

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board

June 23, 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. Jean Waguesack

Courtney Pierce

Julee Fryer

Patricia Montgomery

Speaker:

Anna Claire Daniels

The quarterly meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:09 pm on Thursday, June 23, 2022, by the chairperson Sabine Stull.

Approval of the minutes from virtual board meeting on **03/08/2022**; 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 03.08.22**

Absent from Meeting:

Dr. Scott McDermott

The Board voted to have a Vice Chairperson for the board. Jayne Dunn motioned and Patricia Montgomery second the motion for Julee Fryer to be Vice Chairman of the Animal Control Advisory Board. *****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL FOR JULEE FRYER VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.**

Agenda Items

1. Anna Claire-Daniels Approved Speaker

Ms. Daniel was concerned on how Animal Control handles follow ups after a cruelty report from citizens. Contreana Pearson stated protocol usually is to educate citizens and give a warning to fix the problem depending on the type of cruelty. Animal Control Officers give referrals to PAWS for 'pets for life' assistance. Ms. Daniels stated dog was continually reported to Animal Control. Ms. Pearson replied, the party was cited twice for the improper tethering, given a doghouse and correct tethering system. Protocol is if a violation is continual a citation is given to the party. Ms. Daniels feels the city can do better. Contreana Person stated the cruelty fines have been increased within Environmental Court by Judge Henderson and feels it is going in a better direction. Patricia Montgomery suggested she would write something up for habitual offenders of cruelty offenses as their fines should become substantial. Sabine gave a donation of 10 dog houses from her old business location.

2. Questions Board Member – Medical Question

Channon Emery inquired if Animal Control has flea and tick preventative, and deworming treatment is being implemented. Contreana Pearson stated yes flea preventatives are in place and no standard protocol of deworming treatment has been implemented. Patricia Montgomery suggested creating a volunteer tier for allowing volunteers more responsibility. Courtney Pierce pointed out other rescues get a lot of the support and Animal Control does not because they are a 'kill shelter'.

3. Animal Control Cleaning Assistance

Julee Fryer inquired about a CBI group student from Muscogee County School District assisting with clean up. Drale Short stated she would research the liability aspect and get back with Ms. Fryer. Ms. Pearson stated they must be over 18 years of age and sign all the pertinent documents as do the volunteers. Ms. Pearson also expressed they could not wait until the student arrive because cleaning begins at 6 am to 7 am and must be completed before 12:00 pm opening to the public.

4. Budget Overview

Ms. Pearson informed the board the purchase for microchips was requested in the budget for FY 23. She also expressed the adoption trailer was also requested. Julee Fryer stated the animals going out for Offsite Adoptions should be spayed or neutered. Contreana Pearson stated they would try but they cannot guarantee because of the over capacity the Center is

experiencing every day. Raymond Culpeper and Patricia Montgomery committed to walk dogs to PAWS for altering. Patricia Montgomery also stated she would get a donation of microchips from SAINT. Mr. Culpeper and Ms. Fryer expressed the need to keep website pictures updated. Ms. Pearson replied because of staff shortage and an influx in animals coming into the shelter the employees are getting them on as soon as they can.

5. SOP – Standard Operating Procedures Committee – Re-visited

Ms. Pearson stated because of an impending transition for Animal Control the SOP committee was discontinued/disbanded. She requested at least 3 board members to continue or restart the review. Board member requested open access to the draft by email. Drale Short will review the draft and see if it can be shared to committee established by the board without premature release to public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm. The next scheduled quarterly meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 5:30pm.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members