

Date: 9/25/25

***Board Members Present:** Ethelyn Riley (Chair),

Donna McGinnis (Internal Auditor for CCG- non-voting member),

Courtney Pearce (Director of Paws, Inc.-non-voting member), Danielle Saunders, Matt Gilbert, Kirven Boyce

*Absent: Karen Gaskins (Asst. Chair), Anna Claire Daniels

***Discussion:**

Courtney-She knows/contacted Sherry, a lawyer of the UGA School of Law Law Department about a grant-funded workshop training for Paws Officers and the CPD (Columbus Police Department). It will be an "invite only" to the public, and stakeholders can come. It will involve interpreting forensics and annual related laws. Courtney emailed COD Chief Stoney Mathis, and a date has not been set up yet. It could be the 15-16 October or potentially November. We will wait to hear back from Courtney on the date. In addition, Courtney said that the first bit of our updates Ordinances is fine, but she does know someone (a lawyer) who can professionally go over it - especially the "animal cruelty" Ordinances sections.

Donna-Talked about the grant-funded workshop/training and said that it being grant-funded, adds a lot of merit to it. She said it will benefit the CPD and Paws Officers, and it will be good.

***Announcement:**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 9th, 3:00pm, at the Columbus Library- Synovus Room A.

The Board worked on the Proposed Ordinance Changes- Chapter 5:

***Section 5-8: Rabies Vaccination**

(a) No Issue

(b) No Issue

(c) No Issue

(d) No Issue

(e) (1): Delete "and furnished to each veterinarian or veterinary clinic by the Columbus Animal Services Division.

(e) (2): Delete all.

(f) (1): Add to the beginning: "**Cats and**" dogs.

Add "cat or dog" to: "The rabies vaccination tag issued for a "**cat or dog**"shall be attached..."

(f) (1) (a) No Issue

(1) (b) No Issue

(1) (c) No Issue

Minutes submitted by: Kirven Boyce

Minutes approved by: Ethelyn W Riley_____

Signature: *Ethelyn W Riley* **_Date:** _____

ASAB Advisory Board Meeting – Summary of Minutes Date: 9/25/25

The board decided to accept the offer of the UGA Law Department to provide workshop training for Paws Officers and the CPD (Columbus Police Department). It will be an "invite only" to the public, and stakeholders can come.

Chapter 5, Section 8 of ordinances was discussed. Few changes were recommended. The board also decided to allow an attorney to review our proposed Ordinance changes and ascertain they are within the Georgia State Laws.