

South Bend Animal Welfare Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022
1805 Hours

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

Animal Welfare Commission Members Present: Dr. Mariah Covey, Pam Wesolowski, Rebecca Strand, and Barb Leavell

City Staff Present: Lindsay Cueller -SBARC Shelter Manager, Tom Panowicz- Attorney for SBARC, and Kylie Connell - Attorney for AWC

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mariah Covey at 1806 hours.
2. A new member to Animal Welfare Commission was welcomed, Stasia Orłowski, she will be taking the place of K. Haun.
3. Lindsay Cueller discussed reports from January 2022.
 - A. The number of animals coming into SBARC was discussed.
 1. Many are being surrendered due to economic hardships.
 2. It was discussed whether room and board should be charged to those owners who keep having animals being brought into the shelter.
 - a. This could help with the costs that the city is having to eat due to owners who will not keep animals on their property.
 - b. The new ordinance will need new wording to this effect, outlining when room and board will be charged, and if owners will need to pay this fee before getting their animals back.
4. A clean copy of Chapter Five of the ordinance will need to be given to all members so it can be re-reviewed and updated.
5. The Commission voted for the 2022 Commission. It was a unanimous vote.
 - A. President will be Dr. M. Covey
 - B. Vice-President will be P. Wesolowski
 - C. Secretary will be B. Leavell
6. A new organizational chart was handed out to the Commission with questions and explanations be tabled to March's meeting.

7. A motion for 2021 minutes was entered and approved.
8. The next set of hearings and meeting was also scheduled, these are subject to change before the next meeting.
 - A. March 3, 2022 will be a regular meeting night starting at 1800 hours.
 - B. March 3, 2022 a hearing will be scheduled for Case No. 2022-01 starting at 1730 hours.
 - C. March 3, 2022 a hearing will be scheduled for 1830 hours.
 - D. March 10, 2022 a hearing will be scheduled for 1800 hours.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. M. Covey
Seconded by Rebecca Strand

Meeting ended at 1940 hours