## West Long Branch ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Meeting Minutes July 25, 2019

Mr. Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM & Mr. Venezia read the following statement:

This is the July 25, 2019 regular meeting of the West Long Branch Zoning Board of Adjustment. This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting was listed in the Notice of the annual schedule of the regular meetings of this Board, sent to both ASBURY PARK PRESS AND STAR -LEDGER. Said Notice was also posted on the bulletin Board in Borough Hall and had remained continuously posted there as required of such notices under Statute. In addition, a copy of said Notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. A copy of said Notice has also been sent to such members of the public as have requested such information in accordance with the Statute. Proper notice having been given; the Board Secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

1. Roll Call, Members Present: Mr. Robert Venezia

Mr. Michael Schulz

Mr. Paul Santorelli

Mr. Paul Giglio

Mr. Scott LaMarca

Mr. Mark Engel

Members Absent:

Mrs. Pamela Hughes

Mr. Gregg Malfa

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Silence

3. Items of Business: See attached Transcript of the proceedings incorporated herein by reference.

4. Adjournment: 9:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Ann DeGenaro Recording Secretary

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                 MR. VENEZIA: On the Mount Drive matter,
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          can you come up?
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                 MR. IRENE: Alright. Mr. Chairman, the
          next application is Sam Chira, 32 Mount Drive.
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          I've reviewed the Notice materials.
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          appear be to in order. The only thing is, one
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          of the Notices for the property address is
          not addressed to Mr. Chira. It's addressed to
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          an LLC. Is the property in the name of an LLC?
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                 MR. CHIRA:
                             SNC, LLC.
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                 MR. IRENE:
                             Sam Nathan Charles, SNC, LLC
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          is the property owner? Are you Mr. Chira?
                 MR. CHIRA: Yes, I am.
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                  (Sam Chira, sworn.)
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                 MR. IRENE: Mr. Chira, you are the
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          principal in the LLC?
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                 MR. CHIRA: Yes, I am.
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                 MR. VENEZIA: Have a seat, sir.
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                 MR. IRENE: So as I indicated, the
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          Notice materials were in order. Does anybody
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          have any issue with the Notice? Not the merits
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          of the case, just the Notice. Let the reflect
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          no response. We are going to swear in our
          Engineer Gregory Gitto.
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(Gregory Gitto, P.E., sworn.)

1	MR. IRENE: With the application, Mr.
2	Chairman, we received a Survey prepared by
3	Christopher J. Blufforad, B-L-U-F-F-O-R-A-D, PLS
4	of Newlines Engineering and Survey dated
5	November 17, 2015, revised through April 28,
6	2018. And, Mr. Chira, that Survey continues to
7	remain accurate?
8	MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is.
9	MR. IRENE: We are going to mark that,
LO	Chris Ann, as A-1, please?
11	MS. DEGENARO: A-1, you got it.
12	MR. IRENE: Ma'am, I'm sorry. I didn't
13	realize you were up there to testify. Would you
L 4	give us your name also, please?
L5	MS. RICHTER: Krista R-I-C-H-T-E-R.
L 6	MR. IRENE: We are going to swear you in
L7	and then you are going to tell us who you are.
L8	MS. RICHTER: Sure.
L 9	(Krista Richter, sworn.)
20	MS. RICHTER: I am the project manager
21	on the property with the renovations that we had
22	done initially purchased.
23	MR. IRENE: You are the project manager
24	for Mr. Chira?

MS. RICHTER: Yes.

1	MR. IRENE: Okay. Who wants to go first
2	and tell the Board what it's all about?
3	MS. RICHTER: Basically, we are just
4	looking for a variance installing a fence that
5	is on the Baker side of the property. I am
6	being told that would conform to the front yard
7	setbacks. We've conjoined it to the neighboring
8	fence to go along the back end of the property
9	to add for privacy.
10	MR. IRENE: Well, couple of things, and
11	I don't mean to coop the conversation, but when
12	you raise an issue, so and I don't know where my
13	copy is, and I'm going to share here. When you
14	are running it outside the property line, we
15	don't have authority to project the fence
16	outside of the property. Do you know what I am
17	saying?
18	MS. RICHTER: Well, it is on the
19	property. It is within the front yard setback.
20	MR. IRENE: I understand that. Is the
21	fence going to be entirely within this property
22	or run into a neighboring property?
23	MS. RICHTER: The fence is within the
24	property.

MR. VENEZIA: The fence is already

- 1 there. 2 MS. RICHTER: It's already there. It 3 meets to a neighboring property. MR. VENEZIA: It's done without the 4 permits ahead of time. 5 MS. RICHTER: We were told we didn't 6 7 need the permit. It was the variance. 8 MR. IRENE: How do you get a permit, if you didn't have a variance? 9 10 MS. RICHTER: I was told that we didn't 11 need a permit to put up a fence. MR. IRENE: In what town? 12 MS. RICHTER: This one. 13 MR. IRENE: Who told you that? 14 curious. Who told you that? 15 16 MS. RICHTER: I don't recall. 17 MR. IRENE: Who told you that you needed 18 a variance? 19 MS. RICHTER: The Zoning Officer. 20 MR. IRENE: He said you could put up the 21 fence without a permit, but, by the way, you got 22 to go and get a variance?
- MS. RICHTER: Because it was within the setback. He said we needed to go with the variance and not with the permit.

1	MR. IRENE: How did you put up the fence
2	without the variance?
3	MR. VENEZIA: It was all approved.
4	MR. IRENE: Funny how that works, huh?
5	MS. RICHTER: Yes.
6	MR. IRENE: Tell the Board what is going
7	on with the fence?
8	MS. RICHTER: We would like to have the
9	approval to have the fence within the front yard
10	setback on that.
11	MR. IRENE: You are going to tell them
12	high it is, what the Ordinance limits it to,
13	what the fence is made of. Is it consistent
14	with the remaining fence around it? That kind
15	of stuff.
16	MS. RICHTER: It's consistent with the
17	remaining fence around it. It is a six-foot
18	high vinyl white fence.
19	MR. IRENE: And the Ordinance limits to
20	three feet in the front yard area; is that
21	right?
22	MS. RICHTER: Yes.
23	MR. IRENE: And the surrounding fence,
24	the remaining fence on the property is all six
25	feet high?

