

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of the Virtual Special Called Meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board

March 9, 2021

5:00 pm

Location of Meeting:

Virtual Teams Meeting via Animal Care & Control Division Facebook

Columbus, GA, 31907

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson

Jayne Dunn

Dr. Jean Waguespack

Lindsey Ellis

Sabine Stull

Kristi Ludy

Patricia Montgomery

Michael Criddle

Channon Emery

Absent from Meeting:

Julee Fryer

Christy Noullet

The special called virtual meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 5:05 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 by the chairperson Sabine Stull via the Animal Care & Control Center Facebook Page.

The meeting was opened by Sabine Stull with an roll call introduction of all the Animal Control Advisory Board Members present. All members were asked to introduce themselves by name and the organization they represent, if applicable.

Jayne Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting on February 8, 2021 and Patricia Montgomery second the motion with the correction of board member Channon Emery's name be added. She was present at the meeting but name was not on the list.

*****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 02.08.21**

Agenda Items

1. Animal Control - Monthly Report – Monthly Revenue Report

Contreana Pearson directed the Board Members to their Animal Control packets to go over January 2021 monthly report and revenue. Jayne Dunn inquired about the euthanization report, Ms. Pearson explained all the numbers and directed her to a link on the Animal Control website. Sabine Stull asked about the National Shelter Count database, Ms. Pearson stated, yes Animal Control shares their numbers in this database monthly. Ms. Dunn discussed the euthanization report and inquired about the disposition of the owner surrenders. Ms. Pearson explained these are usually terminally ill or elderly owned animals. The Offsite Adoption report was discussed, locations and upcoming events given. Lindsey Ellis inquired about the hobby kennel permit, are for owned animals or breeding purposes. Ms. Pearson explained this permit is for pets and if they are breeding for sale those are considered commercial permits. Jayne Dunn inquired about a grant line item. Ms. Pearson explained the grants must be approved by Council for acceptance. Animal SOS is now spaying and neutering the animals through their 'Hip to Snip' program, grant funds depleted.

2. Ordinance Amendment and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Review

Sabine Stull discussed an ordinance amendment subcommittee be formed to work on changes. Ms. Pearson suggested one ordinance be worked on at a time because each has to have sponsorship. Subcommittee for ordinance changes are Patricia Montgomery, Jayne Dunn, and Sabine Stull. Lindsey Ellis will be an alternate. Sabine Stull asked for volunteers for the SOP subcommittee. This committee was formed with members Patricia Montgomery, Jayne Dunn and Sabine Stull. Ms. Pearson stated all these meetings are open to the public as well and must be transcribed. The subcommittee for SOP agreed to meet in the mornings.

3. Budget – Expenditures

Jayne Dunn stated as a Board member she would like to know about expenses within Animal Control. Ms. Dunn stated the ordinance states the Board is supposed to advise about the budget and are charged with this duty. Michael Criddle stated, the budget has already been submitted and will be presented in Council soon. Ms. Dunn inquired in knowing, how much does it cost to run Animal Control. She feels this will help the advisement criteria with where Animal Control stands with income and expenditures.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm. The next virtual quarterly meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:00 pm via Animal Care & Control Center Facebook page.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members