# Commission on Animal Care & Control Minutes of March 21, 2019 Commission Meeting Reviewed and approved at May 16, 2019 meeting

# **Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)**

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen (Safe Humane Chicago)
Charleen Propsom, private citizen (Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control)
George Devereux, Chicago Police Department Member
Becky Carroll, private citizen
Paula Fasseas, humane society representative (PAWS Chicago)
Tonette Dugar, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member

### **Commissioners Absent (2 of 9)**

DVM, IL licensed veterinarian (Vacant)
Monique Moore-Hoffman, private citizen (CACC Volunteer)

#### Also Attending

Kelley Gandurski, Executive Director, CACC
Mamadou Diakhate, Deputy Director, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Jenny Schlueter, Executive Administrative Assistant II, CACC
Susan Cappello, Administrative Services Officer II, CACC
Members of the public

# Agenda Item #1: Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

C. Bathurst called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Animal Care & Control Facility at 2741 S. Western Ave. Chicago and a quorum was determined.

# Agenda Item #2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the November 15, 2018 were reviewed and approved. There were no minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting as there was no quorum.

### Agenda Item #3: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst reminded the public visitors to put their public comment cards in the box; There was an email vote for the change of hours to CACC's owner surrender drop off hours that was approved; new Mayor will be inducted in May. B. Carroll recommended that the Commission prepare a transition memo for the new Administration.

#### Agenda Item #4: Report of Executive Director

Executive Director K. Gandurski reported on the new Owner Surrender Intake hours and the move of all animal intake to the West Entrance, the new cat open selection procedures, the appointment of Mamadou Diakhate to Deputy Director effective February 1, 2019, the agreement with Friends of Chicago Animal Care & Control and CACC to procure a private medical contract to see the most critically injured/ill animals who come to CACC after hours, CACC successful adoption events, statistics and vacancies and hires with the Department.

### Agenda Item #5: City Agency Reports

- Health Dr. J. Kerins reported on 2018 rabies cases.
- Police G. Devereux reported on animal fighting cases and court advocacy cases.

• Streets & Sanitation – T. Dugar reported that the Department is continuing to use the 2 scanners provided to them from CACC to scan dead animals.

# **Agenda Item #6: Commissioner Reports**

- C. Propsom reported on the MOU with CACC for after hours emergency care with FCACC, the new volunteer system and the new cabinet for the two-way radios for volunteers.
- B. Carroll no report
- P. Fassaes reported on construction at PAWS Chicago.

# **Agenda Item #7: Other Business**

None

### **Agenda Item #8: New Business**

None

### **Agenda Item #9: Public Comments and Announcements**

- Geri Romano Are the playlots under the jurisdiction of safe humane? Who maintains the backyard? Is there a fire emergency evacuation plan?
  - o C. Bathurst responded that the lots are not owned by Safe Humane.
  - K. Gandurski responded that for emergencies, people out first then the fire department responds and provides direction for the animals.
- Jenny Jurcak When a wellness call is put in what is the average time to respond? Why did the police have to call CACC to show up on March 12<sup>th</sup>?
  - M. Diakhate responded that when a pet wellness complaint comes in, depending on the circumstances, CACC will mail a letter to the location notifying the owner of the complaint, after multiple calls, CACC will visit the location.
- Ramona Griffin How many Streets & Sanitation vehicles have scanners?
- Tara Majeed What is the chipped v's non-chipped stray population, numbers for RTO's chipped v's non-chipped and average RTO outcome time (how long does it take the owner to come in)?
  - o K. Gandurski responded that CACC can get those numbers to her.

#### Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 9:39 a.m. Next meeting is May 16, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting after that is July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.