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# **Consent Item**

# Pike and Rose, Phase I. Site Plan Amendment No. 82012002A



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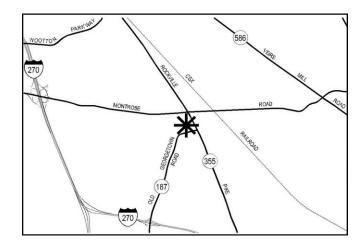


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Completed: November 18, 2013

# **Description**

- Renovation of an existing retail building; construction of approximately 1,000 square feet of new retail development; and the addition of new sidewalks, pedestrian connections, seating areas and landscaping;
- Current use: retail development;
- Located at the northwestern intersection of Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) and Rockville Pike (MD 355);
- On 8.5 gross acres of land in the CR4 C3.5 R3.5 H300 Zone in the White Flint Sector Plan area;
- Applicant: Federal Realty Investment Trust filed on September 13, 2013



## RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Staff recommends approval of Site Plan Amendment No. 82012002A: Pike and Rose, Phase I. All site development elements submitted to M-NCPPC on November 1, 2013, are required except as modified by the following conditions:

## 1. Site Plan Conformance

The development must comply with the conditions of approval for Site Plan No. 820120020 as listed in the Montgomery County Planning Board Resolution No. 12-27, except as amended by this Application.

# 2. <u>Environment</u>

The Applicant must revise the Final Forest Conservation Plan for Phase I to include the revised limits of disturbance prior to the Certified Site Plan.

# 3. Placemaking Plan

The Applicant must update the "Placemaking and Phase I Amenity Plan for Pike & Rose" ("Placemaking Plan") to include the area for this amendment at Certified Site Plan.

## 4. <u>Certified Site Plan</u>

Prior to approval of the Certified Site Plan, the following revisions must be made and/or information provided for Staff review and approval:

a) Include the updated public use space calculations for Phase I, and this Site Plan Amendment resolution on the cover sheet.

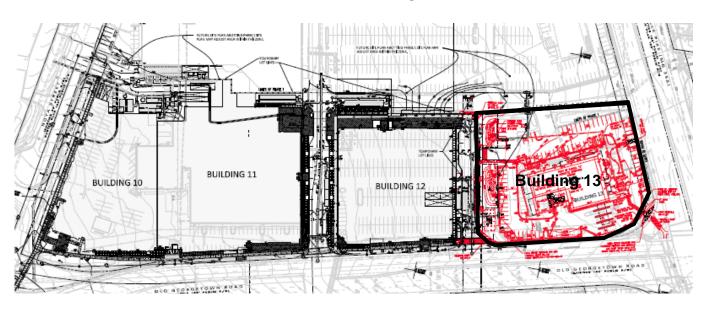
#### SITE DESCRIPTION

## **Vicinity**

Pike and Rose, formerly called Mid-Pike Plaza, is approximately 24.4 acres in the northwestern section of the White Flint Sector Plan area. The site is bounded by Rockville Pike (MD 355) to the east, Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) to the south, Towne Road to the west, and Montrose Parkway to the north. Primarily commercial uses, including an automotive dealership and retail stores are south of Old Georgetown Road, while office buildings and a residential high-rise are east of Rockville Pike. A majority of the property is within one-half mile from the existing White Flint Metro Station entrance.



Overall Pike and Rose development



Buildings 10-12 are under construction and proposed amendments are for Building 13.

## **Site Analysis**

Buildings 10-12 of Pike and Rose are currently under construction for 493 residential units and 262,800 square feet of non-residential development along with associated street network and public use spaces. Building 13 includes an existing retail building that is occupied by Starbucks, Bank of America and other retailers. The proposed amendment is located east of Building 12 and it is located at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. There are no known historic resources, wetlands, floodplains, endangered or threatened species or habitats, steep slopes, or other environmental or cultural features on site.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

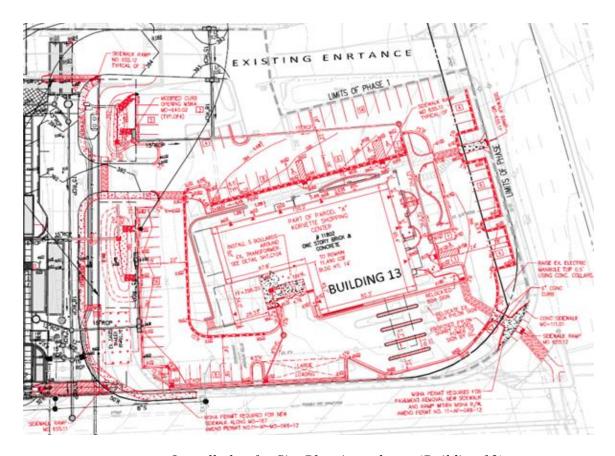
## **Previous Approvals**

Previous Pike and Rose approvals are the following:

- Sketch Plan No. 320110010, approved by the Planning Board (MCPB No. 11-05) on January 20, 2011 for up to 1,726,642 square feet of residential development and for up to 1,716,246 square feet of non-residential development.
- Preliminary Plan No. 120120020, approved by the Planning Board by Corrected Resolution (MCPB No.12-26) on July 19, 2012 for 5 lots and a maximum of 3,442,888 square feet of development with a maximum of 1,716,246 square feet of non-residential uses on approximately 24.38 acres.
- Site Plan No. 820120020, approved by the Planning Board (MCPB No.12-27) on February 23, 2012 for 951,000 square feet of mixed-use development, including up to 341,800 square feet of non-residential uses and up to 493 residential units on approximately 6.77 gross acres. This approval is for Buildings 10-12.
- Staging Allocation No. 25400, approved by the Planning Board (MCPB No. 12-36) for 493 residential units and 262,800 square feet of non-residential uses.

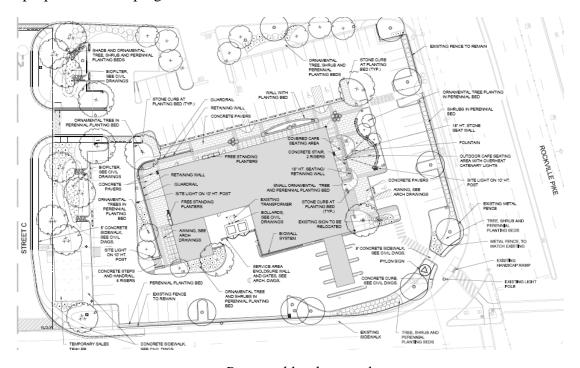
## **Proposal**

The proposed amendment is within the overall limits of the approved Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plan. The floor area proposed for construction under this Amendment is within the maximum floor area and FAR in the approved Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plan. The amendment would allow the expansion of an existing building by approximately 1,000 square feet; installation of new building facades, seating areas, sidewalks and landscaping; a new pedestrian connection to Rockville Pike; and screening of an existing trash and transformer area. The proposed Site Plan amendment is illustrated below:



Overall plan for Site Plan Amendment (Building 13)

The proposed landscaping for this Site Plan Amendment is illustrated below:



Proposed landscape plan

#### ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

#### **Master Plan**

The proposed Site Plan Amendment maintains conformance with the White Flint Sector Plan (2010) recommendations for the subject property.

# **Transportation and Circulation**

The proposed amendment does not affect vehicular circulation. The amendment will improve pedestrian and bicyclist access with new sidewalks and connections to existing streets.

## **Environment**

The proposed amendment maintains compliance with Chapter 22A regarding forest conservation. The amendment will provide new biofilters, which will enhance the environmental site design features of the development. The Applicant must revise the Final Forest Conservation Plan for Phase I to include the revised Limits of Disturbance (LOD) prior to Certified Site Plan.

# **Development Standards**

The proposed amendment does not alter the development standards approved with the original Site Plan.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Applicant presented the Site Plan Amendment to the White Flint Implementation Advisory Committee on October 21, 2013. Committee member, Mary Ward, made several suggestions to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the site. These suggestions were incorporated into the proposed amendment. The Applicant has met all the proper signage, noticing, and submission meeting requirements.

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposed Site Plan Amendment does not alter the overall design of the development in relation to the original approval, and the proposed project remains compatible with existing and proposed development adjacent to the site. The modification does not impact the compatibility or efficiency, adequacy, and safety of the site with respect to structures and uses, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, open space, landscaping, or lighting. All previous approvals remain in full force and effect, as modified by this Amendment.

