

Columbus Consolidated Government
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control
Advisory Board
September 17, 2019

Location of Meeting:

Columbus Animal Care & Control Center
4910 Milgen Road
Columbus, GA 31907

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson
Dr. LeFranc
Bobbi Yeo
Christy Noullet
Becky Carter
Carol Bassett
Sabine Stull
Carla Anthony
Kathy Blair (Recording Clerk)

Absent:

Pat Biegler
Timothy Butts

The quarterly meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:07PM on September 17, 2019 At Columbus Animal Care & Control by Becky Carter.

The minutes were approved for the quarterly meeting held on **July 9, 2019** and the subcommittee meeting on **August 2, 2019**.

1. Agenda Items

1. By- Laws

Contreana Pearson stated the city attorney has submitted changes to the bylaw that were consistent to how City Council previously set, she asked if the members had any comments or questions. No response was made from the Board.

Carla Anthony motioned the By-Laws be approved as corrected and Carol Bassett 2nd the motion.

2. Retail Sales

Christie Noullet requested heavy regulations on Puppy Sales. She suggested regulations to be on stores like Petland and “backyard breeders” and from individuals selling puppies at flea markets within a 221 sq. miles. Becky Carter disagreed with the mile ratio. Dr. LeFranc disagreed with the proposed ordinance for puppy retail sales and the mention of Peatland’s name. He abruptly left the meeting stating that he resigned from the Animal Control Advisory Board. Contreana Pearson stated to the Board that she only gets calls for flea markets selling puppies are in Lee County Alabama. Bobbi Yeo made a motion to vote on submitting the proposed retail sale ordinance to City Council as is. Carla Anthony 2nd the motion. All voted in favor with Christie Noullet abstaining.

******ACTION TAKEN: APPROVAL RETAIL ORDINANCE BY-LAWS 5 YES; 1 VOTE ABSTAINING***

3. Becky Carter’s Updates

Item 1. Spay/Neuter

Becky Carter stated thus far approximately 75 dogs at Animal Care & Control Center have been spay or neutered before adoption. Contreana Pearson stated that she is applying for another grant for spaying and neutering through PETCO. She advised the Board more monies have been donated for more dogs to have the surgeries.

Item 2. Software

Becky Carter inquired about the city getting new software for Animal Control. Contreana Pearson stated, a software package was submitted in the last budget but not approved for the fiscal year 2020 budget. Becky Carter mentioned Lotus Notes is being discontinued and Contreana Pearson said the IT Department would have to have a system to replace it.

Item 3. Vet/Manager Position

Becky Carter inquired about the position of Vet/Manager at the Animal Care & Control Center being vacant for over 2 years. She stated qualified candidates have applied. Contreana Pearson suggested that would be a question for the Deputy Director and the Director of Public Works because they are on the interview panel for this position. Contreana Pearson stated the job opening is advertised on social media, Columbus Consolidated Government human resources website, and other outlets.

Item 4. Web Transparency

Becky Carter was concerned about the Animal Care & Control Center not being transparent. She stated all the animals bought into the Shelter are not being placed on the Animal Control web site for the public to view. Contreana Pearson replied that not all animals are posted because of security reasons, such as evictions, police holds, investigations, or biting animals. She stated the public is not privy to that information. However she advised Ms. Carter to get her dates, information and she would investigate it along with Shelter Supervisor.

4. Voting New Chairperson

Becky Carter stated this was her last meeting as Chairperson. Bobbie Yoe nominated Carla Anthony. Ms. Anthony declined the nomination. Contreana Pearson suggested the nomination be tabled until the next quarterly meeting in December whereas more committee members may be present because some members are rolling off in October 2019.

Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on December 17, 2019 at:

Animal Control Care & Control Center

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Becky Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

C: Clerk of Council

ACAB Members

