

Animal Issues Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2014

I. Call to order

Patti Morris called to order the regular meeting of the Animal Issues Advisory Committee at 1800 hours on September 18, 2014 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Port Angeles, WA.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Patti Morris, Mark Reinertson, Paula Creasey, John Durso and Tommy Schwent. A quorum was established.

The following Sheriff's Office staff members were present: Animal Control Deputy Tracey Kellas, Administrative Coordinator Lorraine Shore.

Members introduced themselves and gave a brief background to those present for the benefit of the new members.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion by John Durso to approve minutes of March 20, 2014 and May 15, 2014 AIAC Meeting. Motion was seconded by Marc Reinertson and unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

a) Review of 17.09 – Kennels and Catteries

- Recommendation by Chair Patti Morris to defer until next meeting

b) Review language for 16.52.310 – Dog Breeding and Hoarding

- Recommendation by Chair Patti Morris to defer until next meeting

c) Status Update from Deputy Kellas on AIAC Approved Chapters referred to Prosecuting Attorney, Kristina Nelson-Gross.

The following County Codes were approved by Kristina Nelson-Gross with no changes:

- [17.02 – Dogs and Cats](#)
- [17.04 - Livestock](#)
- [17.06 – Impound Procedures](#)
- [17.08 – Leash Control Area](#)
- [17.11 – Inherently Dangerous Animals](#)

The following County Codes were approved by Kristina Nelson-Gross with changes:

- [17.01 – General Provisions](#)

- **17.01.015 Definitions**

- (12) “Bite” means the act of the animal’s teeth seizing or penetrating human or animal skin or clothing [in a menacing fashion](#).

- [17.03 – Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dogs](#)

- **17.03.010 Potentially dangerous dog – Reasons to declare**

- (4) - Has been declared potentially dangerous [or dangerous](#) by any other governmental jurisdiction for violations of State statutes or local ordinances that meet the standards set forth in this section.

Except that dogs shall not be declared potentially dangerous [or dangerous](#) if the threat, injury, or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, [was attempting to commit a crime](#) ~~committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner of the dog,~~ or was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, abused, or assaulted the dog or was committing or attempting to commit a crime and the dog was on the property of its owner or was under the control of a responsible person.

- **17.03.030 Declaration of dangerous or potentially dangerous dog – Notice, hearing and appeal**

- (a) - The name and address of the owner of the dog being declared potentially dangerous [or dangerous](#)
- (c) - The facts upon which the determination of potentially dangerous [or dangerous](#) dog is based;

- **17.03.050 Dangerous dog – Certificate of registration, requirements**

- (5) ~~The owner of a dog declared dangerous shall have the dog neutered or spayed within 30 days post declaration or appeal of declaration of a dangerous dog. Owner must notify County of intent to appeal declaration of dangerous dog within 30 days of declaration.~~

- [17.05 – Rabies and Quarantine](#)

Insert Sections 17.05.041; 17.05.042 and 17.05.043

Deputy Kellas will provide details regarding the changes in those sections.

Motion made by Patti Morris

“Everything reviewed tonight including corrections made by Prosecuting Attorney Kristina Nelson-Gross moved to go forward to the Board of County Commissioners.”

Motion Seconded by John Durso and Unanimously Approved

V. New Business

Restructure AIAC to streamline committee positions

16 committee positions on AIAC

- 2 positions vacated (Eyes that Smile, Dr. Stockner)
- 4 positions unfilled
 - District III
 - Tribal Government
 - Friends of Forks Animals
 - At-Large
- 10 positions currently filled

VI. Announcement

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 1800 hours in the EOC.

VII. Adjournment

Patti Morris adjourned the meeting at 1922 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Lorraine Shore

Minutes approved by: Patti Morris