

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board

September 13, 2022

5:30 pm

Location of Meeting:

Public Works Driver's Training Room

602 – 11th Avenue Bldg E

Columbus, GA, 31901

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson

Jayne Dunn

Sabine Stull, Chairperson

Raymond Culpepper

Kristi Ludy

Channon Emery

Drale Short

Dr. Scott McDermott

Courtney Pierce

Julee Fryer, Co-Chairperson

Patricia Montgomery

Absent from Meeting:

Dr. Jean Waguesack

The quarterly meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 5:42 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, by the chairperson Sabine Stull.

Approval of the minutes from **06/23/2022**; Sabine Stull made a motion to approve the minutes and Patricia Montgomery second the motion. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 06.23.22**

Agenda Items

1. Monthly Reports

Contreana Pearson asked if there were any questions about the monthly reports. No questions were garnered. Contreana Pearson thanked board members Raymond Culpepper and Julee Fryer for their help at Animal Care & Control Center. She also thanked Patricia Montgomery for the microchips donated. All dogs adopted, will now be microchipped before leaving the building. Channon Emery inquired about the training of animal control officers. Ms. Pearson replied, new officers are paired with senior officer and/or supervisor for six weeks to eight-week shadow training. Ms. Emery stated she saw an officer drag a dog off

the animal control truck to impound. Ms. Pearson stated she would investigate this complaint and get back to her with the findings. Ms. Emery stated, she said something to the officer. Ms. Pearson stated they have security cameras; she would watch the footage.

2. Ordinance Revision

Sabine Stull presented the board with a revision for the tethering ordinance Section 5-7.2. Ms. Stull referenced pictures, she presented to the board whereas the dogs either were injured and/or died from being on tethers. She stated animals should not be left on tethers for long periods of time. The presented revision should keep this type of cruelty from happening. Contreana Pearson suggested a sub-committee be formed to do extensive research from other cities to mirror an appreciate ordinance for Muscogee County. Raymond Culpeper stated he would help get information and research cities such as Lagrange and Atlanta. Drale Short recommended to have language and research definite before presentation to council to get approval. Ms. Stull stated she would do more research with other cities and bring back to board for a special called meeting.

3. Kids Talk to Us About Series/School Project – Community Schools

Patricia Montgomery discussed working with local schools to educate students about the animal shelters and how they operate. Staff and volunteers should interact with students. Ms. Montgomery asked about a painting project for the outside of kennels, Ms. Pearson and Ms. Short welcome the opportunity. Ms. Montgomery also inquired to advertise on the garbage truck to promote spay, neuter and microchipping your pets. Ms. Short explained the advertisement space for the side of the trucks is presently contracted out to vendors. Ms. Short will get back with the board on a time expiration of present vendor advertisement contract.

4. Advisory Board Meeting Times

Ms. Pearson informed the board; Dr. McDermott would like an earlier meeting time for the board meetings to be able to attend. Ms. Pearson asked each member their preference. Six of the voting members stated they were flexible, and 2 board members stated they preferred early meetings at 2:00 pm as in previous years. Contreana Pearson asked the board for a vote for a rotation between early and late meetings to ensure at least one veterinarian is present. Dr. Waguesack cannot attend early meetings. The members agreed, yes. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL ROTATE BOARD MEETINGS EARLY AND LATE MEETINGS.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. The next scheduled quarterly meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 5:30pm.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members