
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    will be tied to their system, as well?
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                 DAMON TYNER:
                               That is accurate.
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                 Joe, you can confirm that?
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                 JOSEPH SIMMONS:
                                   Absolutely.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                  All right.
                                               Good.
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                 Let me look at my notes. Deliveries,
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    you're gonna schedule them kind of off cycle
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    with -- you'll have security people there during
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    deliveries, you'll have staff there, but maybe not
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    retail operations going on, so before 9:00 in the
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    morning.
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                 DAMON TYNER:
                               Probably one or two
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    inventory people to help with -- (inaudible).
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: All right. Do you have
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    any questions?
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                 ROBERT REID:
                               No, I don't.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Want to go to your
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    report?
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: I'd just like to
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    thank the applicant's professionals and the
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applicant for giving some pretty thorough testimony and information. I should be pretty quick with this.

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I have a review letter dated July 12th 2024. The first page simply lists the applicant information. The second page goes on to list the documents that were submitted.

LANCE LANDGRAF: We'll mark that as B-1, for the record.

G. JEFFREY HANSON: We determined completeness on June 26th, 2024. I think the project background has been laid out. We'll move on to page 3 here, unless there's anything that needs to be regurgitated or any clarification, but I think Kevin and Craig and Mr. Tyner did a good job of being thorough with what's being sought here as far as approvals.

There were the five exist -- or five existing nonconformities that Kevin laid out, plus the parking variance, so a total of six. I guess we treat the parking as a new variance. That's typically what we've done because of the change in use.

LANCE LANDGRAF: Yes.

G. JEFFREY HANSON: And the other five

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    we would just treat as existing nonconformities, as
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    Kevin said, they're being exacerbated by this
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    application.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF:
                                  I think one goes away
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    once they consolidate the lots, correct?
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON:
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    consolidate, correct, and then we would make
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    that -- it seems like the applicant's amenable to
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    that as a condition of approval, to consolidate the
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    lots, provide the legal description, etcetera.
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                 LANCE LANDGRAF: I actually think those
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    lots had already been merged by --
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                 (Multiple parties speaking. Inaudible.)
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                 DAMON TYNER: We thought they were but
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    we got the information from the city still
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    recognizing --
                 LANCE LANDGRAF: Undersized lots under
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    one owner --
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                 JANE FONTANA:
                                They got --
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                 (Multiple parties speaking. Inaudible.)
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: Good opportunity to
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    clean that up now that we have an application.
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                 ROBERT REID:
                               The tax assessor has the
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    ability to do it but they fail to do it.
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                 G. JEFFREY HANSON: Maybe something they
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can address through the tax assessor's office.

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LANCE LANDGRAF: We'll require the consolidation and make it easy.

G. JEFFREY HANSON: Moving on on page 4 to the site plan comments, we covered that it's going to be two residential units on the second floor. Loading and unloading, number two is covered. Did you make any ground up with the relocation? It doesn't sound like you're using the 4 foot alley for much but did you make up any ground trying to get that AC unit relocated in the alley? I know it's not yours but --

DAMON TYNER: No. It's interesting that you said that. So prior to this, when we were going through the application process we were advised by their counsel -- that's when we learned that they, too, were also making an application. So we did receive an e-mail back that said that they were, in fact, going to work on moving that, but as chance would have it, we have the professional from that project here on another job, Mr. Jon Barnhart, who advised that at the approval hearing for that client they agreed to move the unit to the roof.

G. JEFFREY HANSON: Okay.

DAMON TYNER: And that all easements have been cleared.

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has to remain clear.

ROBERT REID: Including the locked gate?

DAMON TYNER: Once again, not something that we have to do with, but that's the owner of the commercial establishment on the end, but we have, in fact, notified them, as well, that that

G. JEFFREY HANSON: Number four is outside agency approval. You'll go to the City of Atlantic City for approval of the architectural and other standards in the Green Zone Redevelopment Plan. It's a separate review that's handled by the city's consultant. I just made a note, number five on page 4, that the proposed signage appears to comply with CRDA rules and that we've already got a They provided a resolution, number 438 resolution. of the City of Atlantic City. They grant a revocable licensing agreement for the encumbrances into the city's right-of-way along Pacific Avenue Number six on page 5 we talked about. there. Security and surveillance measures were discussed and they already consented to get the blessing and approval of Atlantic City Police Department for same. And then we just discussed that the

architecturals will be revised to explicitly call 1 2 out the waste and recycling storage area and then a 3 note will be added to the plan that all those items 4 will be stored indoors. 5 I believe that covers everything on the 6 letter, unless there's any questions or comments at 7 this time. 8 LANCE LANDGRAF: No. I think that's 9 fine. 10 Mr. Tyner, you read Mr. Hanson's report? 11 You agree with his comments and can comply with 12 those? 13 DAMON TYNER: Yes, we do. 14 LANCE LANDGRAF: Great. 15 G. JEFFREY HANSON: Thank you. 16 LANCE LANDGRAF: Thank you. 17 With that, we'll open this meeting up to 18 the public. Anybody here with any comments or 19 questions on the application, please step forward, 2.0 state your name and ask your question or make your 21 comment. 22 Seeing none, we'll close the public 23 Mr. Tyner, as I indicated in the last portion. 24 application, this will hopefully be on our 25 September agenda.

DAMON TYNER: Which date is that? 1 2 LANCE LANDGRAF: Let me check. 3 believe it's the 17th. 4 DAMON TYNER: 17th. 5 LANCE LANDGRAF: I need to confirm, but I believe it's the 17th. It's the third Tuesday of 6 7 the month. We'll confirm that. We will let you 8 know on that. 9 With that, we'll close the All right. 10 hearing on this matter and move to our last item on 11 the agenda, which is --12 DAMON TYNER: On behalf of Farmers NJ, 13 thank you, very much, for your consideration. 14 Probably gonna be back at some point for another. 15 LANCE LANDGRAF: Okay. Good seeing you, 16 Kevin. Don't forget your flash drive there. 17 KEVIN DIXON: Got the flash. 18 (At 11:07 a.m. proceedings were 19 concluded.) 2.0 21 22 23 24 25

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