

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Control Commission was held at the Borough Animal Control Facility, 2408 Davis Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Scott Chesney, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Chesney, Ronnie Rosenberg, Gail Gardner, Lindsey Heaney, Link Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Ann Fortune, Beth Geiges, Alexander Thornton, Jamie Marschner

OTHERS PRESENT: Ariel Cunningham

B. MESSAGES

Citizen's Comments – None

Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest – None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ronnie Rosenberg and seconded by Gail Gardner. Carried without objection.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from April 30, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes made by Gail Gardner and seconded by Link Olsen. Carried without objection.

E. REPORTS

1. Shelter Report presented by Ariel Cunningham – Ariel Cunningham reported on personnel changes, staff training, facility improvements, staff rabies vaccines, daily rabies vaccine service, outreach events in May and July and high number of dogs and rabbits at the shelter.
2. Sled Dog Housing Committee Report presented by Mary Ann Fortune – Mary Ann Fortune was not present to give a report.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Budget – Ariel Cunningham and Ronnie Rosenberg stated that the FY19 budget was approved but nobody had anything new to discuss.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Evaluation of the impact of Ordinance 2017-41 "An ordinance amending FNSBC 22.16.020 regarding euthanasia procedure for surrendered animals" – Ronnie Rosenberg is concerned about the number of animals that are being surrendered as euthanasia requests and are then being kept in the shelter. She is specifically concerned about the impact on both the Shelter Fund and the Borough of the resources being invested on these animals. Ariel Cunningham provided a report listing all of the outcomes of animals that were admitted to the shelter as owner-requested euthanasias, but explained that more accurate data entry into Chameleon along with clarifications of Animal Control procedures need to be accomplished before the report will be valuable. Additionally, a second more detailed report can be created that more narrowly focuses on various types of treatments/actions/procedures/etc. spent on owner-requested euthanasia animals that are kept in the shelter for a period of time.
2. Borough urban agriculture ordinance – Ronnie Rosenberg is concerned that the ordinance will result in an increase in the shelter livestock animal population due to surrenders and strays. She was also wondering if the anticipated new animal shelter facility will be designed to accommodate a potentially larger livestock population. Ariel Cunningham stated that the areas in which she thinks the ordinance will affect Animal Control are enforcement-related only. They are noise complaints (which are not applicable for livestock), animal feces complaints (which will only be applicable if the feces are on public property or other private property), at large complaints and humane care complaints.

H. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

July 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., commissioner-only shelter tour at 5:30 p.m.

I. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson's Comments – None

Commissioner's Comments:

1. Ronnie Rosenberg gave the Shelter Fund Report
2. Lindsey Heaney offered social media training resources from UAF
3. Scott Chesney is busy with Yukon Quest board activities

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.