IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

E/side of Cornwall Road, 254' S of Dunmanway 12<sup>th</sup> Election District 7<sup>th</sup> Council District

(2919 Cornwall Road)

Theresa A. Spiegel Petitioner \* BEFORE THE

\* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS FOR

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2012-0297-A

#### ORDER AND OPINION

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner, Theresa A. Spiegel. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from §§ 100.6 and 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit the accessory stabling of pigeons on a lot containing 0.052 acres and to permit an accessory structure (pigeon coop) with a side yard setback of 1' in lieu of the required minimum 1 acre lot size and 2.5' setback, respectively. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support for this case was Petitioner Theresa A. Spiegel, Andre Smith and Quajea Carswell. There were no Protestants or other interested parties in attendance. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no adverse ZAC comments from any of the County reviewing agencies.

This matter is currently the subject of a violation case (Case No. CO-107857) before the Office of Administrative Hearings, and a copy of the Code Enforcement file was made a part of the zoning hearing file. It should be noted that the fact that a code violation is issued is generally not considered in a zoning case. Zoning enforcement is conducted by the Department of Permits,

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Approvals, and Inspections, which has the authority to issue Correction Notices and Citations and to impose fines and other penalties for violation of law. On the other hand, the role of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter is to decide the discreet legal issue of whether the Petitioner is entitled to the requested zoning relief.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is 2,280 square feet and is zoned DR 10.5. The Petitioner purchased the home about a year ago, and erected a pigeon coop in or about January, 2012. Ms. Spiegel explained that she is an educator, and uses the pigeons to provide learning experiences for "at risk" students in the area. She advised that she partners with the County school system, and will have small groups of elementary and middle school children to her home to teach them about pigeons' habitat, breeding and historical uses. The Petitioner also explained that using pigeons in this fashion has had a demonstrative and positive effect upon children, and she presented a magazine article that featured an outreach program similar to hers.

The Petitioner presented an exhibit with approximately 75 signatures of area residents, expressing support for her operation (Exhibit 2). The Petitioner also presented several letters of support from neighbors and the Dundalk Community Association (Exhibit 3). Finally, several color photos of Petitioner's home and rear yard were admitted (Exhibit 4) and they show that Petitioner's home is well maintained and the pigeon coop is kept clean and sanitary.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will grant the request for variance relief. Under *Cromwell* and its progeny, to obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

- (1) The property is unique; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

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Petitioner has met this test.

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The Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly enforced, since she would be unable to continue with her pigeon instructional program, which is providing a much-needed activity for youngsters in the area. Finally, I do not believe the zoning relief will be detrimental to the community's health, safety and welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition, and after considering the testimony and evidence, I find that Petitioner's variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2012 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance from §§ 100.6 and 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit the accessory stabling of pigeons on a lot containing 0.052 acres and to permit an accessory structure (pigeon coop) with a side yard setback of 1' in lieu of the required minimum 1 acre lot size and 2.5' setback, respectively, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon the following:

1. The Petitioner may apply for a building permit and may be granted same upon receipt of this Order. However the Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her own risk until such time as the thirty (30) day appellate process from this Order has expired. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, the Petitioner will be required to return and be responsible for returning said property to its original condition.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Administrative Law Judges

August 3, 2012

Theresa A. Spiegel 2919 Cornwall Road Dundalk, Maryland 21222

RE:

Petition for Variance

Case No.: 2012-0297-A

Property: 2919 Cornwall Road

Dear Ms. Spiegel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: M. Stuart Kelly, Code Enforcement Inspector, Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

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# ZONING DESERIPTION FOR 2919 CORNWALL RAY

All that lot of ground situate in the County of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

Beginning for the same of the easternmost side of Cornwall Road a the distance of 207.26 feet southerly measured along the eastern side of Cornwall Road from the southernmost side of Dunmanway which place of beginning is at a pointing line with the center line of a partition wall there erected running thence southerly binding along the easternmost side of Cornwall Road 19 feet to a point in line with the center line of another partition wall there erected thence running easterly to, through and along the center line of the said last mentioned partition wall to the end thereof and continuing the same course in all 120 feet to the westernmost side of an alley 14 feet wide there situate thence running northerly binding along the westernmost side of said alley with the use thereof in common with others 19 feet to meet a lone drawn easterly from the place of beginning, to, through and along the center line of the partition wall first above-mentioned in this description running thence westerly reversing said line as drawn and binding thereon 120 feet to the place of beginning.