1	MS. RICHTER: Yes.
2	MR. CHIRA: Yes.
3	MR. IRENE: And it was a little
4	confusing to me, and I don't know, maybe the
5	Board Members figured it out, but when I first
6	looked at this, I'm trying to figured out why
7	you are in the front yard because I am looking
8	at the Mount Drive frontage and that fence is in
9	line with the front of the house. And then I
10	realized, oh, there is another frontage.
11	Without a 200-foot radius map, we can't tell
12	that because we don't see any other street on
13	that.
14	If you would, point out to them where it
15	is. When I say, point out, describe it, so they
16	know what section of the fence you are talking
17	about, so it's on another frontage.
18	MS. RICHTER: On the rear of the
19	property close to the Baker, it is the short
20	section of the fence to the right of the
21	property.
22	MR. VENEZIA: Stockade fence tied into
23	existing fence.
24	MR. LAMARCA: Tied into a basketball
25	court.

1 MR. RICHTER: That is on the neighbor's 2 property. 3 MR. CHIRA: That is the neighbor's property. 4 5 MR. IRENE: Is what the span of that 6 fence there? What does it run? 7 MR. VENEZIA: On Baker, right? MS. RICHTER: That is off of the 8 9 property line. Thirty-seven feet. 10 MR. IRENE: So it's, approximately, 37 11 feet? 12 MS. RICHTER: Yes. MR. IRENE: And we should indicate for 13 the record that A-1 has a yellow highlighting on 14 15 it. Is that the location of the entire fence on 16 the property? 17 MS. RICHTER: Yes, that we installed. 18 MR. IRENE: That we installed. Thank 19 you. 20 MS. RICHTER: That is how far it is off 21 the corner of the property line. 22 MR. GIGLIO: Got it. Thank you very 23 much. MR. IRENE: What is the part that's not 24

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highlighted?

Τ	MS. RICHTER: That was an existing fence
2	put up by the neighboring property owner. The
3	neighbor's fence is also a six-foot high white
4	vinyl fence.
5	MR. LAMARCA: Is it just that section
6	that is in question? Everything else is
7	MS. RICHTER: Yes. It's just the
8	section in question on the Baker.
9	MR. LAMARCA: On Baker. That is the one
10	that is in question for the variance?
11	MS. RICHTER: Yes.
12	MR. VENEZIA: According to our
13	engineering report also. But, you know, we are
14	a little ahead of ourselves, too. There were
15	several items that had to be taken care of
16	through our engineering report. Going into the
17	report dated May 17, 2019 from T&M, Item 1, the
18	name and address, there is no objection if we
19	feel that it is okay. I don't see a problem
20	with that. Anybody? Do you have the
21	MR. IRENE: Well, that should be
22	corrected, though, because apparently, the LLC,
23	excuse me, the owner is actually SNC, LLC. Is
24	that right, Mr. Chira?
25	MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is right now, yes.

1	MR. IRENE: All of the application
2	materials indicate you are the owner.
3	MR. CHIRA: This was done after the
4	ownership of the house. I had this house,
5	everything all of my permits in the house were
6	under myself and then I switched over to the
7	Corporation.
8	MR. IRENE: The Title was transferred to
9	the LLC after you filed the application.
10	MR. CHIRA: Yes.
11	MR. IRENE: I am just saying we should
12	just clarify. The item that the Chairman is
13	referencing about the owner and address, we
14	should clarify that's what it is.
15	MR. VENEZIA: On the record. Item No.
16	B4, the Title block denoting the type of
17	application, since most of the required
18	information has been provided, the engineer has
19	no objection to grant completeness. So that
20	Item No. 2, B4, there is no objection, I
21	believe, from the Board granting a completeness
22	waiver for that item as well as three, Item B5.
23	Do you have any other exhibits to bring
24	like the aerial photo?
25	MS. RICHTER: I did provide the aerial

photo. I gave copies, I believe, to either the 1 2 Zoning Officer or Chris Ann. 3 MR. IRENE: Do you have a copy with you? 4 If you do, we will mark it and pass it around to the Board. 5 6 MR. VENEZIA: As you are looking --7 MR. IRENE: As they are looking, why don't we move onto that? 8 9 MR. VENEZIA: Item B7, which was 10 required zone district requirements including 11 lot area, depth, yard setback, building 12 coverage, open space, parking. The Applicant submitted an incomplete Zoning Officer review 13 form. I recommend the Applicant provide a 14 15 completed Zoning Officer's review form prior to 16 the application being deemed complete. I hope 17 that that's been done. MS. RICHTER: Yes. I've given a copy to 18 19 the Zoning Officer which we made copies of. 20 MR. VENEZIA: And proof that taxes are 21 current. 22 MS. RICHTER: Yes, I have that. 23 MS. DEGENARO: Here you go. MR. VENEZIA: Can you confirm there is 24

any existing easements?

1	MS. RICHTER: Yes, I can confirm that.
2	MR. CHIRA: No easements.
3	MR. VENEZIA: Item 7 is a review of the
4	floodplain. That is no problem. Item No. 8,
5	Item No. B25, list the variances required or
6	requested. Since other documentations is
7	included listing the variances, we have no
8	objection to the Board granting a completeness
9	waiver for this.
10	MR. IRENE: While the Board is
11	circulating copies of what's been passed up, we
12	have an aerial photograph of the site that we
13	are going to mark as Exhibit A-2. Can you tell
14	us where that aerial photograph was taken from?
15	MS. RICHTER: That was printed from a
16	Google map search.
17	MR. IRENE: Monmouth County Property
18	Viewer is Google maps.
19	MS. RICHTER: It was Google Ding.
20	MR. IRENE: This is not Google maps. It
21	might be some kind of Monmouth County GIS or
22	something like that.
23	MR. GITTO: It is the County.
24	MR. IRENE: You don't know when this was
25	dated? Do you know when it was printed out?

