



## Village Planning Committee Meeting Summary

### Z-SP-5-99-7(8) (PHO-1-19)

<b>Date of VPC Meeting</b>	June 11, 2019
<b>Request</b>	Request to modify stipulation numbers 1, 9, 19.a, 19.b, 19.c, 19.e and 19.f. Request to delete stipulation numbers 19.d and 19.j. Request for technical corrections to Stipulation Nos. 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 18, and 19.h.
<b>Location</b>	Southwest corner of 15th Avenue and Dobbins Road.
<b>VPC Recommendation</b>	Approval as requested
<b>VPC Vote</b>	14-1 (Larios dissenting)

#### **VPC DISCUSSION:**

**Ms. Elyse DiMartino** provided an overview of the original rezoning approval. She displayed an aerial map, zoning map, previously approved site plan, and proposed site plan.

**Ms. Manjula Vaz, representative with Gammage and Burnham**, provided background regarding the Arizona Humane Society and their efforts. She discussed the community programs, services, partnerships, outreach, and education that AZHS provides on-site and in the South Mountain community. Ms. Vaz gave a detailed overview of the request, noting the stipulation modifications and the rationale. Ms. Vaz

**Ms. Sarah Christopherson** noted that she would like to see an increase in equestrian programs and your programs. She asked if the “Animal Cops” show would be coming back to television. **Dr. Hansen** explained that they were hoping to get the show back on television.

**Ms. Patti Trites** asked if the additional kennels and new sound wall would affect the drainage. **Dr. Hansen** stated that all water flow is on the east side of the property and would not be affected by the new kennels and sound wall. Ms. Trites suggested they reach out to Flood Control because there is activity planned in front of the development.

**Mr. Shelly Smith** asked how many parking spaces were on-site and if overflow parking is located on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. **Dr. Hansen** stated there were 142 spaces on-site which

accommodates daily parking and parking during events as well. He explained that there isn't typically overflow parking as there are "no parking" signs along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Mr. Joseph Larios** asked how AZHS was partnering with South Mountain Village. **Ms. Vaz** stated that AZHS works with the community by hosting educational programs and events. **Ms. Kelsey Patton** explained that AZHS does a lot of outreach in the village and classroom programs and are open to working with as many people as possible.

**Mr. Larios** asked the applicants to understand the driving issues and challenges of villages. **Ms. Patton** thanked him for the excellent feedback.

**Mr. Matthew Aguilar** asked, regarding stipulation 19d, how many children is the applicant proposing be allowed to visit the Equestrian Center. **Ms. Patton** explained that they do not want to have a maximum number. She further explained that they are proposing a camp with Horses Help, other day camps, and want to allow class field trips and other activities where the ultimate number of children would be difficult to determine.

**Mr. Brennan** stated he would like to see more equestrian programs and camps available to South Mountain residents and families.

**Ms. Muriel Smith** stated she was pleased that the Humane Society has always been a great resource and partner to the community. **Ms. Vaz** stated that the Humane Society wants to continue to be a great community partner by expanding their resources and programs.

**Dr. George Brooks** asked for the number of people who attended the neighborhood meeting and what the results were. **Ms. Vaz** stated there were four persons in attendance. **Dr. Hansen** explained that Lennar Homes, a couple of neighbors, and someone who had been in opposition to the original rezoning case attended the meeting. He further explained that the attendees had questions and were excited for the expansion.

**Dr. Brooks** explained that he had concerns regarding the lack input from the community. **Mr. Rob Lane** explained that they did additional outreach to District 7 and District 8 offices and reached out to residents and groups that the Councilpersons had suggested.

**Mr. Gene Holmerud** asked if there had been any pushback regarding vaccinations on site. **Dr. Hansen** stated that they give free vaccinations on site and have not had any from anti-vaccination groups.

**Mr. Larios** expressed that he had similar concerns to Dr. Brooks regarding lack of outreach. He asked if the applicant would consider continuing their case to do additional outreach. **Ms. Vaz** explained that they will continue to work with the community and partner with the Committee to discuss further; however, their preference would be not to continue the case.

**Ms. Trites** stated that her homeowner's association had partnered with the Humane Society on multiple occasions for fundraisers.

**MOTION**

**Ms. Kay Shepard** made a motion to approve as requested. **Mr. Gene Holmerud** seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

**14-1** Motion to recommend approval as requested passed; with members Brooks, Busching, Aguilar, Brennan, Christopherson, Daniels, Glueck, Holmerud, Kotake, Shepard, M. Smith, S. Smith, Trites, and Tunning in favor. Larios dissenting.

**DISCUSSION**

**Ms. Marcia Busching** stated that she visited the facility and was impressed by the friendly staff and the lack of noise.

**STAFF COMMENTS REGARDING VPC RECOMMENDATION & STIPULATIONS:**

No Comments