DATE:  April 7, 2006

SUBJECT:  SP# 331 SITE PLAN AMENDMENT to comprehensive sign plan at 901 N. Glebe Rd. (P.F. Chang’s China Bistro) (RPC # 14-051-358, 14-052-001)

APPLICANT:  
PF Chang’s China Bistro

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C. M. RECOMMENDATION:  
Defer the site plan amendment request to the May 20, 2006 County Board meeting.

ISSUES:  None.

SUMMARY:  The applicant requests a site plan amendment to include a non-traditional freestanding sign within the comprehensive sign plan. The applicant would like to install a statue adjacent to their restaurant. Staff has raised concerns regarding the statue’s lack of pedestrian scale. The applicant has agreed to consider options to reduce the overall size of the statue. Therefore, staff recommends deferral of the site plan amendment to the May 20, 2006 County Board meeting.

DISCUSSION:  PF Chang’s China Bistro requests approval of a statue to be installed at the entrance to the restaurant on North Vermont Street. The applicant proposes to erect a replica of an ancient Chinese horse which represents their signature brand. The horse will be masonry structure installed on a stone block base against the east façade of the building and just to the right of the main entrance to the restaurant. The current proposal is a significantly large structure which is currently not in conformance with the Sign Guidelines for Site Plan Buildings policy that such structures demonstrate pedestrian scale. This deferral will afford the applicant an opportunity to determine whether they are able to provide a structure more in conformance with the County’s policy. Therefore, staff recommends deferral of the site plan amendment to the May 20, 2006 County Board meeting.