

[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5.

cherylgeller@cybergal.com <cherylgeller@cybergal.com>

Fri 10/2/2020 9:15 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

I support rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5.

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting Rezoning Request No. ZAJ-20-5**

Karen Hauer <karenmt1153@gmail.com>

Fri 10/2/2020 8:17 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Good Day Ms. LaPlace,

I am an Associate Veterinarian for Canines, Cats, and Critters. I have lived in St. John for 5 years. We work closely with the Animal Care Center of St. John (ACC) to provide medical care to their shelter animals. The staff of the ACC are respectful and professional stewards of our community. The current shelter facility located in the center of Cruz Bay is grossly undersized to meet the demand of care for homeless animals. The new larger facility planned under Rezoning Request No. ZAJ-20-5 will allow them to provide more complete and effective care for animals of our community. The noise level has never been reported to be a problem in Cruz Bay, and they have added noise mitigation measures to their proposed design. I strongly support this Rezoning Request in an effort to improve the animal care and control operations for the community of St. John. The benefits far outweigh any concerns related to their operations at this new location in Coral Bay.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Hauer, DVM

Canines, Cats, & Critters

Cell: 757-621-7564

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Animal care Center St.John**

Enjil <enjil@junnocobijoux.com>

Thu 10/1/2020 4:38 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Cc: Anne Marie Porter <Annemariweddings@gmail.com>

This is in regard to the new space needed for the Animal Care Center of St.John.

From my time there in the early 90's the early nineties two veterinarians would come to St.John. Dr.Saunders would come by ferry and use our tiny shack by the library. Dr.Williams would bring his Vet Van from St.Thomas. Now the island is fortunate to have a veterinarian on island. However there still is a need of space animals who have been

abandoned or simply needing

homes. The old shack is not enough and space is needed where the animals will be calm and have room to recuperate from whatever trauma they have.

It is a good idea to move away from town where noise is always a problem and I'm sure the library would appreciate that as well.

I spent a good portion of my time trapping feral cats for the spay/neuter program and helped reduce the populations on park land and regular neighborhoods.

A new space would be good for St.John and the people who live on and love their island home and give island animals a safe place.

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Anne Ramsey <annecramsey@gmail.com>

Thu 10/1/2020 9:55 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I totally support the ACC's rezoning request.

Anne Ramsey

annecramsey@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: ZAJ-20-5 Virtual Public Hearing Registration Information**

STEPHEN BLACK &lt;steveonstjohn@gmail.com&gt;

Thu 10/1/2020 9:54 AM

To: Leia LaPlace &lt;leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov&gt;

Dear Leia LaPlace,

I am in support of the Animal Care Center's application for the construction of a new animal center in Coral Bay on St. John. The ACC has become a favored organization for our community and for the caring of our animals, and has become an inspiration of care for us all.

I am not on Facebook, so please consider this my letter of support.

Thank You,

Steve Black

St. John

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 28, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov> wrote:

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL]APPLICATION**

Lucy Banks <lucyandbill@earthlink.net>

Thu 10/1/2020 8:27 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Cc: ACC <Info@stjacc.org>; ACC BOARD <Board@stjacc.org>; Anne Marie Porter <annemariweddings@gmail.com>

No. ZAJ-20-5

As a former ACC Board President for nine years, our mission then and now is acting in the best interest of the island animals in need, respecting and serving the community, and planning for a future which serves that mission best.

We want nothing more than to be a good neighbor; and in doing so we have chosen a property away from heavy residential areas, designing an attractive building (not simply containers) that is esthetically pleasing, plus totally enclosing our kennels and adding the type of soundproofing that guarantees that any noise associated with the shelter stays inside.

The ACC is an asset to the community, conducting business in an honorable and professional manner, and is requesting a permit to build a facility that helps better serve the Island of St. John. We are willing to incur this great expense simply because we see the the important part proper animal control plays in providing comfort and safety to both residents and tourists. St. John has much to gain by allowing the ACC to improve its dedicated service to both the animals and the community.

