



Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board

June 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall

Present: Board Members: Melissa Limkemann, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Juleen Russell, Nancy Patterson, Derek Maxfield, Sue Speer, Erin Shaughnessy, and ACO Jack Crawford, and Councilperson Cindy Marx

Not Present: Board Members: Dr. Bo Rog, Dana Textoris

Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

- I. Welcome & Roll Call – Melissa conducted
- II. Approval of May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Sue to approve, seconded by Kara Lasher, and approved by affirmative vote.
- III. Report-Coyote Task Group (Board member Sue Speer and Kara Vlach-Lasher)
 - There was an incident with a coyote and a dog since our last meeting: Around 1am a Dachshund dog left off leash - wandered into front yard unattended where an apparent attack happened. The dog had to be euthanized due to the injuries sustained. There was a fair amount of misinformation communicated in media coverage of this event.
 - Jack indicated there is a mother and 4 pups are living off Edgewater Dr. near the Marine Towers. A professional trapper has been hired. If trapped they will be destroyed per state law.
 - The Coyote educational materials were re-reviewed and minor wording changes were discussed and approved based on discussions with Animal Control Officers and Wildlife Ecologists at the Cleveland MetorParks. The following promotion methods were discussed:
 - i. Add to water bill.
 - ii. Web form for reporting sightings and/or incidents.
 - iii. Lakewood app - can be utilized for reporting sighting and/or incidents.
 - iv. Colin McEwan is no longer with the city (for our website) Shannon Strachan (Mayor's assistant) will assist.
 - v. Erin Shaughnessy will assist with promotions.
 - vi. Try block parties. The city will assist us in determining who is hosting them.
 - A motion was made Melissa Limkemann that Kara, Erin and Susan will work together and get a report on Recommendations for Public Education/Outreach and Coyote Data Collection by the City in front of council by July 12th council docket deadline, seconded by Kara Vlach-Lasher, and approved by an affirmative vote.
- IV. Landlord Tenant Presentation- (Board member Vlach-Lasher)
 - Pets Are Welcome (PAW) was reviewed
 - Kara would like to do additional research for stats/data and ways to assist landlords. Juleen offered to assist.
 - Kara will submit a request for presentation to be included in the agenda for the September landlord orientation. Cindy will see if Judge Carroll would be the last speaker.
 - We will determine at a later date who of us will do the presentation in September.
 - A motion was made by Melissa Limkemann to approve the presentation, seconded by Juleen Russell, and approved by an affirmative vote.

V. Report-Task Group Updates

- Doggie dos that was submitted previously is still not posted on Lakewood Observer.
- Monthly Print Articles
 - i. JUNE --Summer Safety (Board members Shaughnessy, Speer, VlachLasher)
 1. Article published in the June 21, 2017 Lakewood Observer.
 - ii. JULY-Appropriate Bird Feeders (Board member Derek Maxfield)
 1. Infographic Derek created was reviewed.
 2. A motion was made by Kara Vlach-Lasher to approve the infographic with understanding that Derek will work with the Lakewood Observer on graphics adjustments as needed, seconded by Erin Shaughnessy, and approved by an affirmative vote.
 - iii. AUG-Raising Chickens in Lakewood (Board member Maxfield)
 1. Strategy was discussed including outlining the permitting process.
 - iv. SEPT-What to do when you find a stray dog- (Board member Limkemann)
 1. Piece will cover found cats and dogs.
 2. Melissa is working with Mindy from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for an interview.
 3. Kara is working with Brookpark Animal ER regarding protocol when a stray dog is found in Lakewood during off-duty hours for Lakewood ACO.
 4. A motion was made by Melissa Limkemann to approve with adjustments as discussed, seconded by Erin Shaughnessy, and approved by an affirmative vote.
 - v. OCT - Deer – Board member Textoris
 1. Tabled to next meeting.
 - vi. NOV/DEC - Winter safety (two articles) – Board member Limkemann
 1. Tabled to next meeting.

VI. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report (ACO Crawford)

- Currently two cats, two kittens and one Chihuahua dog at shelter.

VII. Community Events

- Spay / Neuter Day by LASWAB
 - i. Potential date: September 29, 2017
 - ii. Cats OR Dogs.Both cannot be transported on same van, Board has to decide which one it would like to do that day
 - iii. Will be a mass drop off in the morning. Pick up between 3-4 pm. Animals will be transported in Pet Fix vehicle.
 - iv. We will need two shifts for volunteers. Most board members in attendance said they could do one shift.
 - v. We will update and re-print based on last flyers to pass out / post at the Pet Supplies Plus vaccine clinics on Sundays.
 - vi. A motion was made by Melissa Limkemann to discuss further at next meeting and look at the last event's stats and materials, seconded by Sue Speer, and approved by an affirmative vote.

VIII. Public Comment (sign in – 5 min speaking opportunity)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS IS JULY 19, 6PM JURY ROOM, LAKEWOOD CITY HALL