

South Bend Animal Welfare Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019
1800 Hours

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

Animal Control Commission Members Present: Pam Wesolowski, Dr. Mariah Covey, Karen Haun, and Barb Leavell

Absent: Lynne Losecco

City Staff Present: Jenn Gobel -SBARC Shelter Manager, Tom Panowicz-Attorney for SBACC, Tracey Skibbins for Code Enforcement, and Dani Campbell Weiss-Commission Attorney

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mariah Covey at 1800 hours.
2. Minutes from July 11, 2019 were read.
 - A. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Pam Wesolowski and seconded by Dr. Mariah Covey.
3. Jenn Gobel from SBARC discussed In Takes for the month of July 2019.
 - A. Adoptions are up from 2018.
 - B. Jo Broden has asked that volunteer hours now be reported into the minutes.
 - I. Volunteer hours for July 2019 were 229.5 hours.
 - C. Jen Gobel is hoping that SBARC will be fully staffed by end of August.
 - D. South Bend Animal Care and Control has now been re-branded to South Bend Animal Resource Center or SBARC.
 - I. All signs, paperwork and uniforms will reflect this also.
4. There was discussion on one previous case. Case Number 2019-4 City v. Shaw.
 - A. The dogs in this case have now been seized by SBARC.
5. The discussion regarding Case Number 2019-3 City v. Ramsay.
 - A. As of the date of this meeting, they are now in compliance.
6. Discussion of the Riffle case was also brought before the Commission, she was sued in the bite case but was a no show.
7. The new ordinance was discussed. An outline scheduling what chapters will be discussed at upcoming meetings for the next few months.
 - A. Any hearings will have to be held on a different date than meetings due to the amount of time it will take during regular meetings to discuss ordinance changes.

B. Members of the Commission will receive an updated copy of the ordinance so all members will be ready for discussion for upcoming meetings.

9. Privilege of the floor was given, none took the privilege of the floor.

Motion to adjourn made by Barb Leavell
Seconded by Dr. Mariah Covey

Meeting ended at 1850 hours.