

Animal Control Commission

July 17, 2023, at 5:30pm

**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 in person
Nancy Riggert - present in person
Laura Soto – present in person

GUESTS

STAFF

Kat Ennis – present in person
Lisa Ritchel – present in person
Virgil Sauder – present in person

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Valerie moved to approve the **June 12, 2023**, as written. Sita thanked Lisa for her excellent minutes. Sue seconded.
Motion passes, 6-0-0.

II. NEW BUSINESS

i. Appeal of ticket - Ulmer

Mr. Ulmer was not present. Virgil confirmed that Mr. Ulmer did receive notice.

The Commission discussed. Sue asked if Mr. Ulmer pays the fine if he would get his dog back. Virgil answered in the negative and noted that Mr. Ulmer had relinquished the dog and it has since adopted.

Valerie made a motion to uphold the \$1500 ticket.
Chris seconded.
Motion passes, 6-0-0.

III. REPORTS

i. Animal Care and Control Report

Virgil explained that the shelter has been very busy and statistics show that numbers overall are comparable to last year. Adoption and Return to Owner numbers are similar to last year, but there is a change in where the animals are coming from. The number of stray animals and impounds from Animal Control Officers have increased and owner surrenders have decreased. This decrease is likely due to the waiting list. Virgil will be watching these numbers closely to monitor the shelter programs. Virgil added that in August the shelter will be taking part in the Clear the Shelters event. Adoption fees will be reduced and there will be special events throughout the month.

ii. MCHA Update

Sue reported that Andrew Krebbs started his position as Executive Director on July 5, 2023. He has been meeting staff and spending much of his time at the Administrative Office. He has hit the ground running and has great ideas! The yard sale was on Saturday and it was very successful. Lines were out the door and more items were brought out from storage to supply the demand.

iii. AMC Update

Valerie explained that County had a good meeting. They heard a potentially dangerous request but decided not to declare due to the incident being a first offense and provoked. Valerie added that in updating the flow chart with the new ordinances, Ken from County discovered four ambiguities. Four of the members are planning on meeting to determine the intent and edit accordingly. They will then send any updates to County Legal and then send for approval.

IV. ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION

i. Pet Registration

The members discussed several factors and questions about pet registration. The following items were discussed: potential fees, adoption component, spay/neuter, microchipping, transient population, breeding fees, litter permits, kennel club, dog parks and veterinary concerns. The members had a very good conversation and Virgil shared that he did not expect this to move forward until next year.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting.

Chris seconded.

Motion passes, 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.