

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
September 23, 2021
Via Teleconferencing through Zoom
7:30pm

Term Exp	Members	Present	Absent
Staff	Bob Ryan		X
Staff	Rebecca Bailey	X	
6/30/2022	Taimi Anderson		X
6/30/2022	Suzie Bellamy	X	
6/30/2022	Marci Booth	X	
06/30/2024	Stephanie Butler		X
06/30/2024	Eugene Chay	X	
06/30/2023	Lisa Ealley	X	
6/30/2023	Mark Hall		X
6/30/2024	Kathy Rodeffer	X	
6/30/2023	Patti Stange (a 8:00pm)	X	
6/30/2023	Stephanie Stullich		X
6/30/2024	Stacy Teng	X	
6/30/2023	Dave Turley	X	
6/30/2022	Kennis Termini		X

Also present: Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Ms. Rodeffer, Chair.

1. The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept it. Mr. Turley seconded the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
2. The August 26, 2021, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept the minutes. Ms. Ealley seconded the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
3. AWC Report from Ms. Bailey was sent out via email prior to the meeting.
4. Petco/Foster/Adoption:
 - a. 2 cats in the shelter
 - b. 8 kittens in Petco and 2 waiting to go into Petco
5. Foster Home Development Status. The City Attorney has approved the Foster Program Application. Ms. Bailey stated that she has asked to have it publicized. Several questions, comments and suggestions were raised by the committee:
 - a. Where will it be publicized? AWC website page, Municipal Scene, Weekly Blast, Facebook, Nextdoor? Need to have a link to wherever the application will reside.
 - b. Shouldn't there be some kind of foster training? What about a home visit to ensure the animals will be safe? Ms. Bailey stated that Prince George's County has a weekly Zoom training on fostering. It was suggested that Ms. Bailey viewed the training video first to ensure it was applicable for College Park.
 - c. Will there be written policies and procedures?

- d. Can someone outside of College Park foster? Ms. Bailey said yes as long as their application is approved, and they can transport the animals.

The committee agreed that once all procedures have been put into place, then the application should be advertised.

6. Municipal Scene Articles.
 - a. October – Basics of animal grooming – Ms. Rodeffer
 - b. November – Toxic holiday foods – Ms. Ealley
 - c. December – Dangers of Holiday decorations – Ms. Bellamy
7. Discussed Microchip/Rabies Clinic. The clinic will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 10:00am – 2:00pm and will be held in the Davis Hall parking lot in the emergency trailer. Public Works will be setting up the trailer in the back part of the parking lot after clean-up day on Saturday. There can be 2 shifts from 10am-12Noon and 12Noon-2pm for committee members to volunteer to assist. It will require 3 volunteers per shift: one to handle paperwork, one to escort the animal to the vet, and one to escort the animal back to the owner. Ms. Bailey is still coordinating the purchase of the microchips and the rabies vaccine with Dr. Hepner, DVM and working with the City's Communication Coordinator for execution of appointments.
8. College Park Day has been cancelled.
9. Ms. Bailey would like to purchase several items for the shelter, potentially with monies from the AWC account. Ms. Booth asked for Ms. Bailey to put together a request list with costs and present at the October meeting. Ms. Rodeffer also mentioned that some of the cost may be covered through the City and Ms. Bailey should inquire with Mr. Ryan.
10. Ms. Ealley and Ms. Booth have volunteered to be co-chairs of the Animal Welfare Committee, effective October 1, 2021, for one year.
11. The next virtual meeting will be on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 7:30pm.

Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Turley. **Motion carries 8-0-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.