1 MS. RICHTER: Yes, June 30th. 2 MR. IRENE: June 30th. 3 MR. IRENE: Mr. Chira, have you seen the aerial photograph? 4 5 MR. CHIRA: Yes, I have. MR. IRENE: Does it fairly and 6 7 accurately depict it as it exists today? 8 MR. CHIRA: Yes. 9 MR. IRENE: So, we are going to mark 10 that, Chris Ann, the aerial as A-2. MR. VENEZIA: The last item is B28 and 11 12 B13, building elevation of floor plans of 13 proposed structure. The engineer has no 14 objection to the Board granting a completeness 15 waiver for this item as only a pool, which I 16 didn't know. There is a pool going in there? 17 MS. RICHTER: No. 18 MR. CHIRA: No. 19 MR. VENEZIA: Probably in error. Only a 20 fence is proposed. 21 MR. IRENE: Is the Board willing to 22 grant the completeness waivers which will 23 complete the merits to deem the application 24 complete?

MR. SCHULZ: I will make that motion.

1	MR. GIGLIO: I will second it.
2	MR. IRENE: Roll call?
3	MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
4	MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
5	MS. DEGENARO: Michael Schulz?
6	MR. SCHULZ: Yes.
7	MS. DEGENARO: Paul Santorelli?
8	MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
9	MS. DEGENARO: Scott LaMarca?
10	MR. LAMARCA: Yes.
11	MS. DEGENARO: Paul Giglio?
12	MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
13	MS. DEGENARO: Mark Engel?
14	MR. ENGEL: Yes.
15	MR. IRENE: So it's deemed complete.
16	You didn't get your approval yet. You will be
17	heard. We are still in the middle of the
18	hearing. We had to make sure. We are back to
19	where we were. We have your aerial. We see
20	that. We marked the plan. We discussed the
21	fence. What else do you have? Do you have any
22	other questions? The Chairman is going to open
23	it up to interested parties.
24	MR. VENEZIA: I do have a few questions.
25	The fence in the back onto Baker has a double

1 opening? 2 MR. CHIRA: Correct. 3 MR. VENEZIA: Do you need a double opening for that? 4 MS. RICHTER: That would be to get, 5 because it is such a large piece of property, to 6 7 get a riding mower to cut the grass. There is grass on the other side of it and there is a 8 9 pretty steep hill, so you are not getting a 10 mower up there. There is also foliage or 11 MR. VENEZIA: 12 bushes that are on the, I guess, would be your neighbor's fence right before that. 13 MR. CHIRA: That is correct. 14 15 MR. VENEZIA: Would you be willing to 16 put further, you know, besides that opening more 17 bushes? 18 MR. CHIRA: Sure. No objection. 19 MR. IRENE: More bushes where? 20 MR. SANTORELLI: To soften the blow of 21 the white vinyl. 22 MR. VENEZIA: Yeah, for that 37 feet 23 minus that opening. MR. CHIRA: Are you talking about on the 24 Baker side? 25

1 MR. VENEZIA: Yes. 2 MR. CHIRA: Sure. 3 MR. VENEZIA: On the outside of the property. 4 5 MR. CHIRA: Yes, it is. 6 MR. VENEZIA: It's still your property? 7 MR. CHIRA: Yes. MR. IRENE: We are talking about running 8 9 shrubs exterior of the fence in question but not blocking the gate? Do we want to describe the 10 shrubs or the span or how they are going to 11 12 work? 1.3 MR. CHIRA: Some arborvitaes? MR. VENEZIA: That is fine. 14 15 MR. IRENE: We don't have our landscape 16 architect. 17 MR. GIGLIO: Arborvitaes are designed to 18 put a wall up. 19 MR. IRENE: Two feet? 20 MR. GIGLIO: Two feet is fine. 21 MR. VENEZIA: That is if everything is 22 approved. How many on center? MR. LAMARCA: Depends if you want to see 23 24 it or not. Three feet.

MR. IRENE: Three feet on center for the

1 entire span except for the gate. 2 MR. GIGLIO: Yeah. 3 MR. VENEZIA: The gate is a pretty wide 4 gate. MR. CHIRA: It's two fours. 5 MR. IRENE: Entire span, except for the 6 7 gate. No less than what, at height at planting? MR. LAMARCA: It is a six-foot fence, so 8 what do you want to do? Four to start? 9 10 MR. VENEZIA: Any other thoughts on 11 that? From what I am gathering, all other fence 12 that is up there already is already within the right of having it there. 13 MR. GITTO: Correct. 14 15 MR. VENEZIA: We are talking about --16 MR. GITTO: Thirty-seven feet that they 17 are talking. 18 MR. CHIRA: No problem. 19 MR. VENEZIA: Any other questions? 20 MR. SCHULZ: Questions for the engineer? 21 MR. VENEZIA: Sure. 22 MR. SCHULZ: What does the law says for 23 six foot close to the street? MR. GITTO: No. They are actually 24

asking for relief for having a six-foot fence

1 within a front yard where three feet is provided 2 or allowed by the Ordinance. So since this 3 fence is technically within a front yard since it is on Baker, fronting on Baker, they require 4 variance relief for six-foot fence where three 5 feet is permitted. 6 7 MR. IRENE: I think he is asking about 8 site triangle issues. MR. GITTO: I don't know if I can 9 10 testify to that based on the information 11 provided. 12 MR. SCHULZ: The setback for the front 13 yard normally would be. MR. GITTO: A setback for a house would 14 15 be 35 feet. 16 MR. SCHULZ: Starts at 10 and goes to 17 15. 18 MR. GITTO: Correct. 19 MR. SCHULZ: It should be 35 feet. MR. GITTO: For a single-family home, 20 21 yes. MR. SANTORELLI: What is for a fence? 22 23 MR. IRENE: What do you mean, what is for a fence? 24

MR. SANTORELLI: Setback. Thirty-five

1	feet?
2	MR. GITTO: I don't believe there is a
3	requirement for a setback for a fence, in
4	particular. I think it is just for the
5	single-family home and the relief is being
6	requested for having a fence within the front
7	yard.
8	MR. IRENE: Well, do you want to set it
9	back X-number of feet from the street? That
LO	will soften. It's up to you. Remember, you
11	have to have room for the plantings as well.
12	That is naturally going to set it back to some
13	degree, but it is up to you. My suggestion, in
L 4	the future, we don't waive those key maps. You
L5	should get a tax map or something. If you will
L 6	look at the aerial, you get a better visual.
L 7	There is no site triangle, because there is no
L8	intersection.
L 9	MR. GITTO: No intersection at that.
20	MS. DEGENARO: Mike, she wants to know
21	if this would help out.
22	MR. IRENE: It is a question if they
23	want to set the fence back any distance, other
24	than just to accommodate the plantings.

