



City of South Bend

Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 13, 2024

Location: 4th floor Council Chambers, County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN46601

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, Michael Schmidt – Attorney for AWC.

This meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Roll call was taken and a quorum of Commissioners were present.
2. Minutes for the month of May were approved by motion.
3. SBARC Manager Cuellar provided Monthly Shelter Reports to the Commissioners.
4. There was no update during the Counsel Report.
5. A hearing was called by Attorney Michael Schmidt, serving as Hearing Officer, in Case: 2024-05: A. Gardner and J. Gardner to determine whether respondents should be labeled habitual animal offenders. J. Gardner, respondent, appeared in person. A. Gardner did not appear. Commissioners determined that respondent A. Gardner should be dismissed from the case. Commissioners further determined that J. Gardner was a habitual animal offender and entered an order prohibiting J. Gardner from owning or harboring animals for ten (10) years, and for the immediate surrender of any animals.
6. Privilege of the Floor was opened and there was no input from the public.
7. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: _____

Date: _____

7/10/24

Dr. Mariah Covey
Mary Brazinsky

Christina Gerken
Alicia Flores

Rebecca Kaiser
Alicia Flores