The improvements thereon being known as No. 2919 Cornwall Road, AND LOCATED

IN THE 12 Th ELECTION & JET COUNCIL DISTRICTS OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY.

# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

#### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:	
Item Number or Case Number: 2012-0297- A	
Petitioner: Theresa Anne Spiegel	
Address or Location: 2919 Cornwall Road	
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Name: Theresa Anne Spiegel	
Address: 2919 Cornwall Road	
Dundalk, MD 21222	
Telephone Number: 443 653 2158	

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# ZONING NOTICE

CASE # 2012-0297-A

# A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER IN TOWSON, MD

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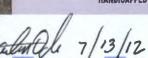
PLACE: WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE, TOUSON 2/204 DATE AND TIME: FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

REDUEST: VARIANCE TO PERMIT THE ACCESSORY STABLING OF PIGEOUS ON A LOT CONTAINING 0.062 ACRES AND TO PERMIT AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (PILEON COOP) WITH A SIDE YARD SETBACK OF 1 FT. IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED MINIMUM 1 ACRE AND 2.55T SETBACK RESPECTIVELY

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Case: # 2012-0297-A 2919 Cornwall Road E/s Cornwall Road, 254 ft. S/of Dunmanway 12th Election District

12th Election District
7th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s):
Theresa Spiegel
Variance: to permit the accessory stabling of pigeons
on a lot containing 0.052
acres and to permit an accessory structure (pigeon
coop) with a side yard setback of 1 ft. in lieu of the
required minimum 1 acre
and 2.5 ft. setback, respectively.

Hearing: August 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. In Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868. (2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing. Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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Arnold Jablon

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

June 20, 2012

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C: Theresa Spiegel, 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk 21222

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July 2, 2012, 2012

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

July 24, 2012

Theresa A. Spiegel 2919 Cornwall Road Dundalk MD 21222

RE: Case Number: 2012-0297 A, Address: 2919 Cornwall Road

Dear Ms. Spiegel:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on May 15, 2012. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 6-1-12

Ms. Kristen Lewis
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County
Item No 2012-0297-4
Variance
Theresa Spiegel
2914 Cornwall Road.

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2012-0297-A.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

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#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** May 31, 2012

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 11, 2012

Item Nos. 2008-0531,2012-0295, 0296, 0297

and 0299.

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

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cc: File

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
2919 Cornwall Road; E/S Cornwall Road,
254' South of Dunmanway
12<sup>th</sup> Election & 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Theresa Spiegel
Petitioner(s)

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- \* 2012-297-A

### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel
Jefferson Building, Room 204
105 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of May, 2012, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Theresa Spiegel, 2919 Cornwall Road, Baltimore, MD 21222, Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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# PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL	
Theresa A. Spiegel	2919 Cornwall Road	Dundalk, MD 21222	Almostheaven 215@comcastret	
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# **Exhibit Sheet**

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Exhibit 2

# To Whom It May Concern:

We, being members of the Dundalk Community, ask that you please consider allowing the pigeon coop located at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, Maryland 21222 to remain in place. The home owner is working with the community to help alleviate the rat population, clean up the community, and offering an alternative to the children by educating them and allowing them to work, hands on, with the pigeons. We do not have a problem with the pigeon coop remaining on the property, since they maintain it at their own expense and do not ask for assistance from the community.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

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Exhibit 3

April 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Neighboring Pigeon Coop

I am a homeowner, residing at 2923 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, MD 21222. I found out from the owner of the Pigeon Coop that complaints have been filed against her because the pigeons are causing a disturbance.

While I have been aware of the pigeons since the coop was built, I have not been personally disturbed by them.

Sincerely,

Barbara D Williams

#### Desiree Antonacci

2903 Liberty Pkwy Dundalk, Maryland 21222 (443)286-0902

August 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

As a current member of the Dundalk TLC (Tenant-Landlord) Community Association and neighbor, I have had the opportunity to work along Terry and Vega at a few community events. This letter is an offer of support to allow them to keep their pigeon coop that is located at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, Maryland, 21222. Terry and Vega use the pigeons for positive educational purposes.

