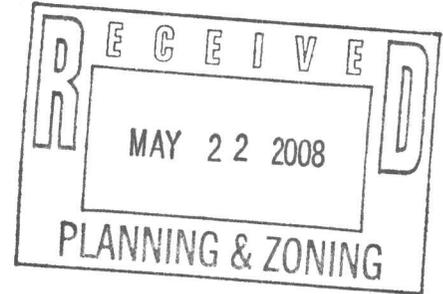


J. Howard Middleton
Direct Phone: +1 703 641 4225
Email: jmiddleton@reedsmith.com

Reed Smith LLP
3110 Fairview Park Drive
Suite 1400
Falls Church, VA 22042-4503
+1 703 641 4200
Fax +1 703 641 4340
reedsmith.com

May 21, 2008

Faroll Hamer
Director
Department of Planning & Zoning
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



Re: Hunting Creek Plaza, TA #2007-0008, REZ 2007-0003, DSUP #2006-0005
and TMP SUP #2007-0071, Planning Commission Consideration

Dear Ms. Hamer:

By letter dated April 24, 2008, on behalf of the applicant for the Hunting Creek Plaza Development, I requested that the applications be brought forward for consideration and vote at the Planning Commission meeting on June 3, 2008 (copy of letter enclosed). This request was made in accordance with Section 11-807(A)(1) which requires that the proposed zoning map amendment (REZ #2007-0003) be voted on within ninety days of the Planning Commission Public Hearing. As stated in our April 24 letter, it appears highly unlikely at this time that negotiations with VDOT officials will be successful in the near future, and therefore we requested that all of the associated applications be brought forward as well as the zoning map application.

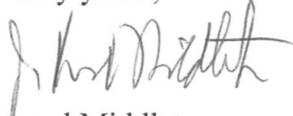
However, after further discussions with you and staff, we are agreeable to the following: By this letter the applicant, without waiving its procedural rights, agrees that the consideration and vote by the Planning Commission on the zoning map amendment may be extended to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on October 7, 2008. And, it is our understanding that with this extension, the planning staff will docket for consideration and vote the zoning map application and all associated applications including TA #2007-0008, DSUP #2006-0005 and TMP SUP #2007-0071. We are further requesting that this matter be placed on the Planning Commission Docket on June 3, 2008 for Planning Commission approval of the rescheduling of these applications.

Ms. Faroll Hamer
May 21, 2008
Page 2

ReedSmith

It is also our understanding that planning staff will continue to work with the applicant on a possible alternative proposal, known as a "by-right" plan. We appreciate your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,



J. Howard Middleton

JM:phj

Enclosure

cc: Ignacio Pessoa Esq.
Jeffrey Farner, Director, Development Division
Giuseppe Cecchi
Carlos Cecchi

J. Howard Middleton
Direct Phone: 703.641.4225
Email: jmiddleton@reedsmith.com

April 24, 2008

Faroll Hamer
Director
Department of Planning & Zoning
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Hunting Creek Plaza, TA #2007-0008, REZ 2007-0003, DSUP #2006-0005 and TMP SUP #2007-0071; Planning Commission Consideration

Dear Ms. Hamer:

On February 5, 2008, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the above-captioned applications related to the Hunting Creek Plaza development. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted to close the public hearing and, following discussion, voted to defer the Zoning Map Amendment and associated applications until the applicant has entered into a written contract of purchase to acquire Hunting Towers and has worked with staff to resolve certain issues.

As you are aware, we have been working with staff in an attempt to resolve certain of the issues and have attempted to negotiate with the appropriate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials to enter into a written contract to acquire Hunting Towers. But, at this time, it appears highly unlikely that negotiations with VDOT officials will be successful at any time in the near future. However, the Zoning Ordinance provides a detailed procedure for the applications, particularly the proposed Zoning Map Amendment (REZ #2007-0003). Section 11-807(A)(1) provides that in the case of a proposed zoning map amendment, "The Planning Commission may defer its vote for a period not to exceed 90 days upon recorded vote of the majority of the members of the Commission that good cause exists for such deferral." Pursuant to this provision, the Planning Commission is required to take action on the Zoning Map Amendment by May 5, 2008. By this letter, however, the applicant, without waiving any rights it may have in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, will agree that the Planning Commission may consider and vote at its regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on June 3, 2008. We are also requesting that the associated applications be brought to the Planning Commission along with the Zoning Map Amendment for the June 3, 2008, meeting for consideration.

We appreciate your kind cooperation on this matter.

Very truly yours,



J. Howard Middleton
Reed Smith LLP

Faroll Hamer
April 24, 2008
Page 2

ReedSmith

JHM:vmi

cc: Ignacio Pessoa Esq.
Jeffrey Farner, Director, Development Division
Giuseppe Cecchi
Carlos Cecchi