MR. ENGEL: Looking at the Survey

1	correctly, the fence is set back from Baker 15
2	feet on one end and 10 feet at the other. Is
3	that sufficient?
4	MR. GIGLIO: Arborvitae are not going to
5	grow 10 feet.
6	MR. SANTORELLI: I have a question. The
7	piece of fence that is on the angle coming into
8	question right now, how long does that run?
9	That may have dictated why we are on a triangle
10	given the run of the fence because the fence is
11	certain lengths. Do we know what this run of
12	fence is here? How many feet? This section, do
13	we know how long that section is, because that
14	could have dictated.
15	MR. GITTO: I believe it's 40.
16	MR. SANTORELLI: So it's probably
17	nominal for the fence to work. That's probably
18	why it's at 15'6 compared to the 10 on the other
19	side.
20	MS. RICHTER: The 10 on the other side,
21	that's what matches up to that existing fence
22	where there are already shrubs planted.
23	MR. IRENE: The point is, it's already
24	set back off of the property line. It's already

set back off of the property line. Ten feet on

one side and 15 on the other. 1 2 MR. SANTORELLI: Fifteen six. 3 MR. IRENE: That's what the Board was inquiring down here that it would be right on 4 the property line and it is not. Any more 5 questions? Let's see if there is anyone in the 6 7 audience who would like to make comments. 8 MR. IRENE: Any interested parties who wish to question the witnesses or make comments? 9 10 MR. KAPLAN: 30 Baker Drive directly 11 across the property. 12 (Mr. Kaplan, sworn.) MR. KAPLAN: I've been there for 35 13 14 years and when we look out my front window, any 15 of the windows, I sit on the front porch, all I 16 see is a six-foot white fence in my whole 17 vision. Nothing when you look out of my front 18 door do you see a six-foot white fence.

in question. It's horrible for me.

MR. IRENE: Okay. You are not done.

The Board Members may have some questions for

questioned a million people, when it was being

installed, and everybody said, we don't know

anything. We are just the fence men. It was

other fencing put in also besides the one piece

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1 you. Do you understand the issue is six feet 2 versus three feet in the front yard area. 3 MR. KAPLAN: Three foot. MR. IRENE: How about the screening with 4 the arborvitae? Is a six-foot fence set back 15 5 feet off the property line with a green screen 6 7 better than three-foot fence on the property 8 line? Just a question. MR. KAPLAN: Personally, we wouldn't 9 10 have to see any fence, if we have any option. MR. IRENE: Well, they could put a 11 12 three-foot high one right on the property line. MR. KAPLAN: If that be the case. 13 MR. IRENE: So you don't like the 14 15 height? 16 MR. KAPLAN: I do not like the white 17 high fence. 18 MR. IRENE: Ma'am? 19 (Eileen Kaplan, sworn.) 20 MS. KAPLAN: Eileen Kaplan. I live at 21 30 Baker Drive. We've lived in the house for 35 22 years. We have always enjoyed looking across 23 the street that was, I believe, originally zoned for a parklike setting. There were trees. 24 25 was an open span of grass.

<b>T</b>	MR. IRENE: It is a residential
2	property, ma'am.
3	MRS. KAPLAN: Okay.
4	MR. IRENE: It may have been a double
5	lot. I don't know. Somebody may have bought a
6	lot that was not developed and merged them. I
7	think this property was merged back in common
8	ownership or a Deed of Consolidation when last
9	before the Board. It is a residential property
10	It's not a public park or anything like that.
11	MRS. KAPLAN: Maybe years ago. I had
12	heard that.
13	MR. IRENE: It may have been a large
14	parcel of which was undeveloped or an
15	undeveloped lot, but it's not a park.
16	MRS. KAPLAN: That's what we've looked
17	at all of these years and without notice the
18	six-foot white fence went up. Every window we
19	look out, our living room, our bedroom windows,
20	we see a white fence. When we sit out on our
21	front porch, we see a white fence. So I'm
22	concerned also about the fact that if you were
23	to keep that height, you would still have the
24	double opening that would not be planted with
25	greenery and we really just don't want to look

1 at that. 2 MR. KAPLAN: It doesn't fit into the 3 neighborhood. Everything is open on the whole block except that. 4 MR. GIGLIO: Question, sir? 5 MR. KAPLAN: Yes. 6 7 MR. GIGIO: Are you speaking generally on the fence around the entire house? 8 9 MR. KAPLAN: Well, there is a fence 10 around the whole house. MR. GIGLIO: There is an existing fence 11 12 that the gentleman didn't put up that runs on the other side between Baker and Mount Drive, 13 that's been there already. 14 15 MR. KAPLAN: Yes. 16 MR. GIGLIO: That didn't --17 MR. KAPLAN: We had the same issue with 18 those folks many, many years ago and we worked 19 something out with them. 20 MR. GIGLIO: I'm trying to understand. 21 MR. KAPLAN: When I look outside my 22 front window, I don't see the neighbor's property. I don't see that. 23 MR. GIGLIO: Are you referring to the 24

small section that they are referring to now or

- 1 are you talking about the --
- MR. KAPLAN: Just the section on Baker
- 3 Drive. The section facing my property.
- 4 MRS. KAPLAN: It actually spans pretty
- 5 much directly across our house in the same span
- of our house.
- 7 MR. VENEZIA: I understand where you are
- 8 coming from. The house is definitely an
- 9 improvement. They did a great job redoing it
- and whatnot.
- MR. CHIRA: Thank you.
- MR. VENEZIA: Is it possible to move
- that opening for the fence?
- 14 MS. RICHTER: Closer to the other
- 15 property line?
- MR. VENEZIA: You know, since it's only
- going to be used, it's not going to be used as a
- driveway.
- 19 MR. CHIRA: No, sir. Correct.
- MR. VENEZIA: It's just to get his
- 21 equipment in. Do you know how it bends and it
- goes out that way straight in front of house now
- on the Baker side.
- MS. RICHTER: Uh-huh.
- MR. CHIRA: On the corner? The other

1 gentleman next-door to me? 2 MR. VENEZIA: Standing on Baker looking 3 west. MR. CHIRA: Correct. 4 MR. VENEZIA: At your double opening. 5 MR. CHIRA: Yes. 6 7 MR. VENEZIA: If that was moved to, it goes straight across and then it bends down that 8 way so something can get through there. 9 10 MS. RICHTER: That would be on somebody 11 else's property. 12 MR. GIGLIO: That borders somebody 13 else's property. MS. RICHTER: It's on the property line 14 15 with the existing house that is also being 16 redone. 17 MR. CHIRA: Mr. Nino's property. 18 MR. VENEZIA: Is there anywhere that you 19 can reposition that gate? 20 MS. RICHTER: Besides in the front yard 21 where there are trees in the front yard that we 22 had planted, so it would be difficult to put in 23 the double gate to get up into the front yard. 24 MR. SANTORELLI: I have a question. MS. RICHTER: Sure. 25

1	MR. SANTORELLI: The vinyl fence, do you
2	have any other color options? We can maybe make
3	the gate another color, so it is softer.
4	Instead of seeing the white, we can do the
5	arborvitaes for the screening on the white and
6	then maybe is there another color option to
7	soften it?
8	MS. RICHTER: I would have to look into
9	that. I do not know.
10	MR. SANTORELLI: I don't know. I am
11	trying to solve a headache instead of looking at
12	a bright white fence. Even if there was a
13	brown.
14	MR. CHIRA: Even with the coverage of
15	the trees.
16	MR. SANTORELLI: You are not covering
17	the gate. I am talking about just a gate color.
18	MR. CHIRA: He is talking about just a
19	gate.
20	MR. SANTORELLI: Just the gate color and
21	not the fence.
22	MR. LAMARCA: What if the landscape was
23	taller instead of four footers, if they were six
24	footers? Would that soften the blow on the
25	fence?

1	MR. KAPLAN: When they grow, that is
2	fine.
3	MR. CHIRA: I don't mind putting sixes.
4	MR. LAMARCA: If you guys want the fence
5	and we can make this all work for these guys.
6	MR. KAPLAN: I am really against the
7	six-foot fence. Totally against it.
8	MR. LAMARCA: The issue is, in reality,
9	it's only that section of Baker because the rest
10	of the fence is legal, correct?
11	MS. RICHTER: Yes. And again, it
12	matches the fence.
13	MR. LAMARCA: I'm understanding.
14	Because, again, worst case, you could put the
15	three-foot section of white and we are done and
16	this isn't an issue, correct?
17	MR. CHIRA: Uh-huh.
18	MR. LAMARCA: Again, three-foot fence,
19	is it going to soften the blow, you know, or are
20	you going to see a three-foot white fence in
21	front of you? Again, nobody wants to see the
22	fence at all.
23	MR. KAPLAN: If a fence has to be seen,
24	I would prefer a three foot to six foot.
25	MR. LAMARCA: Okay. That is where you

- 1 guys are standing on that. Three-footer.
- 2 MR. KAPLAN: I would not like to have 3 any fence, but if we have to have, I would take a three.
- MS. RICHTER: On this Newlines Survey 5 that I have here, their property really more 6 7 covers what they would be looking at into the 8 neighbor's piece of property more than our piece 9 of property.
- MR. LAMARCA: Okay. 10

- 11 MS. RICHTER: I get if they stand 12 outside and look at the fence, they are only going to see a six-foot fence, but their 13 14 property covers more of our neighbor's property, 15 so they are looking at their six-foot fence 16 that's been existing.
- 17 MR. CHIRA: On the neighbor's existing 18 fence.
- 19 MR. VENEZIA: The neighbor on the point? 20 MR. CHIRA: Yes.
- 21 MR. VENEZIA: They have a four-foot open 22 fence.
- 23 MR. CHIRA: That is on the corner. 24 the way on the corner, but the area that is enclosed is on the basketball side of the house 25

- 1 which was granted by you.
- MRS. KAPLAN: I want to say the fence,
- 3 you can almost take a tape measure on each side
- 4 and line them up with the white fence. It's
- 5 directly in front of our house.
- 6 MR. CHIRA: Because they are in
- 7 existence already.
- 8 MR. VENEZIA: They are able to put a
- 9 fence there.
- 10 MRS. KAPLAN: Yes.
- 11 MR. VENEZIA: The whole issue is the
- 12 height. We are trying to soften the height, you
- 13 know, with the trees.
- 14 MS. RICHTER: Even if they don't have
- color options with a vinyl fence, I'm sure we
- can have a painter of some sort paint vinyl.
- 17 I've done it before.
- MR. LAMARCA: You need the right paint,
- 19 really.
- MS. RICHTER: Yes.
- MR. LAMARCA: That is an option.
- 22 MR. SANTORELLI: That is solving an
- issue.
- MR. CHIRA: I was tying in the fence to
- 25 the next-door existing fence.

1	MR. VENEZIA: There is still no area on
2	this that you can move that opening?
3	MR. CHIRA: It goes to the property
4	where there is an existing Pine tree there.
5	MS. RICHTER: I mean, we could try to
6	move it closer to the property line where there
7	is a one, eight-foot section of fence and maybe
8	just try to put the gate where it's at the 15'6
9	but there are trees there.
LO	MR. ENGEL: On the map, there is a
11	straight section of fence to the right of the
12	house that has a label six-foot stockade fence.
13	There is no way to put the gate in that section
L 4	of the fence?
L 5	MR. IRENE: Is that the neighbor's
L 6	fence?
L7	MS. RICHTER: That is the neighbor's
L8	fence.
L9	MR. CHIRA: That is the next-door
20	neighbor.
21	MR. VENEZIA: That's where the bushes
22	are now.
23	MR. CHIRA: Yes.
24	MR. IRENE: While the Applicant is

reviewing the plans, are there any interested

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          parties?
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                 MR. VENEZIA: How about that little area
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          that is 7'5?
                 MS. RICHTER: That is what I just asked.
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                 MR. CHIRA: It's right on the next-door
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          neighbor's property.
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                 MS. RICHTER: There is a giant
          established tree right there.
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                 MR. CHIRA: There is a Pine tree right
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          there.
                 MR. GIGLIO: Yeah, Rob, if you look down
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          at the aerial, you could see it is a good-sized
          Pine tree.
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                 MR. CHIRA: It is at least 20 feet up.
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                 MR. KAPLAN: Trees come down.
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                 MR. IRENE: Anything else? Board
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          Member?
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                 MR. ENGEL: No other questions.
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                 MR. SCHULZ: Comments from the Board?
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          drove by there and I looked at the fence and I
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          don't understand how you just put up a six-foot
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          fence. You said they said you could go ahead
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          and do it. I didn't understand it. I didn't
          like it then and I wouldn't like it now. The
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promise of six-foot arborvitaes, it doesn't pass

