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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 4:26 AM
To: Laroco Robert
Cc: Leeann Barta; katherine@animalpsychologycenter.com
Subject: letter from neighbor, please submit to commision in anticipation of hearing, thank you

September 23,2013

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been asked to give my opinion about the dogs barking who are housed about 2 blocks away from my home. I have never heard them barking excessively

The dogs that I am speaking of are the closest to my home than any others homes in the Meadowlark Estates park.

I Moved in the first of October 2009. I hear dogs at both ends of my street but nothing that appears to be coming from the Dog Training business across the field. I came to the first meeting and you allowed me to speak to you about my satisfacation (or dissatisfaction).

I rolled the hearing over and over in my mind and finally figured out what was bothering me. When John Roberts spoke to all of us, He said that Tina was not there to present her case but he said "I wrote this up and got Tina to sign it" To me that is a conflict of interest. A person of his elected position should not be writing up complaints and getting someone to sign it seems a little odd to me.

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Subject: please submit to commissioners in anticipation of hearing so that they understand the context of the complaints are based on miscommunication by city staff, thank you.

Dear Robert,

After reading all the "letters of opposition" from residents of the mobile home park, it was clear that these folks had been misinformed regarding the issue at hand. Katherine had the opportunity to visit with them because she personally knocked on their doors and introduced herself. Each person told her about being visited by Mr. Roberts, who told them that she was building a kennel right next to their property line. When she explained that this was not the case, EVERYONE of these folks said "Good! Because we want the peace and quiet to continue." (or something to this effect) Since she has been operating her business for over two years (not 1 year) and there have been no noise complaints they were asked if they are fine with the status quo and all said "yes". Some of these people did not know that Katherine's business was even there. She gave them her business card and asked them to call and talk to her if they ever had any concerns about her center. They thanked her and said they would do so.

As she walked around the mobile home park, she noted several people had dogs outside and they barked. The dogs that barked excessively were Tina Leavelle's two dogs. Katherine was walking the neighborhood from 5:30pm to 7:15pm and they barked the entire time. Tina's complaint was that Katherine might let dogs freeze to death outside if allowed to continue to operate, not true of course.

While Katherine was doing some fact finding, she took a video/recording on the rear side of Virgie Hinman's trailer. This is the person who was at the commission hearing at the last meeting and lives closest to her business (app. 2 blocks away). Katherine had one of her staff make the dogs bark as loud as she could and she could not hear them. And she could hear them in her phone earpiece, so she knew they were barking.

Katherine did place a phone call to Mr. Roberts. In questioning him about why these people thought she was expanding and/or building a new kennel right next to the property line, he said and she quotes "I thought that you were." When she explained that she was not building ANYTHING, he replied "Oh, well I should tell these people ." She e-mailed him her report and asked him to read it; then get back to her so he could right this wrong information. She has not heard from him. Oh, and she did ask him how the noise level has been in the last month, day or night, and he said "Really good!" No complaints.

And while we are on the subject of night time barking, not one of these letters mentions this issue. The person who did was Mr. Roberts and he is now fine and has no complaints. So we are confused as to why you mention it in your report.

Quoting Katherine, here is a list of comments from the residents, their comments are important to put their letters in to proper context:

Kim Alaire #320 Don't have a problem with existing business, never hear the dogs

Crystal Solano #301 (right across the street from Virgie) Does not hear the dogs and is fine with the business being there

She asked me "why would John Roberts tell us you were building a kennel so close to us if it was not true?"

Lee and Fran Sigler #332 Don't have a problem with barking dogs right now, want peace and quiet to

continue

Duane Sheldon Is OK with what is, does not want a new kennel closer to his home

Georganne Roselles and Elenor Edelman #333 Are against an expansion of a kennel. Can hear neighbors dogs barking during the day (and yes, these dogs were outside and barking while I was walking by to do my survey and they are too far away to hear my dogs)

The last 2 people were not home but again, too far away to hear my dogs

Duane and Kathy Grosz #287 5 blocks away

Linda Schilling #365 4 blocks away

Dick and Rosalie Riggert do not live in the park and they are 5 to 6 blocks away.

To avoid misunderstanding by the commissioners, please provide them a copy of this information so that they understand there is no barking noise problem and there really is no neighbor opposition to her existing kennel.

Finally, there is no need for a sprinkler system because if anyone is present at night they are not sleeping it is night shift work to help take care of a dog that is ill. The business is not used as residence. The bed from the office area will be removed and the office made more formal, thus no need for the fire sprinkler.

Thank you,

George

New Text

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Subject: please submit to commissioners in anticipation of hearing so that they understand the dog barking is not from Katherine's business, thank you.

Jackie Dittman #311 (next door to Virgie) Does not hear any barking coming from [kennel](#) (does hear barking from dogs on her block, like Tina's dogs) Does not have a problem with [Katherine's](#) business being there

Cheryl #305 Does not hear [kennel](#) dogs and does not have a problem with [Katherine's](#) business

Todd #306 Does not hear [kennel](#) dogs and has no problem with [her](#) business