



Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board

May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall

Present: Board Members: Melissa Limkemann, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Derek Maxfield, Nancy Patterson, Erin Shaughnessy, Dana Textoris, Dr. Bo Rog, ACO Jack Crawford, and Councilperson Cindy Marx.

Not Present: Board Members: Juleen Russell, Susan Speer

Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

- I. Welcome & Roll Call – Board member Limkemann conducted.
- II. Approval of April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Board member Vlach-Lasher to approve, seconded by Board member Textoris. Approved by affirmative vote.
- III. Landlord Tenant Presentation (Board member Vlach-Lasher) – Board member Vlach-Lasher moved to table this discussion for a future meeting, Board member Limkemann seconded.
- IV. Report – Coyote Task Group (Board members Speer and Vlach-Lasher)
 - Coyote fact sheet – Board member Vlach-Lasher reported that the fact sheet is posted on the City of Lakewood website, Animal Control Page and under LASWAB link. She would also like to request that the information be converted to an actual webpage, not just a pdf, but needs to address the correct person at the city to ask.
 - Coyote Shaker supplement – A motion was made by Kara to move this agenda item to a future meeting, when Sue is in attendance, seconded by Melissa.
- V. Report – Task Group Updates: Public education articles for submission to *The Lakewood Observer*:
 - JUNE: A decision was made to submit two articles for publication in June – the rules of the Lakewood Dog Park article for submission by 6/1 (Board member Textoris) and summer pet safety article for submission by 6/20 (Board member Shaughnessy). Discussion was to consider splitting Shaughnessy's article into a series, seconded by Melissa.
 - JULY: Board member Maxfield shared a draft infographic for the article he is preparing on appropriate bird feeders.
 - AUGUST: Board member Maxfield reported that the article on raising chickens is in progress.
 - SEPTEMBER: Board member Limkemann reported that the article on what to do when you find a stray dog is in progress.
- VI. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report (ACO Crawford)
 - Jack reported that 3 cats and 2 dogs are currently being held at the shelter, including one puggle that was left by his owners out on the lawn with the trash. Jack explained that the owners could be cited for abandonment, but only if the dog is microchipped to prove ownership (it is not).
 - Jack said they have started to receive frequent calls from residents about dogs left in cars. Under new law, these owners can be cited for cruelty, but typically the owners have left by the time animal control arrives.
 - Jack had no statistics to share for this meeting.
- VII. Remaining Community Education/Outreach tasks to be assigned for 2017
 - The following public education articles were assigned for submission to *The Lakewood Observer*:
 - i. October: Deer – Board member Textoris
 - ii. November/December: Winter safety (two articles) – Board member Limkemann

- iii. It was decided that an article on the topic of small wildlife will be held until spring 2018.
 - Human Society of the United States poster on Not leaving your dog in a hot car: Board member Vlach-Lasher will attempt to procure to post to the Lakewood community Facebook page.
 - Community Events:
 - i. Welcome to Lakewood – No decisions were made about this event as date is not yet determined by group holding it.
 - ii. Spooky Pooch Parade (October 21): Board member Limkemann will have a table set up for her shelter; she invited LASWAB Board members to table with her to distribute community education material.
 - iii. Spay and Neuter Day at Madison Park: The Board discussed the possibility of having a transport van for low-cost spay/neuter, possibility in September. As a first step, Board member Vlach-Lasher will have a meeting on May 24 with the Executive Director of the spay/neuter clinic PetFix Northeast Ohio to explore potential collaboration.
 - Pets are Welcome (PAW) research for landlord presentation – Board member Vlach-Lasher moved to table this discussion for a future meeting, Board member Limkemann seconded.
- VIII. Next meeting: There will not be a meeting on June 21 due to the Summer Solstice event; however, the Board selected a next meeting date of June 28 at 5pm. Board member Limkemann will reserve a meeting space and notify the Board of the location.
- IX. Public Comment (sign in – 5 min speaking opportunity): No members of the public were present

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, June 28, 2017- 6PM (Location TBD)