

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STAFF REPORT

FOR: City of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals ZONING BOARD APPEALS DATE: December 12, 2023

REGARDING: 46850 Cartier Drive, Parcel # 50-22-04-151-036 (PZ23-0060)

BY: Alan Hall, Deputy Director Community Development

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant BLM Group

Variance Type Dimensional Variance

Property Characteristics

Zoning District:	This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1)
Location:	south of Pontiac Trail, east of Beck Road
Parcel #:	50-22-04-151-036

<u>Request</u>

The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.14.5.C to increase the maximum building height to 36 ft. 8in (maximum 25 ft., a variance of 11 ft. 8 in.); Section 3.1.18.D to reduce the front yard setback to 18 ft. at the southeast corner (minimum of 40 ft., variance of 32 ft.).

II. STAFF COMMENTS:

The applicant is seeking (2) different variances, as stated above.

The project is seeking a 32' front yard setback (an 80% setback request) which occurs at the corner of the building near the cul-de-sac at the end of Cartier Dr. The reduced speed of vehicles as they approach the cul-de-sac area makes this request feasible. The building height increase is based on the proposed function of the new addition and is in keeping with the architectural massing of the existing building.

III. RECOMMENDATION:

The Zoning Board of Appeals may take one of the following actions:
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- (a) The circumstances and features of the property including ________are not unique because they exist generally throughout the City.
- (b) The circumstances and features of the property relating to the variance request are self-created because ______
- (c) The failure to grant relief will result in mere inconvenience or inability to attain higher economic or financial return based on Petitioners statements that
- (d) The variance would result in interference with the adjacent and surrounding properties by ______

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(e) Granting the variance would be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the ordinance to ______

Should you have any further questions with regards to the matter please feel free to contact me at (248) 347-0423.

Alan Hall – Deputy Director Community Development - City of Novi





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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

APPLICATION

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CITY OF NOVI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION (Add	ress of subject 7BA Co		Application Fee:	330.00
PROJECT NAME / SUBDIVISION				and the second
BLM Building Expansion/ Beck Nor ADDRESS	th Corporate Park	LOT/SIUTE/SPACE #	Meeting Date: 👖	1-12-23
46850 Cartier Dr, Novi, MI 48377		lu u ma		2-001-0
SIDWELL # 50-22- U4 _ 151 _ U30			ZBA Case #: PZZ	3-0000
CROSS ROADS OF PROPERTY	Departmer	1 (248) 347-0485		
IS THE PROPERTY WITHIN A HOMEOWNER'S ASS	OCIATION JURISDICTION?	REQUEST IS FOR:		
🗆 YES 🗹 NO		🗆 RESIDENTIAL 🗹 CON	IMERCIAL 🗌 VACANT PI	ROPERTY 🗌 SIGNAGE
DOES YOUR APPEAL RESULT FROM A NOT	ICE OF VIOLATION OR C	ITATION ISSUED?	es 🗹 no	
II. APPLICANT INFORMATION				
A. APPLICANT	EMAIL ADDRESS	alanmant asm	CELL PHONE NO.	
NAME	gjones@dembsdev	elopment.com	248-721-0382 TELEPHONE NO.	
Glenn Jones			248-380-7100 Ext	. 311
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY			FAX NO.	
Dembs Development, Inc.		CITY	248-560-3030 STATE	ZIP CODE
27750 Stansbury, Suite 200		Farmington Hills	MI	48334
B. PROPERTY OWNER	RE IF APPLICANT IS ALSO 1	THE PROPERTY OWNER		
Identify the person or organization that owns the subject property:	EMAIL ADDRESS Jeff@semprecapita	l.com	CELL PHONE NO. 248-761-4840	
NAME	Jeni@semprecapita		TELEPHONE NO.	
Jeffrey Pitt			248-380-7100	
ORGANIZATION/COMPANY			FAX NO.	
Nadlan 56, LLC			248-560-3030 STATE	
27750 Stansbury, Suite 200		Farmington Hills	MI	48334
III. ZONING INFORMATION				
A. ZONING DISTRICT			_	
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B. VARIANCE REQUESTED				
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2. Section 3.1.18.D V	ariance requested	Front Yard Set Back Re	duction To 18'	
3. SectionV				
4. SectionV	ariance requested			
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A. FEES				
Single Family Residential (Existing) \$220 🗌 (With Violati	on) \$275 🗌 Single Fam	ily Residential (New) \$	275
Multiple/Commercial/Industrial \$	330 🛛 🗌 (With Violati	on) \$440 🗌 Signs \$330	🛛 🗌 (With Violation) 🖇	440
House Moves \$330	🗌 Special Mee	etings (At discretion of Bo	oard) \$660	
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 Dimensioned Drawings and Plans Site/Plot Plan 			d distance to adjacen g & proposed signs, if	
 Existing or proposed buildings or an 	ddition on the propert			applicable
• Number & location of all on-site po		 Any other informat 		riance application



