

PUBLIC HEARING – Sandy Pond Enterprises, LLC – 7/18/05

A. Introduction:

- LTS -
 - a. Lived in NC for 18+ years
 - b. Married to Steve for 23 years
 - c. Have 2 children
 - Jonathan @ NC State in Raleigh
 - Christine @ Lenoir Rhyne in Hickory
- MPP -

B. Proposal:

- We propose to build a full-service veterinary hospital with luxury boarding.
- Currently we are only planning “Phase A” which consists of a facility for the hospital, grooming, retail and day or overnight boarding for up to 30 pets
- Due to the limitation of useable soil present on the property for waste water management, **we will not build the “Phase B” kennel until a county sewer system is available.**

C. Needs in the Community:

- With the rapid growth of existing residential areas and recent approval of Briar Chapel, there will soon be a greater need in the community for another veterinary hospital and boarding facility.
- We have included a demographic study by Claritas, the same company used by the recently approved “Chatham Downs” retail area anchored by Harris Teeter.
- As seen in the analysis, it is evident that the rapid growth in the community will easily support 2 additional veterinarians without hindering business for the current veterinary hospitals.

- Having an additional hospital and boarding facility will provide a variety of services with more choices and selection for the residents of the community, contributing to the revenue for the county.

D. Concerns:

1. Noise is commonly the major concern of the community.

- Currently, we will **not** be building Phase B, so the focus will be only on Phase A, the hospital, grooming, retail and boarding facility.
- The hospital section of the building (reception, exam rooms, recovery and treatment areas) is not generally an area of much noise production.
- The area of concern is the boarding area.
- **NO animals will be left unattended outside the building, and NO animals will be housed outside overnight.**
- In order to protect the surrounding community from nuisance noise, as well as, allow the hospital business to proceed, the boarding facility will be constructed to insulate and absorb most of the sound generated from this area.
- This will be addressed by Will Marshburn with Bobbitt Design.

2. A second concern may be with odor.

- All animal excrement will be picked up 3 times daily, bagged tightly and deposited into a dumpster to be emptied weekly.
- The disposal of pet remains will include being stored in a large freezer and picked up weekly by a company for cremation.

E. Thanks:

- Thank you for your time and attention.
- We look forward to becoming members of the community and providing services to its growing needs.
- We will be available to answer questions after the meeting.