

Commission on Animal Care & Control
Minutes of January 21, 2016 Commission Meeting
To be submitted for review and approval at March 17, 2016 meeting

Commissioners Attending (7 of 9)

Robyn Barbiers, DVM, IL licensed veterinarian (The Anti-Cruelty Society)
Cynthia Bathurst, Vice Chair, private citizen (Safe Humane Chicago)
Frank Gallardo, representative of CDSS
Monique Moore-Hoffman, private citizen (CACC Volunteer)
Charleen Propsom, private citizen (Friends of CACC)
Dave DeFuniak, humane society representative (Tree House Humane Society)
Paula Fasseas, humane society representative (PAWS Chicago)

Commissioners Absent (2 of 9)

CDPH Member
CPD Member

Also Attending

Ivan Capifali, Acting Executive Director, CACC
Angela Rayburn, Animal Placement Coordinator, CACC
Sue Cappello, Administrative Services Officer II, CACC
Arthur Hamilton, Shelter Manager, CACC
Mamadou Diakhate, Operations Manager, CACC
Members of the public, including ABC 7 News video team

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

C. Bathurst called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Animal Care & Control Facility at 2741 S. Western Ave. Chicago. Quorum determined. To begin the meeting, the prepared agenda was reviewed.

Agenda Item #2: Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from November regular meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #3: Report of Chairperson

No Chairperson. Vice-Chair reported that the ordinance establishes the Commission as an advisory board to the Mayor and to promulgate rules and regulations; reminded all members to file their City & County Ethics Statements in a timely manner; reported that the FAQ's are still being reviewed and will be posted on the website soon.

Agenda Item #4: Report of Executive Director

- Acting Executive Director Ivan Capifali reported on new employees, several vacancies to include: 1 Executive Director, 1 Assistant to the Executive Director, 9 AC Clerk-Hourly, 3 Animal Control Officers, 1 Veterinarian, 2 Animal Placement Coordinator-Hourly; reported that CACC is working with 2FM regarding the Emergency Evacuation Plan; reported that medications are being distributed to pets in pill pockets; reported on the two recent media incidents; reported on departmental statistics to include field statistics; reported on transfers, volunteers and events
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Agenda Item #5: City Agency Reports

- 5.1 Public Health Issues – No report.
- 5.2 Streets and Sanitation Report – No report.
- 5.3 Chicago Police Department – No report.

Agenda Item #6: Committee Reports

- Euthanasia Policy Committee – (CB, CP, MMH, PF) policies have been compiled and the members will meet to update the current policy.
- Dangerous Dog Committee – (CB, CP, MMH, RB, Diakhate). Will work on this policy after the Euthanasia policy is reviewed.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

- None.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- C. Bathurst reported that the Commission will host an evening for guests to provide comment to the Commission regarding CACC. Motion was made to add evening meetings for public comment in addition to the regular Commission meetings and was unanimously approved.
- C. Bathurst reported that the search for the Executive Director is ongoing with the Mayor's Office; a review committee was formed to help with the process of the nationwide search.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment and Announcements

- C. Bathurst will ensure responses to the public comments are given to requesters and made available to the public.
- Alex Shibicky – inmates are not picking up poop or emptying the outside garbage containers. When is the contract with the Sheriff's Department up for renewal?
- Jenny Jurcak – why are rescues allowed to keep pulling animals if they have dogs forever (long periods) in boarding?
- John Chiurato – his statement was in the askcacc@cityofchicago.org email which was provided to the Commission at the meeting. Why are animals going for transfer vaccinated against rabies when the transporter arrives at CACC and not sooner? What is the policy for the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for pets crossing state lines?
- Gina Kimmey – submitted statement. Would like the communication between the Volunteers and Administration to improve. A few ideas would be to have a volunteer based adoption screening and follow-up, pet parent hotline to address behavior / finance / health issues before surrendering, and enrichment programs in the back pavilions.
- Ramona Griffin – discuss the relationship with dogs being pulled by AWL & CACC
- Roxana Espoz – declined to speak as her question was answered in the beginning of the meeting
- Jenny Jurcak – Why do certain volunteers get banned for minor infractions and others stay who bash events and other volunteers?
- Bethany Gonzalez – How does one determine a volunteer to be inactive? Volunteered at Wolves games, vaccine clinics and now is inactive. *Huge advocate of cats, why do all adoption events revolve around dogs?
- Robin Cember – Was recently informed that every dog who goes out of G must have a rabies

vaccine first. There should be a head volunteer for each shift in pavilion G who can direct volunteer activities so that protocols are followed.

- Cathy Burke – who decides what cats are vetted for adoption and why is it ok to split a bonded pair causing even more stress?
- Terry Maderak – want to know who was given punishment for leaving Missy in the van. Want to know what punishment was given to the 3 females who wrote disparaging things about the volunteers at the Wolves game and bashed the whole event in general. West Burbs Weiners came to pick up a dog around Labor Day 2015 and someone at the front desk said that the dog was dead. The volunteer standing nearby knew the dog was alive and the rescue was able to take the dog. The miscommunication could have resulted in this dog not going to rescue.
- Amy Jean Graves - is a deep clean done when sick dogs are pulled from adoptables to help prevent the spread (of disease)? *why is a dog held for a Wolves (or any event) game for adoption if a rescue wants to pull it? *is there a way to hold finalization of the Wolves adoptions until the next day (allows home prep & document presentation)?