

# CASE NO. 738-S-12

## SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2013

Petitioners: **Terry W. Plampin**

Champaign  
County  
Department of

**PLANNING &  
ZONING**

**Brookens  
Administrative Center**  
1776 E. Washington Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61802

(217) 384-3708

Site Area: **5 acres**

Time Schedule for Development: **First  
Quarter 2013**

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Associate Planner

**John Hall**  
Zoning Administrator

**Request: Authorize a Therapeutic Riding Center as a "Riding Stable" as a Special Use with waivers of Special Use standard conditions for (1) a minimum fence height of 5 feet; (2) a minimum front setback of 55 feet from the centerline of CR 700E; and (3) a minimum front yard of 25 feet in the AG-1 Agriculture Zoning District.**

**Location: A 5 acre tract in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 17 of Pesotum Township and commonly known as the home and buildings at 378 CR 700E, Pesotum.**

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### *STATUS*

This is the first hearing for this case. Revisions and additions to the Summary of Evidence are proposed below. A letter of support from Lisa Morand from the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation program is attached.

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### **PROPOSED REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS**

Make the following revision to Item 5.B.(6) of the Summary of Evidence as follows:

- (6) There is a possibility that a program with the ~~Champaign Park District~~ Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR) program will be set-up ~~for the Park District~~ to bring 5-10 participants to the proposed ~~use therapeutic riding center~~ on Saturdays.

Add new Item 7.C. to the Summary of Evidence as follows:

- C. A letter of support from Lisa Morand, Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR), received February 26, 2013, is summarized as follows:
- (1) CUSR provides leisure and recreation opportunities to individuals with various disabilities from 5-80 years of age.
- (2) Therapeutic horseback riding is used to promote the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and well-being of individuals with disabilities.
- (3) CUSR is excited and appreciative to have found this program for the individuals they serve.

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**COMPOSTING OF MANURE**

The petitioner has contacted the Illinois EPA (IEPA) and has had the process of becoming a permitted on-farm composter explained. The petitioner will need to submit the proper paperwork to the IEPA to determine if they will be allowed to be considered an on-farm composter.

**FINAL ACTION**

The official notice sent to the Pesotum Township Highway Commissioner was returned because the address available to staff was out of date. The correct address was obtained and another notice was sent. The second notice was sent after the minimum required 15 day notification period had expired. Staff has been unable to contact the Highway Commissioner to ask if he has any questions or comments, and if he would waive the 15 day notification requirement. Because of this the ZBA should consider continuing this case to a future meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A Letter of support from Lisa Morand, Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation, received February 26, 2013



# Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation

*A cooperative program of the  
Champaign and Urbana Park Districts*

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February 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lisa Morand and I am the Youth and Teen Coordinator at Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR). CUSR is an intergovernmental agreement between the Champaign and Urbana Park Districts and we provide leisure and recreational opportunities for individuals with various disabilities in the community with age ranging from 5-80 years old. I first met Dorey and Terry at the Disability Expo in October 2012 where I expressed great interest in a partnership with them to provide therapeutic horseback riding to our participants.

My previous experience with therapeutic horseback riding has instilled in me a great opportunity for the program and its benefits. It was when I spoke to Dorey and Terry that I realized my vision could become a reality in the people my agency serves. Therapeutic horseback riding is used to promote the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and well-being of individuals with disabilities. It improves their posture in maintaining balance, which enhances overall body awareness, which many people with disabilities have a deficit. Riding gives individuals with disabilities the opportunity to improve muscle tone, range of motion, flexibility, and social skills. Because riding a horse gently and rhythmically moves the rider's body in a manner similar to human gait, riders with physical disabilities often show improvement in flexibility, balance, and muscle strength. For individuals with mental or emotional disabilities, the unique relationship formed with the horse can lead to increased confidence, patience, and self-esteem. Individuals with intellectual disabilities have improved concentration and focus which is facilitated by the specific activities in which one focuses on while riding. The sense of independence found on horseback benefits all who ride. Every individual no matter their ability level will gain positive benefits from being involved in therapeutic horseback riding.

CUSR is very excited and appreciative to have found this unique and specialized program for the individuals we serve. I have seen firsthand an individual with autism who is non-verbal, learn non-verbal commands to control the horse, by learning how to squeeze the horse to make it move and how to pull back on the reins to make it stop, something in which this individual needed hand over hand assistance with to begin with. This individual also acted out and had behaviors and would scream, but when placed on the horse he became humble and relaxed. I have witnessed an individual with Cerebral Palsy whose muscles were spastic and their leg muscles were so tight they could barely fit over the saddle; however over the course of sessions these muscles relaxed and her posture improved she went from having two side walkers to just one. She was able to walk better and her muscles loosened allowing her to move more freely. These are just a couple experiences in which I have witnessed the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding.

We look forward to building the program as the stable grows and we look forward to offering this opportunity in the future to our veterans in the community.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Morand, CTRS

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