The area is clean and neat and the pigeons are well cared for. The pigeons are definitely more than just birds kept in a coop, these birds are their pets. Please consider allowing them to keep this pigeon coop in their yard. The educational program they offer provides kids of all ages a positive learning experience as well as helping to keep down the rodent population which as you may be aware is rampant in Dundalk.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Desiree Antonacci

RE: Pigeon Coop at 2919 Cornwall Rd Dundalk, MD 21222

To Whom It May Concern:

8/2/12

I work with Terry Spiegel at Open Door as well as being an educator with Baltimore County Public Schools. Since meeting her she has been a huge help with our center and very nurturing to the kids.

I am a special educator with Baltimore County + I feel the pioson coop will nelp teach children responsibility a heep them from getting involved in illicit + inappropriate activities.

Terry is a very neat a organized woman a the coop that she keeps is no different.

Please allow them to heep the pioseon coop.

> Sincerely, Theusa M Maser Theresa Moser

# SHELLEY H. WARREN

3638 Grosvenor Drive • Ellicott City, MD 21042 Home (410) 461-6331 • Cell (410) 530-4616

July 31, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

#### Pigeon Coop at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, MD 21222

As a current member of the Dundalk TLC (Tenant-Landlord-Community) Association, I have worked alongside Terry Spiegel at several neighborhood events. In the short time that she has been in our community Terry has (1) attended DTLC's monthly meetings, (2) been involved in a community clean-up day, and (3) performed many good deeds on her own time and expense for those less fortunate than she.

I have seen Terry's pigeons and their dwelling place; it is a neat, clean area. From all appearances, these beautiful birds are well cared for and are indeed their pets. (The birds are also rodent deterrents!) I understand that they're sharing their experience and skills in raising/training their pets with local groups as a positive educational experience for our youth.

I offer my support to Terry's and Vega's backyard hobby and their efforts to educate and involve school children through this local program they have developed. Please permit them to keep their pigeons. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Respectfully,

Shelley H. Warren

Property owner of 2954 Cornwall Rd.

# 2917 Cornwall Road Apt 2 Dundalk, Maryland, 21222

July 27, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I live next to the property with the pigeon coop located at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, Maryland 21222. The pigeons are not a problem at all. My neighbors keep a clean property and I witness them daily caring for the coop. I have also witnessed several children coming and going. The children seem to enjoy their experience with the pigeons.

The owner of the property had asked if I would have a problem with a coop in the yard prior to putting it up. They were concerned with the rats in the neighborhood and have taken measures to help to cut down and eliminate the rat population. I have not noticed any problems with any odor or droppings. The rat population has lessened since the coop was built in the yard.

Please allow them to keep the pigeon coop in their yard, especially for the educational purposes, but also since they are helping to keep down the rodent problem. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Deorge Purper

FOR ADMIN. LAW JUDGE for 2919 CORNWALL RD.

To whom it may concern,

Yorkway, which is directly across the alley from 2919 Cornwall, we have no problem with the pigeons kept there. There has been no distribunce or annoyance to us related to the keeping of pigeones; ie. noise, smell, etc.

Admittedly, we didn't notice anything beyond the structure. I am surprised to hear the intentions of the owner of the pigeons to get youth involvement which anything that gets hids interested in anything not destructive is great.

David Mick

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#### **XFINITY Connect**

Almostheaven215@comcast.ne

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## letter for pigeon coop

From: Derina Neyra <derina.neyra31@yahoo.com>

Wed, Aug 01, 2012 10:16 PM

Subject: letter for pigeon coop

To: Almostheaven215@comcast.net

Reply To: Derina Neyra <derina.neyra31@yahoo.com>

Ms Terry,

None of the laptops at my parents house have microsoft office, I can't type a letter out on official letterhead until I return to Maryland. Please show this email as proof of my support for the pigeon coop and identify that I can generate a letter on Tuesday 07 August when I return with a wet signature.

