



**Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board**

January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Location: Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall

*Present:* Board Members: Melissa Limkemann, Kim McCarty, Nancy Patterson, Jack Crawford, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Dr. Bo Rog, Karolyn Isenhart, Jeremy Soditch, Councilperson Cindy Marx

*Not Present:* Board Members: Juleen Russell, Celeste Blau,

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**Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

In attendance: Melissa Limkemann, Kim McCarty, Nancy Patterson, Jack Crawford, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Councilperson Cindy Marx, Dr. Bo Rog, Jeremy Soditch, Karolyn Isenhart

- I. Welcomes & Introductions – Melissa Limkemann  
Melissa opens meeting, welcomes everyone and initiates introductions
- II. Approval of May, July and September 2014 Meeting Minutes – Board  
Minutes from May and July are not yet available to approve. September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- III. Welcome new board member Jeremy Soditch – Jeremy was appointed by Shawn Juris.
- IV. Term Updates
  - There was a question regarding the expiring term for Karolyn Isenhart and Celeste Blau as to whether the correct dates were 2014 or 2015. Councilperson Cindy Marx to follow-up with Kevin Butler.
  - Cindy Marx to confirm the length of her appointment
  - Kim McCarty will not be seeking reappointment. Cindy Marx to follow-up with Tom Bullock to see if he's appointing replacement.
  - Nancy Patterson will seek reappointment
  - Juleen Russell is yet to be determined

V. City Council Initiatives/Updates – Cindy Marx

- There were not any updates from city council

VI. Hens in Lakewood Pilot Program – Cindy Marx

- City council approved a pilot program for 12 families to raise hens
- Families will be required to attend training and will have to submit plans for coops
- Maximum 6 hens, roosters are not permitted
- Currently the a draft of the parameters of the program is being coordinated by the mayor's office and animal control
- Pilot program will run for 18 months
- David Anderson was the lead in working with council
- Cindy Marx researched if there would be any impact on property values and was not able to find any evidence in the decline in value
- Neighbors of families participating in the program will be notified
- Permits are required
- Mayor has the authority to rescind the license if not following program
- Eggs cannot be sold

VII. Spay/Neuter Day Recap = Kara Vlash-Lasher

- Kara Vlash-Lasher submitted a separate document recapping the Lakewood Spay and Neuter Day on Saturday, September 27, 2014 (see attached)
- LASWAB would like to schedule another S/N day in 2015
- Many people came up to the event asking how they could take advantage of services
- Many who signed up for appointments shopped at Pet Supplies Plus

VIII. LASWAB Brochure Initiative/Update – Karolyn Isenhardt

- Karolyn Isenhardt to follow-up with Megan at CCLAS
- Would like to set the deadline for February 1st preparation for the Welcome to Lakewood Event in March.
- Brochure to combine information on spay and neutering services in addition to responsible pet ownership

IX. Landlord/Tenant Initiative/Update – Melissa Limkemann

- October 7 meeting was rescheduled to February 10<sup>th</sup>

X. 2015 Possible Board Initiatives

- Melissa Limkemann provided information from ASPCA to discuss at January Board Meeting
  - February 24: Spay Day
  - April 8: National Dog Fighting Awareness Day
  - April 30: National Animal Advocacy Day
  - May 3: Be Kind to Animals Week

- May 17: National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- June 26: Take your dog to work day
- September 13: Puppy Mill Awareness Day
- October 23: Pitbull Awareness Day
- November 1: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
- Continue to attend Landlord Meetings
- Attend Welcome to Lakewood Event for first time home owners

XI. Set meeting dates for 2015

- Wednesday, January 21 at 6PM
- Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6PM
- Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6PM
- Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6PM
- Wednesday, September 16 at 6PM
- Wednesday, November 18 at 6PM
- Meetings will be held in the Jury Room at City Hall

XII. Lakewood Animal Shelter News and Updates – Jack Crawford

- Remodeling on the shelter is almost complete

XIII. Past and Upcoming Animal Related Community Events

- Currently there are no upcoming events

XIV. Updates from Animal Groups in Attendance

- There were not any updates from groups in attendance

XV. Open Discussion

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 6:00pm**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME\*\***