

1 **ROBERT HANEY,** \* **BEFORE THE**  
2 **PETITIONER** \* **PLANNING BOARD OF**  
3 **ZRA-165** \* **HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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5 **MOTION:** *To recommend approval of the Zoning Regulation Amendment in*  
6 *accordance with the Department of Planning and Zoning recommendation.*

7 **ACTION:** *Recommended approval; Vote 5 to 0.*

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9 **RECOMMENDATION**

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11 On July 21, 2016 the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, considered the petition of Robert  
12 Haney for an amendment to the Zoning Regulations to amend Section 131.0.O – New Conditional Use  
13 Categories to establish a new use category and specific criteria for Commercial Athletic Facilities in the RC  
14 and RR Districts.

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16 The Planning Board considered the petition, the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) Technical Staff  
17 Report and recommendation, and the comments of reviewing agencies. The Petitioner was represented by  
18 Thomas Meachum. Mr. Meachum stated that the Petitioner is in agreement with the Technical Staff Report  
19 and the recommendation. He noted how difficult it is to find indoor athletic space in the western part of the  
20 County. The Petitioner, Robert Haney said that he is very interested in establishing a flexible indoor facility  
21 on a portion of his property in Lisbon. There was no testimony in opposition to the petition. The Department  
22 of Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the petition with revisions. A work session followed the  
23 meeting. During the work session, all DPZ testimony was evaluated to develop the Board’s recommendation.

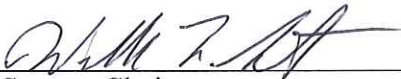
24 **Board Discussion and Recommendation**

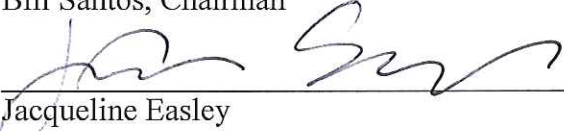
25 The Board expressed support for the requested amendment, noting that an indoor facility would have  
26 much less impact upon other properties than an outdoor facility. The Board was supportive of the fact that it  
27 it would be a Conditional Use subject to review by the Hearing Examiner on a case by case basis. The Board  
28 found it odd that although outdoor athletic facilities have been allowed as a Conditional Use category in the  
29 western part of the County for many years, indoor athletic facilities have not been allowed. Mr. Engelke made  
30 the motion to recommend approval of the petition in accordance with the DPZ recommendation and revisions.  
31 Ms. Easley seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

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1 For the foregoing reasons, the Planning Board of Howard County, Maryland, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
2 August, 2016, recommends that ZRA-165 as described above, be APPROVED, with the revisions  
3 recommended by DPZ.  
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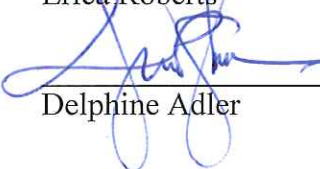
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9 Jacqueline Easley

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11 Phillips Engelke

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21 Valdis Lazdins, Executive Secretary  
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