

# **Animal Control Commission**

**May 10, 2021 at 5:30pm**

**Bloomington Animal Shelter – Zoom Meeting**

**All Members and Staff attended via Zoom Video Conference**

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## **MEMBERS**

Sue Allmon - present  
Sita Cohen – present  
Chris Hazel – present  
Valerie Pena – present  
Nancy Riggert - present  
Laura Soto – present

## **STAFF**

Jacquelyn Moore  
Virgil Sauder

## **PUBLIC**

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris moved to approve the April 5, 2021 minutes as written.

Sita seconded. Roll call vote was conducted: Sue: aye, Nancy: present, Chris: yes, Laura: yes, Sita: yes, Valerie: yes. Minutes approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **i. City/County Ordinance Committee**

Valerie stated that there was interest in the City Animal Control Commission and County Animal Management Commission to form a joint working group to look at both sets of animal related ordinances to bring areas into alignment where possible. Valerie and Virgil will represent both Commissions on the committee. Valerie asked for individual City Animal Commissioners interested in participating. Nancy inquired into the time commitment needed. Valerie stated that a lot of work has been done by both Commissions, with County work being done fairly recently. Valerie further stated with annexation as a possibility it would be nice to have the City and County ordinances mirrored as much as possible. Valerie stated that she hopes that there will be only four to five, one hour meetings with some work between. Nancy and Sita indicated that they are interested and able to join the workgroup.

#### **ii. Wildlife**

Valerie stated that with the work done currently it does not show that wildlife is a large concern, but it is a concern. Not having a plan in place is likely hurting us. If annexation occurs, wildlife conflicts can become more of an issue. Valerie stated that there are few good comprehensive plans out there. Virgil shared that there is approval within the City to hire a consultant to assist in forming a wildlife management plan. Nancy encouraged coordinating with Wildcare to give people a roadmap on how to deal with wildlife. Valerie inquired how soon a consultant would be hired. Virgil stated that this is just beginning and that it is a fairly new and niche area for municipalities. Valerie encouraged Virgil to reach out to other projects to see who they utilized as consultants or if they would have an individual who can provide consultation.

### **REPORTS**

#### **i. Animal Care and Control Report**

Virgil stated that intake of cats for the first third of this year is back to pre-Covid levels. Dog intake continues to be lower than the previous year. The shelter continues to schedule owner

surrenders and works to provide rehoming alternatives other than the shelter. It has also proven to help owners rethink surrender and they often keep the animal in the home. This Saturday is the “Be Kind to Animals” outdoor event. This event is designed to provide education and allow interaction with kids and animals. Virgil added that the Baker case heard by the Commission last month is ongoing. Mr. Baker has not yet built a fence per the Commission’s requirement. Valerie gave her appreciation for the timely manner the shelter manages information on social media and provides correct information concerning the shelter.

**ii. MCHA Update**

Sue stated that the Clinic is doing surgeries one day a week. MCHA started a homeless outreach program every Monday to provide resources. Every Monday in May, Pizza X will be donating 33% of proceeds to the Humane Association.

**iii. AMC Update**

The AMC heard four cases at the last meeting and discussed forming the City/County ordinance committee.

**ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

No further discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Nancy moved to adjourn. Sita seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sue: “in favor,” Chris:” in favor,” Laura: “in favor,” Valerie “in favor,” Nancy: “in favor,” Sita: “in favor.”

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.