1	my smell test, I'm sorry. The three-foot fence
2	is fine. Six foot is too intimidating. What's
3	West Long Branch coming to with six-foot fences
4	in your front yard? This is what West Long
5	Branch is falling into. I can't stand it. So
6	you know where my vote is going to be when it
7	goes.
8	MR. IRENE: Anything else? Anybody
9	else?
10	MR. VENEZIA: It does look like a
11	compound.
12	MR. CHIRA: Closing it in for children.
13	MS. RICHTER: And privacy.
14	MR. CHIRA: And privacy.
15	MR. SCHULZ: If everybody with children
16	and privacy in West Long Branch had six-foot
17	fences in front yard, I think I would sell my
18	house in West Long Branch. That would be over
19	with.
20	MR. CHIRA: What do you deem a front
21	yard because the house is facing Mount Drive and
22	this is the rear.
23	MR. VENEZIA: How the Ordinance reads.
24	MR. IRENE: That is the reason for the

Ordinance, so you don't have these large, high

1	fences running along the street and you get the
2	New York City cavern affect. That doesn't
3	really, it's up to you whether you believe under
4	these facts and circumstances the variance
5	should be granted. You can have six in the back
6	and no more than three in the front. Some towns
7	have four in the back. Was there any
8	consideration moving it back, so it makes a
9	straight line?
10	MS. RICHTER: Move it back where?
11	MR. IRENE: You continue the existing
12	rear line straight across.
13	MR. CHIRA: This line?
14	MS. RICHTER: Where the 10 foot is?
15	MR. IRENE: No.
16	MR. LAMARCA: No. No.
17	MR. IRENE: Straight across to secure
18	the yard.
19	MS. RICHTER: That is a large piece of
20	property lost, but it also
21	MR. IRENE: It's not lost. It's just
22	not secured by the fence.
23	MS. RICHTER: It would no longer tie in
24	to the ending point of the neighbor's fence.
25	MR. IRENE: You create your own ending.

1	You go from point-to-point. You go from the
2	basketball court point to the LP set point
3	straight across. I'm just asking. That is all.
4	I don't know. You are still in the front yard
5	area, right? I assume. But now, how far away
6	are you from the property line?
7	MS. RICHTER: Oh, you are talking from
8	that point to that point.
9	MR. IRENE: Yeah. So, the question is,
LO	is a six-foot high, is that mitigated by the
L1	fact you are set back from the actual street? I
L2	don't know. I am just asking. Does it serve
13	the purpose of securing the yards where you
L 4	still have a high-enough fence for the children,
L5	but the excess height is mitigated because you
L 6	are set back. Somebody would have to put a
L7	ruler on there and figure out what that is, but
L8	it's going to be set back a significant
L9	difference, except for that one corner where it
20	is closet to the basketball court.
21	MR. ENGEL: It would still be that
22	10-foot setback.
23	MR. IRENE: At that point, but it would
24	still drift away.

 ${\tt MR.}$  ENGEL: I am guessing the neighbors

1 would probably find it somewhat visible. 2 MR. IRENE: Well, at some point, the 3 Board would have to make a decision, right? Any more from the interested parties? Let the 4 5 record reflect no responses. To the Board. Ma'am? 6 7 MS. RICHTER: No. 8 MR. IRENE: To the Board. MR. VENEZIA: You know how they have 9 10 that on the corner on the point the see-through 11 fence with the iron going up? Do you know which 12 fence I am talking about? 13 MR. KAPLAN: Very well. MR. VENEZIA: If you had something 14 15 similar to that in that area. 16 MR. GIGLIO: The aluminum? 17 MR. KAPLAN: The flat fence. 18 MR. VENEZIA: There is four or five 19 inches in between and you can see through it. 20 MR. IRENE: Like a Jerreth-style fence? 21 MR. VENEZIA: If you all went down and 22 saw the corner, you could see what I mean. 23 Would you be in objection to take down the white 24 fence and put that up and then you can even have 25 that opening would come in pretty close.

1	MR. CHIRA: But the fence that I have
2	now is being tied into the other fence that you
3	already granted approval on the other house for
4	Mr. Dwek's property. I was just using my
5	property line going straight into his.
6	MR. VENEZIA: To change the material in
7	that 37 feet. The style of the fence.
8	MS. RICHTER: They are saying change the
9	style of the fence.
10	MR. VENEZIA: Style of the fence.
11	Keeping that.
12	MR. IRENE: Making it more open?
13	MR. VENEZIA: Yeah, it opens up the
14	vision so you still have the fence to enclose
15	the area, but at least the neighbors could see
16	through and not have an obstruction.
17	MR. CHIRA: What happens in a pool
18	situation afterwards?
19	MR. IRENE: That would still comply.
20	Jerreth fence can secure a pool. Can't? Why
21	not?
22	MR. SANTORELLI: You would need
23	four-inch spacing. Most balustrades are spaced
24	four-inch on center.
25	MR. IRENE: It's up to the Board.

