ANIMAL CONTROL APPEAL BOARD MINUTES - FINAL NOVEMBER 30, 2010

A special meeting of the Animal Control Appeal Board was held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 in Conference Room C of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Chairperson Jayne Saeger called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jayne Saeger, Chairperson
Al Petrulis, Vice-Chairperson
Patrick Carolan, Secretary
V. James Viola

ALSO PRESENT: Sergeant John Schaufler
PSA Stephen Vaillancourt
Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney
Pat Gladysz

Resolution to Approve Minutes of September 1, 2010 Meeting

Resolution #AC2010-11-007
Moved by Viola
Seconded by Carolan

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the September 1, 2010 meeting of the Animal Control Appeal Board be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 4
No: 0
Absent: None

Agenda Items

1. Mahboob Ahmed, residing at 1135 Congress Drive, appeals the decision of the animal control officer rejecting the permit for 10-15 pigeons on his property.

The petitioner was not present to answer questions regarding this Agenda item when the meeting was called to order. The Committee discussed the item and came to the conclusion that the decision of the animal control officer should be upheld.

Resolution #AC2010-11-008
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Viola

RESOLVED, That the appeal of the decision of the animal control officer denying the permit for 10-15 pigeons at 1135 Congress be **DENIED**.

Yes: 4
No: 0
Absent: None

Due to an error in the meeting time in the notices sent to the petitioner and neighbors, individuals arrived for the meeting after the vote was taken. Assistant City Attorney Lancaster advised the Board that they could vote to reconsider the Agenda item and allow the petitioner and neighbors an opportunity to speak.

Resolution #AC2010-11-009
Moved by Viola
Seconded by Carolan

RESOLVED, That the Animal Control Appeal Board hereby **RECESS** the meeting until 7:30 p.m. to RECONSIDER Resolution #AC2010-11-008.

Yes: 4
No: 0
Absent: None

Meeting recessed: 7:15 p.m.
Meeting reconvened: 7:30 p.m.

Mahboob Ahmed and three family members were present to answer questions from the Committee.

Mr. Ahmed explained to the Committee that he received the necessary approval from the Cherryhurst Subdivision Homeowners' Association and permits from the City of Troy Building Department to construct the pigeon loft on the property. They request approval to house 10-15 Iranian high flyer pigeons in the loft.

Neighbors addressed the Committee in support of the pigeons.

Mark Morden	1111 Congress
Phil Brown	1207 Congress

One letter was received in support of the pigeons.

Ahsan Kabir	1123 Congress

One neighbor addressed the Committee with concerns, but stated he was neither in support of nor in opposition to the pigeons.

Frank Wong	1147 Congress

One neighbor addressed the Committee in opposition to the pigeons.

Nancy Savickas 1164 Congress

Two emails were received in opposition to the pigeons.

Carlos Pinotti 1159 Congress
Anonymous

One telephone call was received in opposition to the pigeons.

Marie Zorn 6202 Senate

At the conclusion of the public discussion, Committee members discussed the appeal and asked questions to the petitioner for clarification.

Resolution #AC2010-11-010
Moved by Petrulis
Seconded by Viola

RESOLVED, That the appeal of the decision of the animal control officer denying the permit for 10-15 pigeons at 1135 Congress be **DENIED**.

Yes: 4
No: 0
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jayne Saeger

Jayne Saeger, Chairperson

Patricia A. Gladysz

Patricia A. Gladysz, Secretary II

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