



City of South Bend

Animal Welfare Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 9, 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 McClain – Attorney for SBARC, Adam Taylor– Attorney for AWC.

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

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. SBARC Director Cuellar spoke concerning Monthly Shelter Reports.
4. Adam Taylor gave counsel report.
5. SBARC attorney Jessica McLain discussed the decisions in case 2024-06: L. Murphy and case 2024-07: R. and K. Young. SBARC requested that the Habitual Animal Offender designations for 2024-06: L. Murphy be vacated because L. Murphy was not the proper party. Motion to vacate was made and seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously approved. SBARC requested that the Habitual Animal Offender designation for 2024-07, only as to K. Young, be vacated because K. Young no longer resided at the property and was therefore no longer a proper party. Motion to vacate was made and seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously approved.
6. August minutes were approved by motion.
7. Privilege of the Floor was opened and there was no input from the public.
8. The meeting was adjourned by motion.

Approved by Secretary: _____

Date: _____

10/10/24

Dr. Mariah Covey

Christina Gerken

Rebecca Kaiser

Alicia Flores