



Lakewood Animal Safety Welfare Advisory Board

October 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location: Mayoral Conference Room at Lakewood City Hall

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

Not Present: Board Members: Melissa Limkemann, Juleen Russell, Susan Speer, Councilperson Cindy Marx.

Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

- I. Welcome & Roll Call – Board member Vlach-Lasher conducted.
- II. Approval of September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Board member Textoris to approve, seconded by Board member Maxfield, with adjustments to the attendance record (to show Textoris as “not present” and remove the duplication of Maxfield). Approved by affirmative vote.
- III. Discussion of Lakewood’s Dog Ordinances – Because Mayor Summers was not in attendance, a motion was made by Board member Vlach-Lasher to table the discussion to the November meeting; Textoris seconded.
- IV. Dog Bite Prevention
 - Board member Vlach-Lasher suggested the Board consider planning a community education initiative in 2018 on dog bite prevention.
 - Board members Maxfield and Shaughnessy volunteered to join Board member Vlach-Lasher in a sub-committee to brainstorm a community education initiative ideas.
 - Board member Vlach-Lasher will investigate if we can recruit a professional dog trainer/animal behaviorist to deliver some information at our next meeting.
- V. Coyote Task Group
 - Board member Vlach-Lasher conveyed Councilperson Marx’s report that the Mayor has approved the proposed education program.
 - Ideas include creating/distributing community education posters, fliers, and a fact sheet; delivery of a community education presentation; public service announcement in the water bill; and asking the City to monitor and collect data on coyote sightings by the City. Use of the Lakewood City App has been determined not to be necessary with other reporting outlets.
 - In the last year, Animal Control trapped 5 coyotes. There have been no recent incidents and community complaints/concerns have calmed down.
- VI. Spay/Neuter Day
 - Board member Vlach-Lasher confirmed that the original September 29 event was cancelled due to suspected disease at PetFix Clinic. The Board discussed a tentative new date of Thursday, November 16, pending confirmation that the Board can provide necessary coverage on the day-of. (Maxfield, Shaughnessy, and Vlach-Lasher offered to fill slots; Vlach-Lasher will confirm if Ruseell and Limkemann are available.) Board member Maxfield agreed to update the flier with the rescheduled date and then all can repost to Facebook and flyers can be re-printed and re-distributed.
 - The Board also agreed to brainstorm activities for Spay and Neuter Month in February 2018 and discuss at the next meeting as a potential 2018 Board initiative.

- VII. ACO Off-Hours Stray Animal Holding
- Board member Vlach-Lasher conveyed Board member Limkemann's update, that MedVet will hold strays overnight as long as Lakewood ACO picks the animals up the following morning.
 - Limkemann will need to prepare a final report and submit to Councilperson Marx for the City's consideration of these recommendations and this new protocol.
- VIII. Report - Monthly Print Articles
- Appropriate Bird Feeders (publication target: July): Board member Maxfield reported that the Lakewood Observer editorial staff has been unresponsive to his requests for a publication update. Board member Patterson offered to reach out to Margaret at the Observer to once again clarify the protocol for submitting articles.
 - Raising Chickens in Lakewood (publication target: August): Board member Maxfield submitted the completed article for approval. Vlach-Lasher moved to approve and Shaughnessy seconded; the Board approved.
 - What to do when you find a stray dog (publication target: September): Article by Board member Limkemann; no update.
 - Deer (publication target: October) Board member Textoris reported that she would rather not write the article until we have more information from the Observer about article submission and publication protocol.
 - Winter Pet Safety (publication target: November/December): Article by Board member Limkemann; no update.
 - The Board discussed the possibility of partnering with media outlets other than the Observer and decided that the best vehicle is Facebook, via the various Facebook Lakewood pages. The trick is that the articles need to be hosted on a site in order to then be posted to Facebook. Board member Vlach-Lasher will reach out to the City to inquire about posting articles to the City of Lakewood website.
- IX. Lakewood Animal Shelter Report
- ACO Crawford distributed the September 2017 shelter report.
 - The highlight in September was the outbreak of feline panleukopenia, which killed five kittens. The shelter is currently not accepting cats. Dr. Rog asked if they are using an effective solution to clean the cages; Crawford confirmed that they are, and that a volunteer group came and washed and sanitized the shelter from top to bottom.
- X. Board Roster and Expiring Terms – the Board members who have terms expiring should consider whether they wish to request that their councilmember nominate them for a new term.
- XI. Public Comment (sign in – 5 min speaking opportunity): No members of public were present.

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, November 15, 2017- 6PM (Location TBD)