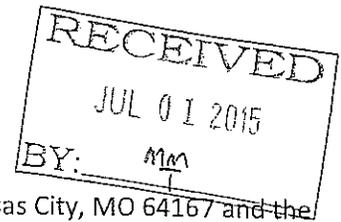


Attachment E - Information Leading Up To PZC

Matt Tapp
c/o Clay County Planning & Zoning Department
234 W. Shrader Suite C
Liberty MO, 64068



To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Jennifer Kasserman who resides at 7815 Houser St., Kansas City, MO 64167 and the animals on this property. I understand Clay County enacted the Large Carnivore Act with general information about Exotic Animal Ownership and hope to share some of my experience with her animals, property and programming.

Education: Animal education provided by Ms. Kasserman promotes compassion for ALL creatures, animal equality and helps us all become more aware of our environment and co-existence. Animals are kept as pets in classrooms, used in biology and psychology classes, graduate training courses and science fair projects. Ms. Kasserman is able to bring a live, humanely cared for, diverse population of small feline's and other small exotic animals to the classroom, a unique opportunity for many in our community. Animals and humans have shared a powerful bond, a source of relief for those that suffer from all types of pain, anxiety and even depression. Animals have shown to help children who experienced abuse and neglect and help people struggling to cope with a variety of issues. Animals bring calmness to our environment and help people connect and heal.

During presentations, students connect with Ms. Kasserman and the animals. Children and adults alike have the opportunity to learn in depth knowledge about them, ask questions, learn about their personalities and even pet/hold a particular animal(s). Watching this experience has changed my every day life.

Safety, care and security: I have spent a lot of time on the property with Ms. Kasserman and the animals. I personally feel safe around the animals and the process in which she cares for them. She promotes a high quality habitat while keeping the animals in an enclosed structure. Each animal has adequate space, ample food supply and an abundance of stimuli. I've watched Ms. Kasserman continuously walk in and out of a structure, without any incidence of an animal attempting to escape and utilizes appropriate procedures to keep the animals safe. Proper protective measures are in place to keep the animals safe and discourage curious community members from trying to get into the enclosures without a caregiver present. I have minimal knowledge of these animals, but now I understand their behaviors and not once felt my safety was compromised.

Ms. Kasserman asked me to write a letter on her behalf to share my personal experiences on her property. Over the years, I've come to have a deeper understanding, and through her passion for education and animals, she has created a humane educational program that teaches kindness toward other people, animals and the environment. I hope anyone who express's concerns over such matters become more educated and keep a program as such available in our community.

I am available to chat further by phone if deemed necessary. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandy Harrington".

Brandy Harrington
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Matt Tapp
c/o Clay County Planning & Zoning Department
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Jennifer Kasserman who resides at 7815 Houser St., Kansas City, MO 64167. I have known Jennifer for many years and spent a lot of time on her property and around her animals.

Knowing Jennifer has allowed me to interact with some animals that I would never have even had a chance to be around otherwise. I have been able to form a relationship with Sookie, a Canadian Lynx that has been absolutely amazing. I am very grateful for the time I get to spend on Jennifer's property. My life has been enriched by being able to spend time with Jennifer's animals.

Jennifer loves her animals and loves being able to educate others about them through her programs. Having attended several of Jennifer's programs I have seen the joy that she and her animals bring to children and adults alike. People get to learn about the animals and see them close up during these programs. It is a great way for people to gain understanding about the different animals Jennifer exhibits. Learning about animals when you go to the zoo is just reading information on a plaque and looking through cages and glass, Jennifer's programs provide not only knowledge about the species but she is also able to provide first hand experiences she has had with each animal which allows the audience an even better understanding of the animals. It is my hope that she will be able to continue doing these educational programs.