#### **APPENDIX**

- A. Preliminary Plan Resolution MCPB No. 12-26
- B. Site Plan Resolution MCPB No. 12-27

MCPB No. 12-26
Preliminary Plan No. 120120020
Mid-Pike Plaza (Pike & Rose)
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2012

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montgomery County Code Chapter 50, the Montgomery County Planning Board ("Planning Board" or "Board") is vested with the authority to review preliminary plan applications; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2011, the Planning Board at proved Sketch Plan 320110010 establishing several binding elements, including a naximum density of 3,422,888 square feet of total development including a maximum of 1,716,246 square feet of no-residential development, on 24.38 acres of land split-zc ned CR3 C1.5 R2.5 H200 and CR4 C3.5 R3.5 H300 property bound by Montrose Parkway on the north, Hoya Street on the west, Rockville Pike on the east, and Old Georgetown Road on the south ("Property" or "Subject Property") in the White Flint Sector Plan" or "Sector Plan") area; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2011, Federal Realty Investmen: Trust ("Applicant"), filed an application for approval of a preliminary plan for up to five ots on the Property, to be platted in phases<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Applicant's preliminary plan application was designated Preliminary Plan No. 120120020, Mid-Pike Plaza (Pike & Rose) ("Preliminary Plan" or "Application"); and

WHEREAS, following review and analysis of the Application by Planning Board staff ("Staff") and the staff of other governmental agencies, Staff issued a memorandum to the Planning Board, dated February 10, 2012, setting forth its analysis and recommendation for approval of the Application, subject to certain conditions ("Staff Report" or "Report"); and

Approved as to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since the Property is to be platted in phases, unless otherwise noted, each reference to a record plat in the conditions is to the record plat that includes the specified improvement.

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Application (the "Hearing"); and

WHEREAS, at the Hearing, the Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted for the record on the Application; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, the Planning Board approved the Application, subject to certain conditions, on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Presley, with a vote of 4-0; Commissioners Anderson, Carrier, Presley, and Wells-Harley voting in favor, with Commissioner Dreyfuss absent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the relevant provisions of Montgomery County Code Chapter 50, the Planning Board approved Preliminary Plan No. 120120020, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Approval is limited to five (5) lots for a maximum density of 3 422,888 square feet of total development including a maximum of 1,716,246 square feet of commercial uses. A minimum of 12.5% of any residential units must be moderately priced dwelling units ("MPDUs").
- 2. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflec, the Sector Planrecommended 162-foot right-of-way (81 feet from centerline) for Rockville Pike (MD 355) as shown on the Preliminary Plan, subject to State Highway Administration ("SHA") and Staff approval of the ultimate location of the centerline.
- 3. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflect, a 110-foot right-of-way (50 feet from centerline) and a 10-foot Public Improvement Easement along this dedicated right-of-way for Old Georgetown Road as shown on the Preliminary Plan.
- 4. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflect the Sector Planrecommended 120-foot right-of-way (60 feet from centerline) for Hoya Street as shown on the Preliminary Plan.
- 5. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflect the Sector Planrecommended 150-foot right-of-way (75 feet from centerline) or Montrose Parkway as shown on the Preliminary Plan.
- 6. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflect the Sector Planrecommended 70-foot right-of-way for business district street B-15 (Public Street A) as shown on the Preliminary Plan.

- 7. The Applicant must dedicate, and the record plat must reflect the Sector Planrecommended 80-foot right-of-way for business district street B-16 (Public Street 1) as shown on the Preliminary Plan.
- 8. The Applicant must provide a centralized location within the overall site for a public bike-sharing facility approximately 8-by-40 feet in size, as determined by the applicable subsequent site plan.
- 9. The Applicant must provide bicycle parking spaces for each site plan phase per at least the minimum number required by the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. The Applicant must enter into a Traffic Mitigation Agreement with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation ("MCDO") and the Planning Board to participate in the North Bethesda Transportation Management District ("TMD") and assist in achieving and maintaining the non-auto driver mode share goals recommended in the Sector Plan. The Traffic Mitigation Agreement must be executed prior to release of any building permits.
- 11. The Applicant shall comply with the White Flint Urban Distric requirements when it is established by Montgomery County Council.
- 12. All required offsite forest conservation areas must be placed in Category I Conservation Easements. Category I Conservation Easement ts for each phase must be platted prior to any clearing or grading occurring on site for that phase.
- 13. The Applicant must submit and obtain Staff approval of a rev sed Final Forest Conservation Plan for each of the successive phases.
- 14. Mitigation for removal of the 41-inch diameter willow oak alor g the eastern Property boundary ("variance tree V-1") must be included in the Final Forest Conservation Plan for the phase that causes the removal of the tree. The Applicant will be required to plant at least 4 native canopy trees of at least 3" DBH in mitigation for the removal of variance tree V-1.
- 15. Trees proposed for tree cover credit to satisfy afforestation requirements should be in the shade tree category rather than ornamental trees. Trees used for tree cover credit must appear either in the list of approved trees in the Trees Technical Manual, or on the MCDOT approved street tree list.
- 16. Applicant to submit and obtain approval of the forest conservation financial security instrument prior to any clearing or grading occurring on site.
- 17. Proof of conveyance of the portion of the Property owned by 3HA must be provided to Staff prior to recordation of the plat that includes proposed Lot 1C.
- 18. The Applicant must comply with the conditions of approval of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue ("MCF&R") letter dated January 6, 2 )12. These conditions may be amended by MCF&R, provided the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval

- 19. The Applicant must comply with the conditions of approval of the MCDOT letter dated January 25, 2012 (as amended by the letter dated January 27, 2012). These conditions may be amended by MCDOT, provided the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan application.
- 20. The Applicant must comply with the conditions of approval o the SHA letter dated January 24, 2012. These conditions may be amended by SHA, provided the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.
- 21. The Applicant must comply with the conditions of the Montgc mery County Department of Permitting Services ("MCDPS") stormwater management concept approval letter dated January 20, 2012. These conditions may be amended by MCDPS, provided the amendments do not conflict with other conditions of the Preliminary Plan approval.
- 22. The Applicant must satisfy provisions for access and improvements as required by MCDOT prior to recordation of plat(s), as applicable.
- 23. The Applicant must satisfy provisions for access permits as required by SHA.
- 24. The Applicant must provide the 10-foot-wide Public Improvement Easement ("PIE") along the north side of the right-of-way for Old Georgetown Road, as shown on the Preliminary Plan. This PIE must be recorded by deed in the Land Records of Montgomery County and referenced on the record plat. The PIE is to be conveyed to the SHA with the Liber and Folio information shown on the plat. The SHA will require Montgomery County to enter into a Meriorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the SHA under which the County will assume maintenance and liability for the non-standard improvements to be constructed within the PIE. The MOU will also indicate that the County may transfer those maintenance and liability responsibilities to a third party such as the Applicant. The County will require a Declaration of Covenants (for maintenance and liability) for the non-standard improvements within the PIE to be executed between Montgomery County and the Applicant prior to recordation of the plat (and properly referenced on the record plat).
- 25. No clearing, grading, or recording of any plats prior to certified site plan approval.
- 26. Final approval of the number and location of buildings, dwelling units, on-site parking, site circulation, sidewalks, and bikepaths will be determined at site plan.
- 27. In the event that a subsequent site plan approval substantially modifies the approved Preliminary Plan with respect to lot configuration or right-of-way location, width, or alignment, the Applicant must obtain approval of a preliminary plan amendment prior to certification of the site plan.

- 28. The Certified Preliminary Plan must contain the following no e: "Unless specifically noted on this plan drawing or in the Planning Board conditions of approval, the building footprints, building heights, on-site parking, site circulation, and sidewalks shown on the Preliminary Plan are illustrative. The final locations of buildings, structures and hardscape will be determined at the time of site plan review. Please refer to the zoning data table for development standards such as setbacks, building restriction lines, building height, and lot coverage for this lot. Other limitations for site development may also be included in the conditions of the Planning Board's approval."
- 29. Prior to the issuance of any residential building permit covered by this Preliminary Plan, the Applicant must make a School Facilities Payment at the elementary and middle school levels MCDPS. With this Preliminary Plan, the Applicant is proposing high/low rise w/parking residential units as defined by the Annual School Test effective July 1, 2011. This amounts to \$319.59 per residential unit at the elementary school level, and \$991.03 per residential unit at the middle school level. If the type of residential units changes, the applicable school facilities payment (per the Annual School Test effective July 1, 2011) will apply.

