

Animal Control Commission
April 17, 2023 at 5:30pm MEMORANDUM
Bloomington Animal Shelter – Hybrid Zoom and In Person Meeting
3410 South Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN 47401

MEMBERS

Sue Allmon –present in person
Sita Cohen -present in person
Chris Hazel – present in person
Valerie Pena – present via zoom
Nancy Riggert - not present
Laura Soto – not present

GUESTS

Kaitlyn Cain

STAFF

Michael Clarke – present in person
Aleksandrina Pratt – present via zoom
Lisa Ritchel – present in person
Virgil Sauder – present in person
Nick Steury – present in person

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sita thanked Lisa for her minutes and noted one correction in the second paragraph of **New Business**. The phrase “*is* was Dozer,” should read “*it* was Dozer.”

Valerie moved to approve the **February 13, 2023**, with the above correction.

Nancy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sue – “Yes,” Sita – “Yes,” Chris – “Abstain,” Valerie – “Yes.”
Motion passes, 3-0-1.

II. NEW BUSINESS

i. Appeal of Neuter Requirement – Drogo

Officer Steury reviewed the two instances of Drogo, a dog owned by Kaitlyn Cain, being at large within a 12 month time period: 3/14/2022 and 3/8/2023.

Ms. Cain stated that neither instant was her fault. She does she want him neutered and hopes to breed him to have one of his offspring.

The Commission discussed.

Valerie moved to deny the appeal and uphold the ticket and ordinance.
Chris seconded.

The Commission discussed. Valerie rescinded her previous motion and restated.

Valerie moved to deny the appeal and to place the 3/8/2023 at large fee in abeyance for sixty days and if there are no other instances, the fees associated would be dropped.

Sue seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sue – “Yes,” Sita – “Yes,” Chris – “Yes,” Valerie – “Yes.”

Motion passes, 4-0-0.

ii. Title 7 Ordinance potential changes

1. Habitual Offender – egregious offender clause

Virgil referred to the recent hoarding case and asked the members if they were interested in developing an egregious offender clause. The members were in agreement in the affirmative.

2. Registration ordinance

Virgil explained that with advancement in technology, pet registration is a feasible idea to keep a database of animals in the community. The members agreed that it would be appropriate to look into this.

III. REPORTS

i. Animal Care and Control Report

Virgil first introduced Michael Clarke as the newest Animal Control Officer. Virgil stated that there will be thirty-two cute puppies up for adoption in the next few weeks from the hoarding case. The shelter just hired their first foster intern. The hope is to support and continue to grow the foster program. Virgil publicly thanked everyone involved in helping with the hoarding case and for all the amazing donations from the community. There continues to be a steady need for rehoming services and for stray animals especially with dogs. Kitten season is starting.

ii. MCHA Update

Sue reported that the Tails on the Town fundraiser was this past Saturday. Sue shared that the search for an Executive Director continues and the hope is to have someone in place by June 1.

iii. AMC Update

Valerie reported that there will no longer be a public comment section of the County meetings. Instead members of the public wanting to comment on cases will be asked to communicate with County Legal.

IV. ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Nothing to discuss.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting.

Chris seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Sue – “Yes,” Sita – “Yes,” Chris – “Yes,” Valerie – “Yes. Motion passes, 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.