1	MR. VENEZIA: They make it four inches.
2	MR. SANTORELLI: You can get it made
3	however you want. They will make it custom for
4	you. They will make whatever you want.
5	MR. VENEZIA: For that 37 feet.
6	MR. SANTORELLI: If you are talking
7	about aluminum fence, they will make it any
8	color you want, they will make it any height you
9	want, they will make it any balustrade space you
10	want. It's all custom built.
11	MR. CHIRA: I thought put trees and
12	block off the area and that is all. Put
13	six-foot trees there.
14	MR. SANTORELLI: Block it with
15	arborvitaes.
16	MR. VENEZIA: You wouldn't have to put
17	the trees there if you had that open fence.
18	MR. IRENE: You could put it on the
19	inside for your own privacy.
20	MS. RICHTER: What if we put a double
21	gate and put trees?
22	MR. CHIRA: How are you going to get in
23	there?
24	MS. RICHTER: Hand mower. So we have a
25	four-foot gate opening in the front yard. We

1 can make that a six and remove the double gate 2 opening on the Baker side and we will be able to 3 cover the whole thing with shrubbery. MR. CHIRA: With shrubbery. 4 Three foot. MRS. KAPLAN: 5 MR. KAPLAN: Three-foot fence with the 6 7 shrubbery. MR. IRENE: They are objecting to the 8 fence height. We've established that. They 9 10 want a fence that is three feet. They don't want a fence that is three feet. 11 12 MR. LAMARCA: Happy medium. 13 Landscaping. 14 MR. IRENE: It's up to you. 15 Landscaping is going to be MR. LAMARCA: 16 high. 17 MS. RICHTER: It's three feet. Why 18 would we put landscaping? 19 MR. IRENE: You wouldn't have to, 20 assuming you got permits. Entirely up to the 21 Board at this point. Nothing from the 22 Applicant's case. Nothing from the interested 23 parties, right? It's up to the Board. You can discuss further if you want or you can vote. 24

You do whatever you like.

1	MR. VENEZIA: We have to discuss this a
2	little further because Michael has a feeling.
3	MR. SCHULZ: If it's a three-foot fence,
4	hear me out. If it's a three-foot fence, there
5	is no issue.
6	MR. GITTO: Correct.
7	MR. SCHULZ: Six foot, they need a
8	variance for a vote. How are they going to
9	supplement the fence, if anything?
10	MR. GITTO: Right. Whatever the Board.
11	MR. IRENE: If it's three-feet high,
12	they conform to. If it's more than three feet,
13	they need a variance. The Board can grant a
14	variance for more than three feet. They can
15	impose conditions, if they choose to do that.
16	You can deny it. You have a range of options,
17	deny, approve, approve with conditions. Sir?
18	MR. ENGEL: The material we were talking
19	about at the end, the narrow
20	MR. IRENE: The Jarreth style.
21	MR. ENGEL: If they changed the fence
22	from white vinyl to Jerreth and made that six
23	feet
24	MR. CHIRA: Just that section.

MR. ENGEL: Just that section. Would

1 that satisfy the neighbors? 2 MR. KAPLAN: The metal fence six-foot 3 high. MR. ENGEL: How would you feel about 4 that? 5 MR. KAPLAN; I still prefer the 6 three-foot fence. 7 8 MR. ENGEL: So that wouldn't mitigate it enough for you to be satisfied? 9 10 MR. KAPLAN: Excuse me? 11 MR. ENGEL: If they changed it to 12 Jerreth that would not mitigate it enough to make the view? 13 MR. KAPLAN: Not six foot. 14 15 MS. RICHTER: I have a question, 16 actually. If somebody were to, in the future, 17 put in a pool, would the three-foot fence run 18 into any issue, safety issues with the pool? 19 MR. IRENE: I don't know. If so, you 20 would have to put another fence around the pool. 21 MS. RICHTER: Another. 22 MR. IRENE: Yes, otherwise, if you put a pool in the front yard, you magically then don't 23 need a variance for the fence. 24

MS. RICHTER: You would need a separate

fence. I was asking for somebody jumping the 1 2 fence. 3 MR. IRENE: You would have to comply with the pool code, if whatever fence is 4 approved doesn't. 5 MR. GIGLIO: I find the last statement 6 7 that Mr. Engel made a very good compromise that 8 seems to be getting rejected. And, at this point, I'm at an impasse because both sides have 9 10 attempted to try to work this out. So I think, like Mr. Irene said, we have to get down to this 11 and make our decision. 12 MR. ENGEL: Now, you have definite plans 13 14 to put in a pool at some point? 15 MR. CHIRA: No, not now. 16 MS. RICHTER: We bought the property as 17 an investment. 18 MR. ENGEL: You're trying to account for 19 possibility. 20 MR. CHIRA: My daughter is looking to 21 move into that house with her in-laws. 22 MR. ENGEL: So there is a possibility 23 that there might be a pool in the future. 24 MS. RICHTER: By another owner.

MR. ENGEL: But it's not in your

1 immediate plans. 2 MR. CHIRA: That is correct. I won't say it has nothing 3 MR. IRENE: to do with it, the issue is --4 MR. ENGEL: Right. I know it has 5 nothing to do with that, but it just speaks to 6 7 whether or not they would have a need for a 8 higher fence for some part of the property down 9 the road. 10 MR. CHIRA: Down the road. 11 MR. IRENE: Down the road, they may, but 12 that fence may or may not be in that front area. MR. ENGEL: If I've heard everyone 13 14 correctly, there is a majority feeling against 15 the six-foot high white vinyl fence. There is 16 enough feeling against that, that it sounds like 17 that is not something we want to approve at this point, okay? 18 19 MR. GIGLIO: But the six-foot high 20 see-through fence. 21 MR. ENGEL: Our options are either 22 asking them to approving it if it's a six-foot high fence or propose, if they want to keep it 23 white vinyl, leaving it at three feet. Are 24

there any other options that anybody is

- 1 considering at this point? 2 MR. GIGLIO: I think the six-foot high 3 Jerreth was a very good option. MR. ENGEL: I think the six-foot high 4 maintains the feel of the privacy for you folks, 5 6 for your place. 7 MR. CHIRA: Yes. 8 MR. ENGEL: And the Jerreth material, while still being six feet high --9 10 MR. CHIRA: Is open. 11 MR. ENGEL: -- is much more open and the 12 dark color much more blends in with the surrounding landscape, so it's not like a 13 14 contrasting eyesore for people looking at it 15 from across the street. If you see those 16 Jerreth fences from more than five to six feet 17 away, the colors start to blend into the 18 landscape and it's not anywhere near as much of 19 an eyesore as a bright white vinyl fence. So, 20 yeah, I think that is a -- I like that 21 compromise and that is the one I would be most 22 in favor of myself. 23 MR. VENEZIA: That is if the homeowner would want to do that. 24
- MR. IRENE: He doesn't have to consent.

