

South Bend Animal Welfare Commission  
Hearing Minutes

December 16, 2021  
1845 Hours

County City Building  
4th Floor  
227 West Jefferson Blvd  
South Bend, IN 46601

Hearing Case Number 2021-15 City of South Bend v. Aisha Johnson and Tierre Dean (Order Issued December 6)

Animal Control Commission Members Present: Dr. M. Covey, Karen Haun,  
Rebecca Strand, and Barb  
Leavell

City Staff Present: Lindsey Cuellar -SBARC Shelter Manager, April  
Michaels-SBARC Officer, Tom Panowicz-Attorney for  
SBARC, and Kylie Connell and Ashley Snidecki-  
Attorneys for Commission

1. The hearing was called to order by the Hearing Officer at 1845 hours.
  - A. Hearing regarding Habitual Animal Offender residing at 502 East Irvington, South Bend.
  - B. Respondents are Aisha Johnson and Tierre Dean.
  - C. File was opened in April 2017.
2. Service was made and accepted by Hearing Officer.
3. Tom Panowicz called Officer Michaels to give testimony regarding the dog.
  - A. April 2017 was first dog bite reported.
  - B. Six months later another bite was reported.
  - C. SBARC finally took the dog due to being malnourised and left in the cold December 2021.
  - D. There was an incident of dogs being at large in August of 2021 with SBARC citing them for no breeder's permit.
4. Respondents were a no show.
5. A motion was made by the Commission to pass a lifetime ban along with making them Habitual Animal Offenders under the ordinance.
  - A. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 1920 hours.