



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2018**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on March 15, 2018, at 12:00 PM. in the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Conference Room, 500 East Front Ave. Vice Chairman Sundstrom presided.

Advisory Board members present were Tait Sundstrom, Sue Buchholz, Myra Kosse and Barb Plum. Others present included Aimee Volk, ADA Coordinator with Department of Human Services-Service Animals, Lt. Jeff Solemsaas, Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek.

Board members Josh Askvig, Teri Benson-Holmstrom and Terry Lincoln were absent.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called for consideration of the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

Motion: Barb plum made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. Sue Buchholz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Introductions

Introduction of appointed board member Myra Kosse.

American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Public Policy/Animal Welfare Division

Aimee Volk Vocational Rehabilitation, Vision of Independent Living Administrator, American Disability Act (ADA) Coordinator throughout North Dakota. Discussion followed regarding service versus support (companion) animals.

- ADA is Federal Jurisdiction
- ADA compliance states that a person does not have to have documentation stating that an animal is a true service animal.
- ADA states you can only ask two questions.
 - Is this a service animal for a disability?
 - Does it perform a task for you?
- If a disability is visible you are not allowed to ask about the service animal.
- It is up to each business's discretion as to whether or not they allow support (companion) animals.
- Service animals have at least two years of training.
- A service dog is a "working" animal. This animal does a specific job.
- Free webinar on Rocky Mountain ADA website. Offers scenarios for employers.
 - <http://www.rockymountainadatrainig.org/>



Education and Public Outreach

Jason Tomanek will reach out to Dakota Media Access and The City of Bismarck's Public Information Officer regarding public outreach.

Discussion of scheduled meeting dates

As not all board members were present, discussion of the regular meeting dates was tabled for discussion at next meeting.

Other Business

Draft ordinance update from Jason Tomanek. City Administration, Attorney's office and the Police Department are reviewing the draft ordinance. A main focus will be enforcement-fees versus misdemeanors. Collective departments will continue to review the draft ordinances and will bring before the board again when complete.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Tait Sundstrom at 12:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 12:00 PM. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the main conference room of the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Building. Board members will discuss Public Service Announcements on Dakota Media Access and the City website as well as the schedule for upcoming meeting dates.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen