

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of the Virtual Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board

September 14, 2021

6:00 pm

Location of Meeting:

Virtual Teams Meeting via Animal Care & Control Division Facebook

Columbus, GA, 31907

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson

Jayne Dunn

Sabine Stull

Patricia Montgomery

Kristi Ludy

Channon Emery

Michael Criddle

Dr. Jean Waguesack

Absent from Meeting:

Lindsey Ellis

Julie Fryer

The quarterly virtual meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:14 pm on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, by the chairperson Sabine Stull via Teams through the Animal Care & Control Center Facebook Page.

Approval for the minutes from virtual board meeting on 06/08/2021; Patricia Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes and Jayne Dunn second the motion. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 06.08.21**

Approval for the minutes from Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Sub Committee meeting on 06/15/2021. Jayne Dun made a motion to approve the minutes and Patricia Montgomery second the motion. *****ACTION TAKEN: SOP SUBCOMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS APPROVAL MINUTES FROM SUBCOMMITTEE BOARD MEETING 06.15.21**

Patricia Montgomery stated only 1 vote was recorded in the minutes from Dangerous Dog hearing on 05/10/2021; a correction be made, 2 votes to uphold the classification be recorded. Contreana Pearson stated if would be corrected and upon their approval she would email a corrected copy to all Board members and the Clerk of Council. Jayne Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes with correction for 05/10/21 meeting and Sabine Stull second the motion.

******ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL CORRECTED MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 05.10.21 WITH 1 OTHER VOTE TO UPHOLD CLASSIFICATION.***

Agenda Items

1. Animal Control - Monthly Report – Monthly Revenue Report June 2021 and July 2021

Contreana Pearson directed the Board Members to their Animal Control packets in order to go over the monthly and revenue reports. Jayne Dunn inquired about the revenue difference from the fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Contreana stated, fiscal year 2020 had \$191,193.00 and the fiscal year 2021 was \$188,637.00 with a difference of \$2,556.00.

Contreana Pearson informed the Board members from the monthly reports, the stray intakes are much higher than the owner surrenders. She explained, there was a misconception on owner surrender intakes days was bringing the shelter to capacity on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Patricia Montgomery inquired about scanning of cats upon intake. Contreana Pearson advised, all cats and dogs are scanned three times when being impounded into the shelter. This is occurring upon intake, inside run, and before leaving the shelter.

2. Questions Board Member

Channon Emery asked if owner surrenders are counseled about resources upon surrendering. Contreana Pearson stated, owners are given rescues names and numbers to call for alternative solutions before surrendering their pets. She stated, information about PAWS 'Pets for Life' program, for assistance keeping their pets is given. Jayne Dunn asked if Animal Control cross checks surrenders and strays. Contreana Pearson stated no, because so many strays are picked up running loose or on someone's property daily. Patricia Montgomery and Sabine Stull agreed that animals are being dumped at their facilities often.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm. The next virtual quarterly meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 5:30pm via Animal Care & Control Center Facebook page.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members