

Planning and Community Development Variance Request

Item 9

- A. The materials used in the construction of the fence will be maintenance free and, per submitted cut sheets, a material that will complement the existing centers material, color and style. 3 options have been provided for review and, if those are not agreeable, we are open to investigating other material/color selections. To minimize the additional requested height of 8', a rendering has been provided that would include the addition of a boxwood hedgerow in front of the fence to soften the height.
- B. The unique circumstances that make this request necessary are related to safety and community harmony. Dogtopia dictates an 8' fence, in order to prevent people from looking over the fence and distracting the dogs, resulting in noise concerns from barking, or aggravating the dogs within the enclosed exterior space, which can lead to altered animal behavior and risk to Dogtopia staff.
- C. This request is necessary for the fenced area to be useful and be in harmony with the center and foot traffic that it experiences.
- D. 8' is the minimum required height for Dogtopia locations. We are seeking a variance for only that height, as additional height would be excessive and less would risk functionality.