

IN RE: CONSOLIDATED CRG PLAN	*	BEFORE THE OFFICE OF
(715 Maiden Choice Lane)		
1 st Election District	*	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
1 st Councilmanic District		
(Charlestown Retirement Community)*		FOR
Charlestown Community, Inc.	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
<i>Applicant</i>		
Md. Health and Higher Educational	*	Case No. 01-0225
Facilities Authority, <i>Owner</i>		
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S
OPINION & ORDER APPROVING CONSOLIDATED CRG PLAN
(2nd Material Amendment)

The Charlestown Retirement Community was originally approved on July 29, 1982 by the County Review Group (“CRG”). This was an informal body composed of technical review staff from the County’s Planning and Public Works agencies. Beginning in 1982, the CRG conducted meetings, at which development proposals would be discussed and approved/disapproved. The CRG is now an antiquated concept, and development proposals in Baltimore County are now considered at quasi-judicial public hearings. But the law requires that (prior to a change in 2006) amendments to a CRG plan must be reviewed and approved in the same manner as the original plan. As such, in 2011, the Office of Administrative Hearings was designated to function as the CRG in those cases where a development plan originally approved under the CRG process is amended.

This case concerns the 2nd Material Amendment of the Charlestown CRG plan, and it involves the construction of a new continuing care facility on the campus. A public hearing on the plan was held on August 14, 2014. Patricia A. Malone, Esq. with Venable, LLP represented the Applicant.

All Baltimore County technical review staff in attendance (Jean Tansey, Development Plans Review/Recreation & Parks, David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, Brad Knatz, Real Estate Compliance, Jun Fernando, Office of Zoning Review, Dennis Kennedy, Development Plans Review, and Lloyd Moxley, Department of Planning) indicated that the proposed plan satisfied all Baltimore County requirements, rules and regulations.

Additional testimony was provided during a zoning special hearing on August 25, 2014, at which time an engineer and architect engaged by the Applicant provided additional details and plans regarding the project. The Petition for Special Hearing was granted, and the Order in Case No. 2014-0250-SPH contains a more detailed description of the project.

Wherefore, for the foregoing reasons, it is this 26th day of August, 2014 by this Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the **“2nd MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CHARLESTOWN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CRG PLAN,** be and is hereby **APPROVED.**

A person aggrieved or feeling aggrieved by this Order may file a notice of appeal with the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days after the date hereof.

Signed
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge
for Baltimore County

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