

Susan Redmond

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Susan,

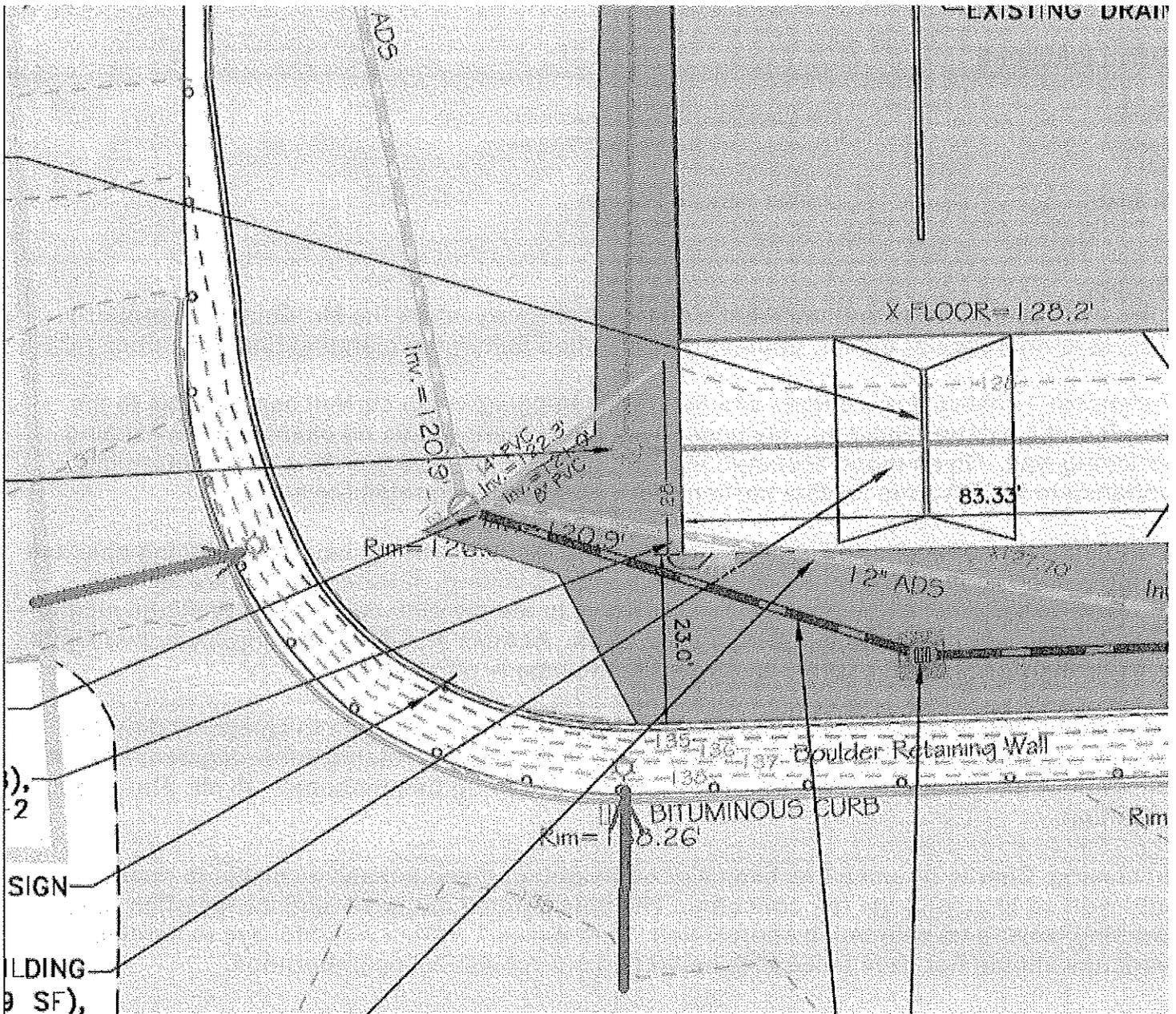
I live at 20 Smith Street and the West side of my property abuts the Mr. Shuman's property. This is in reference to the Mr. Shuman's application before the planning board October 14th.

As shown, I believe it is a simple addition to the building in the current asphalt area to the south of the existing building. My understanding is there will be no change in the existing retaining wall. Given those assumptions, I do not have an objection to a non-conforming variance to the RA zone for that portion north of the existing retaining wall.

I would like to comment on lighting. Any building addition should have down facing shielded lighting such as is on the south side of the current building. Furthermore, there are two existing bright pole lights, noted with red arrows in the drawing below that are slightly higher than my eye when I am seated in my den or deck. At dusk and early evening these two lights are glaringly bright and exacerbated when the foliage is off the trees.

It would be appreciated if they could be turned downward just a little to shield my den and deck from the glare. I believe the closest one could easily be rotated a few degrees; I'm not sure about the other one. I have not had a chance to bring this personally to Mr. Shuman's attention.

In closing, Charlie Shuman has been a good neighbor, made himself available to residents and worked to ameliorate our concerns. The pole lighting in question is turned off in the late evening leaving us with much appreciated "dark space." With a watchful eye to lighting, this variance should not have a negative impact on our residential neighborhood.



Best regards,

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