

On May 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., Chair Saeger called the Animal Control Appeal Board meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Neharunnessa Abdullah  
Tina Catron  
Al Petrulis  
Jayne Saeger

Also Present:

Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist  
Nicole MacMillan, Assistant City Attorney

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- No changes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Petrulis  
SECOND by Catron

RESOLVED, to approve the March 22, 2023 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. PROCEDURE: Read by Vice Chair Petrulis

5. HEARING OF CASES:

- A. 2069 W WATTLES, HONGQI ZIN - In order to keep up to 10 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least 3/4 of an acre in area. The property is approximately .35 acres in area.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the case. Applicant presented his case. Board asked questions of the applicant. Applicant indicates he will likely have only 6 chickens.

Chair Saeger opened public comment. 1 speaker in favor, 1 opposed. Member Petrulis summarized written comments: 1 in favor, 14 opposed.

Chair Saeger closed public comment

Board member discussion.

Petrulis: Noted that property is significantly less than .75 acres, up to 10 chickens a large amount for actual property size, and there is significant opposition.

MOTION by Petrulis  
SECOND by Catron

RESOLVED to deny applicant's request.

Catron: agrees with Mr. Petrulis' comments

Yes: All

MOTION APPROVED

- B. 301 BELHAVEN, GABRIEL & TEODORA MOSUTAN - In order to keep up to 6 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least 3/4 of an acre in area. The property is approximately .64 acre in area. This request is different than the one heard by the Animal Control Appeals Board in March 2023.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the case. Applicants indicated rear privacy fence to be immediately constructed, sides to be completed no later than May 2024. Board asked questions of the applicant.

Chair Saeger opened public comment, 2 speakers in favor. No written comments.

Chair Saeger closed public comment.

Board member discussion.

MOTION BY CATRON:

RESOLVED, to grant the request. Applicant has done due diligence, property area close to minimum required, number of chickens is appropriate, measures taken to address health and safety, no neighbor opposition.

Petrulis: sees no compelling reason to grant, 6 chickens are excessive, he is not in favor.

Chair Saeger asked for a second to the motion. None offered.

MOTION FAILS

MOTION by Petrulis  
SECOND by Saeger

RESOLVED, to deny the request

Saeger: does not see compelling reasons and agrees with Mr. Petrulis' comments. The .75 acre minimum size requirement is necessary for neighborhood protection.

Yes: Abdullah, Petrulis, Saeger  
No: Catron

MOTION APPROVED

- C. 963 BANMOOR, SAADAT FAIZ - In order to keep up to 8 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least 3/4 of an acre in area. The property is approximately .42 acres in area.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the case. Applicant presented his case. They have spoken to two adjacent neighbors who support their request. Board asked questions of the applicant.

Chair Saeger opened public comment, 1 speaker in favor. 5 written comments opposed.

Chair Saeger closed public comment.

Board member discussion.

Petrulis: concerned with property size, substantial neighbor opposition. Feels that when people move to a densely populate area like this one, they do not expect to see farm animals. Applicant's proposal will likely attract rodents, including rats.

Abdullah: Agrees that in this instance, the .75 acre requirement needs to be respected.

MOTION by Catron  
SECOND by Abdullah

RESOLVED to deny the motion, based on Board member comments.

Yes: All

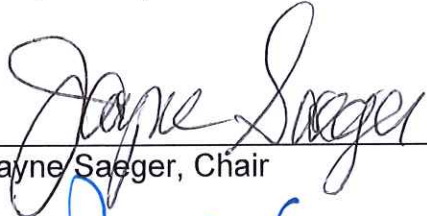
MOTION APPROVED

6. OTHER BUSINESS- Mr. Evans informed the Board that member training, similar to that recently provided to members Catron and Abdullah, could be conducted for the entire Board at a future meeting. Board agreed that training should be scheduled for the July 2023 scheduled meeting. Staff will include this as an agenda item whether or not there is other business.

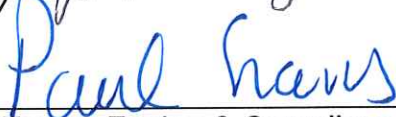
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Saeger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jayne Saeger, Chair



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Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist