

Columbus Consolidated Government
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control
Advisory Board
January 07, 2020
6:00 pm

Location of Meeting:

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

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson
Jayne Dunn
Pat Biegler
Christy Noullet
Lindsey Ellis
Carol Bassett
Sabine Stull
Carla Anthony
Kristi Ludy
Patricia Montgomery **nonvoting status/pending swearing in*
Keanthony Brooks (Recording Clerk)

Absent:

Veterinarian **position vacant*

The quarterly meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:13pM on January 07, 2020 at Columbus Animal Care & Control by Contreana Pearson.

All voting members present for the quarterly meeting held on September 17, 2019 approved the minutes.

Agenda Items

1. New Members

Contreana Pearson introduced the new members to the Animal Control Advisory Board; Jayne Dunn, Lindsey Ellis, and Patricia Montgomery.

2. Dangerous Dog Classification Hearing

Contreana Pearson opened the discussion for the classification hearing referring to the three different bite cases by the dog 'Moneybagg'. All members asked to refer to their detail packets for bite information, pictures, summaries and citations for the dog. Ms. Pearson advised the Board, the animal has bitten a neighbor, police officer and mail carrier. Ms. Pearson advised the mail carrier is present to speak to the Board.

The responding Animal Control Officer Jacorey Davis explained to the Board about the biting incident when he arrived on scene. The mail carrier stated the dog came from around the house and bit her on the lower leg. The Board asked Officer Davis if the biting incident occurred on the property, Officer Davis stated yes. A board member asked if the dog gave the Officer trouble when they tried to apprehend him. Officer Davis stated yes, he was gave them some trouble when trying to get him on the truck.

The victim, Samantha Foster spoke to the Board stated she was delivering certified mail to the resident and the gate was locked. She heard a dog bark and turned around quickly and the dog bit her around the ankle. Mrs. Foster stated she does not think should be here after leaning this dog has two (2) previous bites, she believes he should be put down. Mrs. Foster showed the Board member pictures of her ankle. A board member inquired about the fencing around the property. Mrs. Foster replied, the area is fenced all the way around but in order to deliver mail you must snide the gate. The Board asked no further questions; Mrs. Foster was dismissed.

The owner of the dog was not present. The Board voted at the end of the meeting to uphold the 'dangerous' dog. Motion made by Carla Anthony to uphold the classification, motion second by Carol Basset.

*****ACTION TAKEN: UPHELD DANGEROUS DOG CLASSIFCATION; OWNER ROMIR MOORE DOG 'MONEYBAGG' 6 YES VOTES BY VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.**

3. Proposed ordinance regulating sale of puppies

Contreana Pearson informed the Board members, the language conflicts with the present **Animal Control & Fowl Ordinance Section 5-16** 'commercial hobby kennel; *A kennel maintained for the purpose of offering any service whatsoever, including, but not limited to, boarding, grooming, breeding, keeping for sale, selling, trading, training, renting, or leasing for guard purposes any dogs or other animals.* The City Attorney's office stated the language is over broad that the Board wants to use in their proposed ordinance. Contreana Pearson stated, the Board needs to clarify words, suggestion take out shop and put store. Although both would have to be defined. The Board request the City Attorney to attend the next Board meeting. Pat Biegler stated she would inquire.

Christy Noullet added that she would like an ordinance which designates all dog owners be required to have straw bedding for dogs in the winter months. Contreana Pearson did not think requiring a substainal cost for pet owners to have straw/hay for their dogs would be feasible. Christy Noullet stated she would also ask for 'dry bedding' adding this to the existing ordinance. Pat Biegler suggested to add the 'dry bedding' be added to present ordinance; Section 5-7.1 Outdoor facilities. Contreana Pearson will send to the City Attorney the requested addition to Section 5-7.1 Outdoor families *(9) Bedding inside outdoor shelter shall be kept dry.* Only four votes received for 'yes' to have ordinance amended, no response from other two voting members. Ordinance vote will be placed back on agenda for next quarterly meeting on March 17, 2020.

Lindsey Ellis stated a vote for the chairperson was discussed from the last meeting. Ms. Ellis made a motion to nominate Sabine Stull for chairperson of the Animal Control Advisory Board, Carla Anthony second the motion.

*****ACTION TAKEN: SABINE STULL VOTED CHAIRPERSON OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD UNANIMOUS (6) YES VOTES BY VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.**

Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on March 17, 2020 at:

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Contreana Pearson adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

C: Clerk of Council

ACAB Members