

Animal Control Commission Minutes

May 4, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Betsy Culp, Ernest Galos, Rebecca Kaiser

Citizen Members Present:

Council Members Present: None

City Staff Present: Jen Gobel, SBACC; Randy Wilkerson, Code Enforcement

Agenda: Meeting called to Order at 6:31 p.m. Ernest Galos indicates he has not yet prepared minutes for April, 2017 meetings. Ms. Kaiser announces River Park Days on May 20. Dog Days of Summer in September email has gone out. Decision made not to participate in River Park parade.

Jenn Gobel indicated intakes increased over last year. Adoptions even for dogs, one more cat. Rescues even for dogs, doubled for cats. Humane Society has rehab available for wild animals. Return to owners improving. Euthanasia rate fairly even, one more dog, 13 fewer cats. More aggressive dogs this past month. Exact same number of animals this quarter as last year.. Adoptions increased by 2.4%. Rescues increased from 29.8% last year to 39.8% this year. Return to owners increased. Euthanasia down from 38.5% to 18.3% for first quarter. She indicated a change in system needs to be made to differentiate between pet and wild rabbits. Ms. Gobel asked what will Commission hear and do incidents in habitual violator cases require 3 separate incidents. Ernest Galos suggested she ask Stephanie Steele, Assistant City Attorney. Ms. Gobel indicated Ms. Steele told her to ask Commission. Mr. Galos indicated it should probably be three separate incidents. Ms. Gobel then asked about warnings. She used example of hoarders given 60 days to comply. Ms. Kaiser indicated ban should be issued on ownership of repeat violators. Mr. Wilkerson indicated Code issues order to comply, if they don't, a violation. Mr. Galos indicates it should be official cite to count toward habitual violator. No objection to proposing new ordinance that a warning would count toward habitual finding. Ms. Gobel asked about special meeting for a few cases. She has four cases that will be ready. Would like to hear two of them next time. Randy Wilkerson indicates they have skip trace capability for notice.

The next meeting date shall be June 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Ernest Galos asked about Pet Smart adoptions. Ms. Gobel indicated CARE volunteers transport the animals. Staff let them in at shelter. Dr. Culp moved for adjournment, Ms. Kaiser seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.