



Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board

February 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Location: Lakewood City Hall

Present: Board Members: Kara Vlach-Lasher, Erin Shaughnessy, Juleen Russell, Mary Bank, ACO Elaine Hearn and Councilmember Tristan Rader

Not Present: Board Members: Derek Maxfield, Nancy Patterson, Sue Speer, Nancy McDonnell

Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- I. Welcome and roll call – Board member Vlach-Lasher conducted. Four voting board members present, four members not present, one appointment open. ACO Elaine Hearn present. Councilperson, Tristan Rader present.
 - a. Vlach-Lasher communicated that Mayor Summers recently filled his appointment yesterday to LASWAB with resident, Nancy McDonnell, who was invited to this meeting, but was too short notice to be able to attend.
 - b. Councilperson Litten still has his appointment open.
 - c. Councilperson Tristan Rader was assigned to the LASWAB Advisor position.
- II. Approval of January 17, 2018 meeting minutes – a motion was made by Vlach-Lasher to approve and seconded by Shaughnessy. Motion approved by affirmative vote.
- III. Election of New Officers- A motion was made by Vlach-Lasher to defer Elections to the next meeting as many LASWAB members not present; Shaughnessy seconded the motion. Motion approved by affirmative vote.
- IV. Coyote Task Group update:
 - a. ACO Elaine Hearn reported that the Shelter has only received sightings this past month of Coyotes. There are currently no traps set.
 - b. Cleveland Metroparks Wildlife Ecologist, Jon Cepek, will present information about coyotes on 2/24/18 at the Rocky River Nature Center (and also did a presentation on 1/10/18). Vlach-Lasher submitted 2 requests to post the information about the presentations on to the City of Lakewood website and Facebook page and reported the post will be up this week. Councilperson Rader requested to be copied on publishing requests so he can help get information posted for LASWAB.
 - c. Erin Shaughnessy volunteered to provide new coyote images and will work on updating the Co-Existing with Coyotes literature, as a copyright infringement notice was filed for the original image that had been used. That image had been pulled from the city's FB page.
 - d. Vlach-Lasher reaffirmed the city's request to hold on any coyote door-to-door literature drops as the city does not feel this needs to be an initiative at this time.
- V. Spay/Neuter Day final update – Vlach-Lasher will submit the report to Rader, as the report that was originally sent to in between Council advisors has not yet been officially forwarded to the Mayor and Council.
- VI. Report – 2017 Monthly print articles:
 - a. What to do when you find a stray dog (Board member Speer) –

A motion by Vlach-Lasher to defer discussions around the outstanding print article on stray dogs from 2017 until next meeting was seconded by Shaughnessy. Motion approved by affirmative vote.

- b. Winter pet safety (Board members Russell/Maxfield)
Juleen Russell made a motion to target September 2018 as the new target date for this article; seconded by Shaughnessy. Motion approved by affirmative vote.
- c. Derek Maxfield had reported through email that he will be meeting with Melissa Garrett and Katie Nix the week of 2/26 to discuss making adjustments to the current “Animals in Lakewood” page to become more user friendly. Maxfield will email out an update to the board to summarize the progress from the meeting.

VII. Dog Ordinance Committee Recommendations Report

- a. Board members read aloud the LASWAB Dog Ordinance Committee’s Recommendations Report in response to the proposed changes to the animal control ordinances that were introduced on the January 2, 2018 Council Docket, changes specifically to Chapters 505 and 506.
 - i. The board reviewed each section and made minor language adjustments and suggestions to the report.
 - ii. Russell made a motion to approve the Recommendations Report pending the language adjustments be made to the report; Shaughnessy seconded. Motion approved by affirmative vote.
 - iii. Vlach-Lasher will be making the adjustments and will send out the minor language revised report to the Board and Councilman Rader in preparation for Council’s Committee of the Whole discussions of the proposed ordinance changes on Monday, February 26, at 7pm.

NEW Business:

- VIII. Spay and Neuter Education and Outreach - February is Spay and Neuter Awareness Month/ February 27 is World Spay Day. The Board reviewed a promotion graphic made by Mary Bank. Russell made a motion to approve and distribute the graphic; Shaughnessy seconded. Motion approved by affirmative vote . Vlach-Lasher will email the graphic to be posted on the Lakewood website and Facebook page.
- IX. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report (ACO Hearn in Crawford’s absence) – Hearn had to leave the meeting before this was discussed. Nothing to report at this time.
- X. Public Comment – no members of the public present.

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE Wednesday, March 21st, at 6pm in Council Conference Room.