Sent from my iPhone

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5

Cheryl McDaniel <Cheryl@dsuccess.com>

Tue 9/29/2020 3:03 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Cc: Animal Care Center of St. John <info@stjacc.org>

Please accept this email as my support for the new St John Animal Care Center as noted in ZAJ-20-5.

This organization has done so many wonderful things to support the island of St John. Yes, caring for the many animals in need is at the top of the list. In addition, they are a part of what makes St John so very special. They support all events on island, they are a positive visual of caring, compassion and support for the animals and residents of St John. Without the many people who give generously to the Animal Care Center, St John would be a very different place and none of us want that.

The rezoning request, if approved, will give this amazing mission the ability to support all the animals in need of care and help reduce the number of strays and uncared for animals who have been abandoned.

Please accept this as my support of this important decision.

Respectfully

Cheryl Lawrence McDaniel

Home Owner, Fish Bay

908-433-7142 (cell)

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request ZAJ-20-5****Cherie Mulder** <cmulder26@cox.net>

Wed 9/30/2020 11:25 AM

**To:** Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>**Cc:** 'Anne Marie Porter' <annemarieweddings@gmail.com>

Leia....

I am so thrilled with the plans for the new St. John Animal Care Center ! Thank you so very much with all that you are doing to move this project along! Our beloved animals need the help of every two legged friend that cares about them. It does take a village! Please advise me as to your budget at this point and who and when I should be sending a donation.

Doggie licks, I'm with you in spirit!  
Cherie Mulder

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Chris Rosbrook <crosbrook@hotmail.com>

Wed 9/30/2020 11:47 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Dear Leia,

I hope this email finds you well during these difficult times.

I am writing today to let you know that I fully support the rezoning effort for the new proposed animal shelter to be built on St. John. This is such a worthwhile effort from our community to take care of humanely the animals in need that are so often neglected on the Island. We should not pass up this great opportunity to move forward with such a project that will enhance the wellbeing of so many animals for years to come. The government should be glad to have this situation taken off the list of needs for the community and be ever so thankful that volunteer citizens step up to put so much effort into this wonderful program. As a resident of St. John for over 30 years now, I just wanted to voice my opinion to you in hopes that you can also throw your support behind this worth cause. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of help in any way.

Respectfully,

Christopher Rosbrook  
#24 Tamarind Rd.  
Chocolate Hole East

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: ZAJ-20-5 Virtual Public Hearing Registration Information

M M <mageerussell@gmail.com>

Wed 9/30/2020 11:51 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Good morning Ms. LaPlace and thank you for sending this link. Conflict with work will not allow me to attend the meet in real time, but I would like to voice my full support for the ACC's request and would like to see this new facility come to fruition as soon as possible. It is truly amazing how the ACC has been able to function as well as it has given the limitations of the current site. The ACC is an invaluable resource for St John and demonstrated countless times of working WITH the community to be a good neighbor. The new location is much better suited for the organization and the animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,  
Mary Magee  
29D-4 Calabash Boom / 9901 Emmaus  
St John, VI. 00830

On Sep 28, 2020, at 4:05 PM, Leia LaPlace <[leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov](mailto:leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov)> wrote:

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Regards,



[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting request no.ZAJ-20-5

Arlene Altman <arlenesue@yahoo.com>

Tue 10/13/2020 4:25 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I am in FAVOR of rezoning so the ACC can relocate to coral bay

Sent from my iPad

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting Rezoning Request No. ZAJ-20-5**

Stay Hotel Cruz Bay <stay@hotelcruzbay.com>

Wed 10/14/2020 4:40 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Dear DPNR Personnel,

I am writing to express my support for the Animal Care Center of St John's application for rezoning of their parcel in Coral Bay St John. While I do understand some people's objections, I believe that the benefit of rezoning far outweighs any negative concerns. Rezoning will provide benefits for both the ACC and for St John, and in particular for Coral Bay area.

