

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
GARDEN CITY, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO

In the Matter of:)) Conditional Use Permit) Animal Care Facility) 4601 W. Chinden Blvd) Garden City, Ada County, Idaho) _____)	CUPFY2019-5 FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; AND DECISION
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THIS MATTER, came before the Garden City Planning And Zoning Commission for consideration on April 17, 2019. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the application and materials submitted. Based on the evidence presented, pursuant to Garden City Code Table 8-6A-1, the Planning and Zoning Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant is Teri Aslett and d’Andra Cahill of Pooch Professionals Idaho, LLC
2. The property owner of record is Bob Shoenhof.
3. The application is for the use “Animal Care Facility”.
4. The location of the project is 4601 W. Chinden Blvd. Ada County Parcel R2734510020; Par*0020 of Sec 31 4N 2E & of Lot 6, Block A, Fairview Acres Sub. No 2.
5. The subject property is .55 acres.
6. The project is located in the Garden City C-1 Highway Commercial Zoning District.
7. The project is located in the Mixed Use Commercial and Green Boulevard Corridor Garden City Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations.
8. The existing use on the site is: Service Provider
9. Current access to the site is from W. Chinden Blvd.
10. There are no sidewalks along the site.
11. The following sections of the Garden City Municipal Code apply to this proposal:

Standards	Compliant	Conclusions
GCC 8-7A Definitions of Uses	Yes	The definitions of uses that apply to this application are: Animal Care Facility
GCC 8-2B-2 Allowed Uses	Yes	The use “Animal Care Facility” requires a conditional use permit in the C-1 Zoning District.
8-2C-5 Animal Care Facility	Yes	The proposed use, when accounting for the elevation and proximity of residential uses, is compliant with this section. The interpretation of the 300’ buffer requirement is to the property line of the use site. The buffer is not measured by straight line distance, but takes into consideration the slope of the adjacent hill and elevation and proximity to residential structures.

Title 8 Chapter 4 Design and Development Regulations	Yes	Sidewalks and landscaping are required by Garden City Code and the Garden City Sidewalk Policy and are required by a condition of approval.
GCC 8-6B-2 Conditional Use	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use, as conditioned, is appropriate to the location, the lot, and the neighborhood. 2. The use, as conditioned, is supported by adequate public facilities or services to the surrounding area; or conditions can be established to mitigate adverse impacts. 3. The use, as conditioned, will not unreasonably diminish either the health, safety or welfare of the community as conditioned; and 4. The use, as conditioned, at this location is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and other adopted plans, and ordinances of the city.

12. Other studies, plans or approvals reviewed include:

Garden City Comprehensive Plan	Yes	<p>The proposal is consistent with the comprehensive land use designations of Mixed Use Commercial and Green Boulevard Corridor. It is also in conformance with Garden City Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives:</p> <p>Goal 1. Nurture the City 1.4 Objective: Create a premier destination place to live, work and recreate.</p> <p>Goal 2. Improve the City Image 2.1 Objective: Encourage new and distinctive neighborhoods.</p> <p>Goal 11. Serve the City 11.5 Objective: Support a positive business environment</p>
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Garden City Planning And Zoning Commission Sidewalk Policy	Yes	The policy was reviewed as part of this proposal.
Comments from Other Departments and Agencies	Yes	This approval includes a condition requiring compliance and approval from applicable agencies.

13. A copy of the application and plans was transmitted to interested and affected public agencies and written comments were received from:
 - a. Idaho Transportation Department
 - b. Garden City Engineer
 - c. Garden City Public Works
 - d. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

14. The record contains:
 - a. Application Materials
 - b. Letter of Application Acceptance
 - c. Agency Review Transmittal
 - d. Radius Notice
 - e. Legal Advertisement in Idaho Statesman
 - f. Affidavit of property posting
 - g. Agency Comments
 - h. Staff report, and referenced materials
 - i. Public Comments
 - j. Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing Sign Up Sheet
 - k. Signed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision

15. The application was received February 28, 2019. Notification of application acceptance and completion was sent to the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application. The Commission Public Hearing was held within sixty (60) days of receipt of an application certified as complete.
16. On March 6, 2019, a letter of acceptance with hearing date was sent to the applicant.
17. A transmittal to other agencies including notice, application and other documents was sent on March 15, 2019 more than fifteen days prior to the public hearing.
18. A legal public hearing notice for the proposed conditional use permit application was published on April 1, 2019, and on March 15, 2019, notice was mailed to all property owners within a 300-foot radius of the said property in compliance with the public notice requirements of Section 8-6A-7 of the Garden City Municipal Code.
19. A sign was posted on or before April 7, 2019, in accordance with Garden City Code for the public hearing of April 17, 2019.
20. On April 17, 2019, at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing:
 - i. Applicants Teri Aslett and d'Andra Cahill presented the application. The applicants discussed how they will control noise and smell. They requested an attached sidewalk and alternative interpretation of code related to required distance buffer pursuant to GCC 8-2C-5.
 - ii. Staff Chris Samples presented the staff report.
 1. Noted late exhibits to be entered into record including the site design and public comment from Jerry Phillips.

2. Focused on the buffer issue.
- iii. Public testimony was received from:
 1. Robert Shoenhoff- owner of the property. There is a light at the back of the building that has been there for 10-15 years. It was a body shop which is a noisy operation. There is not a sidewalk from Glenwood east to VMP. It is not right to ask the applicant to put in a sidewalk.
 2. Grant Walden neutral- concerns with parking, hours of dogs outside, lighting required to be down shielded, wildlife on ditches, contained sanitation so that it doesn't go into the ditch.
 3. Richard Riemann-opposed due to noise.
- iv. Applicant Teri Aslett and d'Andra Cahill provided rebuttal testimony.
- v. Staff, Christian Samples noted that Garden City Code requires down shielding of lights, parking could be addressed by the Commission or administratively, and operational hours can be conditioned.
- vi. The Commission closed public testimony.
- vii. Commissioner Brown noted that the buffer would be adequate for noise abatement. They will have to conform to Idaho Transportation Department sidewalk and access requirements.
- viii. Commissioner Page also noted that he was in favor but thought that the condition for the sidewalk should remain.
- ix. Chairman Kennedy, the 300 requirement should be relevant to the use not the site. For the purposes of this approval the site use goes to the border of the use.
- x. Commissioner Page moved to approved the application with the following amendment to the draft findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decision adding conditions:
 1. To limit the hours of socialization and curriculum to 9am-7pm training hours.
 2. Parking administratively with staff, ITD, and the applicant.
- xi. Commissioner Brown Page seconded the motion.
- xii. The motion passed unanimously.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the application with regard to Garden City Code Title 8, and based on the conditions required herein, concludes the application **MEETS** the standards of approval under **GCC 8-6B-2 Conditional Use**.

DECISION

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Planning and Zoning Commission hereby **APPROVES** of the application subject to the following conditions:

Prior to Occupancy

1. A sidewalk and landscaping shall be installed along W. Chinden Blvd. meeting the requirements of Garden City Code and the Garden City Sidewalk Policy.
2. Parking space count and location shall be determined administratively in cooperation with ITD, Garden City Staff, and the applicant.

