

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of March 17, 2016 Commission Meeting
Approved at May 19, 2016 meeting

Commissioners Attending (8 of 9)

Robyn Barbiers, DVM, IL licensed veterinarian (The Anti-Cruelty Society)
Cynthia Bathurst, Vice Chair, private citizen (Safe Humane Chicago)
Monique Moore-Hoffman, private citizen (CACC Volunteer)
Charleen Propsom, private citizen (Friends of CACC)
Dave DeFuniak, humane society representative (Tree House Humane Society)
Paula Fasseas, humane society representative (PAWS Chicago)
Barbara West, Chicago Police Department Member
Shamika Smith, Chicago Health Department Member

Commissioners Absent (1 of 9)

DSS Member

Also Attending

Ivan Capifali, Acting Executive Director, CACC
Sue 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. Quorum determined. To begin the meeting, the prepared agenda was reviewed.

Agenda Item #2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from January regular meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #3: Report of Chairperson

No Chairperson. Vice-Chair reported that there was an evening forum on March 1, 2016 and the list of questions will be incorporated into the current FAQ's. The next evening forum will be held on April 19, 2016.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Executive Director

- o Acting Executive Director Ivan Capifali reported on several vacancies to include: 1 Executive Director, 1 Assistant to the Executive Director, 9 AC Clerk-Hourly, 3 Animal Control Officers, 1 Veterinarian, 2 Animal Placement Coordinator-Hourly; reported on the City Service Fairs being held at various locations in the City; CACC Statistics are available online.

Agenda Item #5: City Agency Reports

- 5.1 Public Health Issues – CDPH reported on Zika Virus surveillance.
- 5.2 Streets and Sanitation Report – No report.
- 5.3 Chicago Police Department – No report.

Agenda Item #6: Committee Reports

- Euthanasia Policy Committee – (CB, CP, MMH, PF) the committee met several times on 2 different documents related to euthanasia. Will send to full committee soon.
- Dangerous Dog Committee – (CB, CP, MMH, RB, Diakhate). Will work on this policy after the Euthanasia policy is reviewed.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- None.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- Shelters presented statistics regarding holding stray animals:
 - Animal Welfare League presented statistics – members reviewed the statistics and were unanimously approved.
 - Harmony House presented statistics – members reviewed the statistics and were unanimously approved.
 - PAWS Chicago presented statistics – members reviewed the statistics and were unanimously approved with one abstention (P. Fasseas).
 - Tree House presented statistics – members reviewed the statistics and were unanimously approved with one abstention (D. DeFuniak).

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment and Announcements

- Paul Colgan – Greater Chicago Combine – Loft Pigeon Ordinance – distributed current ordinance with changes, will work with CACC to enforce
- Alex Shibicky – When is CACC starting volunteer orientations? Can new SHC Volunteers be provided fast track training?
- Jenny Jurcak – Distributing flyers regarding distemper in the neighborhood. What is the risk of a raccoon bite? – R. Barbiers responded – the risk is rabies from a raccoon bite and seek medical attention ASAP.
- Michael Eldridge – would like to know if the commission is allowed to launch an initiative to promote a positive message about CACC?
- Susan Littlefield – is there a cost to the City for volunteer fingerprint background checks? At Volunteer orientations, are the rules and boundaries reviewed?
- Gina Kimmey – has there been any change in the Volunteer policy about volunteers talking to the media?
- Gordon Stewart – What is the caution tape in the back yard for regarding walking dogs?
- Wendy Gruhl – Is the evacuation plan set for the facility? What is the next step? – I. Capifali responded – the plan is in the final stages, next step is to present to staff and hold a drill.
- Susan Taney – LDI – hosting a joint microchip clinic with CACC – bring to Commission attention HB429 allowing other shelters to hold lost dogs
- Katie Campbell – is CACC still using the City Stray Flags when they find a stray animal? - Security turned away CPD after hours when trying to drop off a stray dog, placed a 311 complaint.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Next meeting on May 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.