To Whom it may concern,

The pigeon coop that Ms. Theresa Spiegel maintains is an invaluable learning tool for children. My son Riley (age 8), has learned all about their habitats, incubation periods, life expetancy, history and sport. Pigeons as a pet or sport are becoming more popular in the United States. Pigeon shows and racing can have their orgin tracked to England, where birds compete in shows and races. The pigeon shows and racing are similar to horse breeding and racing. Some people have horses as pets or compete in shows and this phenomeon is catching on with pigeons in both Europe and in the United States. Dogs are also used in shows for competition, give it a few years and pigeon racing and shows will be as common place as dog or horse shows. The pigeons are very clean birds and my son was trained on proper handling of them, so he has never experienced any negative issues or injuries while handling the birds. Ms. Terry provides a rare opportunity for the children to get a hands-on learning experience with the birds that can't be found in a traditional classroom setting. Any questions regarding this may be directed to me at 443-204-3667. Thanks.

V/R, Derina L. Neyra derina.neyra31@yahoo.com derina.neyra@ang.af.mil

## 2917 Cornwall Road Apt 1 Dundalk, Maryland, 21222

July 31, 2012

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#### To Whom It May Concern:

I reside next door to Terry and Vega, whom maintain and keep pigeons in a loft located in their back yard at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, MD 21222. I have witnessed many aspects of this coop. Being the next door neighbor, I can attest that they keep their yard clean and well kept. The pigeons are no bother. I have never seen any droppings, which amazes me.

During a conversation with the two of them, I learned that they were using the pigeons to help educate children in the community. With many of the after school activities shutting down and no where for the children to go, this activity helps the children focus on a positive hobby and learning experience.

Please allow them to keep the pigeon coop in their yard. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

# Leah E. Bunck

4 S Highland Ave, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 (937) 308.7798 •leah.bunck@gmail.com

August 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

#### Pigeon Coop at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, MD 21222

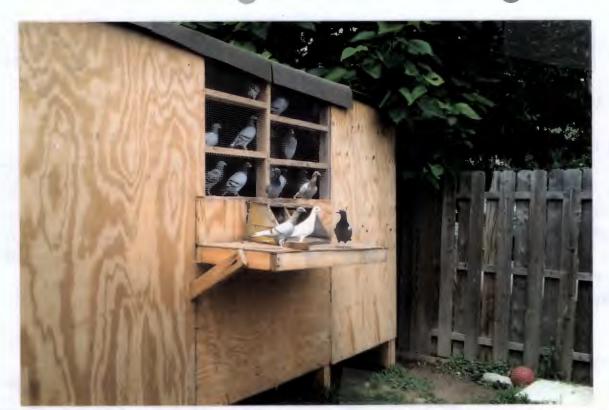
I currently work to help support the efforts of the Dundalk Tenant Landlord Community Association (DTLCA). As someone who works in community organizing in the greater Dundalk area I wish to offer my support of the pigeon coop located at 2919 Cornwall Road, Dundalk, Maryland, 21222. I have come to know Terry and Vega through my work with the DTLCA, as they are committed members of the organization. My personal opinion is that they are using the pigeons for a positive educational purpose and causing no harm to the community.

Additionally, I support their plans to provide activities to the youth in our community at no cost to the participants. The Dundalk community lacks a safe place for youth to congregate. Their project can help fill this void and is a positive way to keep the children from participating in less favorable activities, such as drugs, gangs, and the like.

Please consider allowing them to keep the pigeon coop in their yard. They maintain this coop at their own expense. They promise to continue the proper maintenance and to follow procedures to control the rodent population. Thank you for your consideration. As a private citizen who works in the Dundalk community and closely with the DTLCA, I support their efforts.

Respectfully,

Leah Bunck, MSW

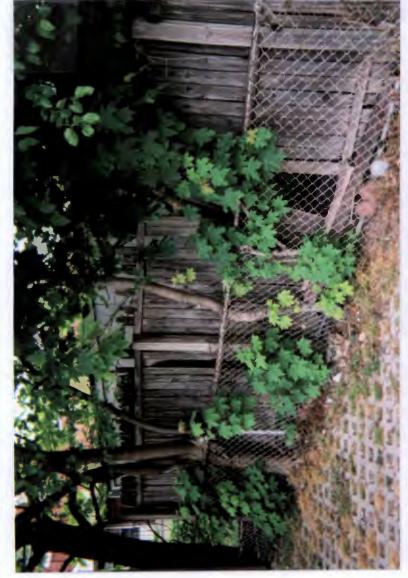


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