



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, October 1, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Coordinator C. Brown, Recording Secretary K. Delk, CSO Kate Poirier

Others Present: Craig Adams, Park Ridge Journal

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

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Chairwoman Gobbo made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

- 1. Review Case #12-19707**

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case.

The Commissioners asked if Mr. Rybaltowski's daughter, the victim, had asked to pet the dog prior to approaching. Mr. Rybaltowski stated that she had not as she was used to being around dogs.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked Mr. Rybaltowski if he knew whether or not the dog, "Raffi" had been neutered/spayed and how old he was. Mr. Rybaltowski did not know. CSO Coordinator Brown stated that she had made numerous attempts to contact the owners of Raffi, but had not yet heard back. It is unknown at this time whether or not Raffi is licensed and up to date with vaccinations.

Mr. Rybaltowski stated that he had asked the owners, who are also his tenants, not to let the dog loose in the back yard. In this case, Raffi was loose in the back yard and the owners were not in the immediate area. The yard is fenced in on three sides, but is open along the driveway. At the time of the bite, Mr. Rybaltowski stated that he heard the dog growl.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked if the offenders had offered to make restitution. Mr. Rybaltowski stated that they had not.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked what the temperament of Raffi is like usually. Mr. Rybaltowski stated that usually the dog is with its owners and is sometimes on leash and

is sometimes off leash. He has heard Raffi growl before, usually when he knocks on their door or approaches the owners. He felt that Raffi was generally friendly.

Commissioner Morrisroe requested that Raffi's owner be present at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2012. The Commissioners decided that they needed more information and had additional questions about this case. The case was continued.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

CSO Coordinator Brown stated that the two-year mark for Mr. Basile's at-risk dog is approaching. She asked the Commissioners how they would prefer to handle this. They agreed that Staff should be pro-active and send Mr. Basile a letter and Commissioner Morrisroe asked that Mr. Basile also be contacted to attend the October 15, 2012 meeting for follow-up discussion.

CSO Coordinator Brown asked the Commissioners about another incident she received in which the dog did not belong to a Park Ridge resident, but bit someone who worked in Park Ridge. The Commissioners decided that it would be best to check with the City Attorney's for guidance, but felt that if the victim is a Park Ridge resident, they should probably hear the case.

CSO Coordinator Brown asked that all of the Commissioners be sure to complete the Open Meetings Act training and provide the certificate of completion to the Administrative Department at City Hall.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.