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

V. VARIANCE

A. VARIANCE (S) REQUESTED

🗹 DIMENSIONAL 🗌 USE 🗌 SIGN

There is a five-(5) hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals.

B. SIGN CASES (ONLY)

Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a **Mock-Up Sign** <u>ten-(10)</u> days before the schedule ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next schedule ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is **NOT** to be actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five-(5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mock-up or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five-(5) days of the meeting.

C. ORDINANCE

City of Novi Ordinance, Section 3107 – Miscellaneous

No order of the Board permitting the erection of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one-(1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

No order of the Board permitting a use of a building or premises shall be valid for a period longer than one-hundred and eighty-(180) days unless such use is establish within such a period; provided, however, where such use permitted is dependent upon the erection or alteration or a building such order shall continue in force and effect if a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within one-(1) year and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

D. APPEAL THE DETERMINATION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official / Inspector or Ordinance made

CONSTRUCT NEW HOME/BUILDING	M ADDITION	TO EXISTING HOME/BUILDING] SIGNAGE
	🗆 USE	OTHER	
VI. APPLIGANT & PROPERTY SIGNAT	URES		
A. APPLICANT Applicant Signature Glenn E. Jone	s	2.	10.31.2023 Date
B. PROPERTY OWNER			
If the applicant is not the owner, th	e property ov	vner must read and sign belo)W:
The undersigned affiles and ocknowle	edges that he,	she or they are the owner(s) of the	he property described in this
application, and is the aware of the c	ontents of this	application and related enclosu	ires.
			10/21/2022
Property Swner Signature Leffrey	D:44		10/31/2023
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VII. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	- A-1- 1850		
DECISION ON APPEAL:			
GRANTEI	-		
The Building Inspector is hereby directe	ed to issue a pe	ermit to the Applicant upon the I	following and conditions:
Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals			Date
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Application 102 Building Zoning Permit Application Revised 10.5 2023



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REVIEW STANDARDS DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will review the application package and determine if the proposed Dimensional Variance meets the required standards for approval. In the space below, and on additional paper if necessary, explain how the proposed project meets each of the following standards. (Increased costs associated with complying with the Zoning Ordinance will not be considered a basis for granting a Dimensional Variance.)

Standard #1. Circumstances or Physical Conditions.

Explain the circumstances or physical conditions that apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zoning district or in the general vicinity. Circumstances or physical conditions may include:

a. Shape of Lot. Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific property in existence on the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance or amendment.
 Not Applicable
 If applicable, describe below:

Unique shape of property due to existing cul-de-sac and northerly 50 foot buffer (with regulated woodlands).

and/or

b. Environmental Conditions. Exceptional topographic or environmental conditions or other extraordinary situations on the land, building or structure.

Not Applicable	🗹 Applicable	If applicable, describe below:
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Regulated woodlands exist on the site and 50 foot buffer along the north property line.

and/or

c. Abutting Property. The use or development of the property immediately adjacent to the subject property would prohibit the literal enforcement of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance or would involve significant practical difficulties.

 Not Applicable
 Applicable
 If applicable, describe below:

Restricting the building height addition to 25 feet severely reduces the uses of the building expansion and it intended use for expansion of its operations.

Restricting the building front yard set back severely hinders that intended use of the existing buildings expansion and the users intended maximizing the length of its extension of its 20 Ton, 80 ft. span Craneway into the new addition.

Standard #2. Not Self-Created.

Describe the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the Dimensional Variance, that the need for the requested variance is not the result of actions of the property owner or previous property owners (i.e., is not self-created).

As noted, due to property's unique position in a cul-de-sac and buffers makes the need for dimensional variances the only option to expand the building for its permitted use and expansion of its operations.

Standard #3. Strict Compliance.

