

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of January 18, 2018 Commission Meeting
Approved at the March 15, 2018 meeting

Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen (Safe Humane Chicago)
Monique Moore-Hoffman, private citizen (CACC Volunteer)
Tonette Dugar, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Charleen Propsom, private citizen (Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Control)
Robyn Barbiers, DVM, IL licensed veterinarian (The Anti-Cruelty Society)
Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
George Devereax, Chicago Police Department Member

Commissioners Absent (2 of 9)

Becky Carroll, private citizen
Paula Fasseas, humane society representative (PAWS Chicago)

Also Attending

Susan Russell, Executive Director, CACC
Sue Cappello, Administrative Services Officer II, CACC
Jenny Schlueter, Executive Administrative Assistant II, CACC
Members of the public

Agenda Item #1: Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

C. Bathurst called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Animal Care & Control Facility at 2741 S. Western Ave. Chicago. It was determined that there was a Quorum and the agenda was reviewed.

Agenda Item #2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from November 16, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda Item #3: Report of Chairperson

- C. Bathurst reminded the Commission members that per the ordinance, they are tasked with providing an annual report that will be presented at the evening meeting in May 2018 and that the Stray Hold Authorization is now a Departmental task and no longer a roll of the Commission.
- C. Bathurst announced the CACC Continual Improvement Plan called Chicago Pets Alive has been drafted.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Executive Director

- Executive Director S. Russell reported on the department statistics (which are also posted online), animal population, recent adoption events and upcoming adoption events, volunteer appreciation event, staffing report, and relayed a special thanks to the partners who provided incentives for adoptions through FCACC.

Agenda Item #5: City Agency Reports

- Public Health Report – J. Kerins reported that there is no evidence that the H3N2 flu is transmitted from canine to human.
- Chicago Police Department – G. Devereax reported on year end numbers of reported animal abuse through the Chicago Police Department and microchip scanners were donated to CPD through Safe Humane Chicago for every police district.
- Streets and Sanitation Report – T. Dugar reported that the numbers for dead animal removal are down.

Agenda Item #6: Commissioner Reports

- R. Barbiers reported that ACS took in just under 1000 cats that would have been impounded as stray at CACC in 2017, ACS is providing staff for diversion on Mondays and diverted approximately 30 animals in 3 months so far, ACS partners with the Department on Aging to provide pet food for senior citizens.
- C. Propsom reported that FCACC helped out CACC by boarding 11 long term dogs, Pets for Life Program through FCACC, and the FCACC Volunteer Management position.
- M. Moore-Hoffman reported that she is proud of the current CACC volunteers and its great to see everyone stepping up, requested a white board at the Adoption room for volunteers to put their name that they are here to help.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- None.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- None.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comments and Announcements

C. Bathurst announced that the Commission is separate from the Department and any public comments regarding day to day operations at CACC will be passed on to the Department after each meeting. The Commission will pass on any of those comments to the Department after each meeting.

- T. Maderak – suggested that when doing the training on microchip scanners to scan the entire body of the animal all the way down to the feet and go slow.
- S. Taney – to be provided
- A. Abraham – asked about the monetary incentives offered to transfer partners and if CACC is measuring their effects on pulls.
- T. Smothers – looking for help and advocacy to appeal to the Chicago Housing Authority property manager to Cabrini Green Row Houses to allow TNR for the cat population.
- J. Rubio – suggested to put emergency call buttons in each pavilion, emergency blinking strobe lights outside the pavilion doors and have a mandatory response team for all emergencies.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. A motion to adjourn the Commission meeting was unanimously approved at 9:55 a.m.