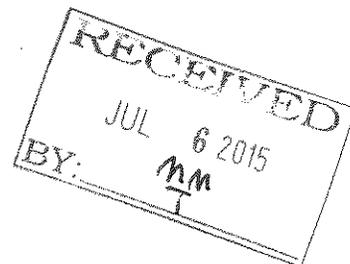
In all the time I have spent on Jennifer's property I have never once felt unsafe. All the animals are in enclosures that meet USDA requirements. The animal's enclosures are kept clean and the animals are well cared for. There is a perimeter fence around the animal enclosures and the perimeter gate is always locked. I feel safe knowing that Jennifer has taken all the necessary measures to keep the public and her animals safe.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 2015

Matt Tapp, AICP, MBA
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Dear Mr. Tapp and the Planning and Zoning Department

I know Jennifer Kasserman through her mother, Sondra Kasserman. I have personally been to Jennifer's house to see her animals. The interior of her house is clean and well maintained, as is her property, and in particular, the areas housing her animals. Jennifer takes extreme care of her animals; they are treated as though they are her 'babies'. The outside area where the animals are housed is well secured (double enclosure), offering protection to her animals and the families and their pets/animals living within her community. I asked why the enclosures were built the way they looked and learned that the enclosures were built to meet or exceed USDA Requirements in order for USDA to approve and license her to raise these animals.

I am aware that one particular zoo within the state of Ohio has on more than one occasion obtained some of Jennifer's animals through her breeding program. She worked with the zoo to meet their requirements in order for the zoo to be able to obtain the animals. She continues to educate herself through classes on the care and behavioral patterns of the animals she raises to ensure they are healthy.

Jennifer works through the Mid-Continent Public Library to provide educational programs to adults and children with her animals. Not only does the public learn about the animals, but is able to see the animals that most of the general public only hear/read about, unless they visit a zoo that exhibits these animals. I know I was in awe to see these animals *close up*. Jennifer has also provided animals to the renowned Jack Hanna to appear on the television shows of both David Letterman and Rachel Rae.

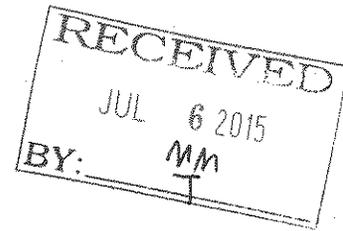
Please take into consideration the length of time Jennifer has lived in her home with her animals and the fact there has never been an incident that endangered her neighbors, their pets, herself or her animals.

Respectfully,

CAROL A. BEAN

July 2, 2015

Matt Tapp, AICP, MBA
Director: Clay County Planning and Zoning Department
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Liberty, MO 64068



Dear Mr. Tapp and the Planning and Zoning Department

I have been to Jennifer Kasserman's house and witnessed the care she gives to her animals. To see her animals up close and see how well they are taken care of will always remain as a great experience for me. Her house was clean. The area in the rear yard of her property where the animals are kept was both clean and maintained well. I saw firsthand how she took care of a newborn serval; bottle feeding and keeping it both warm and secure within a soft-sided carrier with blankets. At the time, the serval was being kept inside her home and fed every few hours as required. While outside, I noticed how secure the living area was for her animals.

I know that Jennifer uses her animals to educate both children and adults through a program with the Mid-Continent Public Library. The children and adults are able to learn about these animals as well as view them up-close; something that they normally would not be able to do even when visiting a zoo. What an experience for them!

Some of Jennifer's baby animals have been obtained by a zoo at different times. This is only a reality of Jennifer's breeding program. It should also be mentioned that Jack Hanna, renowned for his love of educating people of the animals living within the countries of our world, has brought some of Jennifer's animals to television shows such as Rachel Rae and David Letterman. It would be a shame if Jennifer was no longer able to provide animals to zoos or someone like Jack Hanna who had dedicated his life to teaching the public about all animals.

I seriously hope that Jennifer is approved for a Conditional Use Permit so she can continue to live in her home and continue to raise the animals she so loves.

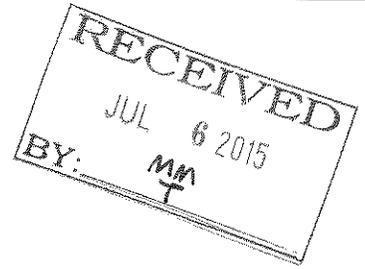
Respectfully,



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Viviano, Debbie

From: Kaalin <obeysumo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 1:59 PM
To: fordcooper@msn.com; Exchange Planning and Zoning
Cc: Jennifer Kasserman
Subject: To whom it may concern about Jennifer Kasserman



To whom it may concern.

My name is Scott Hopkins and I am a Clay County resident. I have known Jennifer Kasserman for many years now. She has worked hard to provide education, and a very special service to the community of Kansas City through Exotics R Us. The animals that she brings to these shows are such a treat for the children of Kansas City, my own daughters included.

