

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of July 21, 2022 Commission Meeting
Approved at the November 17, 2022 meeting

Commissioners Attending (8 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen
Josie Cruz, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Heather Owen, private citizen
Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
Charleen Propsom, private citizen
Thomas Beazley, Lieutenant, Chicago Police Department Member
Ramona Griffin, private citizen
JB Bruederle, Veterinarian Member

Commissioners Absent (1 of 9)

Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member

Also Attending

Susan Cappello, Deputy Director, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Angela Rayburn, Operations Manager, CACC
Members of the public – via livestream

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

C. Bathurst performed roll call, determined a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

Requests are to be emailed to askcacc@cityofchicago.org in advance of the meeting.

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved by all in attendance.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst reported that the department and the Chicago Police Department are working together to update flow charts for animal cruelty cases; looking to work with CPD on bringing some of the CACC dogs to the Police Stations and asked Commissioners to check in with their local police district to see if they would like to see CACC; Commissioners have not had the chance to visit the shelter as a group. Open discussion on recent cases of Parvo-virus at the shelter (at least 3 dogs); FCACC and Safe Humane Chicago have partnered to purchase additional Parvo Test kits, heartworm test kits and feline test kits; special thanks to APC Sia who alerted SHC about booster shots for the dogs. A Hamilton reported on the Parvo cases and vaccination protocol at CACC. C Bathurst asked if there is a policy to boost the animals during their stay. A Hamilton reported that it is a policy to vaccinate upon impoundment but would have to look at medical policies to see if we have a policy on boosting. C Bathurst asked if those policies were publicly available for viewing. J Bruederle noted that A Hamilton spoke well about the viruses and vaccines upon impoundment. 2-3 week booster is recommended to a healthy animal. Dr B will be coming to CACC starting with every other Thursday for rabies vaccines and boosters. J Kerins reported that Chicago is just hitting the tip of rabies season & Chicago has not had a case of dog or cat rabies for over about 50 years. Bats are highest rabies carrier in Chicago.

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

DD Cappello reported that CACC participated in at least 14 different events (adoption events, community meetings & vaccine and microchip clinics). CACC is partnering with Cook County Animal and Rabies Control, Friends of Animal Care and Control & One Tail at a Time on these clinics offering free vaccines and microchips. Other adoption events were Bissell Empty the Shelter, NBC Clear the shelter. Chicago Rescue Week wrapped up by saving 90 dogs and 163 cats. CACC working closely with FCACC to purchase a new Washer and Dryer for the facility.

A Hamilton, reported on shelter stats.

R Griffin asked to explain what 'died in care' means and other euthanasia compared to 2021. A Hamilton explained. C Bathurst commented on how sad the stats are, but it is a reality and try to double down on doing more to keep animals in their homes. A Hamilton reported that this is a nation-wide issue with population, there is a shortage of adopters & fosters and more animals are coming into shelters.

A Rayburn reported on field stats.

Created a QR Code for the Wildlife page and PetHarbor page. Trying out these codes at the upcoming Budget Forums.

S Cappello finished reporting on hiring at CACC, volunteer onboarding and announced the dog of the meeting as Potato Chip.

C Bathurst asked who is taking over the duties of the Executive Administrative Asst. S Cappello reported that any questions or concerns can go to Susan Cappello. C Bathurst asked about the Veterinary Medical Manager position. S Cappello reported that CACC is working with HR and Budget on the position. J Bruederle reported that hiring of Veterinarians is hard and maybe think about a part time type of position. C Bathurst suggested a meeting regarding retention of volunteers. J Cruz asked about the other dogs that were spotlighted. S Cappello will get a report of the spotlighted dogs.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- J. Cruz (Streets & Sanitation) – No report.
- J. Kerins (Health) – No report.
- T. Beazley (Police) – Busy Summer for CPD. In 2021 there were 9 arrests for animal related incidents, and so far this year there are 8 arrests. Will be looking at other numbers through the year and make sure the Police Officers know how to handle these calls. C Bathurst reported that several agencies, including CACC and SHC participate in the annual National Night Out Events. Been distributing leashes and collars to the units -- they are appreciated.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- JB. Bruederle – Looking forward to getting the volunteer group together to provide rabies and boosters.
- C. Propsom – submitted an emailed report – FCACC has supported CACC for 22 years now, the After Hours Crisis Care Program has been amazing and served 42 cases since the beginning of the year with a total investment of \$98,824.16 all medical expenses. Reached out to people for help especially to Ramona Griffin, Monica Shibicky and Katie Voss for the After Hours program. FCACC is working with Ludlows as an offsite adoption location.
- R. Griffin – No report due to time. Big thank you to Ludlows for getting involved with the animals. Will update the Department on meetings and programs that were attended. Special thanks to everyone who steps up and helps CACC including the smaller rescues who are never mentioned.
- H. Owen – No report.
- C. Bathurst – Reported briefly on Safe Humane Chicago programs: IYC and Corporate and HS groups for In Kennel Enrichment and other things. Reported that the very first court case dogs (started in 2010 at CACC) has passed away at 14 years old (Bruno).
- P. Fasseas – No report.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

None.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Meetings will continue to be virtual. Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. The next virtual meeting is September 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.