



MINUTES

**Animal Commission Meeting
Second Floor Conference Room
Monday, August 25, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: MaryAnn Gobbo, Peg Morrisroe, & Bill Urquhart

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: CSO Poirier and Recording Secretary K. Hodge

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 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 February 17, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Morrisroe seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Action Items**

1. **Review Case #14-116609**

Chairwoman Gobbo read the police report on the incident.

Mr. Pat Laudando, the dog owner, stated that his dog, Niko, is a silky terrier. Chairwoman Gobbo asked if the dog has bitten anyone before, and Mr. Laudando said no.

Mr. Laudando stated that Ms. Sarah Tyre, the victim, was dog sitting and went into the house late at night to let the dog out, and the dog was sleeping. He believes the dog was startled. The dog is six years old and has taken a class at the Park District.

Commissioner Urquhart asked if the victim has seen the dog since the incident, and Mr. Laudando said no.

Chairwoman Gobbo asked how bad the bite was, and Mr. Laudando said he saw 2 small puncture wounds.

Commissioner Urquhart asked if Ms. Tyre was a dog person, and Mr. Laudando stated that Ms. Tyre has a dog.

Commissioner Morrisroe recommended that Mr. Laudando re-introduce the dog and Ms. Tyre.

Chairwoman Gobbo made a motion to not consider the dog “at risk” and dismiss the case. Commissioner Urquhart seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Niko was not “at-risk” or “dangerous.” The case was dismissed.

Commissioner Morrisroe noted that people should not dismiss a dog’s size. Also, she recommended Mr. Laudando introduce a care person to the dog a few times before someone else takes care of the dog.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.