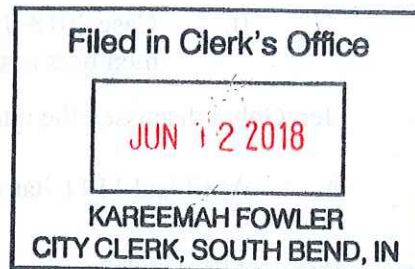


South Bend Animal Care and Control Commission
Regular Meeting

May 3, 2018
1805 Hours

County City Building
13th Floor
227 West Jefferson Blvd
South Bend, IN 46601



Animal Control Commission Members Present: Becky Kaiser, Pam Wesolowski, Lynne Losecco, and Barb Leavell

City Staff Present: Jenn Gobel-SBACC Shelter Manager, Tom Panowicz-Attorney for SBACC, Randy Wilkerson-Director of Code Enforcement, and Dani Campbell Weiss-Commission Attorney

Absent: Dr. Betsy Culp

1. Meeting was called to order by Becky Kaiser at 1805 hours.
2. Approval of the April 2018 minutes. Motion was made by Lynne Losecco. Pam Wesolowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. The hearing from April 30, 2018 were discussed.
 - A. Case No. 2018-01 was discussed. The owners did not appear for this meeting. The South Bend Animal Care and Control reported that they were waiting to hear back from the owners by May 10, 2018 regarding the agreement that was proposed at the April 30, 2018 hearing. If this agreement was approved by the Commission, the owners would have seven days to comply with all requirements.
 - B. Case No. 2018-02 was also discussed. These owners also did not appear for this meeting. The South Bend Animal Care and Control reported that they have not received any response from the owners since the hearing. If this agreement was approved by the Commission, the owners would have seven days to comply with all requirements.
 - I. In both cases the Commission expressed concerns regarding the responsibility of the owners/adults in the house. The Commission suggested that dogs should be under constant supervision of adults in the household as part of the Agreements if approved.
 - II. The Commission discussed concerns regarding what should occur if the dogs were to later be under new owners or if the families should move and suggested that SBACC any changes in ownership or address for these dogs if Agreements were approved.
 - III. The Commission also suggested that if the Agreement were approved, all gates should be locked at all times the dogs are outside to prevent possible further incidents.
 - C. After the Commission finished its discussion of the two proposed agreements between the City and the owners in each cases, the Commission members present cast their votes as to whether to accept the proposed agreements from each case. The results were as follows:
 - I. Case 2018-01: 0 Commission members for the agreement as written; 4 Commission members rejected the agreement. The agreement did not pass.

- II. Case 2018-02: Commission members voted for the agreement as written; 4 Commission members rejected the agreement. The agreement did not pass.
3. Jen Gobel discussed the numbers of In-take and Outcome Reports for May 2018.
- A. April had 114 Citations.
 - B. 116 AWA's.
 - C. Licensing went up 122% in to 151.
 - D. Euthanasia rate is still low at 9.8% in 2018.
 - E. There were 39 owner surrenders in April.
 - F. 184 Animals were taken in April 2018.
 - G. Volunteerism is great.
 - H. New truck is out and about for SBACC.
 - I. Two special events for SBACC:
 - I. Bark in the Park at Four Winds on May 8th
 - II. Hacienda on May 17th

New Business:

- A. The hearing last month raised concerns regarding the overall hearing. Various concerns were raised from hearing start times to how exactly the hearings should be run. Commission Members suggested it would be in everyone's best interest to have any agreements between the City and pet owners to be discussed inside the hearing room just in case any questions come up.
- B. Commission members also suggested that all affidavits and photographs should be submitted at the time of the hearing or when affidavits are filed with the city attorney so everyone has all the paperwork to work with before the hearing starts. If it is to be conducted like a court hearing then paperwork needs to be filed and put together like one.
- C. Citizen Charles Smith spoke and expressed agreement with the Commission regarding the Commission's decision to reject the proposed agreements. He further expressed his opinion that he did not agree with the legal department's handling of the entire matter. He also expressed his concern about how long it's taking to get the ordinance to get done. He also spoke briefly about the new dog park.
- D. Citizen Angie Whitley asked about volunteering on the weekends. Jen Gobel stated that Sundays in the morning are best between 9am and noon and to call one day before to make arrangements.

Motion to adjourn made by Lynne Losecco
Seconded by Barb Leavell

Meeting ended at 1904