



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, October 15, 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
Others Present: Craig Adams, Park Ridge Journal

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

- I. Roll Call** - Roll Call was taken. All members were present.
- II. Approve Minutes** – Chairwoman Gobbo stated that she did not receive the minutes. The October 1, 2012 minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.
- III. Action Items**

- 1. Review Case #12-19707**

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case.

Kamila and Ajana Miaguda, the owners of Raffi, attended the meeting. Kamila acted as a translator for her mother since English is not her first language. Kamila stated that Raffi is generally not very friendly to anyone other than her mom and dad. Raffi is seven years old, neutered and is up to date with shots and license registration.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked if they felt their dog was a threat to the neighborhood. Kamila stated that it is possible.

Commissioner Morrisroe asked if Raffi had ever been to training. Kamila stated that Raffi has never attended training. Raffi seems to be very jealous and protective. They noticed that Raffi developed a temper after being neutered.

The Commissioners agreed that if an incident like this happened again with Raffi, he might have to be declared dangerous.

Chairwoman Gobbo strongly suggested that Raffi be taken for obedience training. She also suggested putting bells on the doors or locks at the top of the screen door so that they know where Raffi is. Also, when others hear the bell, it will be a signal that the dog may be outside.

Commissioner Urquhart suggested purchasing a crate to put Raffi in when company is over.

Chairwoman Gobbo stated that dogs have a chase response and when someone is running, dogs respond with a chase.

The Commissioners determined that this dog is not an “at risk” or “dangerous” dog. The case was dismissed. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Old Business

CSO Coordinator Brown stated anyone on the at-risk list must request to be removed from the list. The City cannot remove them. So in the case of Mr. Basile, he will have to make the request.

CSO Coordinator Brown stated that the report she received in which the dog did not belong to a Park Ridge resident, but bit someone who worked in Park Ridge, would not have to come before the Commission. Neither party resides in Park Ridge.

CSO Coordinator Brown reminded Chairman Gobbo and Commissioner Urquhart that they need to complete the Open Meetings Act training as soon as possible.

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.