For the Duration of the Use

1. Socialization and curriculum for dogs shall be limited to 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

General Requirements

1. Any changes in the design, construction, operation or use shall be brought to the immediate attention of the Planning Official for determination if the changes are in substantial conformance with the City's action. Any changes to the plans and specifications upon which this approval is based, other than those required by the above conditions, will require submittal of an application for modification and approval of that application prior to commencing any change.
2. This Conditional Use Permit shall not be transferable from one parcel of land to another. Unless otherwise stated in the conditions attached to a permit, the permit shall be granted to the applicant and successors in interest to the premises for which it was approved.
3. This approval is only approval of the conditional use permit. All other applicable permits must be obtained and completed prior to a certificate of compliance or occupancy.
4. The approval is specific to the application provided and reviewed. Final approval is based on substantial conformance. Any changes to the plans and specifications upon which this approval is based, other than those required by the above conditions, will require submittal of an application for modification and approval of that application prior to commencing any change.
5. Final approval is subject to the approval of other reviewing agencies and City Departments. Any more restrictive standards adopted and made applicable by any Transportation Authority, Fire Authority or other Federal, State or Local regulatory agencies shall prevail.
6. All improvements and operations shall comply with applicable local, state and federal requirements and procedures whether specifically addressed in the analysis of this application or not. This shall include but not be limited to 8-4A General Provisions of Design and Development Regulations.
7. Unobstructed easements, including but not limited to, drainage, water, and sewer easements shall be provided as required by the City Public Works or Planning Official.
8. The property owner is responsible to maintain the site to edge of roadway asphalt.
9. If there are any tree grates, they shall be widened to accommodate the growing tree trunk and prevent girdling of any trees planted in tree wells within sidewalks or other public right of way.
10. Plant materials which exhibit evidence of insect pests, disease, and/or damage shall be appropriately treated to correct the problem. Dead and diseased plant materials shall be replaced.
11. Where landscaping might impact motorist or pedestrian sight distance, shrubs shall be maintained below three feet (3') in height and trees shall be pruned so that the lowest branches will be at least seven feet (7') above the ground level.
12. A three foot (3') clearance zone shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants.
13. Retain and protect existing trees, vegetation, and native soils and integrate these features into the overall landscape plan.
14. If trees are staked, the stakes shall be removed within twelve (12) months to prevent damage to the tree.
15. All planting areas that border driveways, parking lots, and other vehicle use areas shall be protected by curbing, wheel stops, or other approved protective devices.

16. Trees shall be planted at least three feet (3') from curbs, sidewalks, driveways and other hard surfaces to buffer from stress caused by vehicle overhang and compacted soils, or planted with sufficient space to provide for the full maturity of the particular tree species. All other plant material, except sod or ground cover, shall be set back a minimum of one foot (1') from any curb edge to protect from vehicle overhang and mechanical damage.
17. The landscape installation shall stabilize all soil and slopes.
18. All required landscaping shall be provided with an automatically controlled irrigation system in conformance with the best management practices for automatic irrigation systems.
19. This approval is for this application only. Additional permits, licenses and approvals may be necessary.
20. Property maintenance standards shall be maintained as required by Garden City Code.
21. The property owner is responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping and screening devices required.
22. Cross-Connections: All cross-connections between the domestic water lines and the irrigation water lines shall be in accord with the City's adopted standards, specifications and ordinances.
23. Materials submitted after the decision shall not be considered part of the record for this decision. If additional materials or information is submitted after the decision the application may be remanded to the decision making body during which time the decision shall be stayed provided that there is no immediate threat to life or safety.
24. No change in terms and conditions of this approval shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the applicant or his or her authorized representative and an authorized representative of the reviewing agency. The burden shall be upon the applicant to obtain the written confirmation of any change and not upon Garden City.
25. The Commission may revoke a conditional use permit for any of the following: A) Violation of Garden City Code or State or Federal Laws; B) Failure to abide by any conditions of this permit; C) Causing or allowing a nuisance as determined by Garden City Code, in connection with the use for which the permit is granted.
26. Any violation of the conditions of this application is a criminal offence.
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28. A certificate of occupancy or an application for a building permit shall be considered commencement of the use.
29. All previous uses are null and void unless otherwise conditioned.
30. This approval shall become null and void if a building permit or certificate of occupancy has not been issued within one year of the approval. An extension may be granted by the Commission upon findings that the application and or the applicable City regulations have not changed. Such extension shall be applied for sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date for the original approval; only one extension of not more than three hundred sixty five (365) days shall be granted.
31. Should there be a change in use, there is a clear intent to cease the use, or the use is discontinued for more than one year without written documentation submitted to the City, legal noticing, and property posting indicating intent to continue the use, this approval shall become void.
32. There is a 15 day right to appeal to City Council. An appeal shall be made on the form provided by the City and filed with the City Clerk within ten (10) days after the action of the decision.

33. Final decisions are subject to judicial review pursuant to The Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 65 Title 67 Idaho Code.
34. Pursuant to Idaho Code, a request for reconsideration must be submitted within 14 days of the final decision and prior to judicial review. The written request must identify specific deficiencies in the decision for which reconsideration is sought.
35. A takings analysis pursuant to Idaho Code may be requested on final decisions.
36. If any term or provision of this decision, to any extent, is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms and provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby, but each such remaining term and provision shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission

Date