

Sarah Winner stated that in Section 2 it actually lists, these are what Roswell considers companion animals. And some of the companion animals they list are recognized as exotic animals or are actually listed as exotic animals by the state of Georgia. So, if they go over to Section 3, item B they are saying that the following companion animals are limited to no more than three per unit. She is proposing that they include exotic animals on this list too. So it would be dogs, Pygmy goats, Vietnamese pot bellied pigs, and exotic animals. But if they also put the comment in there, excluding those specifically listed in Section 2, in the definition then they are pulling out all of the little exotic animals so that they are not limited to three.

Susan Baur asked Sarah Winner if she was going to add something about if the state limit is lower. Winner stated that she does not think that it would apply because if one says limit three...unless one has alligators. Susan Baur stated that would be a good thing to do if they add in there that it is limited to three unless the state guidelines or regulations indicate less are permitted. Because if they want to say there can only be one boa constrictor she is fine with that. She thinks most neighbors would be.

Cheryl Greenway stated that she agrees with what Susan Baur is saying as far as limiting it to the lower of the two. But what bothers her is when one goes back to Section 2 basically companion animals is including everything because it says companion animals may include wild or exotic. She is not sure which ones they are trying to pull out by that statement she is making when she says "except the ones..." Sarah Winner stated that she sees what Greenway is saying.

Sarah Winner stated that companion animals include but are not limited to....maybe what they do is they break out that second paragraph where it says companion animals may also include wild or exotic animals. Maybe they separate those two. Cheryl Greenway suggested that they put it in a separate section. So if they took underneath Section 2 and made Section A, where it says companion animals. Any domesticated animal or pet and then were it says companion animals may also include wild or exotic animals, make that an item B.

Brad Townsend suggested that they make that a new definition. And just reference wild and exotic animals may be companion animals, which the state has a permit for. Cheryl Greenway added which requires state approval. Townsend agreed and stated that they create a separate definition for wild and exotic pulling in the state definition and then they do the limitation of three in Section B.

Cheryl Greenway and Sarah Winner stated that they think that would work. Greenway stated that was where she was getting hung up. Winner stated that would work.



Susan Baur stated that if they do that, would they take out of A under companion animals the mice and the reptiles because they could be considered...

Brad Townsend stated that he would leave it in there because the mice and reptiles that they are discussing as companion animals are the smaller ones. The ones that require the state permit would be considered the exotic ones that one is going to want to limit to three.

Loren Conrad stated that he thought that was good.

Sarah Winner stated that would work.

Susan Baur asked if they could go through it one more time. Brad Townsend stated that he thinks they have got it. They are creating a new definition under Section 2 dealing with wild and exotic animals. On Section 3 on the next page, they are including exotic animals as the number being controlled, a maximum of three. They are then adding a Section C limiting the number of cats to 10. They are putting the exclusion related to exotics under B.

Sarah Winner clarified that Item B under Section 8.1.5 would actually end up reading something along the lines of the following animals are limited to no more than three and they would keep the dogs, the Pygmy goats, the Vietnamese pot bellied pigs but then they would also say the exotic animals referenced...as defined in Section 2B.

Brad Townsend stated that was correct.

Susan Baur stated that she is missing something here. What about the exotic animals listed in 2A? How are they dealing with the mice and the reptiles?

Sarah Winner stated that they would be controlled by as companion animals. And Item B would be the one that they are saying those companion animals they are putting limits on. They are basically saying that they are not putting limits on the ones in A unless they specifically list them over in Section 3. So in Section 2 they are defining there is companion animals in Roswell and then there are exotic animals which could also be companion animals. So they are actually setting up two groups of animals. In Section 3 they are saying, do they want to limit them and they are saying yes, they want to limit cats, they want to limit exotic animals as defined in Section B on the previous page.

Brad Townsend stated that what Section A is requiring one to do is to get state licenses. That is one of the criteria. If it is identified as a wild or exotic animal one has to have a state license. In Section B they are saying that in the city of Roswell one is only going to get three of them, whatever the state would tell him that he could have. Roswell is saying that they are going to limit him to three.



Loren Conrad stated that the last sentence of A leaves birds, hamsters, Guinea pigs, mice, fish reptiles...that doesn't put any limitation on them. One can have as many birds, hamsters, Guinea pigs, mice.