It has come to my attention that there is the possibility of this being closed down as she would be forced to remove the animals from her land. This saddens me greatly. I have visited her house multiple times to come see these animals. She has multiple security measures to ensure that non of these animals escape into the wild. They are all treated well, and have ample space to live in. They are probably some of the best cared for animals I have ever seen.

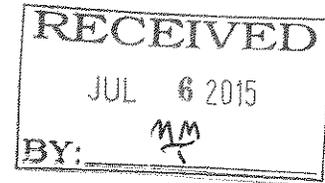
The swift foxes and the fennec fox that she owns are specifically near and dear to my family's hearts. They are some of the most friendly animals I have ever been in contact with. My two daughters, 10 and 12 have fallen hopelessly in love with them, and beg me to take them to see all of the foxes. It would be heart breaking to them to lose that incredibly special ability.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

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Clay County Planning and Zoning
Mark Beggs, Chairman
County Administration Building - Courthouse Sq.
Liberty, MO
64068



July 6, 2015

To: Mark Beggs, Chairman,

I am writing a letter of support for the "Exotics R Us" – Jennifer Kassemann – Case No. July 15-130CUP.

As a retired employee of University of Missouri Extension – 4-H Youth Specialist for 38 years – we intentionally design successful youth development programs around the eight "Essential Elements". By intentionally focusing on these elements, youth benefit from participating in hands-on, experiential activities and events, feeling nurtured in a safe environment, mastering new skills and abilities, and knowing that they are contributing to their environment and communities in a positive way.

On June 9, 2015 over 125 4-H members and 4-H volunteers attended 4-H camp on the Warrensburg Fair Grounds. These members and leaders came from 6 different counties (Clay County being one). One of the educational programs that were presented at camp was "Exotics R Us". The 4-H campers absolutely loved their program presented twice so the members could see and touch the animals. Jennifer Kassemann did an outstanding job providing education facts about each of the animals that were shown – their habitat, where they are from, diet and their status in the wild. The wide variety of animal included a: fox, tortoise, monkey – Bleu, armadillo, chinchilla and a baby wallaby. The 4-H members asked millions of questions about each of the animals. Our group received the honor of naming the baby wallaby – Dominic! Jennifer and her assistant Crystal spent more time with the group over lunch. Dominic and Bleu even ate lunch with the group!

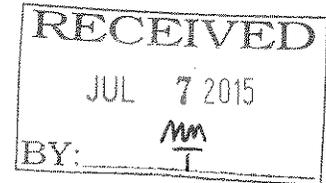
Looking at the Essential Elements creating a positive environment "Exotic R Us" program provided hands-on, feeling nurtured in a safe environment, mastering new skills and learning how they could contribute to their community in a positive way were skills that were met. As an educator it is difficult to find an outstanding program such as "Exotics R Us" with these components.

I certainly support Jennifer Kassemann and "Exotics R Us" to continue this educational journey for our youth and adults! This opportunity is right here in Clay County and should be nurtured and maintained! Please do not let this be taken away!

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Elkins Mense
Retired 4-H Youth Specialist
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John L. Kasserman
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July 6, 2015

Matt Tapp, AICP, MBA
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Dear Mr. Tapp and the Planning and Zoning Department

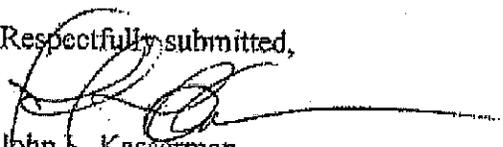
I am the father of Jennifer Kasserman. I grew up at Lake Waukomis during the 50's and 60's. I was exposed to a lot of wildlife. I had a healthy respect for all animals, something I instilled in my daughter. My parents and I had skunks, rabbits, dogs, a Wallaby, a parrot, and our raccoon, Roscoe for 16 years.

Jennifer has been exposed to animals since she was 2 years old. She has always been a very active participant in the feeding and care of our animals. She was deeply involved in the breeding and birthing of kittens. Her tenacity in taking care of these animals was amazing. As she reached adulthood, I was impressed with her perseverance in obtaining and caring for her first Serval Kitten. She did hours of research and networking with other owners of these cats. After deciding that she wanted to be much more involved she became affiliated with local owners and several national groups.

