



## **Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board**

July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Jury Room at Lakewood City Hall

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

*Not Present:* Board Members: Derek Maxfield

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### **Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

- I. Welcome & Roll Call – Melissa conducted
- II. Approval of June 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Sue to approve, seconded by Kara Lasher, to approve with the removal of item #IV 3 (add LASWAB contact to Landlord Presentation.) Motion approved by affirmative vote.
- III. Report-Coyote Task Group (Board member Sue Speer and Kara Vlach-Lasher)
  - Our report was submitted to Council Advisor Marx by July 12<sup>th</sup>, who then forwarded to the Mayor and Councilmembers shortly thereafter.
- IV. ACO off-hours stray animal holding
  - Brookpark Animal ER would be willing to accept Lakewood strays and hold them until the next business day for Lakewood Animal Control to pick up – without charge.
  - Jack Crawford will be conducting a meeting with LPD and dispatch to relay these details to see if LPD would be on board as well. Kara indicated that the Board needs to do a recommendation report before any action is taken, as the Board cannot change any policy.
  - Melissa is working with West Park Animal Clinic to see if a similar agreement with them can be discussed
- V. Spay / Neuter Day by LASWAB (Vlach-Lasher)
  - Date: Friday, September 29, 2017
  - Cats or Dogs in advance.
  - Payment is made in advance through Petfix when someone makes an appointment.
  - Juleen will work with Kara on updating 2014 spay day flyer for this year.
  - In 2014 we had 11 cats and 8 dogs.
  - Our best response for sign ups was at the low cost vaccination clinics at the Lakewood Pet Supplies Plus.
    - i. We will have a LASWAB board member volunteer to be there on Sundays prior to the event.
  - Erin, Melissa, Sue, Kara and Juleen said they can help with both flyer distribution and on clinic day.
  - Kara will check with Kevin Butler to see if this needs to go in front of council for approval.
  - 2014 flyer prices were Flyers - \$90, Posters - \$20.
  - A motion was made by Juleen Russell to move forward with the 2017 LASWAB spay/neuter day on September 29 pending administration approval, seconded by Sue Speer, and approved by an affirmative vote.
- VI. Report-Task Group Updates
  - Doggie dos that was submitted previously is still not posted on Lakewood Observer. Dana will follow up.
  - Monthly Print Articles

- i. JUNE --Summer Safety (Board members Shaughnessy, Speer, Vlach-Lasher)
    - 1. Series III Article published in the July 18, 2017 Lakewood Observer.
  - ii. JULY-Appropriate Bird Feeders (Board member Derek Maxfield)
    - 1. Infographic Derek
  - 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. Melissa is working with Mindy from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for an interview.
  - 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.
- VII. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report (ACO Crawford)
- The shelter is overwhelmed with kittens, at least 12 plus more are in foster. Some of the shelter kittens are sick and need to be in foster.
  - There was a raccoon bite. It was sent to Columbus per state law.
  - Two of the coyote pups were trapped and handled per state law. If the remaining ones do not get trapped soon, the trapper will decide if trapping attempts should continue.
- VIII. Community Events
- IX. Public Comment (sign in – 5 min speaking opportunity)
- Michelle Harvanek attended. She wanted to talk about the stray dogs she found on July 4<sup>th</sup> and not having an ACO on duty to take them. She was told by dispatch to let them go, and as a Lakewood resident felt that the city should do a better job than that. She did see that our board was working on a solution with agenda item IV and offered her consultation/assistance as an employee of the City of Cleveland / Division of Animal Control.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS IS September 20th, 6PM JURY ROOM, LAKEWOOD CITY HALL**