

Watson, David F. - PDR

From: Ewing, Kelley <kelley.ewing@lva.virginia.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: ORD. 2020-021, 4647 Arrowhead Road
Attachments: City of Richmond.docx

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Hello Mr. Watson,

Hope you are well. I have attached a letter of support for Barbara Slatcher in regard to ORD. 2020-021, the request to authorize special use of 4647 Arrowhead Road for the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kelley Ewing

City of Richmond, Virginia
Department of Planning and Development Review
Land Use Administration Division
900 E. Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219

January 20, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of [ORD. 2020-021](#), the *request to authorize special use of the property known as 4647 Arrowhead Road for the purpose of a wildlife rehabilitation facility accessory to a single-family detached dwelling, upon certain terms and conditions.*

As the owners of the residence at 4656 Arrowhead Road, which is immediately opposite the property under review, we enthusiastically support both the important contributions of Barbara Slatcher to the stewardship and preservation of Richmond-area fauna, **and the continuation of Barbara's efforts to that end at the property known as 4647 Arrowhead Road.**

In the four years that we have lived opposite Barbara, we have found her and her husband Wayne to be both model neighbors and conscientious property owners. In fact, we only became aware of Barbara's unique talents a year ago, after we found that a nest full of chimney swift hatchlings and eggs (protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act) had fallen down into our fireplace firebox, where their mother could no longer reach them. Upon contacting a local animal rescue hotline, we were surprised to be redirected to our own neighbor Barbara -- whose ongoing rescue efforts over the previous three years had been so unobtrusive that we never noticed them at all until that moment. Barbara took charge of our wayward hatchlings, and cared for them until they could be released as part of larger effort to repopulate areas of Southwestern Virginia where swifts have largely disappeared.

My wife and I chose to move into the City, and to Arrowhead Road in particular, because of our love for the James River Park System. We spend a great deal of time enjoying the flora and fauna along the James, and have great respect for the many people, like Barbara, who volunteer their time and effort to help sustain and enhance the natural beauty of this area. We feel privileged to have Barbara and her rescue operation as our neighbor, and believe that her work actively and positively contributes to quality of life on Arrowhead Road.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly a (703) 598-6831 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

L. Thomas Vest, Jr. and Lynne S. Vest
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Richmond VA 23235

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From: LYNDA PRICE <lprice160@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:51 PM
To: Watson, David F. - PDR
Cc: Barbara Slatcher; Chris Linardos
Subject: wildlife rehabilitation

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David,

I have been a wild bird rehabilitator for 12 years in Chesterfield County. Barbara Slatcher and I have taken many of the wild birds in the area for rehabilitation. Well over 300 birds are injured or orphaned in the Central Virginia area every year and brought to a rehabber for care. Because of my health, I am forced to discontinue rehabbing. Barbara is essential for the survival of many of our wild native and migratory birds. Please grant her the required permits for her to continue this effort.

Lynda F. Price

President
Area Rehabbers Klub

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From: lynnpeacewilson@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: Barbara Slatcher Support Letter

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Mr. Watson, I am writing in support of Barbara Slatcher's work as a wildlife rehabilitator in the Richmond region. I first met Barbara and her husband Wayne when they installed Kestrel nesting boxes on our Henrico County farm a few years ago; subsequently I have worked with Barbara as Virginia Master Naturalists.

Barbara provides a uniquely vital service for our native wildlife and to all who value wild creatures, especially Virginia's raptors and other birds. There are so very few people with the skill and ability to provide this kind of community service to us — and for free. Barbara dedicates a significant part of her time, her resources, her home and, indeed, her life to this lovely cause. She absolutely deserves any and all support we can collectively provide her. I urge City Council to issue her Special Use Permit and furthermore to consider doing everything in its power to support and uplift Barbara's important work.

Sincerely, Lynn

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From: Mike Ostrander <mike@discoverthejames.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Watson, David F. - PDR
Subject: Barbara Slatcher ... needed resource

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Mr. Watson,

Hello. Barbara Slatcher's commitment to rehab wildlife in the Richmond area is a much needed resource and for her to not be able to do what she does because of paperwork/permitting is a true shame. Time is already lost, and I hope you will find a way to make it right and have this wonderful, dedicated person to be able to help birds make it back out into nature, to thrive, and make Richmond, Virginia the kind of place it should be.

Thanks,

Capt. Mike

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