

Wichita Animal Control Advisory Board

August 5th 4-5 pm, 2015

Minutes

Board Members present: Stephanie Fisk McCurdy, Teresa Burks, Sarah Guengerich, John Stevens, Judy Handley, Traci Gehrke, Chris Hageman.

City of Wichita: Drew Bessey, Lt. Steve Kenny, Capt. Doug Nolte, Robin Bradley, Zack Daniel.

Call to order by Capt. Doug Nolte at 4:00pm

1. Introductions
2. Selection of Chairman
 - a. Judy Handley made a motion to elect Stephanie Fisk McCurdy Chairman- 2nd by John Stevens- Vote 6-0
 - b. Judy Handley made a motion to elect Teresa Burks as Vice-Chairman-2nd by Stephanie Fisk McCurdy- Vote 6-0
 - c. Teresa Burks made a motion to elect Sarah Guengerich Secretary- 2nd by Chris Hageman- Vote 6-0
3. Adoption of Bylaws- Teresa Burks made a motion to approve bylaws as presented by John Stevens with additions from Board discussion-2nd by Judy Handley- Vote 6-0
4. Board Topics
 - a. Several citizens joined the meeting today with concerns over foster licensing. The state maximum for animals on a premise is 19, while in Wichita it is 4. Several Wichita fosters received action against them for having more than 4 animals. The Board discussed animal maximums and Table 1 of the Ordinances. History on the Ordinances was discussed, mentioning that oversight of Animal Control had changed several times. It was also mentioned that these animal limitations may need to be changed. Judy and John mentioned square footage as an option to determine animal maximums. Chairperson Stephanie stated that the Ordinances through 6.04.047 need to be read through by next month's meeting and issues for that section will be addressed.
 - b. Fines and fees were discussed. Captain Nolte mentioned that dead animal pick up is \$5 per animal for veterinary clinics, and that this is a difficult subject to discuss due to many opinions from veterinary clinics. Also he discussed municipalities were interested in contracting for dead animal pickup. Chairperson Stephanie asked for a list of fees so that the Board can review these as well.
5. New Business
 - a. Lieutenant Kenney brought up the homeless person program at WAS which allows animals to be kept free of charge in certain situations. He also brought up the flat fee of \$25 for court case held animals regardless of length of stay. Community members were very interested in the homeless or distressed persons program and voiced for more advertisement.

- b. Albuquerque as a comparison for Wichita was discussed. Albuquerque has 10 times the budget and employees as Wichita as well as more volunteers than both WAS and KHS. Traci stated that she would look for statistics on animal bites from cities of similar size and budget.
 - c. Theresa mentioned two upcoming dates with animal interest. September 19 is Responsible Dog Ownership Day, and October 16 is National Feral Cat Day. She voiced interest in placing information on the WAS Facebook page to bring attention to these events.
 - d. A community member brought up a case where they had issue with the amount of adoption fee charged to them for adopting a pair of Chihuahuas to foster. A KHS member attending said she was working to address that issue.
 - e. John mentioned using community newsletters as an outlet for advertising activities of the board and current animal issues. Chairperson Stephanie mentioned using a community calendar.
 - f. Lieutenant Kenney reminded Board members to submit their emails to him.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm

Next meeting set for September 2, 2015 4:00pm-5:00pm