

Animal Control Commission

January 22, 2024, 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 in person
Nancy Riggert - present via zoom
Laura Soto – present in person

GUESTS

Choonhyun Jeon

STAFF

Robyn Peffinger – present in person
Aleksandrina Pratt – present via zoom
Lisa Ritchel – present in person

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sita thanked Lisa for her minutes. Valerie moved to approve the **November 13, 2023**, as written.

Sue seconded. Roll call vote: Sue – “yes,” Sita – “yes,” Chris – “yes,” Valerie – “yes,” Nancy – “yes,”
Laura – “yes.”

Motion passes, 6-0-0.

Sita explained that per Legal the existing ordinances rather than the new ordinances will be applicable at tonight’s meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

i. Request to Declare Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous - Julius

Robyn described a bite incident involving Julius, a German shepherd dog owned by Mr. Jeon, while he was being walked by a sitter from the Rover Company.

Choonhyun Jeon provided a document for the Commission and presented five reasons why Julius should not be declared.

The Commission discussed.

Valerie moved to dismiss request.

Chris seconded.

Roll call vote: Sue – “yes,” Sita – “yes,” Chris – “yes,” Valerie – “yes,” Nancy – “yes,”

Laura – “yes.”

Motion passes, 6-0-0.

ii. Request to Declare Habitual Offender – Patton

Robyn listed six dates when Missy and Trouble, dogs owned by Kimberly Patton, came to the shelter as strays in 2023: February 8, 2023; July 11, 2023; July 22, 2023; July 24, 2023; October 20, 2023; and December 16, 2023.

Kimberly Patton was not present

The Commission discussed.

Valerie moved to declare Kimberly Patton a Habitual Offender with the requirement that if the dogs come to the shelter one more time, she would need to meet with Virgil and a Community Relations Officer to establish a plan for the dogs to be contained. At that time she would have 90 days to comply, and if the dogs return at any point, they become the property of the shelter.

Sue seconded.

Roll call vote: Sue – “yes,” Sita – “yes,” Chris – “yes,” Valerie – “yes,” Nancy – “yes,”
Laura – “yes.”

Motion passes, 6-0-0.

iii. Meeting Dates for 2024

- a. Meetings will be held at 5:30pm at the Animal Shelter on the second Monday of the month except for September and November which will be held on the third Monday.**

III. REPORTS

i. Animal Care and Control Report

Robyn reported that the live release rate for the shelter for 2023 was 94%. There was a slight increase in the euthanasia rate due to an increase in dogs and the behavior issues that were presented. Around 44.8% of all animals in the shelter went through the foster program. The administration team has met and brainstormed goals for the year. The shelter will be closed on Thursday for the staff to take part in an in-service training on emergent care led by Dr. Art Woodruff. The shelter recently experienced a very successful adoption day after Public Vet came and altered 50 animals during a spay/neuter clinic. Public Vet has done this twice now to help with the limited spay neuter opportunities. A new adoption coordinator position was created and has been filled.

ii. MCHA Update

Sue reported that the MCHA is now fully staffed. There is a part-time volunteer coordinator, a full time bookkeeper, and a development director who started this week. The first board meeting is this Wednesday and there are five new members. Officers were elected. Tails on the Town will be on May 15, 2024 at The Mill. MCHA has moved out of the office space at the shelter.

iii. AMC Update

Valerie reported that AMC meeting dates will be on the first Monday of every month at 6pm with the exception of a couple of holiday dates. Officers were elected. Russell Brummett is President and Virgil Sauder is both Vice President and Secretary. They are looking to add a couple new members. Valerie added that Ken Buzzard is updating the ordinance flow chart for the County and has agreed to update the City's as well.

IV. ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION

No discussion.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Valerie moved to adjourn the meeting.

Laura seconded. Roll call vote: Sue – “yes,” Sita – “yes,” Chris – “yes,” Valerie – “yes,” Nancy – “yes,”

Laura – “yes.”

Motion passes, 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.