Sarah Winner stated that was correct unless they add them over on Section 3. So basically, they are saying that there is no restriction on any of the companion animals unless they are restricted under Section 3 somewhere. So she guessed they would have to go through companion animals and say is there any reason they would want to limit the number of birds someone can have. They are already limiting cats in Section 3. They are limiting dogs in Section 3. Do they want to limit the number of hamsters? Winner would say probably not. Do they want to limit Guinea pigs, mice, fish, reptiles, Pygmy goats? They have Pygmy goats in there. The only thing they may want to add is the reptiles. She is thinking that reptiles might be... Brad Townsend stated that it just depends on how big one's snake is, turtles?

Susan Baur thinks if they leave that in A it just opens it up. Loren Conrad stated that if they were big, exotic snakes one has to have a license for them. Cheryl Greenway stated that was correct. Susan Baur stated that they don't know whether that limits people or whether one just has to register them. They don't know that piece of the information. Does the state have limits on how many mice, reptiles? Loren Conrad stated that they were saying three. He stated that if they fall under 2B they are exotic; they are saying that they are limited to three. They just put that in. Baur clarified that they are limiting people to three mice.

Mark Renier asked if they could say reptiles under 10 pounds on the companion side and then reptiles over 10 pounds on Section 3. Brad Townsend stated that he does not know the division of the weight. He is not sure...Mark Renier stated that he depicts 10 pounds as some poundage.

Sarah Winner stated that they could always put the reptiles under 10 with the cats. It just depends on how many reptiles they think is a safe number for people or an appropriate number.

Susan Baur stated does not know how many reptiles people usually want. Brad Townsend stated that he did not know. Mark Renier stated that reptiles eat cats so he likes a lot of them. Baur stated that she just does not know if they are qualified to create these numbers, and perhaps the state has information where they have created these numbers that would help them.

Sarah Winner stated that if the Commission puts the comments in there that if the state has lower numbers, then the state will prevail or something like that. They could revise their rules as time goes...she is making the assumption that the state may not limit them at all in which case they would at least have numbers. If the state does limit them and their numbers are less, then they say the

state can overrule if it is making the number less. They will follow the state guidelines.

Brad Townsend stated that he will pass that by legal and see what they say.

Sarah Winner said that going back to Cheryl Greenway's point the state says...let say crocodiles. The state says in order to have a crocodile one must have water, he must have a back yard that is fenced with a hut. They have a whole bunch of rules. So, what she is saying is that if they put in the comment that they also must comply with the state guidelines. So if the state guidelines limit them base on weight or housing accommodations...

Brad Townsend stated that is what A is requiring...federal permitting.

Sarah Winner stated that would supercede the Commission saying one could have up to three. Brad Townsend stated that was correct. One must meet all state and federal requirements in keeping the animal. They already have that as established criteria for anyone trying to have an exotic animal.

Sarah Winner stated that maybe what they should do in Section A under 8.5.1 they add the word comply. That each owner or custodian must obtain all necessary state and federal permits and/or meet and comply with all state or federal requirements for keeping such animal.

Loren Conrad stated that he does not think they are going to be able to cover every situation. There is always some way to get through the cracks. One has to the best he can and give it a shot.

Cheryl Greenway stated that because they are making some sizable changes, if there is not a huge sense of urgency she would rather see it one more time and give staff the chance to check with the state on how they deal with limiting the number.

Brad Townsend stated that they could do that. He will bring this back with recommended red letters showing what the Commission's amendments were this evening. And they can hash it over again. That is fine with him.

Cheryl Greenway stated that was just her opinion. She does not know if everyone else on the Commission feels the same. Loren Conrad stated that if there is no hurry on this...Susan Baur stated that she agrees. They talk about definitions on the Commission and if they want to try to be a part of making some good definitions, let's do it.

Sarah Winner asked if any of this that they talked about tonight...could legal look at it? Brad Townsend stated that he would be in their office tomorrow.



**Motion to defer.**

Cheryl Greenway made a motion that the Planning Commission defer this to the next meeting to give staff the chance to make the changes they have discussed. Brad Townsend stated that date is June 15, 2010.

Loren Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Greenway commented that if they can't get the newspapers to carry anything about this, is it being put on the Roswell site on the TV station? Brad Townsend stated that he could check with community information office. Greenway stated that might be one other way to get out to the public about it.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Susan Baur asked if there were any changes to the Tuesday, April 20, 2010 minutes.

Cheryl Greenway made a motion to accept the minutes for April 20, 2010. Tom Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with the exception of Mark Renier who was not present at that meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Susan Baur, chairman

CC: mayor and city council  
community development  
applicant's files

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