# 30. Phased Validity Periods

a. The validity period for the non-transportation elements of the Adequate Public Facilities ("APF") approval for the residential uses is subject to the following phasing schedule:

Phase I – Issuance of building permits for 174 residential units, including a minimum of 12.5 % MPDUs, within 36 months from the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the Resolution is mailed;

Phase II – Issuance of building permits for the next 319 residential units, including a cumulative minimum of 12.5% N PDUs, within 48 months from the expiration date of the Phase I validity period; and Phase III – Issuance of building permits for the balance of the residential units, including a minimum of 12.5% M PDUs, to be built in the project within 60 months from the expiration date of the Phase II validity period.

b. The validity period of the Preliminary Plan is subject to the following phasing schedule; by which time the record plat(s) for the land area that will be needed to construct the units in each AFF phase must be recorded:

<u>Phase I</u> – 36 months from the 30th day after the Resolution is mailed; <u>Phase II</u> – 48 months from the expiration date of the Phase I validity period; and

<u>Phase III</u> – 60 months from the expiration date cf the Phase II validity period.

- 31. All necessary easements must be shown on the record plat.
- 32. The Applicant must prepare and submit traffic signal warrant studies for the Rockville Pike/Street 1 and Old Georgetown Road/Street A intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, having given full consideration to the recommendations and findings of its Staff as presented at the Hearing and set forth in the Staff Report, which the Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference, and upon consideration of the entire record, the Montgomery County Planning Board FINDS, with the conditions of approval that:

1. The Preliminary Plan substantially conforms to the Master P an.

The Property is in the Mid-Pike Plaza District within the Sector Plan. The Sector Plan rezoned the property to commercial residential ("CR") zones, specifically CR4, C3.5, R3.5, H300 and CR3, C1.5, R2.5, H200. The area at the northwest intersection of Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) and Rockville Pike (MD 355) is in the CR4 zone, while the remainder of the property is in the CR3 zone.

The Sector Plan's general recommendations for the Property states that "redevelopment in the district should retain its regional marks tplace function and include residential and civic uses. Building heights of 300 feet should frame the corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. Public use space, such as an urban plaza or neighborhood green or a civic or cultural a traction, will provide reasons to gather and encourage all day activity". Regarding public use space, the Plan recommends the following: "provide a minimum one acre public use that can be divided into smaller areas, such as urban plazas or neighborhood greens, on the Mid-Pike Plaza property".

The Preliminary Plan both enhances the regional marketplace function, and includes a wide range of uses including residential and civic uses. The public use spaces have been carefully planned to be consistent with the recommendations of the Sector Plan and dispersed throughout the development.

## Street Network

The public and private streets shown on the Preliminary Plan are consistent with the Sector Plan recommendations. The Sector Plan established a new network of public and private streets on the Mid-Pike Plaza property, including a new eastwest business district street, Street 1, between Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Hoya Street with a minimum right-of-way of 80 feet and 2 travel lanes. The Sector Plan referenced Montgomery County Road Code standard 2005.02 modified with regard to this street. The Plan notes that modification to the Road

Code indicates "that some modification is needed to the referenced design standard to reflect planned elements such as transit priority, bike lanes, or turn lanes". The right-of-way for this street is larger than the north-south public street, Street A, since the forecast traffic at buildout and turning mo rements from Montrose Parkway is significant. Street A is also classified as a business district street with a minimum right-of-way of 70 feet. The Road Coce reference standard is 2005.02 for this street. The Preliminary Plan shows the correct dedications for these streets.

#### Rockville Pike

Rockville Pike is classified as a major highway with a minimum right-of-way at 150-162 feet. The larger right-of-way for MD 355 is associated with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. Transforming Rockville Pike into an urban boulevard is a main recommendation in the Sector Plan. The Plan recommends "reconstructing the 'Pike' as an urban boulevard, placing utili ies underground, and adding a median wide enough to accommodate turn lanes and street trees. Street tree panels and wider sidewalks will promote walking. Bus priority lanes will be provided, located either in the median or along the curb". The Sector Plan further states that "the design analysis for Rockville Pike should be undertaken during the first phase of the Plan as a priority study with the support of the County Executive and Council. During that time, there may be requests for development approval for projects fronting Rockville Pike. The recommended right-of-way is 150 feet, but additional right-of-way up to 162 feet should be reserved during the development process to accommodate the conclusion of the design analysis".

The Preliminary Plan shows 81 feet of dedication from a relocated centerline of Rockville Pike. There is an existing easement indicated on Montgomery County Plat #6897 (Parcel "A" Korvette Shopping Center) and SRC Plat No. 17933 for the area along MD 355 for Mid-Pike Plaza. The Preliminary Flan shows the correct dedication for Rockville Pike.

## Old Georgetown Road

Old Georgetown Road (MD 187), between Executive Boulevard and Rockville Pike, is classified as a major highway with a 120-foot right-of-way. Although Old Georgetown Road is recommended for a 120-foot right-of-way, this section of the road has several conditions limiting the ability to provide full cedication while maintaining the urban design objectives of the Sector Plan.

Sector Plan & Design Guideline Goals:

- Provide a street-wall along sidewalks;
- Provide activating uses, retail entrances, and outdoor café areas;
- Provide structure parking; and

Provide proper sidewalk widths.

# Site & Building Constraints:

- Grade drops 8 feet from Street B to Street A;
- Grade drops 14 feet from Street A to Hoya Street; and
- Parking is structured below grade requiring level slabs for each floor not allowing the floors along the road to step with grade.

The Planning Board has weighed the goals of the Sector Plan and Design Guidelines against the site and building constraints, as well as the policy to require full dedication. If full dedication was granted, and the retail entrances and activating uses remained, a number of site elements, including steps, ramps, and walls are required within the right-of-way to deal with the grade changes. These elements do not meet the typical road standards, and create maintenance and liability issues for the SHA and the County. Further, if the elements were pushed to the outside of the right-of-way, the buildings would have to be set back further from the sidewalk, ultimately to 38 feet away from the curb. This would be another to the urban patterns the Sector Plan envisions. A ternatively, the retail entrances, café seating, and activating uses would have to be removed from the façade to allow the building wall itself to act as a retaining wall along the street.

Thus, in this particular case, the importance of achieving the built realm that satisfies the Sector Plan goals but will implement the sidewalks, planting, paths, and travel lanes to the agreed-upon street cross-section can best be achieved by a reduced dedication along Old-Georgetown Road with the remaining 10 feet placed in a PIE recorded on the record plat, and established as public use space enforced through the certified site plan. The Applicant is required to dedicate 50 feet from centerline of Old Georgetown Road, and place the additional 10 feet of what would otherwise be required as dedication in a PIE.

#### Bikeway Network

The Preliminary and site plans will begin to implement the bikeway recommendations for Old Georgetown Road and Hoya Street. The Sector Plan recommends a shared use path (LB-1) for the entire length of Hoya Street, and a dual bikeway (a shared use path and bike lane) (LB-2) for Old Georgetown Road, between the Hoya Street/Executive Boulevard intersection and Rockville Pike. This Preliminary Plan will implement the shared use paths for Hoya Street and Old Georgetown Road but the on-road bike lane for Old Georgetown will occur in the future.

#### Recreation Loop Extensions

Street A is part of the loop extension identified in the Sector Plan. The Plan establishes a recreation loop that is envisioned as a "signed gathway that is to be

incorporated into the street right-of-way as part of the sidewalk"; loop extensions "consist of short segments that link major public use spaces in the districts to the main loop". The White Flint Urban Design Guidelines further recommend that "signage along [Street A's] sidewalk (either side) indicate connections to the Loop in the south, and the various public use spaces within the district". The Placemaking and Phase I Amenity Plan will help achieve the Sector Plan recommendation to identify public use spaces and facilities in the vicinity.

## **Environmental**

Environmental site design techniques, increasing the tree canopy of the Sector Plan area to 20 percent, and minimization of carbon emissions are some of the recommendations in the Sector Plan. The development as approved will utilize partial green roofs for Buildings 11 and 12. Further, Street A has street trees that are 30 feet-on-center, with additional streetscape on Old Georgetown Road. Street A and Street 1 will utilize Silva Cells, a stormwater management system that is designed to accommodate street trees and stormwater. These measures will further implement the Sector Plan's environmental recommendations.

Therefore, based on the analysis above and with the conditic ns of approval, the Planning Board finds the Preliminary Plan substantially confc rms with the Approved and Adopted 2010 White Flint Sector Plan.