1	If you grant a variance for a six-foot high
2	fence, you can impose the conditions you want.
3	If he doesn't want to build them out, he can
4	build it three feet. It's up to you.
5	MR. ENGEL: When we suggested that, you
6	nodded your head like, even though it's a bit
7	more of an expense, is that something you would
8	want, just that one section.
9	MR. CHIRA: Just the 37 feet, but tie it
LO	into the next door neighbor.
11	MS. RICHTER: Leave it where it is.
12	MR. CHIRA: Tie it back into that same
L3	area.
L 4	MR. ENGEL: We're not asking you to move
L5	the fence and we are not asking for any other
L 6	fencing section of your house. We are just
L7	talking about that 37 feet.
L8	MR. CHIRA: How do I get a lawnmower?
L9	If I put two, 3s or two, 4-foot gates?
20	MR. ENGEL: Since it's less of an
21	eyesore, we wouldn't have to worry so much about
22	the planting relative to the gate. The inside
23	of the gate is up to you. You can plant
24	whatever you want there.

MS. RICHTER: Yeah, yeah.

1	MR. LAMARCA: And, again, even if you
2	didn't want mismatching the fences, right, as
3	opposed to the white you have, a black aluminum
4	with a six-foot black aluminum with shrubbery to
5	kind of soften the blow on the neighbors, I
6	mean, just so you get your security, privacy and
7	then you reach a compromise.
8	MS. RICHTER: Yeah, is it specific for
9	that one type of fence?
10	MR. IRENE: Black aluminum, Jerreth
11	style.
12	MR. VENEZIA: Or go to the three-footer
13	for that section.
14	MR. CHIRA: I put the six with the open
15	work.
16	MR. LAMARCA: Again, at least you got a
17	compromise going here. Let's move this thing
18	along, because it is a fence.
19	MR. GIGLIO: Bingo. I am with you,
20	Scott.
21	MR. IRENE: Is there a consensus with
22	the Board that you are looking for a six-foot
23	high black aluminum Jerreth-style fence for the
24	span you are talking about. What is the
25	consensus on the gate issue and/or the shrub

1 issue? 2 MR. ENGEL: I think if they change the 3 material, they can keep the gate plan as it stands now. 4 MR. LaMarca: Was it going to be, six 5 foot? Eight foot? Smaller? Now you've shrunk 6 that a little bit. 7 8 MR. CHIRA: Two, threes. 9 MR. LAMARCA: Six foot. 10 MR. KAPLAN: Why does the fence gate 11 have to be as large? I've never seen an 12 eight-foot wide lawnmower. MR. LAMARCA: It's going six foot, so 13 14 it's not going to be eight foot anymore. But 15 again, try and fit a 52-inch mower through a 16 48-inch opening and you got an issue. So, if we give them 60 inches, they can get it in. 17 MR. VENEZIA: And from your yard, you 18 19 could see it through. 20 MR. LAMARCA: And we soften the blow and 21 you are still going to plant shrubbery, right? 22 Six-foot arborvitaes, so we are as high as the 23 fence. MR. CHIRA: I just had trees fall down 24

on my own property. I am buying Leland Cypress

1 tomorrow. They are coming delivered to my home. 2 MR. IRENE: Six-foot high black aluminum 3 Jerreth-style fence no greater than a six-foot wide gate same fence style and with shrubs 4 running the exterior of the fence planted no 5 less than six-foot high at planting, no less 6 than three-foot on center for the entire span 7 8 except for the gate. 9 MR. LAMARCA: Is three-foot tight 10 enough? 11 MR. IRENE: Remember, you got the open 12 fence now, too. MR. CHIRA: It's going to abut to the 13 14 neighbors. 15 MR. VENEZIA: On both sides. 16 MR. IRENE: Does somebody want to make 17 that motion? 18 MR. ENGEL: I will make that motion as 19 Mr. Irene said. 20 MR. LAMARCA: I will second it. 21 MR. IRENE: Hold on one second. Subject 22 to, there was no particular conditions from T&M 23 subject to complying with the requirements of recommendations set forth in the T&M report. 24 MR. ENGEL: I made that motion. 25

1	MR. IRENE: Seconded by Mr. Giglio?
2	MS. DEGENARO: Mr. Lamarca.
3	MR. IRENE: The motion is to approve the
4	six-foot high fence for the span that we've been
5	talking about that one section along Baker,
6	right, six-foot high black aluminum
7	Jerreth-style fence with the gate area no
8	greater than six feet wide with shrubs planted
9	of the exterior of the entire fence except for
10	the gate area being planted no less than six
11	foot high at planting and no less than three
12	feet apart on center.
13	MR. CHIRA: That is just to cover that
14	section.
15	MR. IRENE: Except for the gated, right.
16	Yes? That was it, okay.
17	MS. DEGENARO: Ready?
18	MR. IRENE: Ready a long time ago.
19	MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
20	MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
21	MS. DEGENARO: Michael Schulz?
22	MR. SCHULZ: No.
23	MS. DEGENARO: Paul Santorelli?
24	MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
25	MS. DEGENARO: Scott LaMarca?

1	MR. LAMARCA: Yes.
2	MS. DEGENARO: Paul Giglio?
3	MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
4	MS. DEGENARO: Mark Engel?
5	MR. ENGEL: Yes.
6	MR. IRENE: Okay. It carries. Thank
7	you very much. Anything that's been marked,
8	please leave with Chris Ann. Have a nice night
9	MR. CHIRA: Thank you also.
10	MR. IRENE: So, on Dos Santos and
11	Severio, who are they the three? Do you know?
12	MS. DEGENARO: Robert is one and Paul
13	and Paul Giglio. Everybody else was absent.
14	MR. IRENE: Of those three, does anybody
15	want to make the motion? Do you have any
16	questions or changes?
17	MR. GIGLIO: I will make a motion.
18	MR. VENEZIA: Second.
19	MS. DEGENARO: Robert Venezia?
20	MR. VENEZIA: Yes.
21	MS. DEGENARO: Mr. Santorelli?
22	MR. SANTORELLI: Yes.
23	MS. DEGENARO: And Paul Giglio?
24	MR. GIGLIO: Yes.
25	MR. VENEZIA: Alright. Motion to

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