

## **PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD/LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MINUTES**

The Brevard County Planning & Zoning Board met in regular session on **Monday, July 18, 2022**, at **3:00 p.m.**, in the Florida Room, Building C, Brevard County Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board members present were: Board members present were: Henry Minneboo (D1); Ron Bartcher (D1); Brian Hodgers (D2); Robert Sullivan (D2); Ben Glover (D3); Mark Wadsworth, Chair (D4); Liz Alward (D4); Bruce Moia (D5); Peter Filiberto (D5); and John Hopengarten (BPS).

Staff members present were: Jeffrey Ball, Planning and Zoning Manager; Jane Hart, Planner III; Alex Esseeesse, Assistant County Attorney; and Tonya Parker, Administrative Secretary.

### **Excerpt of Complete Agenda**

#### **Daniel P. and Amber N. Allen**

A CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for Farm Animals and Fowl (2 pot-bellied pigs) for Medical Hardship, in a RR-1 (Rural Residential) zoning classification. The property is 1.03 acres, located on the west side of Wagon Rd., approx. 360 ft. north of Ranchwood Dr. (2625 Wagon Rd., Cocoa) (22Z00017) (Tax Account 2405506) (District 1)

Amber Allen, 2625 Wagon Road, Cocoa, stated the request for the Conditional Use Permit is for two miniature pot-bellied pigs, which are emotional support animals for herself and her husband. She stated they have had the pigs for three years, the pigs live inside the house 75% of the time, and they go outside to a fenced yard through a dog door. She said they are fed a 100% vegetarian diet, so their waste does not smell. The waste is thrown away, but it can also be used for compost.

Public comment:

Hanna Clough, 2574 Trotters Trail, Cocoa, stated one-half acre of property is required in Brevard County in order to have one horse, and the Allen's pigs have over one acre. She said she is familiar with the pigs and her children spend a lot of time with the pigs, petting them and feeding them by hand. She asked to board to approve the conditional use permit. She noted she lives within 500 feet of the property and did not receive notification of the request, but people who live farther than 500 feet did receive a notice.

John Hopengarten asked the breed of the pigs. Ms. Allen replied they are a mixed breed of Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs.

Mr. Hopengarten asked how long Ms. Allen has lived on the property. Ms. Allen replied four years.

Mr. Hopengarten asked where Ms. Allen got the pigs. Ms. Allen replied they got them from a farm in Apopka that raises them.

Mr. Hopengarten stated certificates were submitted with the documentation, along with a statement that Ms. Allen has a medical need. Ms. Allen replied yes, both herself and her husband have medical needs.

Mark Wadsworth clarified the board is to consider the request for the conditional use permit only.

Liz Alward stated the CUP expires after five years or the sale of the property, and noted they have met the medical support required for the CUP.

Motion by Liz Alward, seconded by Bruce Moia, to recommend approval of a CUP for Farm Animals and Fowl (2 pot-bellied pigs) for Medical Hardship, in a RR-1 zoning classification. The motion passed 9:1, with Mr. Hopengarten voting nay.