The ACC has provided a valuable service to the community for over 30 years and is a highly respected charity organization here on St John. The ACC is not a greedy developer simply out to make a buck. Their goal is to further their altruistic service to the community. They have outgrown their tiny, rented space in Cruz Bay and require a larger space to better care for the larger number of animals they now support at any given time. Their almost 3 acre parcel in Coral Bay is the perfect size for their needs and the location is already adjacent to other similarly zoned commercial properties, so the rezoning is appropriate!

Coral Bay in general is in desperate need of improvement. Still reeling from the hurricanes of 2017 and the loss of Guy Benjamin School before that, the area needs groups such as the ACC to show some interest in the area and breath some new life into Coral Bay. We're not talking about a mega-marina here! While some people who own rental villas in the area are worried about potential shelter noise (mainly transplants from the mainland, not native St Johnians), the proposed shelter has been designed to mitigate sound transference. The addition of the shelter will provide a much needed service as well as jobs and commerce for the community.

As a business owner and full time resident of St John, I humbly request you grant approval for this particular rezoning request. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions.

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Kind Regards,  
David Guidi  
Cruz Bay Boutique Hotel  
340-642-1702  
[www.hotelcruzbay.com](http://www.hotelcruzbay.com)

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]ZAJ-20-5

Marti Callies <mcallies005@gmail.com>

Tue 10/13/2020 2:23 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Good Morning,

I have been a member of the ACC board for 5-6 years now and I want to support the rezoning for a new shelter in Coral Bay.

I can understand the many concerns of Coral Bay residents about barking dogs and the possibility of noise traveling up to homes in the area. I believe that the proposed sound proofing will abate much of those concerns. With the soundproofing, any noise would be significantly muffled and there would be no or very little noise traveling to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Another plus would be that many of the tourists that would be renting homes in Coral Bay would find visiting the shelter a fun option or addition to the usual beach trips. Perhaps even doing some volunteering, caring and walking dogs. Perhaps even adopting one or two.

It would also be a great place for the neighborhood children to learn about dogs and cats and their care.

I believe the noise of barking dogs, which they only do during feeding and walking time, will be very, very minimal if at all, and not cause disturbances to home owners or their rentals

Thank you.  
Marti Callies

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Animal Care Center of St John****Gina Burns <ginamanukamama@yahoo.com>**

Mon 10/12/2020 10:38 AM

**To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>**

I support the DPNR zoning request ZAT-20-5 to build the new Animal Care Center of St. John. We all should be in support of the AAC, without them the island would be over run with stray animals. Let us support all the great work they do and hopefully will continue to do!

Gina Burns

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting Rezoning Request No. ZAJ-20-5

denise walker <denisewalker1@yahoo.ca>

Sun 10/11/2020 11:41 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Cc: Animal Care Center of St. John <info@stjacc.org>

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to express my support for the St. John Animal Care Center's rezoning request of its land in Coral Bay, St. John, so that it may build a new animal shelter on this land that it owns. The ACC has long ago outgrown its current shack in Cruz Bay, and does not own the land that the current building sits on. There is not enough green space in its downtown Cruz Bay location to take dogs on their daily walks. The over 2 acres of the Coral Bay location will allow ample space for dog walks, community trails, and perhaps a playground for families, which the community of Coral Bay would absolutely benefit from. This is not an out-of-place mega marina. This is a non-profit organization in good standing within the community that has been operating for decades. The ACC is a great asset to St. John and deserves to be given the chance to continue its life saving work without having to deal with the confines of its current small space. Coral Bay should not exempt itself as a suitable location simply because so little industry currently exists there. Animal welfare is an island-wide issue, not just a Cruz Bay issue. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Denise Walker  
Full Time resident and business owner  
St. John, USVI  
340-201-3394

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting Rezoning Request NO. ZAJ-20-5

kellcc1@aol.com <kellcc1@aol.com>

Fri 10/9/2020 1:21 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I strongly support the rezoning request to allow the ACC to build a much needed new shelter for the animals of St. John in Coral Bay. I believe the ACC will work with community of Coral Bay to create a shelter that works for all involved. The plans include steps being taken to keep noise to a minimum; from sound absorbing materials, to a staff member on site 24/7, as well as a certified dog trainer on staff.

Kelly Cruikshank

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Support St. John Animal Shelter in Coral Bay

Harrison Graves MD <harrisongravesmd@gmail.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 10:15 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Please add our fervent support for DPNR zoning request ZAJ-20-5- building a new animal shelter in Coral Bay-

We have been supporters of the Animal Care Center and believe they are incredibly responsible because they love the dogs- they will be well cared for and it will not be a nuisance for any neighbors-

Dr. And Mrs. Harrison Graves  
843-333-0320

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: ZAJ-20-5

Leslie McKibben <Leslie@kidsnightin.com>

Wed 10/7/2020 4:34 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

1 attachments (533 KB)

Join Teams Mtg.pdf;

Good morning Ms LaPlace,

I hope this note finds you well. I am

Writing regarding ZAJ-20-5 , The Animal Care Center of St John's (ACC) request for rezoning.

I previously volunteered for the ACC on nearly a daily basis. The ACC In its current location gets Loud twice a day - at the morning feed and the afternoon feed. The dogs get excited for both the interaction with people and for their food. The current building they are in is falling apart and not built in consideration of sound issues. However you still barely hear them throughout the day. The new building is planned to have sound barriers and no open runs where dogs would be heard.

Lastly I think it's important that people know the difference between the ACC and Canine Cats and Critters ( CCC). CCC is on Centerline where you can hear the dogs nearly any hour of the day. This boarding at the vets is a wonderful asset for our island however these dogs are kept in open areas and the runs are open. The dogs go crazy with their noise be Casey they hear all the traffic and they are " greeting " the potential

People. The ACC just isn't planning to built like this. I live and own property in Coral Bay and this project does not scare me at all in regard to property value etc.

please consider this letter an endorsement for that ACC's request for rezoning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Island Regards,  
Leslie McKibben  
www.kidsnightin.com  
321-431-9113

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Cidney Hamling <cidhamling@gmail.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 11:32 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

The AAC of St John has everything in place to be quality neighbors.

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Animal Care Center

Cidney Hamling <cidhamling@gmail.com>

Thu 10/8/2020 2:48 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

I have reviewed the proposed architectural plans for the ACC & fully support the zoning change.

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] St John Animal Care Center

Adrienne <ackasheta@gmail.com>

Thu 10/8/2020 11:46 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Dear Leia,

As an original founder of the Animal Care Center on St. John many years ago, I urge you to please support this absolutely new building facility.

When we started, we struggled for many years and always prayed to one day have the land and a real facility.

From my understanding, the planners are acutely aware of the concerns of neighbors and with good care, feeding, soundproofing, etc are diligently responsive to make it as quiet as possible.

I urge you whole heartedly to support this much needed facility. Over the years, the reduction in unwanted animals has reduced significantly through spay/neuter and education. Please don't let a few neighbors spoil this wonderful service for the entire island of St. John.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Kasheta

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]animal shelter

john kasheta <jfkasheta@gmail.com>

Thu 10/8/2020 11:47 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I fully support DPNR zoning of ZAJ-20-5, it will be good for the community and the animals. Thank you

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]DPNR zoning request ZAJ-20-5 ?

Innkeeper of House of Open Arms <innkeeper@houseofopenarms.com>

Thu 10/8/2020 5:00 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Dear Ms. Laplace,

I am a full time resident of Coral Bay and I too have a home that guests frequent. I feel it is essential that Coral Bay brings in new vitality. Since the hurricanes, we have had so many restaurant closings, debris on the roads and near the shore ( Island Blues building) that has not been cleaned up though we have put in effort.

