



City of South Bend

Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, October 8, 2024

Location: 4th floor, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601

This meeting was live-streamed at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024AWCHybrid>

Animal Welfare Commission members present in person: Rebecca Kaiser, Christina Gerken, and Alicia Flores

City staff present: Lindsay Cuellar – SBARC Shelter Manager, Jessica McClain – Attorney for SBARC, Adam Taylor– Attorney for AWC.

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:00 pm.
2. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call and a quorum of Commissioners were present.
3. SBARC Director Cuellar spoke concerning Monthly Shelter Reports.
4. Adam Taylor gave counsel report.
5. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-09: N. Schaffer, D. Schaffer, A. Schaffer, and J Schaffer to determine whether respondent should be labeled a habitual animal offender. Respondent requested a continuance to obtain counsel and was granted a two-week continuance.
6. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-09: T. Sims to determine whether respondent should be labeled a habitual animal offender. T. Sims, respondent, did not appear. Commissioners determined that the respondent was a habitual animal offender and entered an order of no additional animals for a period of five years, dogs must be secured by tether or kennel, microchipped and spayed or neutered. Future violation to the above will result in SBARC seizing the animals.
7. Privilege of the Floor was opened and there was no input from the public.
8. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: _____

Date: _____

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Dr. Mariah Covey

Christina Gerken

Rebecca Kaiser

Alicia Flores