One of those groups, Feline Conservation Federation, is a group that I also belong to. I am certified in Wild/Exotic Husbandry. The primary tenet of this and other organizations is "Safety of the Public". Jennifer has gone above and beyond minimum standards as required by several organizations and the U.S.D.A. to see that this remains number one.

It is my hope that you will be encouraged to help her succeed in her endeavors, by allowing the special use permit.

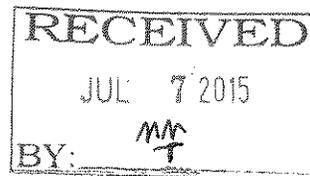
Respectfully submitted,



John L. Kasserman

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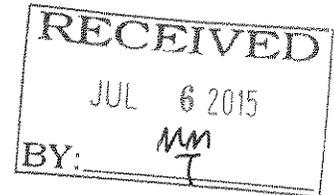


From: John L. Kasserman

In Re: Jennifer L. Kasserman

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July 2, 2015

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Director: Clay County Planning and Zoning Department
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Liberty, MO 64068

Dear Mr. Tapp and the Planning and Zoning Department

As the mother of Jennifer Kasserman I am extremely proud and supportive of my daughter and love all my "grand critters". The animals that she has are all her children. Her home and property is well maintained, everything is keep clean, and all the animals are well fed and loved. The animals are all secured whether they are inside the house or outside. None of her animals are dangerous and there is no danger from these small felines.

Jack Hanna has taken her animals and they have appeared on the David Letterman Show and Rachel Rae. She works with the Mid-Continent Public Library to put on shows for adults and children. These shows are very educational and the children and adults learn a lot and see animals they normally would not get to see up close. The shows are always filled to capacity.

Jennifer's breeding program is helping to bring back these small felines whose numbers are continually falling. She takes classes to learn more about the animals and to educate herself on the care and the behavior of her animals.

When Jennifer chose to make her home at this location, she installed fencing and housing that meets and/or exceeds the USDA Requirements for her animals. The USDA has approved and licensed her for these animals. I encourage you to allow her to continue her work at the home she has made for herself and them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sondra A. Kasserman".

Sondra A. Kasserman

Viviano, Debbie

From: Tapp, Matthew
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 2:02 PM
To: Viviano, Debbie; Stokes, Angela
Subject: FW: letter concerning Conditional Use permit application by Jennifer Kasserman
Attachments: Letter to Clay County.pdf

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Matthew (Matt) M. Tapp, AICP, MBA

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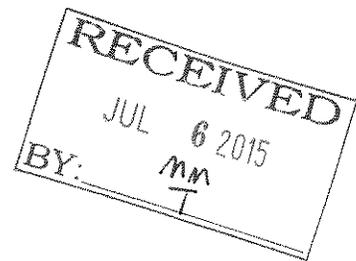
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From: Lynn Culver [<mailto:lynnculver@hughes.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Tapp, Matthew
Subject: letter concerning Conditional Use permit application by Jennifer Kasserman

Mr Tapp,

I am the Executive Director of the Feline Conservation Federation, a non-profit wild feline conservation society.

I understand that Clay County has been asked by Jennifer Kasserman to grant a Conditional Use Permit for her property. I have composed a letter outlining my knowledge of Jennifer and the value of the conservation and education she performs. Please read the attached letter and add it to your consideration of her permit application.

Thank you,

Lynn Culver

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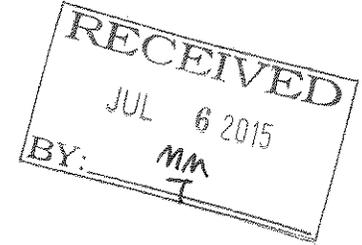
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July 2, 2015

Clay County
Planning & Zoning Department
Matt Tapp, AICP, MBA Director
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Liberty, Missouri 64068,



Dear Matt Tapp,

I am writing you on behalf of Jennifer Kasserman, an important member of the Feline Conservation Federation (FCF). FCF is an international 501 C 3 society dedicated to the preservation, protection, and propagation of exotic felines. The FCF supports conservation of wild felids by advocating for qualified individuals to pursue captive husbandry. FCF provides expertise and material support to ensure the continued welfare and viability of these populations. FCF contributes to research and funds protection programs that benefit felids living in nature. Jennifer is the FCF's membership chairperson. Jennifer donates a substantial amount of her time keeping the membership records current and new members properly welcomed and educated.

