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RE: Goddard School (Thomas Building), DPA 08-2

Royce Hanson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
Maryland National Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Chairman Hanson:

As you know, the Thomas Building on Route 108 in Sandy Spring is proposed to house the Goddard School and commercial office space. The lot is located adjacent to a historic area and also forms one side of the entrance into Sandy Spring.

In reviewing the proposed amendment, please consider the following criteria:

- The size of the structure must be appropriate for the size of the lot.
- The design of the structure must fit in with the rural and historic nature of the area.
- The structure must preserve an inviting entrance into the Sandy Spring area.
- The traffic flow must be appropriately managed. The traffic in the area is already burdensome and any development should not increase the traffic load or should include road improvements to manage the increase.

After reviewing the schematic plan (October 9 version) it is apparent to us that the structure is too massive for the space available and does not fit into a rustic, rural, historic area.

Addressing these concerns should be a condition of any recommended approval of the amendment.

If you need any more information from us, we can be reached by phone at 301-570-9065 or email at jennifer@fajman.org or roger@fajman.org.

Sincerely,

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