Explain how the Dimensional Variance in strict compliance with regulations governing area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimensional requirements will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

Requiring strict conformance with front setback and building height requirements will unreasonably prevent the property from being used for a permitted purpose, and will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome. Complying with these setback and height requirements will vastly reduce the buildable envelope and height necessary to accommodate the building expansion and Craneway operations.

Standard #4. Minimum Variance Necessary.

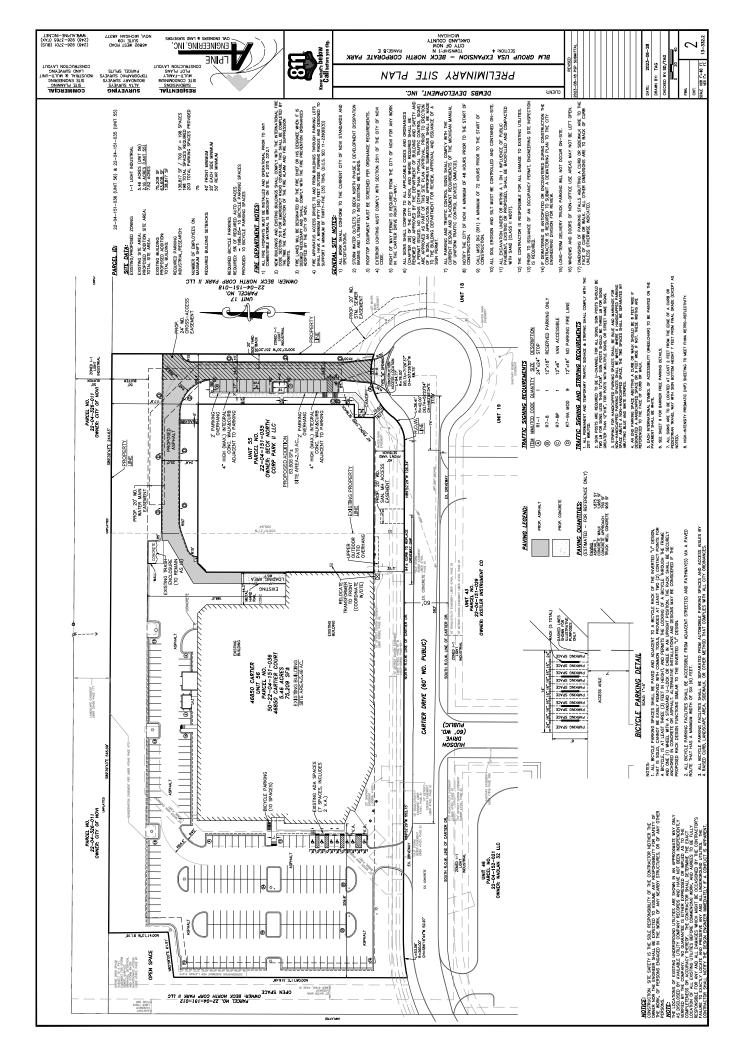
Explain how the Dimensional Variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district.

The dimensional variances requested are the minimum necessary to allow for a successful business expansion and will complement the other surrounding projects in the district.

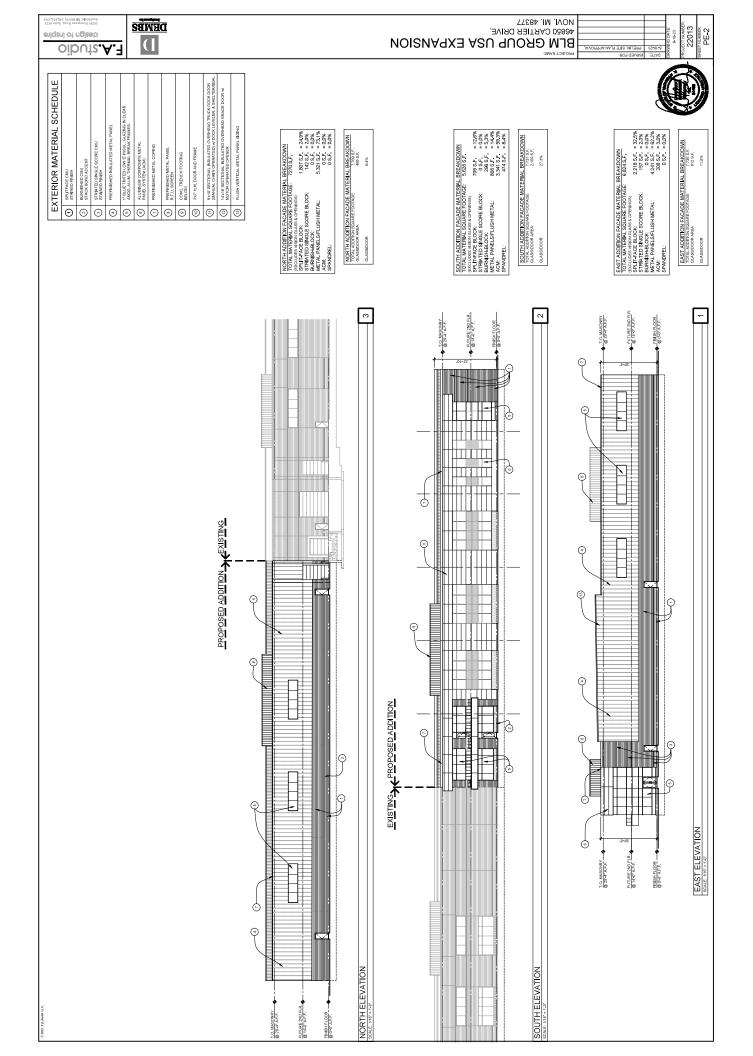
Standard #5. Adverse Impact on Surrounding Area.

