

Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2006 7PM

Members Attending: Bud Alexander, Jeanette Everett, Richard Klasen, Joe Kozlowski, Patrick McNulty, Dr. Edin Mehanovic, Jerry Rivard, Lynda Sugasa

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7pm.

Public Participation: None

Linda Sugasa moved to approve the minutes of the April 5th 2006^{meeting}.
Second by Jeanette Everett. Motion passed.

New Business:

Article XVII Revisions:

J. Rivard briefly presented proposed changes to Article XVII. Proposed changes include States Attorneys Recommendations, cat registration, and initial fee structure recommendations. It was agreed that the process for review would be as follows. If members have specific questions/comments they will be discussed/addressed and if no comments/questions proposed changes are approved. State Public Safety fees are not addressed in this draft. It was noted that the underline/strike through format be used when including proposed changes to Article XVII.

Linda Sugasa requested that a line be included in 1.03 addressing all exotic and Zoo animals stating that animals be maintained in compliance with USDA, Local and County regulations.

Bud Alexander indicated that section 3.02.7 is not enforceable. He stated that it is everyone's constitutional right to travel freely and stating that individuals need to advise AC when moving violates this right. He requested an opinion from the states attorneys' office on this subject. This concern does not affect the need to report travels when owning a vicious dog.

Bud Alexander commented that on page 26 paragraph D that the County does not have the right to require a hearing be held in 5 business days. An opinion is requested by the States Attorney's office.

General discussion regarding dangerous dog task force recommendations took place. Recommended changes are being finalized and will be provided at the June 19th, 2006 Dangerous Dog Task Force Committee meeting. Recommendations will be presented at our next meeting.

Cat Registration and micro-chipping was discussed. The committee is in favor of these requirements but realizes that it will meet strong resistance from the farming community.

Whether cat registration is a State law needs to be determined. An Opinion by the States Attorneys' office is requested. Rick Klassen suggested that if registration is required, the County should offer a discount in registration costs and possibly offer some incentives for citizens to comply such as a low cost rabies and micro-chipping event. Members in general support this idea.

New Animal Control Facility:

Pat McNulty reviewed the status of the proposed site for a new Animal Control Facility in Crystal Lake. Pat presented floor plans, costs, etc.

A motion was made by Joe Kozlowski and 2nd by Linda Sugasa and passed by members, that the committee support the most feasible and cost effective location for a new Animal Control Facility.

Old Business:

Discussion of whether the Administrator/Veterinarian position be fulltime took place. Dr. Mehanovic reviewed existing services, onsite training and other areas that could be improved if the position was fulltime.

Joe Kozlowski made a motion, seconded by Jeanette Everett and passed by members that the Committee support the concept of hiring a fulltime Veterinarian as Administrator.

General discussion on how the position could be funded occurred.

Information:

Animal Control Monthly statistics were presented.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday July 5th, 2006