

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of November 16, 2017 Commission Meeting
Approved at the January 18, 2018 meeting

Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen (Safe Humane Chicago)
Monique Moore-Hoffman, private citizen (CACC Volunteer)
Tonette Dugar, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Charleen Propsom, private citizen (Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control)
Robyn Barbiers, DVM, IL licensed veterinarian (The Anti-Cruelty Society)
Becky Carroll, private citizen
Paula Fasseas, humane society representative (PAWS Chicago)

Commissioners Absent (2 of 9)

Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
George Devereax, Chicago Police Department Member

Also Attending

Susan Russell, Executive Director, CACC
Sue Cappello, Administrative Services Officer II, CACC
Jenny Schlueter, Executive Administrative Assistant II, CACC
Members of the public

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

C. Bathurst called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Animal Care & Control Facility at 2741 S. Western Ave. Chicago. It was determined that there was a Quorum and the agenda was reviewed.

Agenda Item #2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from September 21, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda Item #3: Report of Chairperson

- C. Bathurst reported that a draft of the Chicago Pets Alive program has been submitted and is being reviewed by the City and on a study regarding municipal spending for animal services in other cities.
- C. Bathurst requested that the Commission host at least one evening Commission Meeting in 2018.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Executive Director

- Executive Director S. Russell reported on the department statistics (which are also posted online), recent adoption events, social media pages for CAC, the All Dogs are Individuals campaign, thanked Monique Moore-Hoffman for her work to get some of the harder dog cases out and provided a hiring status.

Agenda Item #5: City Agency Reports

- Public Health Report – No report.
- Chicago Police Department – No report.
- Streets and Sanitation Report – T. Dugar reported that S&S continue to have two trucks for dead animal pick up in the city and both trucks are equipped with microchip scanners.

Agenda Item #6: Commissioner Reports

- C. Propsom reported on FCACC fundraising efforts, looking for a pool of volunteer Veterinarians to help out at CACC.

- R. Barbiers reported that ACS is doing intake diversion on Mondays at CACC, ACS impounded approximately 1000 cats that would have otherwise been impounded at CACC, looking for data regarding waived redemption fees and have a formal strategy in place.
- M. Moore-Hoffman reported on suggestions for the CACC Volunteer program to add positions of greeters, special networkers and ongoing training opportunities for volunteers.
- B. Carroll reported on PR & Marketing needs of CACC and can be of assistance.
- P. Fasseas reported that PAWS is focusing on expanding its medical section to increase medical cases.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- C. Bathurst announced the 2018 dates for Commission Meetings as January 18, March 15, July 19, September 20, and November 15, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and May 17, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The dates and times were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comments and Announcements

C. Bathurst announced that the Commission is separate from the Department and any public comments regarding day to day operations at CACC will be passed on to the Department after each meeting. The Commission will pass on any of those comments to the Department after each meeting.

- A. MacLaren – Can the public bring in stray animals to be scanned? What is the live release rate for non-pitbull dogs? Are we still doing the Wolves games?
- C. Panos – is there any financial assistance for rescues to fund spay/neuter programs?
- R. Griffin – Are rescues notified when there are critically ill animals needing to be pulled?
- L. Parsons – The public does not know where to look for their lost dogs. How do we get the word out to look at CACC? Need a building wide dog walking spreadsheet.
- R. Espoz – When we are seeing at least 25% of owner surrenders coming through CRISP due to landlord issues, what can CACC do to help advocate for housing reform and landlord education to help the public not to have to choose between pets and housing?

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. A motion to adjourn the Commission meeting was unanimously approved at 9:55 a.m.