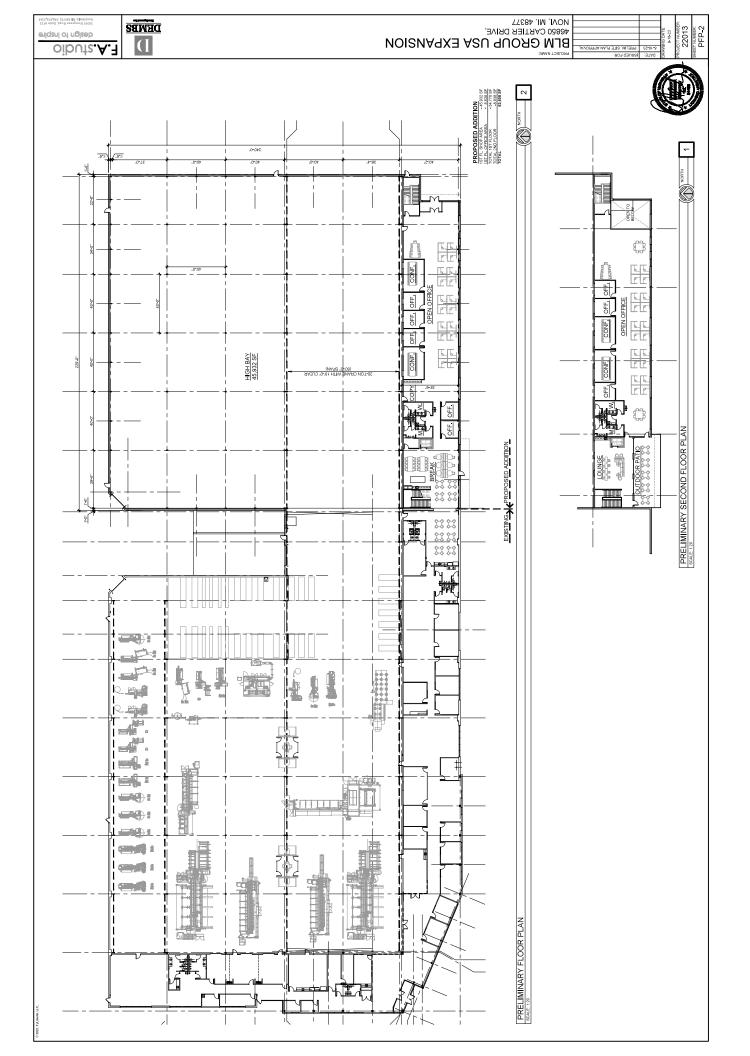
Explain how the Dimensional Variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property values, or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or zoning district.

There is a 50 foot wide section of property owned by the City of Novi that is a natural buffer zone area. Further, any structure on this property will contain an additional 50 foot buffer from the property line. In addition, the closest residential building is located approx. 700 feet away as indicated on the accompanying documents and is again buffered by existing regulated, woodlands and wetlands. Infringement of the 40ft. front yard set back is not entirely impacted and the building corner has been modified to minimize this impact. This infringement is also onto an existing Cul-de-sac and has no impact onto other properties.









