

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of a Quarterly Scheduled

Animal Control Advisory Board

March 14, 2024

3:30 pm

Location of Meeting:

Public Works Bldg.

602 -11th Avenue

Columbus, GA, 31901

Present at Meeting:

Drale Short

Canita Johnson

Courtney Pierce

Raymond Culpepper

Julee Fryer, Chairperson

Lori Turner

Nancy Anderson

Kristi Ludy

Channon Emery

Absent from Meeting:

Dr. Jean Waguespack

Dr. McDermott

Sabine Stull

The meeting was called to order by Julee Fryer, Chairperson at 4:00 pm.

Approval of amended minutes from 11/09/2023 meeting, incorrect date. Channon Emery made a motion to approve the minutes and Drale Short second the motion. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FOR CORRECTED DATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WITH CORRECT DATE AUGUST 29, 2023.**

Approval of minutes from 1/18/ 2024 meeting. Drale Short made a motion to approve minutes with spelling corrections and Lori Turner second the motion. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING ON 01.18.2023 APPROVED**

Appointment of Co-Chairperson by Julee Fryer. Julee Fryer nominated Nancy Anderson. Drale Short made a motion to accept the nomination and Canita Johnson second the nomination, *****ACTION**

TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FOR CO-CHAIRPERSON ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD NANCY ANDERSON.

Julee Fryer inquired about an update on noise barriers in dog kennels. Raymond Culpepper has a link to follow up and will take the lead to get back with the Board. Julee Fryer stated, the Citizen Stray Hold program (CSHP), citizens wanted more detailed information. Ms. Johnson stated this program was created to slow the intakes at CACC. Channon Emery asked why a puppy wasn't given any shots on the CSHP. Canita Johnson stated, the dog never came into the building for processing as an impoundment.

Julee Fryer inquired about adoption pictures not up on the website. Canita Johnson stated, usually takes 24 to 48 hours before pictures are available on the website. The Animal Control Officers (ACO's) upload pictures in the new software in real time once impounded on the scene.

Channon Emery referenced a dog that was on the euthanasia list deemed as a medical emergency rabies case. Ms. Emery inquired where the dog was sent for testing and why the dog had no tag number? Canita Johnson replied, she would defer the question, until she can do research at her office. Ms. Emery stated the date was 03/01/2024 for euthanasia and no tranquilizer was given to dogs euthanized. Channon Emery stated, some dogs are not receiving Bordetella vaccines, no second shots and no consistency given for shots.

Julee Fryer stated another question from citizens. Animal Control does not have any Standard Operating Procedures (SOP'S). She would like to establish a subcommittee to work on the SOPs as Animal Control and the Advisory Board would take accountability for writing. Julee Fryer asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee to start from scratch. Drale Short, Nancy Anderson, Lori Turner, Courtney Pierce, Canita Johnson, Julee Fryer and Channon Emery volunteered to form a SOP subcommittee. Drale Short stated a draft was in process and was not allowed to happen.

Raymond Culpepper would like more transparency when questions are asked by the public, would like for Canita Johnson to share with the Board members. Raymond Culpepper stated FAQs on the website would be great for transparency.

Raymond Culpepper asked Drale Short about the budget timetable. She stated, next Thursday she will to Council but will not know anything until the mayor has submitted his budget.

Julee Fryer asked about voting rights for the PAWS representative, Drale replied, that would be an ordinance change for Council.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm by Julee Fryer.