Section 204(G)
Special Animal Keeping – Committee

Start: 9:00 am

Attending: Travis Lasseter, Starla Volk, Jim Coleman, Carol Gulbransen, Mikal Lewis, Susan Sanders, Royce King, Tina Mulally, Frank DiCesare, Heather Blair, P.J. Conover, Cassie Bolstad, Angela Shute, and Mike King

1. Welcome
   -Chair Lasseter Welcomed the Committee Members and opened the meeting
   a. Sign-in Sheet

2. Introductions
   -Jim Coleman introduced himself to the remaining committee members, all remaining members stated name and area of the county they are from to give Jim some background.

3. Planning Department Staff
   a. Updates
      -Clarification requested on Ordinance 4, which is controlled by animal control. 204G is planning department guideline on large animals. P.J. stated it is up to the committee to decide how far to take the ordinance. Tina stated that we should refer to the Ordinance 4 so we do not interfere or to avoid any conflicts with same. Question was presented by Travis what is the process if we need to change Ordinance 4, P.J. advised this would be an entirely different situation and recommended that we focus on 204G

4. Officer Reports
   P.J. spoke to officers regarding reporting
   a. Chairperson- Nothing
   b. Vice Chairperson-Nothing
   c. Secretary – 1- Word Template of agenda being sent to both secretary’s will need to input minutes and send to officers to review. Once approved by the officers it will be sent to P.J. to post on the website.
   d. Secretary – 2-same steps as above if Heather Blair cannot attend
5. Committee Member Presentations – 3 Minutes

**Starla Volk**- provided a handout of concerns, clarification presented of types of housing areas. According to the county (Suburban Residential, Urban Residential, Residential Estates or Hobby Farms.) Problem 1. Not enough grazing on a ½ acre lot for a cow. Problem 2. Planned communities with the homes on 1 acre or less should not be allowed any type of animal except dogs and cats and other indoor pets. Problem 3. Property values concern as visible coops decrease property value, and some planned divisions are currently being taxed higher. Problem 4. Predators being drawn to the area because of the influx of non-domestic animals in the area. Problem 5. Fire danger due to extension cords being used to heat water, Problem increased with little snow to protect the ground from fire. Problem 6. Planned Residential Communities, with covenants should not have to fight to enforce their rules, against the county. Problem 7 Planned residential communities have water holding tanks underground close to the surface. Putting animals close to these water may cause contamination of water.

**Tina Mulally**- Concerns planned covenants/subdivisions, careful not to group all situations and limiting everyone.

**Carol Gulbransen**- limit laws to take away rights, if you do not like the country life don’t live in the country. Let people in the country be free.

**Frank DiCesare**- Minimum regulations to address the problems, if no complaints don’t address. would like a copy of the complaints. Seconded by Carol asking for this to know how to move forward. (discussion on documentation of complaints and how far back to go, P.J. suggested 5 years of redacted complaints. Tina Mulally made a motion to obtain copies of 5 years of redacted complaints, by number so we know if it is one person complaining or multiple complaining, about special animal keeping issues with zoning information if possible. Second by Carol Gulbransen. voted with all in favor, motion passed.

**Susan Sanders**- provided handout. GOAL: Solve current and prevent future problems and conflict between neighbors involving animals. WHAT: Type of animals (domestic/pets, livestock) and number of animals. WHERE: Property Zoning. WHY: Smell, noise, human health issues (water, flies, disease, allergies), animal welfare. HOW: How will the ordinance be enforced? What are the consequence of violation and effects on the Planning and Zoning department.

**Royce King**- Being respectful of neighbors

6. Public Comment (10-minutes)

-No public in attendance so no comments
7. Future Meeting(s) – Review and Approval

Next meeting topic: Discussion of review of other ordinances dealing with special animal keeping. County legal selected 3 ordinance from the west coast area. Angela Shute spoke regarding the selections that they selected and why. Two are city ordinances and one was a county. Copies were handed out. Frank DiCesare offered to research counties in SD and bring his findings to the meeting next week.

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April 16, 2018 – 9am
May 07, 2018 – 2pm
May 21, 2018 – 9am
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Frank made a motion to change the time of the afternoon meetings on Feb 19 and May 7 to 4 pm instead of the 2 pm slot. Seconded by Tina motion passed with one decline.

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8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:01 am

Minutes Prepared by Heather Blair.