



City of South Bend

Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, December 12, 2024

Location: 4th floor, 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, Jessica McLain – Attorney for SBARC, Adam Taylor– Attorney for AWC.

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Christina Gerken at 6:02 pm.
2. Chairperson Gerken took a roll call and a quorum of Commissioners were present.
3. A hearing was then called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-10, which was then recessed to give the responding parties an opportunity to appear.
4. Agenda was amended by Motion to move the hearing to the end of the meeting.
5. The October 24, 2024 minutes were approved by Motion.
6. SBARC Manager Cuellar provided Monthly Shelter reports to the Commissioners.
7. Adam Taylor provided an update concerning ongoing ordinance review and confirmed there is no current litigation.
8. The Meeting was briefly recessed and then called back to order.
9. A hearing was then re-called by Hearing Officer Adam Taylor in Case: 2024-10, for Craig Borsodi and Tamara Bates, which was then held in absentia after the responding parties were given adequate time to appear, and after hearing brief evidence concerning notice given to the respondents. After hearing the evidence presented by SBARC, the Commissioners determined that Respondents were habitual animal offenders, and ordered that they be designated habitual animal offenders for life, that they be prohibited from owning or harboring any animals within the City of South Bend for life. Further, any animals owned or harbored by Respondents within the City during the applicable period will result in immediate seizure or impoundment by SBARC, subject to SBARC obtaining any necessary warrant. The hearing was then concluded with notice of determination to be issued following hearing.
10. The meeting was adjourned by motion

Approved by Secretary: _____

Date: 1/9/25

Dr. Mariah Covey

Christina Gerken

Rebecca Kaiser

Alicia Flores