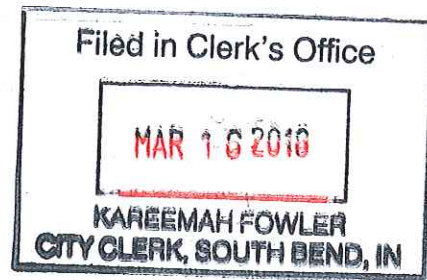


South Bend Animal Care and Control Commission  
Regular Meeting

January 18, 2018  
1835 Hours

County City Building  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
227 West Jefferson Blvd  
South Bend, IN 46601



Animal Control Commission Members Present: Becky Kaiser, Dr. Betsy Culp, Ernie Galos, and Lynne Losecco.

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Ernie Galos 1835 hours.
2. Minutes from December could not be approved since they were not transcribed as of the date of this meeting.
3. Presentation of the new ordinance was not ready as of the date of this meeting. South Bend Animal Care and Control hopes to have it ready for February's meeting.
4. Jen Gobel discussed the numbers of In-take and Outcome comparing December 2016 to December 2017.
  - A. Distemper is still a problem, SBACC still finding a large amount of raccoons being tested and coming back positive.
  - B. Lot of adoptions in December 2017.
  - C. Lot of Transfers in 2017.
  - D. Lot of upper respiratory infections in December 2017.
  - E. In take still high despite cold weather.
  - F. 368 Citations in 2017.
  - G. 1,383 AWA's in 2017.
  - H. Copies of these items can be found with Commission Attorney Danielle Campbell Weiss.

5. Question was brought up by Lynne Losecco regarding whether distemper would or could go from raccoons to skunks.
  - A. Dr. Culp asked if the brains of suspected sick dogs/animals were being sent out to be tested for distemper to Purdue. Jen Gobel said they were being sent to IDEX and kept a record of that way.
  - B. Rebecca Kaiser asked if the public should be made aware of the distemper problem as of right now and if it has reached an epidemic problem. Jen Gobel has been on the news stating that rabies and distemper were both important vaccinations to keep pets healthy.
6. Lattimore Appeal
  - A. Commission Attorney Danielle Campbell Weiss has left messages to Mr. Lattimore, he states that he is interested in another hearing.
  - B. He has also stated that is not his address on the notice of hearing that was sent to him for the original hearing.
  - C. She will keep us updated.
7. Ernie Galos acknowledged two Council Members at January's meeting, Mrs. Broden and Mr. Scott.
8. Ernie Galos then opened the floor for questions.
  - A. Charles Smith asked about where the new ordinance is and what is going on with the amendments since it has been over a year since it was first started to be discussed. Randy Wilkerson stated that as of right now it is in review at the legal department.
  - B. David and Maria Stafford brought a complaint to the Animal Control Board regarding their pet being killed by a Rottweiler in December of 2017. They questioned why the dog was released and why nothing had been done to either the owner or dog as of the date of the meeting. They also questioned why the dog was allowed to be moved to Michigan if the rabies shots were expired. Ms. Weiss advised them to take the matter up with Animal Control at this point, and not the Animal Control Commission.
  - C. Ernie Galos asked who all was working on the ordinance. Randy Wilkerson stated they had many people working on it along with counsel.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by a commission member and it was seconded by a second commission member, but the recording of the meeting did not pick this bit of information up, or the time at which the meeting was adjourned, and therefore this exact information is not available for recitation on the minutes.