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City of South Bend

Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 18, 2024

Location: 4th floor meeting room, 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, Sandra Kennedy – Attorney for SBARC, Adam E. Taylor – Attorney for AWC.

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:01 pm.

1. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call.
2. A hearing was called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-03: B. Cotton to determine whether respondent should be labeled a habitual animal offender. B. Cotton, respondent, appeared in person. Commissioners determined that respondent was a habitual animal offender and entered an order permitting animals to be removed by SBARC if not turned over voluntarily by respondent.
3. February minutes were approved by motion
4. SBARC Director Cuellar spoke concerning Monthly Shelter Reports.
5. Adam Taylor gave counsel report.
6. Privilege of the Floor was opened and there was not input from the public.
7. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: _____

Date: _____

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Dr. Mariah Covey

Mary Brazinsky

Christina Gerken

Alicia Flores

Rebecca Kaiser