

South Bend Animal Care and Control Commission
Regular Meeting

March 15, 2018
1801 Hours

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



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

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

Absent: Dr. Betsy Culp and Lynne Losecco

1. Meeting was called to order by Becky Kaiser at 1801 hours.
2. Approval of the January 2018 and February 2018 minutes. Motion was made by Barb Leavell and seconded by Becky Kaiser. Motion carried.
3. Jen Gobel discussed the numbers of In-take and Outcome Reports for February 2018.
 - A. In February 2018 there have been a higher number of aggressive dogs coming into the shelter surrendered by their owners.
 - B. Bite cases seem to also be on the rise.
 - C. Two shelters were visited.
 - (1) Maui Humane was visited. It has fifty staff running it.
 - (2) Fort Wayne was also visited with a staff of 47.
 - (3) Time was spent learning policies and procedures there, as well as learning what would be good to implement.
 - D. Several "long time" residents of the shelter finally found homes.
 - E. Animal Control Officer Colby Singleton was recognized through the City's employee recognition program in February 2018 for calling in the fire at Kids Kingdom near Potawatomi Park.
 - F. Two dogs were sized in February from a home connected to a previous case we had heard.

G. Copies of these items can be found with Commission Attorney Danielle Campbell Weiss.

4. The Board along with Animal Control will be scheduling a hearing in the month of April.

A. A special hearing will be scheduled once request for hearing is made by Shelter Manager.

5. It was discussed that the Board need to schedule meetings on a more regular date so if a special hearing was necessary the meeting date would not get pushed back or moved.

A. It was decided that the first Thursday of every month will now be the date for the regular meeting of the South Bend Animal Control Commission. The Commission may alter these dates slightly as the need arises in order to have a quorum present.

6. Several of members will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. We wish them luck and to have fun.

7. The Board opened the floor for questions, no one had any.

8. Barb Leavell made a motion to adjourn, Becky Kaiser Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 1812.