Jennifer is registered in the FCF Feline Handler database as an Intermediate Handler, having documented more than seven years' experience going back to 2008. Jennifer is licensed by the USDA to breed, sell, and exhibit wildlife. She has hand raised and conditioned exotic kittens for other USDA licensed wildlife educators, zoos, wildlife centers and licensed individuals. She operates Exotics R Us, a licensed outreach business that conducts wildlife conservation presentations for the youth, adult, and geriatric communities using tamed wildlife ambassadors.

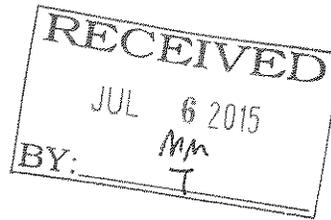
Jennifer is a graduate of the FCF Feline Husbandry Course and the FCF Wildlife Conservation Educators Course. She is a knowledgeable and responsible wildlife owner and breeder. She has contributed to genetic studies, and has volunteered to assist with the FCF's Wild Species Registry.

Captive populations of exotic felines are a necessary part of conservation and education. Jennifer Kasserman, like most FCF licensed breeders are playing an important role in providing captive habitat and contributing to genetic diversity so that felines can continue to be managed in captivity for the good of the animals and the species alike.

On a personal level, I have known Jennifer for many years, as we are both USDA licensed and keep similar feline species. I am familiar with her husbandry experience and can say with confidence that she meets USDA safety standards, and is qualified to own exotic felines, exhibit exotic felines and breed and sell these felines. Jennifer is a responsible business owner and wildlife educator. Her service to the surrounding communities is extremely valuable, especially in light of the looming extinction crisis. Many environmental problems can only be cured by public education that creates a connection to the wildlife at risk and the willingness to make changes to reverse environmental destruction. Outreach wildlife ambassadors, such as those born at Exotics R Us, are part of the answer.

Sincerely,

Lynn Culver
Executive Director
Feline Conservation Federation



July 2, 2015.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to address any concerns and questions regarding Jennifer Kasserman's home and the animals under her care. I am a friend that visits her home regularly and with my children as well. I have never been concerned about our safety while in her home or anywhere on her property. She is very nurturing with every animal under her care and has a vast knowledge of all of her animals.

I am also a Science teacher with the North Kansas City School District who utilizes Jennifer's animal friends to enrich my curriculum. This affects the entire 6th grade student population within the building since the units are planned at grade level.

My daughter and I have also helped with several demonstrations and shows that she has done with the Mid-Continent public libraries. My daughter (who is only 11) and I have both handled and helped care for the animals during the shows and their transportation. She is very particular about the care of her animals and their stress levels, at the beginning of every show she informs the audience that if at any time an animal shows any signs of stress she will not be showing them. The animals in her care come first and foremost over any audience. I have experienced animals never leaving the travel carrier to animals making a shorted appearance based on the animal's needs. Jennifer knows and understands all the animals that she cares for and would NEVER put them in any situation that would be harmful to them or anyone else.

The experience that she is able to provide to my students and the general population is priceless. This past school year she took the time to meet with me before the animals came to visit to make sure that the student needs were going to be met. One of the other Science teachers had a blind student in one of her hours and even an autistic student. She was able to plan and adjust the visit meeting the needs of all the student that were participating. Sarah, the blind student, was still talking about the experience at the end of the school year since Jennifer and I

planned she was able to bring animals that Sarah could interact with physically. I ran into Sarah and her sister after school was out for the summer and her description to her sister while we were talking was "It was way better than any zoo". That let me know that the lessons that I planned for my classroom can and does make a difference in my students lives with the help of having Jennifer as a wonderful resource. She has a love of animals and as a fellow educator the love of enriching the lives of others of all ages.

Her goal for education is very high. She works with several zoos across the nation and on numerous occasions her animals have had some very famous handle them with their goals focusing on educations as well. Some of the people that have interacted with the animals are Jack Hanna, Rachel Rae, and even the Letterman Show, all of which focused on education.

Her animals and love for education has impacted many lives across the United States and needs to be supported.

Sincerely,

Rachel Love

North Kansas City School District

Eastgate Middle School

6th grade Science