

Animal Control Commission

May 13, 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
Brandt Ludlow – present in person
Valerie Pena – not present
Laura Soto – not present

GUESTS

Jody Jagers
Ash Kulak
Abigail Roll
Jaley Moss

STAFF

Kat Ennis – present in person
Aleksandrina Pratt – present via zoom
Lisa Ritchel – present in person
Virgil Sauder – present in person

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue moved to approve the **April 15, 2024**, minutes as written.
Chris seconded. Sita thanked Lisa for the minutes.
Motion passes 4-0-0.

II. NEW BUSINESS

i. Ticket Appeal – Jagger

Officer Ennis explained the history that Animal Control has with Mr. Jagers and his three dogs. The Bloomington Police Department called Animal Control to remove his three dogs because they were found at his camp site and no one was there. BPD now has a zero tolerance policy in this regard.

Mr. Jagers explained his reasoning for appealing the citation.

The Commission discussed.

Chris moved to support the appeal.

Sue seconded.

Motion passes 4-0-0.

ii. Request to declare Potentially Dangerous/Dangerous – Sneak

Ryan Lady, the owner of Sneak, was not present.

Officer Ennis explained a bite incident with Sneak that occurred at the Marathon Gas Station where a woman was bitten on her arm and knocked down.

The Commission discussed.

Chris moved to declare Sneak Potentially Dangerous.
Sue seconded.
Motion passes 4-0-0.

iii. Request to declare Potentially Dangerous – Django

Officer Ennis explained the history that Animal Control has with Ms. Roll and her dog Django which includes that a BPD officer was bitten by him during a welfare check at Ms. Roll's camp.

Ms. Roll explained her side of the story and agreed that JJ can be potentially dangerous.

The Commission discussed.

Sue moved to declare Django Potentially Dangerous.
Brandt seconded.
Motion passes 4-0-0.

iv. Request to consider additional restrictions to Habitual Offender – Patton

Virgil reviewed the history of Ms. Patton who was declared a Habitual Offender in January 2024. Since this declaration, there have been five additional issues.

The Commission discussed.

Chris moved that Ms. Patton's dogs are now the property of the shelter with the added requirement that Ms. Patton is not able to own any more dogs for three years starting on this date.
Sue seconded.
Motion passes 4-0-0.

v. Council proposed updates to Title 7

Virgil introduced Deputy Administrator/Deputy Attorney for Common Council, Ash, who explained that they were here because Isabelle Piedmont Smith was not able to attend. Ash went over the draft that was sent out to the members. The members thanked Ash for putting this together.

Sue made a motion to support the changes that have been made.
Chris seconded.
Motion passes 4-0-0.

III. REPORTS

i. Animal Care and Control Report

Virgil reported that the shelter had a spur-of-the-moment, fee-waived, dog adoption event due to how full the shelter was on dogs. Also, starting last Saturday through the end of May, dog fees are reduced to \$20 to help boost adoptions during a normally slower time of year. To decrease barriers, the shelter is starting the Foster First Adoption Program on May 13. June will be the "Microchip Your Pet" launch with a reduced fee of \$10 for microchips and with some offsite microchip clinics around town.

ii. MCHA Update

Sue reported that the Tails of the Town event is coming up very soon on Friday, May 17 and they are busily finishing up the preparations.

iii. AMC Update

Virgil reported that they recommended adjusting the number of County Animal Management Commission members from nine to seven to have any easier time with quorums.

IV. ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Virgil thanked everyone for hearing these hard cases tonight.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting.

Chris seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.