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MEMO

January 18, 2021

TO: Planning Board

Subject: 663 and 665 Springfield Ave., Block 502, Lot 1, 2, 4, 5 - Berkeley Crossing

Findings of Fact:

- The Commission previously reviewed the application and sent a memo on May 14, 2019

Recommendations:

- The Environmental Commission highly recommends that half of all plants be native and notes that the applicant has added black gum and native dogwoods. As a result, half the planned trees are native. But most of the small shrubs (skip laurel, boxwood, knockout rose) are not native. The Commission recommends adjusting the number of shrubs so half of them are native.
- Considering the total number of parking spaces and the goal of New Jersey to increase electric vehicle use, the Commission recommends the applicant make a suitable fraction of spaces electric vehicle ready.
- Install solar panels on the roof.
- Include green infrastructure elements (non-structural stormwater management per NJ Stormwater Best Management Practices) to reduce stormwater runoff, especially in lots with high recharge.

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