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	SUBJECT	BMZA / 807 Light Street		

TO Mr. David Tanner, Executive Director
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
417 East Fayette Street, 14th Floor

DATE: September 30, 2015

REQUEST

The Department of Planning has received Lisa Junker's Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) application, on behalf of Vera Ellen Kaminski Saxton, to use the premises as two dwelling units. The Zoning Administrator has determined that this is a conditional use conversion in a B-2 zoning district. We understand that this appeal is scheduled for hearing on October 6, 2015.

SITE

807 Light Street is located on the east side of the street, approximately 54'8" south of the intersection with Montgomery Street. This property measures approximately 17'6" by 75' and is currently improved with a three-story 17'6" wide semi-detached residential building covering approximately 90% of the lot. This site is zoned B-2-3 and is located within the Montgomery Urban Renewal Plan area and the Federal Hill National Register Historic District.

ANALYSIS

Use: In this zoning district, dwellings are a permitted use, and so are allowed (§6-306). In this case, the property was last authorized for use as a single-family attached dwelling, which is a permitted use in this B-2 Community Business District.

Conversion of Dwellings: In all districts except the R-2, R-4, R-5, and R-6 Districts, the Board may authorize, as a conditional use, the conversion of a building for use by more than one family, as long as the number of families permitted conforms with the applicable bulk regulations for the district in which the building is located (§3-305.b.1).

Lot Area: In this zoning district, multiple-family dwellings require 550 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit (§6-311.d.). In this case, for two dwelling units, 1,100 square feet of lot area is required. The lot encloses over 1,300 square feet, and so does meet this requirement.

Off-Street Parking: ... if the intensity in use of a structure or premises is increased through the addition of dwelling, efficiency, or rooming units, floor area, seating capacity, or other units of measurement, off-street parking facilities must be provided for that increased intensity, as required by this title (§10-202.a). If the structure was lawfully erected before April 20, 1971, additional off-street parking facilities are mandatory only in the amount by which the requirements for the new use exceed those for the existing use (§10-203.b). In this zoning district, multiple-family attached dwellings require one off-street parking space per 2 dwelling units (§10-405.1.iv). For two dwelling units, one parking space is required; none are or can be provided, due to the development pattern of this historic area.

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Off-Street Parking Variance: ... the Board may grant a variance to reduce by no more than 75% the number of off-street parking spaces otherwise required by the applicable regulation (§15-208.b). In this case the reduction proposed is 75%, which is within the variable amount the Board may authorize.

TransForm Baltimore: This property would become part of the C-1 District (Proposed Zoning Map Area 7-C) in which multi-family dwellings would be conditional uses (Table 10-301).

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Planning has no objection to this appeal.

TJS/wya/mf

cc: Lisa Junker, Appellant