2. Public facilities will be adequate to support and service the area of the subdivision.

## **Design Exceptions**

MCDOT, SHA, and the Planning Board reviewed and approved the following nine design exceptions aimed at enhancing the pedestrian experience in what is envisioned as a high density, mixed-use, transit-oriented development:

- 1. Pavement of parking bays on Street A and Street 1 slope towards edge of travel lanes:
- 2. Reduction in standard intersection radii;
- 3. Reduction to standard right-of-way truncations at street intersections;
- 4. Walls and stairs in public right-of-ways per the landscape pla 1:
- 5. Stormwater management devices in the public right-of-way:
- 6. Trench drain at back of curb within the public right-of-way;
- 7. Building canopies within the public right-of-way;
- 8. Applicant will manage operations of the area, from building to building within public right-of-way for Street A and Street 1;
- 9. Reduction of loading spaces from guidelines.

# Site Location and Vehicular Site Access Points

The Property is located on the north side of Old Georgetown Road between Rockville Pike (MD 355) and Hoya Street, with Montrose Parkway along the northern property line. The vehicular access points will be from Old Georgetown Road, Rockville Pike, and Hoya Street.

# Transportation Demand Management

The Property is within the boundary of the North Bethesda Transportation Management District ("TMD"). The Applicant must enter into a traffic mitigation at reement to participate in the North Bethesda TMD. The Sector Plan recommends that the TMD achieve a 39% non-auto driver mode share (NADMS) goal for employees that consists of a 26% transit mode share, 5% ridesharing, and 8% other commuting modes of transportation.

# Public Transit Service

Ride-On routes 5, 26, 38, 46, and 81 operate along the site's adjacent roadways. The Property is located between ¼ and ½ miles from the White Flint Me rorail Station.

## Sector-Planned Roadway and Bikeway

In accordance with the Sector Plan and Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan, the Sector Planned- roadways and bikeways are as follows:

- 1. Montrose Parkway is designated as an arterial, A-270, with a recommended 300-foot right-of-way and a recommended shared use path, SP-5).
- 2. Rockville Pike (MD 355) is designated as a major highway, N -6, with a recommended 150-foot right-of-way and reservation for 12 additional feet (i.e., for a total of 162 feet) with a shared use path. Local Bikeway LB-5.
- 3. Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) is designated as a major hichway, M-4, with a recommended 120-foot right-of-way and a recommended Du il Bikeway, LB-2, bike path on north side.
- 4. Hoya Street is designated as a major highway, M-4(a), with a recommended 120-foot right-of-way and a recommended shared use path, LB-1. MCDOT's Capital Improvements Program Project No. 501116, White Flint District West Transportation, includes construction of Hoya Street between Executive Boulevard and Montrose Parkway.
- 5. Public Street 1 is designated as a business street, B-16, with a recommended 80-foot right-of-way.
- 6. Public Street A is designated as a business street, B-15, with a recommended 70-foot right-of-way and an extension of the White Flint recreation loop.

## Transportation Adequate Public Facilities Review

In lieu of the typical Local Area Transportation Review and Policy Ar a Mobility Review tests, the transportation Adequate Public Facilities test would be satisfied for new

developments in the White Flint Sector Plan area by requiring the property owners to participate and pay for infrastructure improvements as part of the V'hite Flint Special Taxing District. The revenue generated from this project will go towards funding the MCDOT Capital Improvements Program Project No. 501116; White Flint District West Transportation, which includes construction of Hoya Street between Executive Boulevard and Montrose Parkway.

## Other Public Facilities and Services

Except for schools, other public facilities and services are available and will be adequate to serve the proposed development. The site is served by public water and sewer. Gas, electric, and telecommunications services are also available to serve the property. Police stations, firehouses, and health services are currently operating within the standards set by the effective Subdivision Staging Policy. Pursuant to County Council Resolution 16-1324, adopted April 27, 2010, the Property is exempt from LATR and PAMR analysis because it is subject to payments under the White Flint Special Taxing District. The Application has been reviewed and approved by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), which has determined that the property has adequate access for emergency vehicles.

The Property is located in the Walter Johnson High School Cluster, which requires a School Facilities Payment at the elementary and middle school levels. This amounts to \$819.59 per residential unit at the elementary school level, and \$991.03 per residential unit at the middle school level. The School Facilities Payment must be made prior to the issuance of any residential building permit covered by this Preliminary Plan.

Therefore, based on the analysis above and with the conditions of approval, the Planning Board finds public facilities are adequate to support and st rvice the area of the Preliminary Plan.

3. The size, width, shape, and orientation of the proposed lot: are appropriate for the location of the subdivision.

The lots have been reviewed for compliance with 50-29(a) of the Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board finds that the size, shape, width, and area of the lots were appropriate for their location within the subdivision.

4. The Application satisfies all the applicable requirements of the Forest Conservation Law, Montgomery County Code, Chapter 22A.

## **Environmental Guidelines**

A Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation ("NRI/FSD") for the site was approved by Staff on June 23, 2010. The site contains no forest, streams or their buffers, wetlands or their buffers, 100-year floodplains, or rare, threatened or

endangered species. There is one specimen-size willow oak tree (*Quercus phellos*) on the Property, variance tree V-1, near the southern entrance/exit alcng Route 355.

## Forest Conservation

For purposes of Forest Conservation, the net tract area is 24.99 acres, which includes the 24.38-acre site plus 1.22 acres of off-site disturbance, less 0.61 acres of dedication for roads and improvements not being constructed as part of this development. The Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan requires a combined afforestation and reforestation of 3.75 acres. This requirement is to be satisfied with a combination of off-site reforestation (2.45 acres), payment of a fee-in-lieu (0.50 acres), and credit for landscaping (0.80 acres). The Applicant will stage the Final Forest Conservation Plan with each site plan approved for the site. The amount of afforestation/reforestation credit proposed with each site plan must be commensurate with the proportion of the net tract area being developed until the total of 3.75 acres of afforestation and reforestation is accomplished. The Final Forest Conservation Plan must be revised with each new site plan to reflect the total forest mitigation completed for all previous phases, including the current phase.

The site plan for Phase I has a limit of disturbance of 9.21 acres, which represents about 36.85% of the net tract area. The proportional afforestation/reforestation required for Phase I is 1.38 acres. The Final Forest Conservation Plan for Phase I will be 0.50 acres of fee-in-lieu payment, and 0.88 acres of off-site reforestation to fulfill the forest mitigation requirement. This leaves 2.37 acres of mitigation to be fulfilled in subsequent phases of development.

# Variance

The Applicant is requesting a variance for removal of one specimen tree (variance tree V-1), a 41-inch diameter willow oak (*Quercus phellos*), which stands in a storm drain easement and is in the proposed ultimate right-of-way for Route 35t. It will also be impacted by the grading for Street #3. The current phase of development does not require removal of the tree; however, it is anticipated that the tree will have to be removed for road improvements in the future. Mitigation for the variance tree V-1 must be included in the Final Forest Conservation Plan for the phase that causes the removal of the tree. The Applicant will be required to plant at least 4 native canopy trees of at least 3" dbh in mitigation for the removal of variance tree V-1.

#### Forest Conservation Variance

Section 22A-12(b) (3) of Montgomery County Forest Conservation Law provides criteria that identify certain individual trees as high priority for retention and protection. Any impact to these trees, including removal of the subject tree or disturt ance within the tree's critical root zone ("CRZ") requires a variance. The Applicant submitted a variance request on March 17, 2011 to remove one protected tree under Sec ion 22A-12(b) (3) of the County Forest Conservation Law.

# Unwarranted Hardship Basis

The proposed development is in accordance with both the intent at d recommendations of the Sector Plan and the CR zones approved for this site (CR3, C1.5, R2.5, H200, and CR4, C3.5, R3.5, H300), both of which are intended to create higher density uses in the vicinity of the White Flint Metro Station. In particular, the Sector Plan recommends that Rockville Pike be redesigned as an urban boulevard including elements to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle and bus travel. The Sector Plan specifies that additional right-of-way up to 162 feet should be reserved during the development process to accommodate the required elements. Variance tree V-1 stands at the edge of the Property within the required Rockville Pike right-of-way dedication. It will also be significantly impacted by the grading for Street #3, which provides a portion of the street grid in this area. Not allowing the removal of variance tree V-1 would require changing the roadway recommendations of the Sector Plan. The Planning Board finds that the Applicant has a sufficient unwarranted hardship to further consider a variance.

