



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Monday, February 27, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Bill Urquhart & Peg Morrisroe

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

Others Present: Craig Adams, Park Ridge Journal

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

I. Roll Call - Roll Call was taken and all Commissioners were present.

II. Approve Minutes

III. Action Items

1. Review Case #12-02156

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case. Chairwoman Gobbo asked the offender to discuss the reason why her dog was not up to date on his rabies vaccination. Ms. Sorensen explained that Buster's shots were up to date when she purchased the City of Park Ridge license, and since the license does not expire until June, she did not think about it. She admitted fault on this issue. Buster has since been quarantined and brought up to date on his shots. Commissioner Morrisroe asked the victim, Ms. Shopoff, if the skin was broken as a result of the bite. Ms. Shopoff stated that the skin was broken and that she was treated for a dog bite at the hospital. The Commissioners noted the police reported which stated that the skin was not visibly broken. Ms. Shopoff stated that she does not have any knowledge of the officers report. Chairwoman Gobbo asked the offender if Buster has ever taking any training courses. Ms. Sorensen stated that he has in the past, and that Buster is generally a good dog and that this is a fluke incident. Ms. Shopoff asked the offender how she would like to handle her hospital bills. The Commissioners stated that the issue of hospital bills should be discussed amongst the victim and offender.

After discussion concluded, it was determined that this dog is not an "at risk" or "dangerous" dog. The case was dismissed. The vote was unanimous.

2. Review Case #12-02438

The Commissioners discussed the background on the case. Chairwoman Gobbo asked how old Elsje was. Ms. Maroney stated that she is 9 years old. Chairwoman Gobbo asked if Elsje had ever tried to bite someone before. Ms. Maroney stated that she has not. Chairwoman Gobbo asked if Elsje has had any training. Ms. Maroney stated that she had

training at PetSmart as a puppy. Commissioner Urquhart felt that Elsje was guarding the premises and recommended to the owners that if someone comes to the door, tell the person to wait and then put the dog in another room before answering the door. Mr. Dolf Voerman stated that they have an agreement with UPS to hold packages for pick-up and to not deliver to the house anymore. Commissioner Morrisroe recommended taking Elsje for a refresher training course. It may be a good idea for owners as well.

After discussion concluded, it was determined that the dog should not be classified as “at-risk” or “dangerous.” The case was dismissed. The vote was unanimous.

The Commission decided that the next meeting would be held on Monday, March 19, 2012.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjournment

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