

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
September 24, 2020
Via Teleconferencing through GoToMeeting
7:30pm

<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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	
06/30/2021	Stephanie Butler	X	
06/30/2023	Lisa Ealley	X	
6/30/2023	Mark Hall	X	
6/30/2021	Christine Nagle		X
6/30/2021	Kathy Rodeffer	X	
6/30/2023	Patti Stange	X	
6/30/2023	Dave Turley		X
6/30/2022	Kennis Termini (a 7:35pm)	X	

Also present: Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Ms. Rodeffer, Chair.

1. The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Ms. Booth to accept it. Ms. Bellamy seconded the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
2. August 27, 2020 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Stange seconded the motion. **Motion carries 7-0-0.**
3. AWC members present discussed their background and interest for being on AWC for Ms. Bailey, new ACO.
4. AWC Report from Mr. Ryan/Ms. Bailey:
 - a. AWC Donation Account – \$10,741.39.
 - b. The City Clerk’s office will be sending out updated rosters with new expiration dates for each committee. There are no term limits for committee members. AWC had a new member appointed last evening – Mark Hall. He is present on tonight’s meeting.
 - c. Ms. Bailey handled two reports on chickens, one stray dog who was returned to its owner, and a Pit Bull who was taken to the Prince George’s County shelter (Star Wars collar, white haired neutered male). [FYI- Ms. Bailey does not have access to website yet for posting lost animals.] She has spoken to the Prince George’s County shelter adoption coordinator and there are two cats available to put at Petco. However, they will need to have their shots first. Ms. Bailey will contact Spay Now, Spay Spot and College Park Animal Hospital and see which one can get the cats in for shots.
 - d. The Prince George’s County shelter will re-open on Monday, with appointments, for adoptions.
 - e. There has not been any action taken on the MOU for the Greenbelt CART. The committee is concerned that this has been brought forth for over two years and nothing has been done. Mr. Ryan will continue

to follow up with Suellen Ferguson, the City's Attorney. Mr. Hall indicated he would like to have the background on the MOU and will speak on the importance of the CART.

- f. Mayor and Council will be reviewing the recommendations on the code revision on October 6. A motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to change the title to Chapter 1.02 to "Animal Welfare." Ms. Booth seconded the motion. **Motion carries 8-0-0.**

5. Municipal Scene Articles

- a. October – Potential diseases and available remedies/medicines – Suzie Bellamy
- b. November – Making plans for unexpected inability to care for pets – Kathy Rodeffer
- c. December – Dangers of holidays – Mark Hall

6. The Annual Report to Mayor and Council is due. Ms. Rodeffer and Ms. Bellamy will email a draft copy to the committee. It will be discussed at the October meeting.

7. Since the November meeting falls on Thanksgiving and the December meeting falls on Christmas Eve, the suggestion was made to combine the November/December meetings as one in early December. Ms. Bellamy made a motion to schedule one meeting to cover November and December for Thursday, December 3. Ms. Stange seconded. **Motion carries 8-0-0.**

8. The SPCA has sent a letter to the Mayor discussing the potential repeal of the Pit Bull ban in Prince George's County. After discussion, Ms. Termini made a motion that the AWC will not take any action or recommendation to Mayor and Council. Ms. Stange seconded the motion. **Motion carries 6-2-0.**

9. The next virtual meeting will be on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Stange. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.