Section 22A-21 of the County Forest Conservation Law sets forth the findings that must be made by the Planning Board in order for a variance to be granted. The Planning Board has made the following determinations in the review of the variance request:

# Variance Findings

The Planning Board has made the following determination based or the required findings that granting of the requested variance:

- Will not confer on the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants.
  - The Planning Board finds that removal of variance tree V-1 is consistent with the requirements and constraints of the Sector Plan, the zone, ar d what is intended for the Property and road networks. Granting the variance would not confer on the Applicant a special privilege that would be denied to othe applicants.
- 2. Is not based on conditions or circumstances which are the result of the actions by the applicant.
  - The Planning Board finds that the variance is based on the constraints of the site and the proposed development density and road network as recommended in the Sector Plan, rather than on conditions or circumstances which are the result of actions by the Applicant.
- 3. Is not based on a condition relating to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on a neighboring property.
  - The Planning Board finds that variance tree V-1 is impacted by the grading for the proposed Street #3 and stands in the proposed right-of-way for improvements to Rockville Pike as required by the Sector Plan. There are no

conditions relating to land or building use, either permitted o nonconforming, on a neighboring property that have played a role in the need fc r this variance.

4. Will not violate State water quality standards or cause meas ırable degradation in water quality.

The Planning Board finds that granting the variance will not violate State water quality standards or cause measurable degradation in water quality. Removal of variance tree V-1 will be more than compensated for by the installation of stormwater management treatments where none currently exist, and establishment of tree cover exceeding what is currently present on the site as part of the development.

Mitigation for Trees Subject to the Variance Provisions

Mitigation will generally be required at a rate that approximates the form and function of the protected trees to be removed. Therefore, the Planning Board is requiring the replacement to occur at a ratio of approximately 1" DBH for every 4 DBH removed, using trees that are a minimum of 3" DBH. This means that for the \$11\$ caliper inches of trees removed, the required mitigation will be 4 native canopy trees with a minimum size of 3" dbh. While these trees will not be as large as the trees lost, they will provide some immediate canopy and will help augment the canopy coverage. The Planning Board therefore requires the addition of 4 native canopy trees with a minimum size of 3" dbh to the landscape plan for the site plan phase that impacts variance tree V-1.

Therefore, based on the analysis above the Planning Board finds the Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan meets the Environmental Guidelines and Forest Conservation Law. The variance approval is incorporated into the Planning Board's approval of the Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan.

5. The Application meets all applicable stormwater managemer t requirements and will provide adequate control of stormwater runoff from the Property. This finding is based on the determination by DPS that the Stormwater Management Concept Plan approval meets DPS' standards.

A stormwater management concept plan was approved by the MCD S on January 20, 2012, meeting stormwater management requirements through a var ety of Environmental Site Design techniques, including the use of green roofs and microbioretention, to be supplemented by underground filters. There is a rrently no stormwater management for the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the purpose of these conditions, the term "Applicant" shall also mean the developer, the owner, or any successors in interest to the terms of this approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Preliminary Plan will remain valid for 144 months (12 years) from its Initiation Date (as defined in Montgomery County Code Section 50-35(h), as amended) and that prior to the expiration of this validity period, a final record plat for all property delineated on the approved Prelimir ary Plan must be recorded among the Montgomery County Land Records or a request for an extension must be filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is the written opinion of the Planning Board, and the date of this Resolution is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (which is the date that this Resolution is mailed to all parties of record); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, consistent with the procedural rules for the judicial review of administrative agency decisions in Circuit Court (Rule 7-203, Maryland Rules).

## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Presley, seconded by Vice Chair Wells-Harley, with Chair Carrier, Vice Chair Wells-Harley, and Commissioners Anderson, Dreyfuss, and Presley voting in favor of the motion, at its regular meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2012, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Françoise M. Carrier, Chair

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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB No. 12-27

Site Plan No. 820120020

Project Name: Mid-Pike Plaza (Pike & Rose)

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2012

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montgomery County Code Division 59-D-3, the Montgomery County Planning Board ("Planning Board") is vested with the authority to review site plan applications; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2011, the Planning Board approved Sketch Plan 320110010 (MCPB Resolution 11-05) ("Sketch Plan") establishing several binding elements, including a maximum density of up to 3,422,888 square feet of total density including a maximum of 1,716,246 square feet of non-residential development on 24.38 gross acres of land bound by Montrose Parkway on the north, Hoya Street on the west, Rockville Pike on the east, and Old Georgetown Road on the west ("Property" or "Subject Property") split-zoned CR3 C1.5 R2.5 H200 and CR4 C3.5 R3.5 H300 in the White Flint Sector Plan ("Master Plan" or "Sector Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2011, Federal Realty Investment Trust ("Applicant"), filed an application for approval of a Site Plan for 951,000 square feet of mixed-use development including up to 341,800 square feet of non-residential development and up to 493 residential units ("Site Plan" or "Plan") on approximately 6.77 gross acres in the CR3 C1.5 R2.5 H200 and CR4 C3.5 R3.5 H300 zones, on a portion of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Applicant's Site Plan application was designated Site Plan No. 820120020, Mid-Pike Plaza (Pike & Rose) (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, following review and analysis of the Application by Planning Board staff ("Staff") and the staff of other governmental agencies, Staff issued a memorandum to the Planning Board, dated February 10, 2012, setting forth its analysis of, and recommendation for approval of the Application subject to certain conditions ("Staff Report"); and

Approved as to

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WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Application (the "Hearing"); and

WHEREAS, at the Hearing, the Planning Board heard testimony and received evidence submitted for the record on the Application; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2012, the Planning Board approved the Application subject to conditions on the motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Presley, with a vote of 4-0; Commissioners Anderson, Carrier, Presley, and Wells-Harley voting in favor, with Commissioner Dreyfuss being absent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the relevant provisions of Montgomery County Code Chapter 59, the Montgomery County Planning Board APPROVES Site Plan No. 820120020 for 951,000 square feet of mixed-use development including up to 341,800 square feet of non-residential development and up to 493 residential units, subject to the following conditions:

# 1. Sketch Plan Conformance

The development must comply with the applicable binding elements and conditions of Sketch Plan 320110010 approved by the Planning Board by a Corrected Resolution dated October 10, 2011.

# 2. Preliminary Plan Conformance

The development must comply with the conditions of the approved Resolution for Preliminary Plan 120120020, unless amended and approved by the Planning Board.

## 3. Density Allocation

Building permits may only be issued after staging allocation is granted under the Staging Allocation Request Regulations (COMCOR 50.35.02.01.A) in the White Flint Sector Plan Implementation Guidelines approved by the Planning Board.

## 4. Placemaking Plan

The Applicant must provide public use and open space amenities in accordance with the "Placemaking and Phase 1 Amenity Plan for Pike & Rose" ("Placemaking Plan") under the following stipulations:

- a. Expand area encompassed by Placemaking Plan to include improvements along Hoya Street.
- b. A quarterly review of the site and compliance with the Placemaking Plan must be held with Staff and the Public Arts Trust Steering Committee to ensure implementation and adherence to the Placemaking Plan.
- c. Remove all notations of specific plantings, amenities and materials that may conflict with the Placemaking Plan.

- d. All installed site amenities and materials must meet applicable building codes.
- e. The Placemaking Plan should include signage for the recreation loop extension, which may be considered a new public benefit as implemented through subsequent site plans.

## 5. Public Benefits

The Applicant must provide the following public benefits and meet the applicable criteria and requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the CR Zone Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines, as amended, for each public benefit. Each public benefit must be verified by Staff to be complete as required by the submittals listed for each prior to issuance of any use-and-occupancy permit for the associated building. Any disagreement regarding the application or interpretation of the Public Benefits may be brought to the Planning Board for resolution.

- a. Transit Proximity
- b. Neighborhood Services
- c. Minimum Parking
  - Submit as-built drawings of parking garage for each building with tabulation of maximum parking spaces allowed, minimum parking spaces required, and parking spaces provided.
- d. Through Block Connection
- e. Public Parking
  - Submit as-built drawings of parking garage showing public parking spaces and signage and documentation of facility use and access restrictions.
- f. Adaptive Buildings
  - Submit as-built drawings of floor plans and cross-sections showing floorto-floor heights, for each applicable building.
- g. Dwelling Unit Mix
  - Submit as-built drawings of floor plans with tabulation of bedroom unit mix, for each applicable building.
- h. Structured Parking
- i. Public Art
  - Provide review under Placemaking Plan Condition #4, above.
- j. BLTs
  - Purchase or payment for 1.82 Building Lot Terminations must be made prior to issuance of any building permit. Documentation to be provided to Staff.
- k. Tree Canopy
  - Provide as-built landscape plan showing tree locations and species with 15 year coverage and tabulation of total open space under canopy; may be completed in phases for open space around individual buildings.
- I. Vegetated Roof

> Provide as-built roof plans showing coverage of roof that is vegetated and cross-section of planting detail, for each applicable building.

