

**Columbus Consolidated Government**  
**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control**

**Advisory Board**

**June 18, 2020**

**6:00 pm**

**Location of Meeting:**

PAWS/Humane  
4900 Milgen Road  
Columbus, GA 31907

**Present at Meeting:**

Contreana Pearson  
Jayne Dunn  
Drale Short  
Lindsey Ellis  
Sabine Stull  
Carla Anthony  
Kristi Ludy  
Patricia Montgomery  
Keanthony Brooks (Recording Clerk)

**Present:**

Dr. Jean Waguespack

The quarterly meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:30pm on June 18, 2020 at the PAWS/Humane Community Room by Chair Sabine Stull.

All voting members present voted to approve minutes from the quarterly meeting held **January 7, 2020** with a date correction.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Dangerous Dog Classification Hearing**

Contreana Pearson opened the discussion for the classification hearing referring to the large document packet for 'Jarvis Woods' dog file. She advised all Board members to read the multiple emails concerning the loose dog from the Hilton Wood Neighborhood Association emails. Contreana Pearson advised the Board members it was reported the large, tan, male; Presa came off his property on multiple occasions and bit a citizen on May 7, 2020. Dog owner Jarvis Woods of 3041 Edgewood Ct was given citation for charges of no rabies, no city permit, unattended and snap growl and threat. The bite victim, Wade White Sr, did not want to press charges or attend Board meeting for explanation of the bite incident in fear his testimony to the Board may contribute to the dog being euthanized.

Animal Control staff member, Tiffany Burns stated, since the dog in question has been impounded at the shelter, the dog has exhibited a very aggressive demeanor and lunges hard at the gate when staff members walk by. The owner, Jarvis Woods has visited his dog on multiple occasions. Although the dog has been impounded since May 7, the dog still acts the same.

The responding Animal Control Officer Alexander Caldwell explained to the Board, the biting incident when he arrived on scene was complex. Officer Caldwell was dispatched by E911, stating a stray dog was loose on Auburn Avenue and a white male, Bill Bailey was following him in his personal vehicle. Officer Caldwell arrived on the scene and followed a large male Presa for about 30-40 minutes through different streets. The dog was finally captured with the assistance of another Animal Control Officer that was called to the scene. Officer Caldwell stated the bite victim was bitten on the chin and calf by the dog. The Officer described the wound on the bite victim as equivalent to 'pea size'. The bite victim, Mr. White, did not seek medical attention and no pictures were taken because the victim was not cooperative with Animal Control through numerous home visits or phone calls.

The initial complainant, Kathy Tanner of 3027 Sue Mack Drive, said she witnessed the dog unattended in the neighborhood several times, running into different resident's yards and threatening her daughter. She stated, she made numerous calls about the dog being unattended and a nuisance in the neighborhood. She is the captain in her neighborhood watch, and first posted pictures on 04/27 to the

neighborhood email, advising everyone about a dog that attacked another dog. Ms. Tanner advised the dog showed up in her yard twice. She stated the person following the dog is her fiancé, Billy Bailey. She pressed charges for a citation to be written for the snap, growl and threat charge to her daughter. Citation written for September 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm in Environmental Court.

A witness in the area, Jake Mormick stated his wife and son were outside when the dog approached. He stated the unattended Presa was fighting with two other dogs and he had to fight the dog off the other dog with a stick.

Dog owner, Jarvis Woods apologized for the dog being unattended to the Board Members. He stated a wooden latch went bad which is how the dog got off the property. Mr. Woods stated, he has now invested in a kennel with a cement bottom and pad locks to keep his dog confined while he is at work. He stated he knows the severity of animals being unattended but did not know of any other incidents of his dog leaving the property.

Linda Taylor, 3771 Edgewood Ct, witness for Jarvis Woods stated, the dog follow all orders and commands and is very friendly. She stated since being in the neighborhood she has had no problems with the dog being aggressive. Ms. Taylor stated the dog plays with her German shepherd.

Michael Woods, 4521 Peru Drive, uncle to Jarvis Woods stated the dog has never been aggressive although he weighs 120 pounds, which can be intimidating.

The Board Members discussed options of classification after hearing all witnesses, Animal Control staff, dog owner and complainants' statements.

The Board voted to dismiss the 'dangerous dog' classification. Motion made by Sabine Stull to dismiss the classification, and second by Jayne Dunn.

***\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: DISMISS THE DANGEROUS DOG CLASSIFICATION FOR OWNER JARVIS WOODS' DOG 'KIMBA' 5 YES VOTES AND 1 BOARD MEMBER ABSTAINING, CARLA ANTHONY.***

## **2. Proposed Ordinance Section 5-7.1 B (9) Outdoor facilities 'wording change'**

Board members voted to add to existing **Animal Control & Fowl Ordinance Section 5-7.1B**: Outdoor shelters shall comply with the following:

Add:

*(9) Bedding inside of outdoor shelter shall be kept dry*

Sabine Stull motioned to approve an addition to existing ordinance, Carla Anthony second the motion.

**\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: UNANIMOUS (6) YES VOTES BY ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.**

### **3. Discussion of 'proposed ordinance' regulating the sale of puppies**

Sabine Stull suggested to Board Members, to table this discussion for a special called meeting because of the late hour. All members agreed, proposed for the end of July.

#### **Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 4:30 pm on July 30, 2020 at:

Animal Control Care & Control Center

4910 Milgen Road

Columbus, GA 31907

Sabine Stull adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

C: Clerk of Council

ACAB Members

