

Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission
Meeting Minutes November 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

ACCOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Veronica Dougherty, JoAnn Kricker, Ricky Lewis, Lyn Yelton. (Chair)

ACCA STAFF: Jen Callahan, Eddie Crick, and Crystal Literal

COUNTY STAFF: Al Wein (Administrator), Jason Allison (Attorney), Alan McCarthy (Council member)

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

The Commission reviewed minutes from meeting dates 4/22/14 and 7/30/14. The Commission approved the minutes for publication.

Administrative

The Commission set the next meeting date for Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Animal Care and Control Authority (ACCA) Quarterly Report Review

A Buddy for Life (ABFL) reviewed the quarterly report with the Oversight Commission. During the review they also clarified to the Commission the way in which certain animal control incidents are handled (i.e., calls concerning found animals, bite cases, and incidents that require follow-up visits). ABFL explained that these incidents are handled on a case-by-case basis. During the review the Commission recognized that ABFL was working more closely with other emergency services. During the review ABFL was asked to describe their biggest challenges so far. They expressed that learning how to manage the large number of animals was the first obstacle they had to overcome. They expressed that they have room to grow as an organization and are working very hard to continue to do so. They expressed that they have been able to grow in many aspects including community networking, community outreach programs, and continuing improvements made to the shelter facility they currently occupy. Jen Callahan from ABFL mentioned current plans to improve drainage around the new dog runs. In addition they will be adding new paint and wall coverings in the cat room.

Old Business

It was announced that questions and answers from the ACCOC meetings are now being posted on the Cecil County website.

Jen Callahan from ABFL told the Commission about the two community outreach programs conducted this quarter in the Lakeside and Hollingsworth Manor communities. She conveyed that the Lakeside event went very well and had a lot of participation from the community; however, the Hollingsworth Manor event was not as well received due to inclement weather. During both events the ACCA worked in conjunction with emergency services to provide rabies vaccinations and low-cost treatments on-site to the general public.

Lynn Yelton announced that the feral cat issue would not be addressed by the ACCOC at this time because cats are not included in the current animal control laws. Issues concerning feral cats are currently being handled by the Health Department.

New Business

No new business was discussed at this time.

Public Comments and Questions

Public questions and answers can be found on the Cecil County administrative website at www.ccgov.org.

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