# m. Advanced Dedication

Record dedication by plat.

## 6. Transportation

The Applicant must provide and show on the Certified Site Plan the following pedestrian and bicycle improvements:

- a. The Applicant must provide a minimum of 250 bicycle parking spaces, including 14 publicly accessible bike spaces and 100 private, secure bike spaces for Building 10; 20 publicly accessible bike spaces and 26 private, secure bike spaces for Building 11; and 22 publicly accessible bike spaces and 67 private, secure bike spaces for Building 12. Final location and facility details to be determined at Certified Site Plan and under the Placemaking Plan.
- b. The Applicant must revise streetscape plantings to ensure street trees are spaced a minimum of 35 feet on center for Old Georgetown Road, subject to Maryland State Highway Administration ("SHA") approval.

## 7. Environment

- a. Applicant must submit and obtain Staff approval of a revised Final Forest Conservation Plan for each of the successive site plan phases addressing the following comments:
  - i. Mitigation for the 41-inch diameter willow oak along the eastern Property boundary ("variance tree V-1") must be included in the Final Forest Conservation Plan for the phase that causes the removal of the tree. Applicant will be required to plant at least 4 native canopy trees of at least 3" dbh in mitigation for the removal of variance tree V-1.
  - ii. Trees proposed for tree cover credit to satisfy afforestation requirements should be in the shade tree category rather than ornamental trees. Trees used for tree cover credit must appear either in the list of approved trees in the Trees Technical Manual, or on the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's ("MCDOT") approved street tree list.
- b. Applicant to submit and obtain approval of the forest conservation financial security instrument prior to any clearing or grading occurring on site.

# 8. Moderately Priced Dwelling Units ("MPDUs")

- a. The development must provide 12.5 percent MPDUs in accordance with an Agreement to Build with the Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("DHCA").
- b. The MPDU Agreement to Build shall be executed prior to the release of any building permits.

## 9. Recreation Facilities

The Applicant must provide at least the recreation facilities, conforming to the Recreation Guidelines approved by the Planning Board in September 1992, shown on the Site Plan including:

- a. In Building 10:
  - i. Four picnic/sitting areas;
  - ii. One open play area II;
  - iii. One wading pool
  - iv. One indoor community space; and
  - v. One indoor fitness facility.
- b. In Building 12:
  - i. Four picnic/sitting areas;
  - ii. One wading pool;
  - iii. One indoor community space; and
  - iv. One indoor fitness facility.

## 10. Maintenance

- a. Maintenance of all on-site public use space is the responsibility of the Applicant and any successor(s) and assigns. This includes maintenance of paving, plantings, lighting, benches, fountains, and artwork. Maintenance may be taken over by a governmental agency by agreement with the Applicant or any successor(s) and assigns and applicable agency. For the purpose of this condition, the term "Applicant and any successor(s) and assigns" means the owner or any successor(s) in interest to the Public Use Space that is responsible for common area maintenance, such as a homeowners association, a condominium association, or a merchants' association.
- b. Subject to the SHA approval, the area within the 10-foot Public Improvement Easement along Old Georgetown Road must be categorized as public use space and be maintained to ensure public accessibility and meet the criteria required by the Zoning Ordinance under Section 59-C-15.73(c).

## 11. Architecture

The final exterior architectural character, proportion, materials, and articulation must be substantially similar to the schematic elevations shown on the submitted architectural drawings, as determined by Staff.

## 12. Performance Bond and Agreement

Prior to issuance of first building permit within each relevant phase of development, Applicant must provide a performance bond(s) or other form of surety in accordance with Section 59-D-3.5(d) of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance with the following provisions:

- a. Applicant must provide a cost estimate of the materials and facilities, which, upon staff approval, will establish the initial surety amount.
- b. The amount of the bond or surety shall include plant material, on-site lighting, recreational facilities, site furniture, and entrance piers within the relevant phase of development.
- c. Prior to issuance of the first building permit, Applicant must enter into a Site Plan Surety & Maintenance Agreement with the Planning Board in a form approved by the Office of General Counsel that outlines the responsibilities of the Applicant and incorporates the cost estimate.
- d. Bond/surety shall be tied to the development program, and completion of plantings and installation of particular materials and facilities covered by the surety for each phase of development, will be followed by inspection and reduction of the surety.

# 13. Development Program

The Applicant must construct the development in accordance with a development program that will be reviewed and approved prior to the approval of the Certified Site Plan. The development program must include the following items in its phasing schedule:

- a. Demolition of existing buildings may commence prior to approval of the certified site plan.
- b. Street lamps and sidewalks adjacent to each building must be installed prior to release of any use-and-occupancy permit for the respective building. Street tree planting may wait until the next growing season.
- c. On-site amenities including, but not limited to, recreation amenities and public use space amenities adjacent to each building, must be installed prior to release of any use-and-occupancy permit for the respective building.
- d. Clearing and grading must correspond to the construction phasing to minimize soil erosion and must <u>not</u> occur prior to approval of the Final Forest Conservation Plan, Sediment Control Plan, and M-NCPPC inspection and approval of all applicable environmental protection devices.
- e. The development program must provide phasing for installation of on-site landscaping and lighting.
- f. The development program must provide phasing of dedications, stormwater management, sediment and erosion control, afforestation, and other features.

# 14. Certified Site Plan

Prior to approval of the Certified Site Plan the following revisions must be made and/or information provided subject to Staff review and approval:

a. Include the Final Forest Conservation Plan approval, stormwater management concept approval, development program, inspection schedule, and Site Plan resolution on the approval or cover sheet.

- b. Add a note to the Site Plan stating that "M-NCPPC staff must inspect all tree-save areas and protection devices prior to clearing and grading".
- c. Make corrections and clarifications to recreation guidelines, labeling, data tables, and schedules.
- d. Ensure consistency of all details and layout between site plan and landscape plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all site development elements as shown on the Mid-Pike Plaza drawings stamped by the M-NCPPC on December 8, 2011, are required, except as modified by the above conditions of approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that having given full consideration to the recommendations and findings of its Staff as presented at the Hearing and in the Staff Report, which the Planning Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference, and upon consideration of the entire record, the Montgomery County Planning Board FINDS, with the conditions of approval, that:

1. The site plan conforms to all non-illustrative elements of a development plan or diagrammatic plan, and all binding elements of a schematic development plan, certified by the Hearing Examiner under Section 59-D-1.64, or is consistent with an approved project plan for the optional method of development, if required, unless the Planning Board expressly modifies any element of the project plan.

The Site Plan is not subject to a development plan, diagrammatic plan, schematic development plan, or project plan. It is, however, subject to the binding elements and conditions of the Sketch Plan, which may be modified at the time of site plan review under Section 59-C-15.43(d) of the Zoning Ordinance:

During site plan review, the Planning Board may approve amendments to the binding elements of an approved sketch plan.

- (1) Amendments to the binding elements may be approved, if such amendments are:
  - (A) Requested by the applicant;
  - (B) Recommended by the Planning Board staff and agreed to by the applicant; or
  - (C) Made by the Planning Board, based on a staff recommendation or on its own initiative, if the Board finds that a change in the relevant facts and circumstances since sketch plan approval demonstrates that the binding element either is not consistent with the applicable master or sector plan, or does not meet the requirements of the zone.

- (2) Notice of proposed amendments to the binding elements must be identified in the site plan application if requested by the applicant, or in the final notice of the site plan hearing recommended by Planning Board staff and agreed to by the applicant.
- (3) For any amendments to the binding elements, the Planning Board must make the applicable findings under Section 59-C-15.43(c) in addition to the findings necessary to approve a site plan under Section 59-D-3.

No modifications to the binding elements or conditions of the Sketch Plan were proposed by the Applicant or recommended by Staff.

2. The Site Plan meets all of the requirements of the zone in which it is located, and where applicable conforms to an urban renewal plan approved under Chapter 56.

There are several requirements of the CR zones that must be met by this Application:

- Uses:
- General Requirements;
- Development Standards; and
- Special Regulations for the Optional Method of Development (Public Benefits).

