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City of South Bend
Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 6, 2024

Location: Originally scheduled to be held at the Council Chambers, 4th Floor, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601
Meeting held at the Public Works Conference Room, 13th Floor, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601 upon leaving notice/postings at the 4th floor council chambers

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 McLain – Attorney for SBARC, Adam Taylor– Attorney for AWC.

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:21 pm.
2. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call and a quorum of Commissioners were present.
3. The December 12, 2024, minutes were approved by Motion.
4. SBARC manager Cuellar provided Monthly Shelter reports to the Commissioners.
5. Adam Taylor provided an update concerning ongoing ordinance review.
6. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2025-1 for A. Wieczorkowski to determine if respondent is a habitual animal offender.
    a. After hearing the evidence presented by SBARC, the Commissioners determined that Respondent was a habitual animal offender and ordered that she be designated a habitual animal offender for the period of 15 years, that she be prohibited from owning more than the one animal, within the City of South Bend. Respondent permitted to have one (1) dog, Ava, that must be spayed/neutered, microchipped, up to date on vaccinations and on properly secured when outdoors. Violation of order will result in immediate seizure of dog with warrant obtained by SBARC.
7. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: _____ Date: 5 | 8 | 25

Dr. Mariah Covey   **Christina Gerken**   **Rebecca Kaiser**   **Alicia Flores**