



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, February 25, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: CSO Coordinator C. Brown, CSO K. Poirier, and Recording Secretary K. Delk
Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Commissioner Urquhart made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**
 - 1. Review Case #13-03162**

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case.

The victim, Ms. Sannasardo, stated that she her husband had dropped her off to visit a friend before she went to work. As she passed by the offender's house, she heard dogs barking and immediately after, two dogs ran out of the house. One of the dogs bit her in the leg and as she lifted her arm, it bit her hand. The owner then came out and got the dogs. She related that the dog bit and immediately released. The bite did not break the skin.

Mr. Vasco, the owner of Amber, stated that this has never happened before. His dogs are always eager to go out for walks. He opened his front door to put their collars on and since his storm door does not lock, Amber was able to push the door open and escape. Since this incident, he has gotten his dogs ready to go out at the back door instead. His dogs are 11 and 5 years old and both are spayed. They have also both attended obedience training. His dogs tend to be protective, but he is able to calm them down and they listen well. He has not experienced issues with Amber when approaching people on walks.

Commissioner Urquhart suggested keeping the dogs in-between the owner and the passerby on walks.

Chairwoman Gobbo stated that Shepard's are very protective by nature and suggested that when walking them, in order to stop their thought process, have them sit and tell them it's okay. Also, have them sit inside before leaving for the walk.

The Commissioners agreed to dismiss this case. Amber is neither “at-risk” nor “dangerous.” The Commissioner warned the dog owners that if they were back before the Commission again, it would be a different story.

IV. Old Business

Commissioner Urquhart reported that the last dog that was deemed “at-risk,” Kaner, is currently enrolled in his dog obedience class. He is doing well. The first night of class Kaner growled at him, but he has improved since. He has not had any issues with the other dogs.

V. New Business

CSO Coordinator Brown announced that there has since been another dog bite. The Commissioners agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.