

CITY OF PORTAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

F I N A L A G E N D A

October 7, 2010

(7:00 p.m.)

Portage City Hall Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 16, 2010

SITE/FINAL PLANS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Special Land Use Permit: Wiggles, Waggles & Tails (dog day care), 8585 Portage Road

PLATS/RESIDENTIAL CONDOS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Valley Family Church-Kalamazoo, 2500 Vincent Drive
– Background information provided by church officials

NEW BUSINESS:

- * 1. Request that the Planning Commission initiate an Ordinance Amendment for the keeping of hens in residential zones from Mr. Fernando Costas
- 2. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Application: 7943 South 25th Street, Pavilion Township

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MATERIALS TRANSMITTED

Star (*) indicates printed material within the agenda packet.

From: Sue Dueweke <suzydue@sbcglobal.net>
To: <stephent@portagemi.gov>
Date: 10/4/2010 4:03 PM
Subject: October 5 City Council Meeting and October 7 Planning Commission Meeting

October 4, 2010

Portage Community Development Department
City of Portage
7900 South Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI 49002

To Whom it Concerns:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed ordinance amendment pertaining to the keeping of backyard chickens in the City of Portage. I am a resident living in the City of Portage, and feel the ordinance change is reasonable for a variety of reasons. I do not necessarily plan to raise laying hens myself at this time, but feel it is important for those who wish to take control of their food source to be able to own and care for laying hens providing they do so within the structure of a realistic ordinance. Mr. Costas has done much research in the matter and has worked to address concerns, and I feel has come up with a well thought out amendment which will allow for the keeping of chickens without creating a nuisance to other residents. With the local food movement a being a topic on many people's minds, I feel the City of Portage would do well to adopt a new progressive stance in regards to the keeping of chickens.

I am unable to attend the October 7th meeting of the Planning Commission, but would appreciate my comments being included in support of Mr. Costas' proposed ordinance amendment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dueweke
6910 Hickory Point Dr. W.
Portage, MI 49024

Tamara Stephens - Oct. 5 City Council Meeting

From: Dave Dueweke <fivedues@sbcglobal.net>
To: <stephent@portagemi.gov>
Date: 10/4/2010 9:13 AM
Subject: Oct. 5 City Council Meeting

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To Whom I May Concern:

I read with great interest the feature on backyard chickens in the Oct. 3 issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette. Although I do not intend to raise laying hens at my Portage residence, I have followed closely the ordinance amendment efforts by Mr. Costas. I am unable to attend the City Council meeting on Oct. 5th, but I am in full support of the amendment proposed by Mr. Costas. He has worked diligently to address all concerns and a properly crafted amendment will serve to enhance the City of Portage's progressive stance on the local food movement without creating nuisance to residents. Please note my support if there is an opportunity to do so at the council meeting relating to this issue.

Thank you,

David Dueweke
6910 Hickory Point Dr. W.
Portage, MI 49024