# a. Uses

The proposed uses, residential, retail, restaurant, health club, theatre, and office, are permitted uses in the zone. There are no proposed limited or special exception uses.

## b. General Requirements

The development is substantially consistent with the White Flint Sector Plan and White Flint Urban Design Guidelines:

- The Mid-Pike Plaza property is in the Mid-Pike Plaza District within the Approved and Adopted (2010) White Flint Sector Plan. In accord with the recommendations of the Sector Plan, the proposed development will retain its regional marketplace function and include residential and civic uses.
- Building heights of 300 feet will frame the corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road in later phases, while the development approved under this Site Plan provides a varied skyline protecting future open spaces to the north and maximum heights of 200 feet on the western edge of the site.

- The highest density will be located at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Rockville Pike in later phases under the approved Sketch Plan.
- The approved street network is consistent with the Sector Plan recommendation for public and private streets and with the layout approved in the Sketch Plan.
- Several roads that front the property have bikeway recommendations. Old Georgetown Road, between Hoya Street and Rockville Pike, is classified as a dual bikeway: i.e., a shared use path with bike lanes (LB-2). Rockville Pike is classified as a shared use path (SP-41) and Hoya Street is also classified as a shared use path, LB-1. The applicable bike lanes have been shown on the preliminary plan roadway cross-sections and are accommodated by the interim and final detailed layout in the Site Plan.
- The public use space provides the open spaces approved by the Sketch Plan that implement the recommendations of the Sector Plan, with open spaces along and between blocks adjacent to activating retail, restaurant, and entertainment uses. Larger public use spaces and continued connections will be built with later phases under the binding elements of the Sketch Plan.
- The Sector Plan establishes several recommendations to create an environmentally sustainable district. The proposed development will minimize carbon emissions by providing a pedestrian environment and more balanced jobs/housing ratio; it will reduce energy consumption through site design and energy-efficient buildings meeting a minimum of LEED certification; it will improve air and water quality by implementing tree canopy, vegetated roofs, landscape area, and environmental site design stormwater management facilities.
- The Approved White Flint Urban Design Guidelines provide specific recommendation for each district, including building design and public open space. The design guidelines recommend that buildings be located without significant setbacks along streets, as shown by the proposed building layouts. Regarding public use spaces, the design guidelines recommend that neighborhood open spaces be defined by surrounding building walls on at least three sides when located mid-block, as provided by the pocket park on the west side of Street A. The promenade to the north of Building 10 will have east-west access to early and late sun, but be more protected at midday in the summer when it gets the most use.

## c. Development Standards

The approved development will comply with all development standards as shown in the data tables below.

| Density of Development (squa | re feet) | /               |                 |  |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|                              | Total    | Non-Residential | Residential (R) |  |

|                                | (CR)      | (C)       |                              |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Max Allowed by the Zones       | 3,442,888 | 2,106,726 | 2,911,882                    |
| Max Approved with Sketch Plan  | 3,442,888 | 1,716,246 | 2,911,882 (1,726,642<br>min) |
| Max Approved with Phase 1      | 951,000   | 314,800   | 636,200                      |
| Max Remaining for Later Phases | 2,491,888 | 1,374,446 | 2,302,682 (1,117,442<br>min) |

| Height (feet)             |                      |                      |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
|                           | CR3.0 C1.5 R2.5 H200 | CR4.0 C3.5 R3.5 H300 |  |  |
| Max Allowed by the Zones  | 200                  | 300                  |  |  |
|                           | r                    | r <del></del>        |  |  |
| Approved with Sketch Plan | 200                  | 300                  |  |  |
| Approved with Phase 1     |                      |                      |  |  |
| Building 10               | 200                  | n/a                  |  |  |
| Building 11               | 110                  | n/a                  |  |  |
| Building 12               | 70                   | 70                   |  |  |

| Public Use Space (% of net lot)          |                             |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Min Required by the Zones (% of net lot) | 10 (85,960sf)               |  |  |
| Min Approved with Sketch Plan (%)        | 10 (85,960sf)               |  |  |
| Min Approved with Phase 1 (%)            | 2.8 (24,500sf) <sup>1</sup> |  |  |
| Min Remaining for Later Phases           | 7.2 (61,460sf)              |  |  |

| Residential Amenity Space (square feet per market rate unit <sup>2</sup> ) |                   |          |  |  |
|--|-------------------|----------|--|--|
|  | Required          | Approved |  |  |
| Minimum Indoor Amenity Spa   | ice               |          |  |  |
| Building 10 (278 units)  | 5,000             | 5,000    |  |  |
| Building 12 (152 units)  | 3,040             | 3,480    |  |  |
|  |                   |          |  |  |
| Minimum Outdoor Amenity S  | pace <sup>3</sup> |          |  |  |
| Building 10 (278 units)  | 5,000             | 5,000    |  |  |
| Building 12 (152 units)  | 3,040             | 3,340    |  |  |

| Parking (spaces, may be | provided off-site) | ·               |          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
|                         | Minimum Required   | Maximum Allowed | Approved |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is equal to approximately 10% of the net lot area comprising the site plan.

<sup>2</sup> Amenity space is not required to be calculated for MPDUs within a metro station policy area.

<sup>3</sup> A minimum of 400sf of the outdoor amenity space must be directly accessible from an indoor amenity space.

| Approved with Sketch Plan | 2,396 | 6,546 | 5,234 (approximately) |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| Approved with Phase 1     |       |       |                       |
| Building 10               | 312   | 468   | 313                   |
| Building 11               | 306   | 766   | 611                   |
| Building 12               | 224   | 406   | 158                   |

| Minimum Bicycle Parki          | ng Spaces & Shower/Ch       | nange Facilities         |                       |         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|                                | Required                    |                          | Approved <sup>4</sup> |         |
|                                | Minimum Publicly            | Minimum Private &        | Public                | Private |
|                                | Accessible                  | Secure                   |                       |         |
| Building 10                    |                             | No. 18                   |                       |         |
| 319 Residential<br>Units       | 10                          | 100                      | 10                    | 100     |
| 13,300sf Non-<br>Residential   | 4                           | 2                        | 4                     | 2       |
| Building 11                    |                             |                          | ej tri e,             |         |
| 251,200sf Non-<br>Residential  | 20                          | 26                       | 20                    | 26      |
| At least one showe ≥100,000sf. | r/change facility is requir | ed for each gender for o | ffice use             | S       |
| Building 12                    |                             |                          |                       |         |
| 174 Residential<br>Units       | 10                          | 61                       | 10                    | 61      |
| 50,300sf Non-<br>Residential   | 11                          | 6                        | 11                    | 6       |

## d. Public Benefits

The approved development will provide numerous public benefits with proportional incentive density points. The Planning Board has considered these public benefits according to:

- The recommendations, objectives, and priorities of the Sector Plan;
- The CR Zone Incentive Density Implementation Guidelines and the White Flint Urban Design Guidelines;
- The size and configuration of the tract;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As conditioned.

- The relationship of the site to adjacent properties;
- The presence or lack of similar public benefits nearby; and
- Enhancements beyond the elements listed in the individual public benefit descriptions or criteria that increase public access to or enjoyment of the benefit:

The Board finds that the approved public benefits fulfill the priority recommendations of the Sector Plan, meet the criteria of the Implementation and Design Guidelines; are appropriate for the size and configuration of the tract; enhance the site's relationship to adjacent properties; provide benefits that are not provided nearby; and are not appropriate for increased points for enhancements beyond the elements and criteria established by the Zoning Ordinance or the Implementation Guidelines. The Applicant will provide public benefits from 4 categories equal to 100 points for the entire tract comprising the Sketch Plan, a proportion of which will be provided by the Phase 1 Site Plan as follows:

| Public Benefit                                 | Adjusted Total<br>Points<br>[Original<br>Points at<br>Sketch Plan] <sup>5</sup> | Phase 1<br>Measurement/Criteria   | Points<br>Awarded for<br>Site Plan<br>820120020 |
|--|---|---|---|
| Transit Proximity C                            |   |   |   |
| Site Split within ¼ mile and ½ mile of Transit | 33.00 [33.09 at sketch plan]  | 25% of total development in Phase 1: 0.25 x 33 total points               | 8.25  |
| Connectivity & Mot                             | oility Category   |   |   |
| Neighborhood<br>Services                       | 10.00   | 25% of total development in Phase 1: 0.25 x 10 total points               | 2.49  |
| Minimum Parking                                | 7.03 [6.32]   | 25% of total development in Phase 1: 0.25 x 3.5 total points <sup>6</sup> | 0.88  |
| Through-Block<br>Connection                    | 10.00   | 50% of through-block connection completed with Phase 1.                   | 5.00  |
| Public Parking                                 | 7.05 [7.62]   | 26% of publicly accessible spaces being provided with Phase 1.            | 1.85  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The total points have been adjusted during detailed site design and review but are substantially similar and allowed under the conditions of sketch plan approval in the approved resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The total points allowed under the revised CR zones is based on a formula that was revised to allow a maximum of 10 points, rather than the previous allowance up to 20 points (thus the difference between 7 points awarded at sketch plan and the 3.5 total points noted in the table under Phase 1 Measurement).

