

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
Animal Control Commission  
September 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Animal Control Commission was held Wednesday, September 1, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL**

There were present:

Ronnie Rosenberg	Mary Ann Fortune
Jamie Marschner	Gail Gardner
Thomas Swan, Vice-Chairperson	Alex Thornton, Chairperson

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Gina Gregg, Research Assistant  
Sandra Hill, Animal Control Manager

Absent & Excused

None

**MESSAGES**

1. Citizens' Comments - limited to three (3) minutes

1.a. Agenda items not scheduled for public hearing

None

1.b. Items other than those appearing on the agenda

None

2. Disclosure and Statement of Conflict of Interest

None

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

*Track 1, 01:15*

SWAN,  
Seconded by MARSCHNER

moved to approve the agenda and consent  
agenda as read.

APPROVED THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA WITHOUT OBJECTION.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Track 1, 01:15*

1. Animal Control Commission meeting minutes of June 21, 2021 and August 2, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

## **REPORTS**

1. Sandra Hill, Animal Control Manager, Report

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Track 2, 00:05*

1. Discussion of the development of a list of agencies to be invited to participate at a future meeting regarding commercial sales of reptiles and exotic animals.

Discussion ensued. The commission listed PetCo and Interior Reptile Rescue to invite to the October meeting for public comment and asked the Animal Control Manger to assist with extra public notice through their website and social media.

The commission is seeking input on local concerns such as education, habitat, impulse buying, etc., of reptiles and exotic animals. This information will be used to draft a letter of concerns and requests of commercial sales establishments and a possible recommendation to the Mayor that the Administration send the letter to their corporate offices.

The commission requested additional information from the administration:

- Specific statistics for turtles in the shelter including length of stay.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Track 1, 03:20*

1. Update by Sandra Hill, Animal Control Manager, on Covid-19 protocols and mitigation strategies at the Animal Shelter, current and future needs of the Animal Shelter, discussion and possible recommendation of the commission.

*Clerk's Note: This item was reordered to be taken up after item E.*

Sandra Hill, Animal Control Manager, updated the commission on the COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols implemented at Animal Control.

The commission requested additional information from the administration:

- The foster program rate of returns from 2018-2021; and
- Monthly breakdowns of intakes and outcomes from March 2020 through May 2021.

## **EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES**

None

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

*Track 2, 25:20*

Commissioner Rosenberg requested Legislative Updates on Prefiled Bills for a recurring agenda item this fall and gave an update on the Shelter Fund activities and fundraisers.

Commissioner Thornton announced the next meeting is October 4, 2021 and requested the commission hold future discussions exploring low cost options for public education and awareness of animal concerns such as social media campaigns and offered to assist the Animal Control Manager with campaigns.

Commissioner Swan commented that his effort to change the authority of Animal Control Officers in Alaska Statute is on hold while the legislature is in a special session.

Commissioner Gardner requested that an update on the new Animal Shelter be a recurring agenda item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Animal Control Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**APPROVED: October 4, 2021**