Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League
C/O Laura Van Renselaar
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Gunnison, Colorado 81230

May 20, 2013

Dear Laura,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Gunnison in relation to the current discussion concerning the proposed Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL) animal shelter facility and the timing associated with that project. At a meeting called by County Commissioner, Paula Swenson on May 16th, it was determined that the GVAWL would provide a status report to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in June of this year. That meeting will cover options for how this project may proceed if feasible.

The City of Gunnison has provided a commitment to the project in the amount of $125,000 and had believed that Phase 1 of the building would commence this year. That does not appear to be the case and the City is concerned that further delay creates compliance issues for the current pound it operates. We understand that if this project is going to proceed, there will be a commitment by September 1, 2013 that a facility will be built in 2014.

The timing of GVAWL's response is important so the City can evaluate options during our upcoming budget process. The funds were originally budgeted in 2012 and carried forward to 2013 with Council approval of that appropriation. If it is determined a facility will be built in 2014, City staff will discuss the current commitment with our new Council to determine if the appropriation will be carried forward to the next fiscal cycle. If it is not possible to commit to a project, the $125,000 held in reserve will revert back to our general fund. Any further shelter funding would come as a new request for future consideration. We look forward to the upcoming decision of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Coleman; City Manager