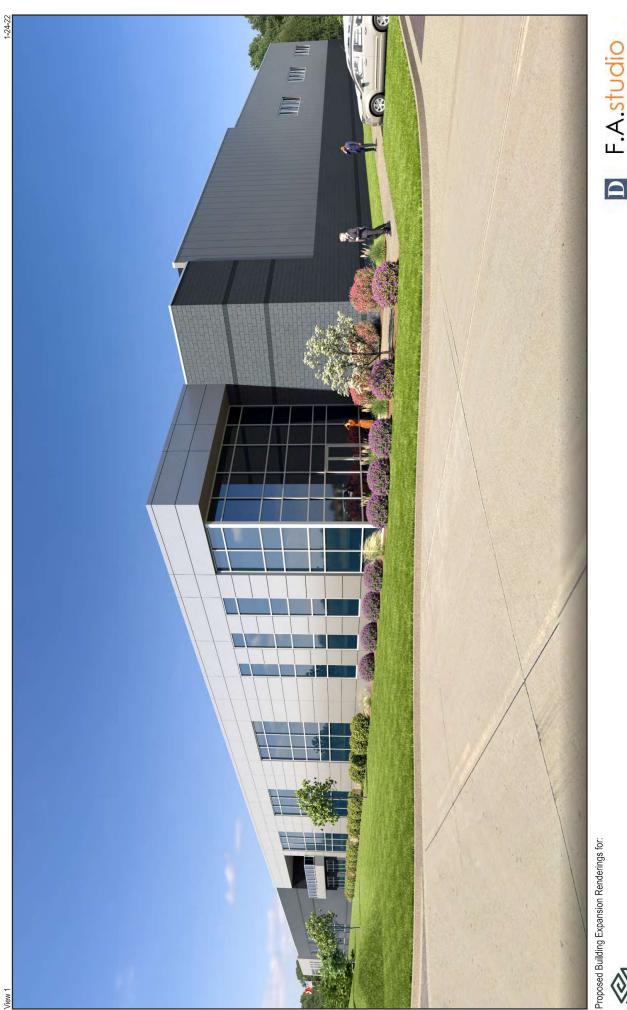
City of Novi - Zoning Board of Appeals - Regular Meeting 6_10_14 - Vol I.txt 0001 1 REGULAR MEETING - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 234567 CITY OF NOVI Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Proceedings taken in the matter of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, at City of Novi, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 8 9 **BOARD MEMBERS** Brent Ferrell, Chairperson 10 Mav Sanghvi 11 David Ghannam 12 Cynthia Gronachan 13 James Gerblick Linda Krieger 14 ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Walsh, Building Official Beth Saarela, City Attorney 15 16 17 Coordinator: Angela Pawlowski, Recording Secretary 18 19 REPORTED BY: Jennifer L. Wall, Certified Shorthand Reporter 20 21 22 23 24 25 0002 123456789 10 INDEX Page Case No. PZ-14-0008 8 19 PZ-14-009 24 PZ-14-0010 31 32 PZ-14-0012 PZ-14-0013 39 58 PZ-14-0014 PZ-14-0015 65 PZ-14-0016 11 75 PZ-14-0017 12 PZ-14-0018 82 13 PZ-14-0019 90 14 PZ-14-0020 111 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 0003 Novi, Michigan. 123456789 Tuesday, June 10, 2014 7:00 p.m. ** ** ** CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Call to order the Tuesday, June 10, regular scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals Ms. Gronachan, can you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everybody 10 please rise. Page 1

