

CUP 2640
3440 Meadow Rd. Verona, WI
Four Paws Dog Daycare

October 13, 2024

A year and a half ago, the applicants applied for this CUP 2640. It was denied by the Town of Middleton town board 3 times and denied by the town's chair, Cynthia Richards 4 times.

At the town hearing on Oct 7, 2024, three ladies who are clients of the La Fleur Stables spoke in favor of the Dog Daycare facility. They do not live or reside in the neighborhood but they referred to the following issues that do NOT pertain to the CUP.

They stated the following emotional, feelings and opinions:

1. LaFleurs run excellent, clean stables. As a horse owner who lives in the neighborhood and is familiar with their stables, I do not dispute this fact. That is NOT the issue and is not one of the standards that must be met for approval of the CUP.
2. The ladies that spoke are concerned that if the family no longer operates a business to generate income, they will lose the family farm and the property will be sold and developed. This is NOT the issue. The planning commission initiated all development of farmland property to be developed for mid-high density residential neighborhoods in the 2010 Mid Town Neighborhood plan.
3. One lady referred to how beautiful the property is with horses and pastures. This is NOT the issue, and it is not a standard.

FACT: The owners of the property, Dan and Marlene LaFleur, are in their 80's. Neva, the daughter who "looks forward to retirement and vacation, something we as horse or cattle owners seldom enjoy" has in fact not been present at the critical hearings and mediation sessions.

Lena, the granddaughter, who is the designated manager of the proposed facility, lives in Mt. Horeb which is 30 minutes and 30 miles away is in her 20's and certainly lacks "life and business experience" to manage a facility of this size.

All three generations of the family have no experience or qualifications to operate a dog kennel of the size.

We were involved in a similar situation in another state (South Carolina) where we owned some property. The final decision was to recommend that the dog

facilities such as a dog kennel be operational in commercial facilities. We recommend that the facility be located in a more commercial park away from property owners.

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