Regulatory Extension Request of Lindsey Ford at Aspen Hill, Site Plan No. 820180070

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Staff Report Date: 2-2-18

Description
Request to extend the regulatory review period for Site Plan No. 820180070 an additional 3 months to June 7, 2018.

Location: Northwest quadrant of the intersection of Aspen Hill Road and Route 185-Connecticut Avenue;
Master Plan: 2015 Aspen Hill Minor Master Plan Amendment;
Zone: CRT-1.5, C-0.5, R-1.0, H-60;
Property Size: 10.04 acres;
Application Accepted: November 22, 2017;
Applicant: Lindsay Ford

Summary
Section 59-7.3.4.C of the Zoning Ordinance generally states that a Site Plan application must be scheduled for a public hearing within 120-days after the date an application is accepted.

The Application was accepted on November 22, 2017, with a tentative Planning Board date of March 22, 2018. This timely extension request exceeds the 30-day extension that may be granted by the Planning Director; therefore, it requires Planning Board approval. The Applicant is requesting a three-month extension for the Site Plan review period, because more time is needed to adequately address the comments from the Development Review Committee (DRC), and conduct additional community meetings prior to submitting application materials.

Staff supports the Applicant’s request to extend the review period, which sets a tentative Planning Board date on June 7, 2018.

Attachment 1: Applicant’s extension request (dated January 30, 2018).
January 30, 2018

Mr. Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Site Plan No. 820170070 Extension Request—Lindsay Ford/Aspen Hill

Dear Chair Anderson:

The purpose of this letter is to request a 90 day extension for the Board’s consideration of the referenced site plan. As you may recall, this site plan was filed in late 2017 in order to allow Lindsay Ford to relocate to the former BAE/Vitro site in Aspen Hill. The site plan was tentatively scheduled for the Board’s consideration on March 22nd.

As a part of the pre-filing community meeting, Lindsay offered to schedule additional meetings with the community. One additional meeting has been held. The community is electing a smaller working group to attend further meetings with the Applicant. However, due to the holidays and recent weather events, additional meetings have not yet been able to be held. The Applicant would like to have additional time to conduct these further community meetings prior to submitting application materials.

In addition, the extension will allow time for the Applicant to continue to work with the Technical Staff to address the DRC comments received on the application. This way, the comments of the community and the Technical Staff can be addressed together in revisions to the application.

As a result we ask for the Planning Board hearing on this matter to be rescheduled for June 7, 2018.
We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
William Kominers

[Signature]
Cynthia M. Bar

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REGULATORY PLAN EXTENSION REQUEST

File Number:  
Date Received:  
MCPB Hearing Date:  

☑ Request #1  ☐ Request #2

Plan Name:  Lindsay Ford  
Plan No.  820170070

This is a request for extension of:  
☐ Project Plan  ☐ Preliminary Plan  ☑ Site Plan

The Plan is tentatively scheduled for a Planning Board public hearing on:  March 22, 2018

The Planning Director may postpone the public hearing for up to 30 days without Planning Board approval. Extensions beyond 30 days require approval from the Planning Board.

Person requesting the extension:  
☑ Owner’s Representative,  ☐ Staff (check applicable)

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We are requesting an extension for 3 months until June 7, 2018

Describe the nature of the extension request. Provide a separate sheet if necessary.

Applicant has agreed to additional meetings with the community but due to holidays/weather and scheduling issues meetings have not yet been able to be held. Extra time will enable meetings to be scheduled and held.

Signature of Person Requesting the Extension

[Signature]  
Date  
1/30/18
Extension Review

Planning Director Review for Extensions 30 days or less

I, the Planning Director, or Director’s designee, have the ability to grant extensions of the Planning Board public hearing date of up to 30 days and approve an extension of the Planning Board public hearing date from ____________________________ until ____________________________.

_________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                                      Date

Planning Board Review for Extensions greater than 30 days

The Montgomery County Planning Board reviewed the extension request on ____________________________ and approved an extension for more than 30 days of the Planning Board public hearing date from ____________________________ until ____________________________.