City of No 21 22	ovi - Zoning Board of Appeals - Regular Meeting 6_10_14 - Vol I.txt topography or physical conditions. The need for the variance is
23 24 25	not due to the applicant's personal or economic difficulty. The need is not self-created
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1 2	and strict compliance with regulations governing area setback, frontage, height,
3 4	bulk, density and other dimensional requirements will require will
5	unreasonably prevent the property owner from
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	using the property for a permitted purpose and will render conformity with those
8 9	regulations unnecessarily burdensome. The requested variance is the
10 11	minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to the applicant as well as other
12	property owners in the district, and the
13 14	requested variance will not cause an adverse impact on surrounding property, property
15 16	values or the use and enjoyment of the property in the neighborhood or zoning
17	district.
18 19	I would add that the variance would be limited to two years for the
20 21	temporary structure. MS. GRONACHAN: Second.
22 23	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: A motion
24	and a second, Ms. Pawlowski, can you call the roll.
25 0024	MS. PAWLOWSKI: Chairperson
1	Ferrell? CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Yes.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	MS. PAWLOWSKI: Member Gerblick?
4 5	MR. GERBLICK: Yes. MS. PAWLOWSKI: Member Ghannam?
6 7	MR. GHANNAM: Yes. MS. PAWLOWSKI: Member Gronachan?
8 9	MS. GRONACHAN: Yes.
10	MS. PAWLOWSKI: Member Krieger? MS. KRIEGER: Yes.
11 12	MS. PAWLOWSKI: Member Sanghvi? MR. SANGHVI: Yes.
13 14	MS. PAWLOWSKI: Motion passes six to zero.
15 16	MR. QUINN: Thank you very much.
17	I appreciate it. CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Takes us to
<mark>18</mark> 19	<mark>Case No. PZ14-0010, Beck North Lot 56</mark> , Parcels Nos. 5022-04-151-028, 031, 032, and
20 21	part of 016. MR. QUINN: Good evening, once
22 23	again, Matthew Quinn on behalf of Amsom Dembs, Beck North Corporate Park.
24	A little bit handicapped, I
25 0025	see because the overhead isn't working
1 2	tonight. I know you have a package for this requested variance in your packet.
2 3 4 5	We are requesting two
5	variances for this light industrial property. The first I know you have a Page 10

City of Nov 6 7 8	vi - Zoning Board of Appeals - Regular Meeting 6_10_14 - Vol I.txt picture of this is a 75, 80,000 speculative industrial building that will be constructed on this particular lot. This
9 10 11	particular lot is on the north end on Cartier Drive where Hudson drive ends. The two variances that we
12 13 14 15	need, and I must say they are recommended by the planning staff, both of them, because of the uniqueness of this project, is first of
16 17 18	all, the building height is in an industrial zone, when it's adjacent to residential, you're allowed a 25-foot high building. The way modern industrial
19 20 21 22	office buildings are constructed that height really doesn't get it. It's just not what's an acceptable norm anymore. And with the rooftop
23 24 25 0026	appurtenances that puts us up to requesting a variance of 10.6 inches for the height of the building.
1	The second variance is the overhead doors and truck loading area facing residential.
2 3 4 5 6 7	In your packet I know you have this map, that shows two main things. Number one, the back of this huilding is over 200 fact from the closest
8 9 10	building is over 800 feet from the closest residential property. The City of Novi has a 50-foot easement all around Beck North Corporate Park.
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Then there is a required 50-foot setback for any construction from that easement. Then there is 700 feet to the apartment that lie to the north where Wellington Drive is located so, in effect, we have 800 feet and mostly all wooded between that residential use and this particular
18 19 20 21 22 23	building. And on top of that, one of the other exhibits you will see in the drawings is, within the buffer, it's two on the property, that's adjacent to the 60-foot buffer, it's heavily planted with trees.
24 25 0027	So there will be a screening effect of really this entire building from
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	those apartments that are over 800 feet away. And the planning staff noted that, that it was something that can't be avoided, and in order to have the quality of building that is required in this market and that actually goes along with the quality of the other buildings in Beck North Corporate Park, this is something that is necessary.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	It will have absolutely no effect on the surrounding property. Certainly, we own the sides of our properties and the adjacent residential will hardly not even know the building is there nor the corporate park itself. And therefore, we are asking your affirmative vote for these two
10	Page 11

