

Circle D Civic Association
Animal Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

7/6/2018 6 p.m.

Present: Theol Jackman, Doug Marousek, Sue Pardue, Suzannah Amable, Susan Mohme, Carol Schumacher, Rebecca Martin, Donna Nelson, Kyra (and Ronald) Holm, Anna Corely, Susan Green

Unable to Attend: Sue Van Wagoner, April Tinajero, Johnathan Radcliff, Lynn Ewert, Joan Swanson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. at 146 N. Buckhorn

Each of the committee members introduced themselves.

The charter was read.

Suzanne Mohme was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Sue Van Wagoner had volunteered to serve in the advance and was elected unanimously as Secretary.

Agreed to meet Thursdays every other week (may change to weekly) at 6:30 p.m.

Theol introduced that the County Agriculture Agent Ms. Bauer stated that the guideline for environmentally sound agricultural production was one (1) Animal Unit per 5 acres with pristine coastal grass for grazing. An animal unit is defined as one (1) cow with a calf by its side for six 6 months out of the year. By comparison a typical goat weighs approximately 200 pounds and five (5) goats would be considered an animal unit.

Sue Pardue, read the current animal restriction (paraphrased here). No raising animals for commercial purposes – personal use only. Adequate fencing must be maintained. The CDCA board may set a limit as to the number of animals per parcel.

Suzanne Mohme introduced she was told 1 horse per acre

Suzannah Amable introduced that she had an e-mail from the former CDCA Office Manager stating 1 large animal per acre.

Group discussion is summarized as:

- Primary animal concern voiced from the group was loose dogs.
- The former CDCA Board President, George, had stated the number one complaint to the HOA was concerning animals.
- The board should have a method to track complaints and potentially map to properties with the most complaints against.
- It would be helpful if residents where more informed about where to call (i.e. Sherriff, Bastrop County Animal Control, The CDCA HOA and the Ag Extension) with nuisances and animal health/treatment concerns.
- Potentially a per acre or lot size grouping (i.e. < 1 acre or greater than 1 acre) restriction would make more sense than a per parcel.

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- The potential for a per section limit or if you have these types of improvements or this type of ground cover was discussed but generally thought it may be difficult to manage.
- Suggestion to research Bastrop City, Bastrop County and The Austin Polo club restrictions, if any.
- It is not the business of the HOA to enforce animal treatment instead to oversee being considerate of neighbors.
- Generally, the group was not for imposing limits.
- The group was reminded that one of their roles was to represent the community and we should seek input from others whom may have a differing opinion.
- The group agreed to get the word out to have folks send their opinions to circled-apc@outlook.com (added post meeting → or contact Theol Jackman if not e-mail users at 512.743.9365). Theol will send input to the individual members based on the section of the person providing input.
- Anna Corely (Bastrop County), Kyra (and Ronald) Holm (City of Bastrop) and Susan Green (Polo Club) agreed to help with research.