

Subject: Moving Forward

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Hello, Pet Committee Members.

Well, we've waited 10 days for a response from the BOD and have heard nothing official. I did receive one casual opinion from a BOD member indicating lack of support for the idea of approaching our attorney at this time. It's time to move forward.

I believe the Berul's may be traveling and may not be available for a short time. We need to hear from Luann and Judi with confirmation that they intend to actively participate. Otherwise, it's just Margot and John. That's OK, but not optimal. With the cloud over the original intent of the by-laws' mention of small dogs, we should probably not spend too much time on that issue right now. However, we might see whether we agree on what size constitutes a small dog. In fact, it may be a good idea to see whether there are other areas of agreement. Here are a few items that I think we might find in common. Let me know the extent to which you agree. And please offer you suggestions for other items that we might agree upon.

My list starts like this:

- 1) Our final recommendation(s) should specify to the BOD that they should approve only those recommendations that they fully intend to enforce.
- 2) We might want to recommend that part of the enforcement process could be a requirement that the rules be enumerated and supported by the BOD at each year's annual meeting.
- 3) I tend to think that owners' children should be allowed to bring their dogs with them if the dogs meet the requirements of the by-laws - but ONLY if the owner is present during their entire visit.
- 4) I think there's a need for an identification system for approved dogs. I believe that each dog should be registered annually with a different colored tag for each year. I also believe that the registration process should include a photograph of the registered dog. The list of registered dogs, with photographs and unit numbers should be available at all times to security personnel.
- 5) We should consider making a list of suggested behaviors for dogs and dog owners.
- 6) We should probably decide what we mean by "small dog" so that the BOD will have something to work with if it's decided that only small dogs are allowed. There is some anecdotal evidence that small dogs were considered in the past to be those weighing 30 pounds or less.
- 7) We should suggest to the BOD that the job description for the Building Manager should specifically include strict enforcement of pet regulations. We should ensure that the Building Manager is given sufficient authority for this enforcement.
- 8) I think we need to speak to the problem of how to deal with owners' dogs that are approved by the by-laws but are very poorly behaved or have exhibited dangerous behavior.

That's enough for now. Because of a family emergency, I'll be less available than usual through Friday, October 9. I'll keep the website up to date and participate in discussion as well as I can during that period.

JR