



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

November 12, 2020

Mr. Stacy Spann
 Executive Director
 Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County
 10400 Detrick Avenue
 Kensington, Maryland 20895

Subject: Housing Opportunities Commission Headquarters Office Building – Site Selection
 Mandatory Referral No. MR2021002

Dear Mr. Spann:

At its regular meeting on October 15, 2020, the Montgomery County Planning Board reviewed a Mandatory Referral, submitted by the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, for the site selection of a new headquarters office building on the southeast corner of the intersection of Second Avenue and Fenwick Lane in downtown Silver Spring.

The Mandatory Referral evaluated the suitability of the subject location for the siting of a new headquarters office building of up to 82,356 square feet. Details pertaining to the site design and building architecture will be the subject of a future Mandatory Referral application.

Planning Department staff prepared the enclosed staff report and presented the site selection to the Planning Board at the October 15, 2020 meeting. The Board members received public testimony and discussed the site selection with Planning staff and staff from the Housing Opportunities Commission.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to approve the site selection for a new headquarters office building with the following comments:

1. Mandatory Referral Application for Building and Site Design
 The Applicant must submit a separate application for Mandatory Referral review of building and site design.
2. Subdivision Plan
 The Applicant must submit a Subdivision Plan for the creation of a new record lot, the finding of adequate public facilities, and other applicable requirements of Chapter 50.
3. Review of Sketch Plan and Site Plan
 The Applicant must submit Sketch Plan and Site Plan applications for review as an Optional Method of Development project if the building tenancy will not be limited to the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County or other public entity.

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The Planning Board appreciates the opportunity to review this Mandatory Referral and looks forward to working with the Housing Opportunities Commission on the site design and architectural elements of the new headquarters office building. If you have any questions or comments concerning our review, please contact Matthew Folden, Planner Coordinator with Downcounty Planning, by phone at (301) 495-4539 or via email at matthew.folden@montgomeryplanning.org.

Sincerely,



Casey Anderson
Chair

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CC: Mr. William Kominers, Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd

Enclosure