I feel the animal shelter will breathe new life into our small town and most of us will welcome it gladly. I was at the zoning meeting and I feel assured that the Animal Care Center will do everything in their power to make this a loving place for both the animals and those of us who live here. Their plans include sound proofing as well as an on site animal care expert who will live there. These two things will be more than enough to limit any noise impact in our community.

We are a rural community with wandering bleating goats, braying donkeys, crowing roosters, feral cat fights and yes, our neighbors have dogs who sometimes bark. All of this enhances our guests' experiences and are some of the reasons they fall in love with St. John and Coral Bay in particular. My guests return year after year as it is all part of the fun. I believe more visitors will love the animal shelter here in Coral Bay than those who will not. We are not giving our state side visitors enough credit!!!!

The animal shelter has the potential to bring people who would never think of coming out here from Cruz Bay. Many will come to see and be part of the only no kill shelter in all the Carribean. Those same guests could then go frequent our artist community of potters and grab a bite to eat before heading back to Cruz Bay. More visitors will come as we begin to offer more and Coral Bay can become a vibrant community of love and care.

Please allow this zoning change to go through. We must move forward in hope and love.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Perry

Catherine Perry  
Owner and Innkeeper  
A House of Open Arms, St John, USVI  
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LAURA FRANKS <laurafranks@sbcglobal.net>

Tue 10/6/2020 1:36 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Good afternoon!

This letter is in strong support of the rezoning request for the Animal Care Center. I am an adopter of an ACC dog, and have been volunteering at the shelter for over 13 years, walking the dogs, playing with the cats, and taking photos of all the animals to help them find homes.

The ACC has done such an incredible service for the island of St. John for decades. With a new, state of the art space, the shelter could do even more to help the homeless and feral animals of the island, and successfully get them adopted both on and off island, or neutered and well cared for (in the case of the feral cats). I know the the ACC is planning to build a clean, quiet space that will be a great addition to the area around it. I can't think of a better rezoning effort.

Thank you so much for your positive consideration of this rezoning request, and have a wonderful day.

Laura Franks

Frequent and long time visitor to St John, ACC volunteer, and owner at the Westin St. John

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: ZAJ-20-5

nanci.bauman@yahoo.com <nanci.bauman@yahoo.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 12:27 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Dear Ms LaPlace,

Just a quick note to ask that The Animal Care Center is given the opportunity to relocate to Coral Bay. They have outgrown their Cruz Bay location years ago, and they contribution so much to the health, population control, and education of animals to the residents of St John.

Kindest regards,  
Nanci Bauman  
PO 1254  
St John V.I. 00831  
340/344-4200

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5

Dianne Young <di-young@comcast.net>

Tue 10/6/2020 12:13 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of the Animal Care Center of St. John's rezoning request to build a new facility on a plot of land in Coral Bay.

My husband and I visit St. John regularly and own timeshare at both the Westin and Grande Bay.

Thank you,  
Dianne Santos

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: Link to access 9 am virtual public hearing

Anne Porter <annemarieporter@icloud.com>

Fri 10/2/2020 10:09 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I am in full support of the rezoning request ZAJ-20-5.

My address is 10-8-21 Estate Carolina .

Coral Bay

St . John , V.I. 00830

Thank You ,

Anne Marie Porter

stjohnweddings.com

340-6264658

Mailing address :

5000 Estate Enighed PMB7

St . John , V.I. 00830

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On Oct 2, 2020, at 8:40 AM, Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov> wrote:

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"Step in not because it's your role, but because you see that something needs to be done." -

Author Unknown

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL]DPMR request for rezoning for Animal Care Center on St. John****BJ Harris <bj@stjohnproperties.com>**

Fri 10/2/2020 10:36 AM

**To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dprn.vi.gov>**

Dear Ms. LaPlace,

I strongly support the proposed rezoning request for the Animal Care Center. The primary concerns about noise are valid, but can be very easily resolved with commonly used abatement methods already proven to work, all around the world in shelters and kennels.

The ACC has for decades, taken on the huge task of caring for abandoned, abused and feral animals on St. John. There is no NGO with as much heart as the ACC.

