



Bismarck Animal Advisory Board

4/8/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call

Advisory Board members present were Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Myra Kosse, Terry Lincoln, Barb Plum, and Tait Sundstrom. Others present included Will Hutchings, Whitnie Olsen, Jeff Solemsass and Jason Tomanek as representatives of the City of Bismarck.

Board member McKenzie Smith and City Commission Member Mark Splonskowski was absent.

Deb Ellison, Kayla Ehrlich, Valerie Feist, and Terri Woo attended the meeting as members of the public.

1. Approval Of Minutes

Terry Lincoln made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting. Barb Plum seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2. Proposed Ordinance Changes To Allow For The Keeping Of Backyard Chickens

Will Hutchings with the Bismarck Planning Department attended the meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance changes to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens. He explained the memo prepared by the planning department. Discussion followed. The Bismarck Planning and Zoning Commission is seeking a recommendation from the Animal Advisory Board.

Barb Plum made a motion to approve the ordinance changes to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens. Myra Kosse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

3. Goals For 2021

A. Revision Of Title 3: Animal Control And Protection

City Attorney Janelle Combs attended the meeting to answer question the committee might have regarding the revisions of the animal portion of the City Code of Ordinances. Board members discussed different aspects of the proposed changes. Board members will review the ordinance more thoroughly and send questions or ideas to Attorney Combs prior to the July 8, 2021 meeting.

B. Advertisements

No new advertisements at this time.

4. Other Business

Terri Woo with Furry Friends Rockin Rescue (FFRR) addressed the committee with a request of help with advertising for their Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program. They would like help educating the community about program and how it can help. Vice Chair Sundstrom will work with Woo and FFRR to create advertisements.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Sundstrom adjourned the meeting at 11:08 AM

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, July 8, 2021 in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen

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