



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, March 6, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Marion Ignoffo, Bill Urquhart

Members Absent: Kevin Collins

Staff Present: Administrative Supervisor R. Davis, Recording Secretary I. Feiereisel

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call - Roll Call was taken. There was a quorum.

II. Approve Minutes – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Ignoffo seconded. The motion passed.

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #17-00339

The following persons indicated their presence: dog owner Mr. Kirke Machon. Commissioner Ignoffo read the summary of this case and requested Mr. Machon to provide his summary of the incident. Mr. Machon stated that his dog Chief knows the mail carrier and on this Saturday the dog was outside in the yard at the time the mail carrier came. The home has invisible fencing for the dog that goes around to the front of the house. The dog ran from the yard to the porch when the mail carrier delivered the mail. Mr. Machon stated he tried to hold the dog and get in front of the dog. He could not see for certain that the dog nipped or bit. He stated he saw no tear to the mail carriers uniform. He has complied with the post office regarding their follow-up. He stated the dog's rabies shots are current.

The victim was not present.

Commissioner Urquhart asked how old Chief was. Mr. Machon responded he is 10 years old. Commissioner Ignoffo asked if there had been any other incidents with the dog and Mr. Machon replied no.

Commissioner Urquhart expressed concern that the dog has full range of the front of the house and suggested that the invisible fencing be moved back, not to allow the dog to be in the front of the house. Mr. Machon agreed. The Commissions recapped the Animal Commissions role and processes. Commissioner Urquhart stated that if Chief comes before the Commission again, he could be deemed "At Risk".

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to dismiss this case and Commissioner Ignoffo seconded. Motion carried

2. Review Case #17-00493

The following persons indicated their presence: Ms. Katherine Balentine and James Mueller, offender's owners. The victim's owner was not present. Commissioner Ignoffo summarized the case and asked for the owners recap. Mr. Mueller clarified their dog, Fred was being walked by their daughter, Elizabeth on the 300 block of Vine. The dog is not usually walked, he is 19 months old, weighing around 100 pounds. They also have another dog who was in the yard at this time, Ellie. These dogs are litter mates. As she walked on Vine and Lake, the victim dog was being walked by his owner and his two sons, in front of the offending dog's home. Elizabeth crossed to the other side of the street, but Fred pulled her down. See could not see exactly what happened. The 2 dogs were barking, as well as Ellie, the dog in the Balentine's yard. The victim dog required stitches. Ms. Balentine went to the vet with the victim's owners and paid the bill. She also followed up regarding recovery. All Cook County requirements were completed.

Discussion regarding Fred (offender) trying to protect Ellie, who was in yard ensued. Mr. Mueller stated they will be getting training for both dogs. The Commissioners provided some suggestions for training options. Commissioner Urquhart asked what type of collar the dogs had. Mr. Mueller answered that it was a buckle collar. Commissioner Urquhart suggested using a pinch collar for the dogs. Commissioner Urquhart recapped the offending dog was on leash, and was possibly being protective of his "sister dog" in the yard.

Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to dismiss this case and Commissioner Ignoffo seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Discussion

None.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.