

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of August 20, 2020 Commission Meeting
Reviewed and approved at the September 17, 2020 meeting

Commissioners Attending (8 of 9)

Cynthia Bathurst, Chair, private citizen
Tonette Dugar, Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation Member
Paula Fasseas, Humane Society Member
Janna Kerins, Chicago Health Department Member
Charleen Propsom, private citizen
Heather Owen, private citizen
JB Bruederle, Veterinarian
Ramona Griffin, private citizen

Commissioners Absent (0 of 9)

None

Commissioners Vacant (1 of 9)

Chicago Police Department (Vacant)

Also Attending

Mamadou Diakhate, Interim Executive Director, CACC
Jenny Schlueter, Executive Administrative Assistant II, CACC
Susan Cappello, Administrative Services Officer II, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Members of the public – via livestream

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

C. Bathurst called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and determined that there was a quorum.

Agenda Item #2: Public Comment

C. Bathurst reviewed the public comment rules posted on the website at Chicago.gov/CACC
None

Agenda Item #3: Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes from the January 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved by all in attendance.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Chairperson

C. Bathurst reported on:
New members
Restate what the Commission is for, Department is covered under MCC 2-16-210 and the Commission is established under MCC 2-120-10

Agenda Item #5: Report of Executive Director

Interim Executive Director M. Diakhate reported on the COVID Department report and changes to the operations at CACC; thanked rescues for transferring; formulate an appointment based system for all services; continued field services during the COVID-19 pandemic; thank the staff for everything that they do; Phase 4 at CACC means signage and floor markings to keep visitors safe and awaiting for final walkthrough of our facility, meaning a limited number of volunteers at the facility; reviewed Field stats & numbers of Medical Treatments completed;

SM A. Hamilton reported on statistics, today's population, COVID intake (animals from COVID positive households), length of stay and re-focusing department resources, owner request euthanasia, Volunteer schedule; S. Cappello provided the hire report; J. Schlueter reported on events and pre-screening adoptions.

Agenda Item #6: City Agency Reports

- T. Dugar (Streets & Sanitation) reported on the number of trucks for dead animal removal and still using pet microchip scanners in the field, turned in 2 bats to CACC & S&S handled the honey bees.
- J. Kerins (Health) reported on COVID 19 cat (not in Chicago) and cat susceptibility issues.
- (Police) no report.

Agenda Item #7: Commissioner Reports

- P. Fasseas reported on PAWS Chicago remodeling of the medical center almost complete, added a Medical Director and a Chief Operating Officer, new facility will allow for additional intake.
- JB. Bruederle reported as a new member Vet, partner of Burnham Animal Hospital since 1994, Vet Office is super busy.
- C. Propsom reported on the After-Hours Critical Care Program (AHCCP), and community outreach efforts with free pet food distribution from new lockers that they are providing on side at CACC and at the 11th District Police Station on West Harrison.
- R. Griffin reported as a new member over 35 years in the financial industry, over 40 years in animal rescue in New York, current volunteer with CACC and PAWS, serves on several boards and community organizations. Want to be part of the change.
- H. Owen reported as a new member is the Executive Director of One Tail at a time, can bring perspective of the animal rescue community, additionally runs CRISP diversion program at CACC to keep animal population down at CACC, the program is now virtual, will have a report on CRISP numbers at the next meeting, CACC is doing an incredible job H. Owens but wants to be involved with volunteer engagement and playgroups.
- C. Bathurst CEO of Safe Humane, reported that the Court Case Dog Program is essentially on hold because of COVID -19, current Chicago Police procedures and CACC's ability to place the current population (only 2-4 animals with police reported brought in the last few months), but Court Case Dogs are being supported in the Community.

Agenda Item #8: Other Business

None

Agenda Item #9: New Business

C. Bathurst invited the Executive Director of the City's Ethics Department to the September meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next virtual meeting is September 17, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.