

Planning Commission Minutes
7/12/2011

Special Use Review – Snow’s Angles Dog Rescue

Tony Petersen introduced Amy Stein, applicant. Stein gave an overview of the proposed dog rescue emphasizing the following points:

- The proposed site is a 17.7-acre vacant parcel on Smith Hill Road owned by the applicant and intended to be her and her husband’s main residence.
- The kennel would house up to 16 dogs in a cinder block building surrounded by a secure fence.
- Dogs would have limited access to an outdoor fenced area.
- Dog rescue and placement, foster programs and community outreach would be the main focus of activity

Stein stated that operations would not begin before 2017 after her retirement. Discussion ensued.

In the staff report, Petersen recommended approval with 15 conditions. Petersen was questioned on 4 of those conditions including recommended hours of operation, County approval of a dog evacuation plan in case of fire, a recommended prohibition of pit bulls, and mandatory noise limits.

Petersen stated that although the County would approve a dog evacuation plan, input from GCART would likely be sought. Petersen also stated that statistics documenting the grossly disproportionate frequency of pit bull attacks was the impetus for his recommended prohibition.

After much discussion, the consensus of the planning commission was to recommend all breeds be accepted at the proposed rescue and to lower the acceptable maximum noise limit to 45dB at all property lines. No other changes to staff’s recommendations were advised.

It was agreed that this proposal could advance to a public hearing at the applicant’s convenience.