City of Nov 17	vi - Zoning Board of Appeals - Regular Meeting 6_10_14 - Vol I.txt variances.
18	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Thank you.
19	Anybody in the audience have any questions or
20	comments they would like to come forward now
21 22	and ask? (No audible responses.)
23	Seeing none. I will have the
24	secretary read any correspondence.
25	MR. GHANNAM: There were ten
0028 1	notices mailed, one return mail, zero
2	approvals, zero objections.
3	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Ask the
4	city if they have any additions comments.
3 4 5 6 7 8	MR. WALSH: No comments. MS. SAARELA: I have nothing.
7	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Open it up
8	to the board for discussion.
9	MR. SANGHVI: Thank you,
10 11	Mr. Chair. I was just looking for those
12	departments, I couldn't see them on the
13	property line. I don't think that would make
14	much difference, so I have no problem
15 16	supporting your request. Thank you. MS. KRIEGER: Mr. Quinn, the
17	deliveries be in the daytime?
18	MR. OUINN: Most of them. ves.
19 20	Most of the industrial businesses are typical
20 21	normal building business hours. Perhaps a little extended, but there is no anticipation
22	you will end up with an owner of the building
23	or tenant that's going to be operating any
24 25	time at night. MS. KRIEGER: I also am in favor
0029	MS. KRIEGER. I ATSO ANI TI TAVOT
1	of this.
2	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Entertain a
2 3 4 5 6	motion. MS. KRIEGER: In Case No.
5	PZ14-0010, Beck Road Lot Five, Parcel Nos.
6	5022-04-151,028, 031, 032, and part of 016, I
7	move to approve the request and two the
8 9	height request for 10.6 inches and the overhead doors facing into the buffer zone,
10	and that there are unique circumstances or
11	physical conditions of the property, such as
12 13	the narrowness, shallowness, shape, water,
14	topography, the nature of this site, the buffer of the trees between the apartments
15	and the building itself that's going to be
16	constructed will protect and buffer each
17 18	other. The similar physical or
19	similar physical conditions and the need for
20	the variance is not due to the applicant's
21	personal or economic difficulty.
22 23	The need is not self-created. Strict compliance with regulations governing
24	area setback, frontage, height, bulk, density
25	or other dimensional requirements will
0030	unreasonably prevent the property owner from
1	unreasonably prevent the property owner from Page 12

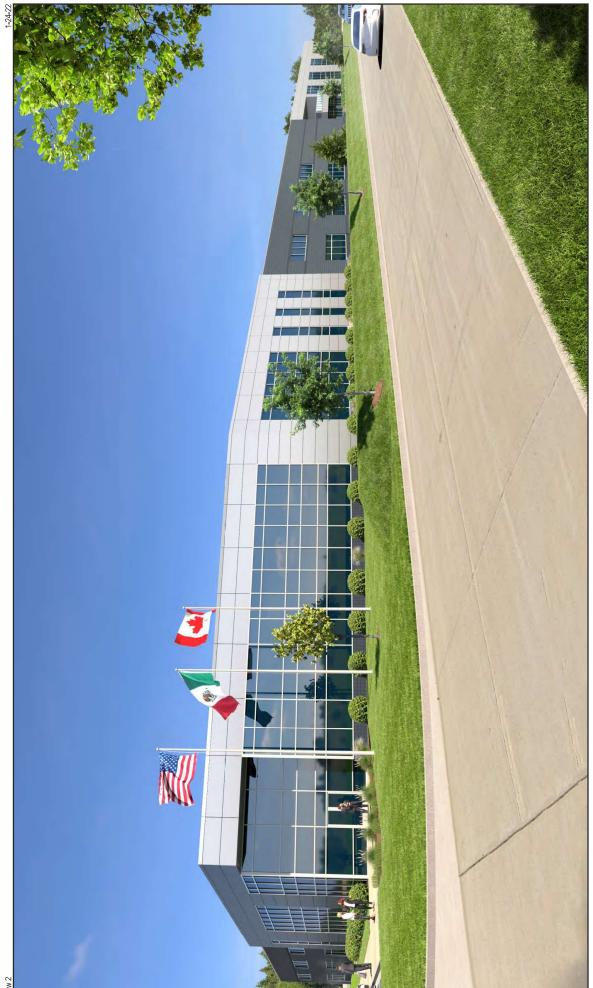
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14	Have a good evening.
15	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Case No. 5,
16	PZ14-0012, 44050 Twelve Mile Road, Stone
17	Ridge Office Park.
18	Please come forward.
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 0032	MS. KRIEGER: Put them at the end? CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Do we do a motion for that or just put them to the end? MS. SAARELA: You don't need a motion. You just check back and see if they're here.
0032	Moving onto Case No. 6,
1	PZ14-0013, 301 Duana Avenue.
2	MR. HEARN: My name is Robert
3	Hearn, R-o-b-e-r-t, last name H-e-a-r-n.
4	CHAIRPERSON FERRELL: Please
5	raise your right hand be sworn by the
6	secretary.
7	MR. GHANNAM: Do you swear or
8	affirm you will tell the truth in Case
9	PZ14-0013?
10	MR. HEARN: I do.
11	I'm here representing Aaron
12	Page 13



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Proposed Building Expansion Renderings for: