MEETING MINUTES
Board of Animal Control
Wednesday
January 9, 2019
7:00 pm
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Rm 2404

Members Present: Chair Meredith Rives, Vice Chair Kristy Bachmann, Vicky Pasenko, Dawn Davis-Zeinemann, Ruth Ann Hladish, Ald. Peter Braithwaite

Staff Present: Administrative Lead Michelle Smith

Others Present: Shane Cary, COE Public Works

Presiding Member: Chair Meredith Rives

CALL TO ORDER
After a quorum was recognized, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting were motioned for approval by Ald. Braithwaite and seconded by Vice Chair Bachmann with a voice vote taken, and were approved with the addition of the word “role” after the word “his” in the Introduction section.

REPORTS
Staff Smith showed the Animal Activity Report and the EASA stats on the projector. Regarding the EASA Report, Chair Rives was concerned about any out of the ordinary events that were reported at the shelter and wants to include in the shelter reports for the events that are considered founded, the nature of the incident regarding the welfare of the animal. Vice Chair Bachmann mentioned an abandoned home that may have abandoned animals, adding the police/shelter connection is important. Ald. Braithwaite added we will supply the report before the meeting in the packet with necessary redactions. Some current challenges are space for the animals and getting the animals adopted. Total of 2018 adoptions and number of fosters were reiterated.

Approved  AWB Minutes 01-09-19
Tails in Bloom Gala will be April 6th at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation facility.

Of note concerning the budget, Marmalade won the cat contest and will get free food for life and the shelter will get 500 pounds of free food.

Security for animal safety – Chair suggested the City should consider the “Ring” and Shane may be able to assist with installing it. Shane inquired if this would be part of the 2020 capital budget or if the shelter would assume the cost.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION
Regarding the budget, Ald. Braithwaite would like copies of the shelter budget from both EASA and COE. He suggested the Animal Welfare Board work to become a stand-alone committee. Vicky Pasenko recommended providing the shelter’s true expenses which includes the shelter’s contribution to the budget. She will forward to Smith.

Shane Cary shared they visited a number of larger animal shelter organizations – including Chicago Animal Care & Control and Anti Cruelty Society- and learned useful information for the Evanston animal shelter that we would either apply or not apply to our shelter. One bit of information learned is that separation by species is not necessary for our shelter. Chair Rives added, space for a dog walk for enrichment is critical, also adding our average stay of 3-5 days, and our need for a medical “suite” are factors in future decisions, as well as building material, equipment quality, and room sizes. Chair summed the visits were informative.

Vicky Pasenko suggested hosting a town hall meeting for animal information and is willing to speak at Ward meetings and present to (Aldermen) the community services offered at the shelter. She also discussed was submitting an annual report to include community-facing activities and the City’s and EASA’s budgets for the animal shelter.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair did not take place as Ald. Braithwaite is awaiting a decision from the Rules Committee regarding possible changes to the City’s Boards, Commissions and Committees guidelines.

NEXT MEETING
April 10, 2019

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Administrative Lead
Evanston Police Department