

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
 April 28, 2022
Via Teleconferencing through Zoom
 7:30pm

Term Exp	Members	Present	Absent
Staff	Bob Ryan	X	
Staff	Rebecca Bailey	X	
6/30/2022	Taimi Anderson		X
6/30/2022	Suzie Bellamy	X	
6/30/2022	Marci Booth	X	
06/30/2024	Stephanie Butler	X	
06/30/2024	Eugene Chay	X	
06/30/2023	Lisa Ealley	X	
6/30/2023	Mark Hall	X	
6/30/2024	Sharon O'Malley	X	
6/30/2024	Kathy Rodeffer (a 7:35pm)	X	
6/30/2023	Patti Stange		X
6/30/2023	Stephanie Stulich (a 7:40pm)	X	
6/20/2024	Bonnie Swart	X	
6/30/2024	Stacy Teng		X
6/30/2023	Dave Turley		X
6/30/2022	Kennis Termini		X

Also present: Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Ms. Ealley, Co-Chair.

1. The agenda was reviewed, and a motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept it. Mr. Chay seconded the motion. **Motion carries 8-0-0.**
2. The March 24, 2022, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Bellamy to accept the minutes. Mr. Chay seconded the motion. **Motion carries 8-0-0.**
3. ACO Report from Ms. Bailey was emailed out to the committee earlier in the day.
 - a. Owner surrendered cat was due to owner can no longer care for the cat. Ms. Bailey has taken the cat to the vet for a check-up.
 - b. There are 2 applications pending for adopting Yogi, who is at Petco.
 - c. Maryland Day is scheduled for this Saturday, April 30 from 10am-4pm. Committee members are asked to volunteer some time at the City tent for the AWC.
4. The Rabies/Microchip clinic is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 from 10am-2pm. The notification is out for the event as well as for scheduling appointments. Please feel free to share the information on neighborhood websites, NextDoor, listservs, etc. Ms. Bailey is still looking for volunteers, especially for the morning hours.
5. Foster Home Development. The City's attorney has given approval for the Foster Home application and process. Social media posts will go out shortly. If you are aware of anyone

willing to be a foster, within 20 minutes of College Park, please ask them to complete the application and email to Ms. Bailey.

6. Ms. Bailey asked the committee to consider covering medical costs from the AWC fund for Lizzie, a cat currently in foster care. She is having skin issues and pulling out her hair and the regular vet has not been able to diagnose the reason. The foster family would like to seek out a vet that has experience with cats having these types of symptoms. Ms. Rodeffer made a motion to spend up to \$500 for Lizzie to receive treatment from a vet outside of the Riverdale Vet office. Ms. Bellamy seconded. **Motion carries 10-0-0.**

7. AWC committee members gave recognition words for Patti Stange's video. Ms. Bailey shared the lucite star that had been ordered and received along with the swag given by the City Clerk's office. Ms. Stulich will do the final editing of the video and make arrangements to get the video, star and swag to Ms. Stange.

8. There are new animal laws that were passed for the State of Maryland. Ms. Ealley will send out the copy to the committee and they will be attached to the April minutes. Highlighting some:
 - a. Cat declawing is prohibited.
 - b. Shelters for outside dogs is a must in extreme cold or hot weather.
 - c. Wildlife trapping updates
 - d. TNR fund has been extended for 10 years.

9. Municipal Scene Articles – due on the 15th of the month prior to published month to Ms. Bailey. Some updates were made to rearrange previous committee articles:
 - a. May – Part II – How to greet a dog – Ms. O'Malley
 - b. June – Fireworks – Ms. O'Malley/New Animal Laws-Ms. Booth – Please note that both of these subjects will also go out via social media and be placed on the Animal Control website page for the City of College Park
 - c. July – How heat affects animals – Ms. Butler/Dangerous Algae – Mr. Hall (Ms. Booth has this copy) – Please note that this information will be placed on the Animal Control website page for the City of College Park
 - d. August – Pet immunization month – Ms. Rodeffer
 - e. September – Dog Training
 - f. October – Halloween Hazards
 - g. November – Holiday foods
 - h. December – Why animals should not be given as holiday presents

10. The committee is asking Ms. Bailey to better advertise the fact that College Park has an ACO and a shelter. Ms. Bailey will work with the City's Communication coordinator. As a reminder that Mr. Chay will be posting lost animals on social media sites outside of the sites that the City's Communication Coordinator uses.

11. Discussion concerning the tight parking around the dog park. Mr. Ryan will discuss the situation with the City Engineer and report back to the committee.

12. Mr. Ryan updated the committee that the North County Animal Shelter is scheduled in the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY2025. If AWC would like to recommend that Mayor and City Council take a positive position on having the North County shelter built, a letter should be written and send to Mr. Ryan and Ms. Bailey to submit to Mayor and City Council.

13. Ms. Butler asked questions concerning the membership of Ms. Stange and Ms. Anderson. The committee co-chairs indicated that both are still members of the AWC and no further discussion was warranted.

14. The date of the next virtual meeting will be on May 26, 2022, at 7:30pm. Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Rodeffer. **Motion carries 9-0-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl DeWalt, contract secretary.