



City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 52.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: MAY 14, 2013**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING
DIRECTOR: FLINN BAGO**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT: SUP-4883 - SPECIAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: FERDINAND AND ANTONIO HANTIC, OWNER/DEMIZEMKI, LLC - For possible action on a request for a Special Use Permit FOR A PROPOSED ANIMAL KEEPING & HUSBANDRY USE (ONE LION, TWO MONSTERS AND FOUR FIGERS) WITH WAIVERS TO ALLOW A 60-FOOT DISTANCE SEPARATION FROM A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING WHERE 1500 FEET IS REQUIRED AND TO ALLOW 107 FOOT DISTANCE SEPARATION FROM A PUBLIC PARK WHERE 1500 FEET IS REQUIRED on 2.19 acres at 2225 Montessouri Street (APN 163-03-802-010), R-L Residential Estates Zone, Ward 1 (Tarkanian). Staff recommends DENIAL.

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PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends DENIAL.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letter
6. Support Postcard
7. Comment submitted by: Cheryl Lewis - PC05142013-52-1
8. Comment submitted by: Johanna Blake - PC05142013-52-2
9. Comment submitted by: Gina Angelone - PC05142013-52-3
10. Submitted after Final Agenda Protest Email/Letter/Postcards and Support Postcards
11. Submitted at Meeting Copy of Article by Sandy Naufzinger

Motion made by VICKI QUINN to Deny

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

TRINITY HAVEN SCHLOTTMAN, VICKI QUINN, BYRON GOYNES, GUS FLANGAS, TODD L. MOODY, RICHARD TRUESDELL, RICHARD P. BONAR; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

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CHAIR FLANGAS declared the Public Hearing open.

DOUG BANKIN, Planning, reported that this site previously had a special use permit in Clark County for exotic animals; however, the permit lapsed. The use fails to meet the minimum requirements of Title 19.12. As such, the use cannot be conducted in a manner that is compatible with surrounding uses. Staff recommended denial.

BERNARD and ANTONIO HANTIG were present. MR. F. HANTIG explained that the permit lapsed because he was touring in 2003 in China and could not apply for an extension. MR. A. HANTIG further explained that the property was purchased in 1976. He requested approval, noting that they are planning to do a show on the Strip and they need to keep their animals, which are properly fenced.

OLGA HANTIGOVA stated that her brothers have owned the property for a long time.

TODD FARLOW, Las Vegas resident, expressed concern with proper shading for the animals.

STEVEN DEAN, who resides across from the property, recalled the tragic incident involving ROY and his tiger from the show he had and Roy. As a registered nurse, he has seen many injuries from animal bites and alleged that they do not heal well because of the potential for infection. With five children, he is quite nervous about this application being approved and expressed opposition.

SANDY NAUFZINGER and LINDA FAZO, who do not live near the property, and JOANN and DANNY SPRUNG, who reside west of Rainbow Park, requested denial because they feel exotic animals do not belong in residential areas where people should feel safe. MS. FAZO read a statement and stated that exotic animals require special care and are dangerous. MS. NAUFZINGER submitted an article about a loose tiger in a Las Vegas neighborhood. MS. BOGART added that she knows an individual who was a neighbor to the HANTIGS and could hear the animals at all hours of the day and night. They were all concerned about the animals getting loose during transport, especially with the nearby park where kids play Little League baseball.

COMMISSIONER GOYNES understood the concerns of the nearby residents and the citizens of Las Vegas, given that wild animals are difficult to control. MR. A. HANTIG commented that the tigers/lions have been trained to be around people since they were cubs. MR. F. HANTIG assured the Commissioners that the transports are controlled.

CHAIR FLANGAS expressed concern with the area no longer being rural. This is an unwarranted danger given the proximity to the park and the residential areas, noting it only takes one mistake, and this is not worth the risk. He suggested the applicant search for a better-suited property.

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COMMISSIONER QUINN stressed that it seems that because the applicants are always on tour out of the country, they do not get anything done, such as applying for an extension or replace the barbed wire, which has been there since 2008. She emphasized that this is very high risk and suggested acquiring a property zoned for exotic animals.

COMMISSIONER MOODY could not support the application because the area has changed significantly, emphasizing that distance requirements serve as safeguards.

HAIR FLANNERY declared the Public Hearing closed.