| Advance<br>Dedication | 3.72                       | 100% of dedication being provided with Phase 1.     | 3.72 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|------|
| Diversity of Uses &   | <b>Activities Category</b> |   |      |
| Adaptive<br>Buildings | 4.12 [4.37]                | 16% of qualifying floor area provided with Phase 1. | 0.65 |
| Care Center           | 15                         | No credit requested with Phase 1.                   | 0.00 |
| Dwelling Unit Mix     | 3.67 [2.19]                | 40% of qualifying floor area provided with Phase 1. | 1.48 |

| Public<br>Benefit  | Adjusted Total<br>Points [Original<br>Points at<br>Sketch Plan] <sup>7</sup> | Phase 1<br>Measurement/Criteria                                   | Points Awarded for Site Plan 820120020 |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Quality Buildi     | ng & Site Design Cate  | egory   |  |
| Structured Parking | 13.92 [14.32]  | 25% of structured parking spaces provided with Phase 1.           | 3.43                                   |
| Tower<br>Setback   | 1.47 [1.53]  | No credit requested with Phase 1.                                 | 0.00                                   |
| Public Art         | 5.00   | 33% of public art program implemented with Phase 1.               | 1.65                                   |
| Exceptional Design | 6.46 [6.70]  | No credit requested with Phase 1.                                 | 0.00                                   |
| Protection &       | Enhancement of the N   | Natural Environment Category                                      |  |
| BLTs               | 5.00   | 25% of total development in Phase 1; 1.82 BLTs must be purchased. | 1.25                                   |
| Tree<br>Canopy     | 10.00  | 33% of tree canopy implemented with Phase 1.                      | 3.33                                   |
| Vegetated<br>Roof  | 4.23 [4.48]  | 15% of qualifying floor area provided with Phase 1.               | 0.65                                   |
| Total              |  |   | 34.63                                  |

- 3. The locations of buildings and structures, open spaces, landscaping, recreation facilities, and pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems are adequate, safe, and efficient.
  - a. Locations of buildings and structures

The locations of the buildings and structures are adequate, safe, and efficient for an infill development site that is envisioned by the Sector Plan and White Flint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The total points have been adjusted during detailed site design and review but are substantially similar and allowed under the conditions of sketch plan approval in the approved resolution.

Urban Design Guidelines to provide pedestrian-oriented blocks, street walls along sidewalks, and taller buildings and density near transit facilities.

## b. Open Spaces

The locations of the open spaces are adequate, safe, and efficient for an infill development site that is envisioned by the Sector Plan and White Flint Urban Design Guidelines to concentrate on sidewalks relieved by strategically placed pocket parks and consolidated open spaces that will provide passive and active spaces for sitting, relaxing, dining, strolling, and social engagement. The Phase 1 pocket park is located at the terminus of the promenade that, when completed, will provide a through-block connection from Street A to Rockville Pike creating a unique place for pedestrians.

# c. Landscaping and Lighting

Landscaping and lighting, as well as other site amenities, will be provided within the parameters of the "Placemaking & Phase 1 Amenity Plan – Pike & Rose". The parameters established by the Placemaking Plan ensure that landscaping, lighting, and site amenities will be safe, adequate, and efficient for year-round use and enjoyment by patrons, employees, and residents. Site furnishings, shade, color, special features such as artwork and fountains, and specialty lighting will be integrated within the site to create a unique and interesting place, while the parameters of the Placemaking Plan will ensure accessibility and comfort.

# d. Recreation Facilities

The proposed development is exceeding the active and passive recreation space required by the zone as shown in the data tables above. The approved development will provide on-site recreation facilities as follows.

# **Building 10:**

- 4 picnic/sitting areas;
- 1 open play area II;
- 1 wading pool;
- 1 indoor community space;
- 1 indoor fitness facility.

# **Building 12:**

- 4 picnic/sitting areas:
- 1 wading pool;
- 1 indoor community space;
- 1 indoor fitness facility.

Both buildings can take advantage of the nearby recreational facilities at Wall Park, including:

- 4 picnic/sitting areas;
- 1 half multi-purpose court I:
- 2 indoor racquetball courts;
- 1 pedestrian sidewalk system;
- 1 wading pool; and
- 1 indoor swimming pool.

The approved development exceeds the required supply of recreation facilities based on the calculation methods in the M-NCPPC Recreation Guidelines. As reflected in the outline and data tables above, the approved development will provide adequate, safe, and efficient recreation facilities to allow residents to lead an active and healthy life.

# e. Pedestrian and Vehicular Circulation Systems

Vehicular circulation will be mostly unchanged for the interim – until later phases are built and the public improvements to Old Georgetown Road, Hoya Street, and Rockville Pike occur. Until then cars will still enter and exit the site at existing points, although the parking lot drive-aisles will begin to resemble the streets they will eventually become. New parking garage and loading access points will be located on Hoya Street, off Street A, and from the existing parking lot. These circulation routes, access points, and loading movements have been reviewed to ensure minimal conflicts with pedestrians and that full build-out will be in line with the Sector Plan and code requirements.

Pedestrian circulation, conversely, will be greatly improved along the street frontages along the Site Plan area and within the site. The new grid network of sidewalks and open spaces envisioned for this area will begin to be realized and bicycle and pedestrian amenities, such as benches, handicapped access, bike racks, shade trees, and bike lanes will be greatly improved. This new network of sidewalks and through-block connections in and around smaller pedestrian-scaled blocks will provide adequate, safe, and efficient pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems.

4. Each structure and use is compatible with other uses and other site plans and with existing and proposed adjacent development.

The mixed-use buildings are compatible with existing uses regarding scale, massing, and height as reflected in the urban design and zoning recommendations of the Sector Plan and White Flint Urban Design Guidelines. There are no pending site plans adjacent to the proposed development.

5. The Site Plan meets all applicable requirements of Chapter 22A regarding forest conservation, Chapter 19 regarding water resource protection, and any other applicable law.

## a. Forest Conservation

The Applicant will stage the Final Forest Conservation Plan with each site plan approved for the site. The amount of afforestation/reforestation credit proposed with each site plan must be commensurate with the proportion of the net tract area being developed, until the total of 3.75 acres of afforestation and reforestation is accomplished. The Final Forest Conservation Plan must be revised with each new site plan to reflect the total forest mitigation completed for all previous phases, including the current phase.

The Site Plan for Phase I has a Limit of Disturbance of 9.21 acres, which represents about 36.85% of the net tract area. The proportional afforestation/reforestation required for Phase I is 1.38 acres. The Final Forest Conservation Plan for Phase I includes 0.50 acres of fee-in-lieu payment and 0.88 acres of off-site reforestation to fulfill the forest mitigation requirement. This leaves 2.37 acres of mitigation to be fulfilled in subsequent phases of development.

# b. Stormwater Management

A stormwater management concept plan will meet stormwater management requirements through a variety of Environmental Site Design techniques, including the use of green roofs and micro-bioretention, to be supplemented by underground filters, and the concept plan was approved by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services on January 20, 2012. There is currently no stormwater management for the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes the written opinion of the Planning Board and incorporates by reference all evidence of record, including maps, drawings, memoranda, correspondence, and other information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Site Plan shall remain valid as provided in Montgomery County Code § 59-D-3.8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of this Resolution is MAR 1 4 2012 (which is the date that this Resolution is mailed to all parties of record); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any party authorized by law to take an administrative appeal must initiate such an appeal within thirty days of the date of this

Resolution, consistent with the procedural rules for the judicial review of administrative agency decisions in Circuit Court (Rule 7-203, Maryland Rules).

## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Presley, seconded by Vice Chair Wells-Harley, with Chair Carrier, Vice Chair Wells-Harley, and Commissioners Anderson, Dreyfuss, and Presley voting in favor of the motion, at its regular meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2012, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Françoise M. Carrier, Chair

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