I recommend that DPNR approve the request for rezoning, while adding a specific noise abatement requirement clause. This will satisfy the neighbors and allow St. John to properly care for its animals.

Sincerely,

BJ Harris

B. J. Harris

Past National Association of Realtors Vice President, Region V

Past President, VI Territorial Association of Realtors, St. John Board of Realtors, St. John Animal Care Center and St. John Rotary

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL]Approval of Rezoning Request ZAJ-20-5****Anne Porter <annemarieporter@icloud.com>**

Fri 10/2/2020 11:05 AM

**To:** Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>**Cc:** Marcia Stewart <islandrootsvacationrentals@gmail.com>; Cristina Kessler <crstinadkessler@gmail.com>; Joe Kessler <jkessler@friendsvinp.org>; Sharon Coldren <sharon.coldren@facebook.com>

Good Morning , Ms . La Place ,

It is so obvious that the A.C.C. has done everything to address the vacation rental owners &amp; resident's concern of "dogs barking "

The design , internally and externally , the soundproofing , the staff in residence , etc. are all to honor the assumptions made by those residents, many of whom do not even live on St . John .

The A.C.C. has looked for land for many years for their vital life saving work and this land is the only availability.

I have been a year round Coral Bay resident for 40 years and urge those opponents to this to consider the needs of suffering animals over their own selfishness and greed .

Sincerely ,

Anne Marie Porter

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Zoning hearing for St John ACC****JASON FORD** <jwford6@comcast.net>

Sat 10/3/2020 12:43 PM

**To:** Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Dear Ms. Laplace:

We are writing to you today in support of the proposed zoning change to the Coral Bay parcel where the ACC is seeking to erect a new shelter building. We are frequent visitors to St. John and actively participate in "voluntourism" while on island. We have been helping at the ACC for many years now and we know the good work they have done, not only for the animals of St. John, but also for the residents of the island: They offer pet feeding assistance, spay/neuter programs, and educational events at the schools so the next generation can grow with a love and respect for animals and their needs.

We usually stay in the Cruz Bay area and have, many times, arrived at the shelter for our morning walks before the staff gets there. I can assure you, the shelter is quiet and there is no barking. We also walk around most nights in Cruz Bay and again, there is zero noise coming from the shelter. The animals will only bark when the staff is down in their kennel area doing work, training, playing, or preparing for walks. This is typical shelter animal behavior. They do not usually spend days and nights barking, that is quite rare, actually.

The current ACC is not a modern building and does not have any of the modern technology the new structure would have. The new building looks to include soundproofing measures and indoor kennels, which should keep any noise from the animals at essentially zero. We also feel that the new outdoor yard will allow the animals to expend more energy, make them happier/reduce anxiety, and further reduce the chance of any excessive barking, which as noted, is something that is not currently a problem. Not only that, but happier, better balanced dogs are easier to adopt out, reducing the risk of overcrowding.

While I understand that Coral Bay is considered the "quiet side" of St. John, many visitors to St. John that stay in the Coral Bay area also love the ACC and the work that they do, donate their time, and support their efforts. As the shelter would be closed by 5PM, there would be no excessive noise to cause concern to local residents or tourists. Trucks, cars and music events in the Coral Bay area will make more noise in this area than the shelter will.

We feel that having a larger, better designed facility allowing for happier, better balanced dogs that are easier to adopt will be a win-win for the residents of St. John, the ACC, and these precious animals.

Sincerely,  
Jason and Kelli Ford

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**[EXTERNAL MAIL] Comment on Animal Care Center move to Coral Bay****Elaine Penn <pandragonmom@gmail.com>**

Sat 10/3/2020 12:48 PM

**To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>**

Good day, Ms. LaPlace -

Thank you for the opportunity to express my heartfelt approval of the Animal Care Center's proposed move to Coral Bay.

Those in the proposed area who are concerned about constant barking can rest easy. I lived within earshot of the current Center in Cruz Bay for 17 years. Never heard a peep out of the dogs except briefly (and not surprisingly) at breakfast time, which was at a reasonable hour that anyone would be already up. I always have enjoyed seeing the dedicated volunteers, both locals and vacationers, walking (and thus showcasing for adoption, as well as exercising and socializing) the dogs around the block.

The location is ideal on so many levels, and I am confident, given the skill and care of those putting this project together, that the new center will prove to be good neighbors and a source of pride for the Coral Bay community.

Your truly,  
Elaine Penn

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Application No. ZAJ-20-5

Michelle Bransom <mbransom@hotmail.com>

Sun 10/4/2020 3:40 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

I am a resident of Coral Bay. I would like to vote YES on the rezoning for the Animal Care Center.

Thank you,  
Michelle Bransom

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone  
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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5.

donna keeley <keeledm@yahoo.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 11:17 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the re-zoning request, ZAJ-20-5, that will allow St. John Animal Shelter to build a state of the art of facility and give them the ability to better care for the islands, abandoned and stray animals.

I live a small town in New Hampshire, the Live Free or Die state and completely understand zoning and reasons we need it. I believe that if the rezoning is allowed, with conditions, such that noise and other potential adverse situations are mitigated, the neighborhood and this wonderful facility can live harmoniously.

Please give this your utmost consideration and do everything you can to help them make this happen.

Thank you.

Donna Keeley  
Pittsfield, NH

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Supporting rezoning request No. ZAJ-20-5.

Ryan Moore <steam8115@yahoo.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 10:44 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Good Morning,

I am writing this letter to show full support of the Animal Care Center of St. John rezoning the property owned in Coral Bay. I am a resident of 10 years. The ACC is an incredible resource to this community and the benefits out way the negatives. This can provide new modern services that the current location can not, create jobs, some economic interest in Coral Bay where there is none at the moment, as well as many other positive community aspects. I know concerns of noise is a major issue but the current shelter is not loud at all, and the dogs do no bark all night long. Driving by the shelter every evening i never hear the dogs barking what so ever. The ACC has worked so hard for many years and they deserve this very much and so does the island of St. John.

Ryan Moore  
5000 Estate Enighed PMB 217  
St. John VI 00830

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]DPNR ZONING request ZAJ-20-5

Laura Hollander <laurahollander97@gmail.com>

Tue 10/6/2020 8:22 AM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov>

Please grant permission for this important shelter to go forward

I live inCoral Bay and approve this project

Laura Hollander

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[EXTERNAL MAIL] Animal shelter in coral bay

Eli Back <eback@bennington.edu>

Mon 10/5/2020 8:39 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

Dear Ms, Laplace,

I write to you in support of the new animal shelter in Coral Bay. I believe the petition against it to be unfounded in facts or experiences. Please move forward with the permit process!

The Animal Care Center is going to extraordinary lengths and expense to soundproof the building. There will also be an employee apartment in the building so staff is always present. Will a well fed, fully exercised animal in a comfortable space bother the neighbors? Not in anyone's experience!

We really need this shelter on island and an enormous amount of time and money has been donated and spent to make it happen. Please move forward with the permit process!

Sincerely,

Eli Back

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[EXTERNAL MAIL]Re: ZAJ-20-5 meeting

Jane Kyser <kyserjane@gmail.com>

Mon 10/5/2020 5:10 PM

To: Leia LaPlace <leia.laplace@dpr.vi.gov>

First of all, I would like to say that I am all for the rezoning application from the ACC for the rezoning. I have lived on St John for the past 41yrs until just moving to Aiken SC in June. I have been actively involved with the ACC for the last 12yrs or more, so I have first hand experience of how much the ACC does for this island's homeless animals and what a great job they have done thus far; in spite of the very limited space and conditions they have to work with.

Unfortunately, I was unable to view/participate in the hearing and would like to know if there is a video of it that is available online. If so, please let me know.

Thank you!

Jane Kyser

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