



Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board

September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Lakewood City Hall

Present: Board Members: 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: Melissa Limkemann, Dr. Bo Rog, Dana Textoris

Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- I. Welcome & Roll Call – Kara conducted
- II. Approval of July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Sue to approve, seconded by Derek. Motion approved by affirmative vote.
 - We should be submitting our meeting minutes to Melissa Garrett (melissa.garrett@lakewoodoh.net) moving forward – not Mary Hagan.
- III. Discussion of Lakewood's Dog Ordinances with Mayor Summers
 - Mayor Summers had to postpone until our next meeting.
 - The owners of Charlie have said they will appeal the breed determination hearing results. A civil suit has been filed.
 - Kara provided links to the group of other codes for reference: Ohio, Avon, Cleveland, and Cincinnati.
 - Our group members will research for suggestions on nuts and bolts language that parallels our state codes for recommendation.
- IV. Report-Coyote Task Group
 - Our report was submitted to Council Advisor Marx by July 12th, who then forwarded to the Mayor and Councilmembers shortly thereafter.
 - Cindy will follow up with the Mayor for a status update.
 - Jack said that a coyote attacked a small dog that was unattended around 10pm on Homewood Avenue. The dog suffered injuries and survived. A coyote was sighted by a resident walking its dog around 10:30 pm – where the coyote followed them home. Three to four pups were snared since our last meeting. They were destroyed per state law. The trapper will decide if trapping attempts should continue.
- V. Spay / Neuter Day by LASWAB (Vlach-Lasher)
 - Date: Friday, September 29, 2017. Deadline to book appointment is Tuesday, September 26th.
 - Cats only.
 - We have filled 15 of the 25 available spots.
 - i. Our team will share on social media to help remaining openings.
 - Kara asked for help filling goodie bags. We will insert our brochure as well as the Coyote handout.
 - Kara will reach out to Dr. Rog to see if he will volunteer the PM shift / pick-up.
 - Kara will email us the final schedule showing which of us are signed up for which shifts.
- VI. ACO off-hours stray animal holding
 - An August 8, 2017 email to Captain Stone said he is OK to have dispatch tell people they can take stray animals found during Lakewood ACO off hours to Brookpark Animal ER.
 - This initiative still needs to be formalized and put into action.
 - Our group will seek clarity on next steps.

- Melissa contacted West Park Animal Hospital and they indicated that they will not take strays in for us as they are limited on space for their client's dogs.

VII. Report-Task Group Updates

- Monthly Print Articles
 - i. Doggie dos article was published in the August Lakewood Observer.
 - ii. JUNE --Summer Safety (Board members Shaughnessy, Speer, Vlach-Lasher)
 1. Series III Article published in the July 18, 2017 Lakewood Observer.
 - iii. JULY-Appropriate Bird Feeders (Board member Derek Maxfield)
 1. Derek is working with the Observer on finalization.
 - iv. AUG-Raising Chickens in Lakewood (Board member Maxfield)
 1. Feedback was received from the Mayor's office and implemented.
 2. The edited article was submitted to the Observer in September.
 3. Derek will send us the updated version.
 - v. SEPT-What to do when you find a stray dog- (Board member Limkemann)
 1. On hold until agenda item #VI is finalized.
 - vi. OCT - Deer – Board member Textoris
 1. Tabled to next meeting.
 - vii. NOV/DEC - Winter safety (two articles) – Board member Limkemann
 1. Tabled to next meeting

VIII. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report (ACO Crawford)

- Animal Control statistics were provided and reviewed.
- Jack explained how bite reports are handled. Each is viewed in context, including the situation, bite or aggression history, geographical location of where the bite occurred, negligence and severity. Outcome can be a failure to control or dangerous dog citation.
- Dead animal pickup – the city will pick up when called. However, this service is not provided for resident's own deceased pets.

IX. Community Events

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

NEXT SCHEDULED Meeting is October 18th at 6pm, LAKEWOOD CITY HALL – FINAL LOCATION IS TBD