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To: Humane Commission

From: Officer L. Lopez

Date: April 15, 2024

RE: March 2024 Report

We began the month with 31 animals in the shelter (30 were dogs and 1 cat).
27 animals were taken into the shelter (20 dogs, 5 cats, 2 roosters).
9 animals were redeemed by their owners.
8 animals were adopted out as pets (includes 4 that were transferred as pets).
Animal Shelter /Rescues: Newtown Dog Warden, Army's Legacy

2 dogs and 1 cat arrived at the shelter deceased (Public Works drop offs).

4 dogs and 1 cat Euthanized (3 sick dogs- at Central, 1 dog at shelter due to temperament by Dr. Sabo, 1 cat hit by car- at Central).

35 animal complaints were investigated.

0 dog bite reports from patrol were followed up on by staff.

We ended the month with 33 animals (29 dogs and 4 cats).

Officer Luis Lopez #397
M.A.C.O.

**HUMANE COMMISSION, CITY OF NEW HAVEN
ROBIN I. KROOGMAN NEW HAVEN ANIMAL SHELTER**

**MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Humane Commission was called on March 18, 2024 at Police substation 10, 332 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511 at 6 pm.

Call to order: 6:08 pm

Present

Chair Rachel Kaufman
Commissioner Stefanie Nicholas
Commissioner Mike Moscovitz
Commissioner Rose Chatterton

Quorum – 4 Commissioners

Also attending

Assistant Corporation Counsel Earle Giovanniello
Assistant Chief Manmeet Bhagtana
M.A.C.O. Luis Lopez

MOTION that in the absence of a recording Secretary, Commissioner Chatterton acts as Secretary Pro Tempore to prepare the Minutes for the meeting.

No objection Unanimous Consent

MOTION to elect Stefanie Nicholas as an interim Vice President for the Humane Commission until the next yearly election takes place.

Made by M. Moscovitz Second R. Chatterton Passed unanimously

STANDARD BUSINESS

• **AGENDA:**

MOTION to approve the Agenda for March 18, 2024 meeting as distributed.

Made by S. Nicholas Second M. Moscovitz Passed unanimously

• **MINUTES:**

MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Dec. 18, 2023 meeting as distributed.

Made by R. Chatterton Second M. Moscovitz Passed unanimously

• **REPORTS:**

M.A.C.O. Luis Lopez – February 2024 report emailed – (Original Attached to Minutes)

We began the month with 40 animals in the Shelter (36 were dogs and 4 cats).

17 animals were taken into the shelter (16 dogs, 1 Guinea pig).

5 animals were redeemed by their owners.

16 animals were adopted out as pets (includes 8 that were transferred as pets)

Animal Shelter / Rescues: Newtown Dog Warden, Army's Legacy, TLC Sweet Souls.

1 dog arrived at the shelter deceased (Public Works drop off).

4 Dogs Euthanized (At shelter due to temperament by Dr. Sabo).

15 animal complaints were investigated.

2 dog bite reports from patrol were followed up on by staff.

We ended the month with 31 animals. (30 dogs and 1 cat).

MOTION to approve the emailed report for February and attach to the MINUTES.

Made by M. Moscovitz Second R. Kaufman Passed Unanimously

MOTION to RESCIND:

REASON: The Report doesn't require approval whether it's read, copied or attached to the Minutes.

Made by R. Chatterton Second M. Moscovitz Passed Unanimously

Assistant Chief Manmeet Bhagtana –

- o New hire Richard Canto – 20 years in private industry.
- o Getting a credit card machine for adoption transactions to replace Cash transactions.
- o Revenue monthly report online- City of New Haven Monthly Report page 13 animal shelter
- o Complaint Statistics: YE 2023 there were 62 ANIMAL BITE/STING ALS; 859 ANIMAL COMPLAINT; 22 ANIMAL STRUCK – Grand Total 947. As of March 13, 2024 there are 6 ANIMAL BITE/STING ALS; 123 ANIMAL COMPLAINT; 3 ANIMAL STRUCK – 2024 sub-total 132

Chair’s Remarks -

My goal as the new chair of the Humane Commission is to facilitate communication between different parts of the shelter apparatus within the city and to help the commission provide oversight of the shelter. I cannot promise that I will produce results, but I am happy to advocate for those who reach out.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaws and Standing Rules for the Humane Commission

MOTION to adopt the Humane Commission Bylaws and Standing Rules as discussed and agreed upon in this March 18, 2024 meeting.

Made by R Chatterton Second R. Kaufman Passed unanimously

New Business

- Discussion: SOPs for the Animal Shelter
 - o Euthanasia Protocols
 - o Discuss Animal Shelter policy for the Humane Commissioners to observe the animals
 - o TB 14-1 Animal Control doc
 - o NH ACC Live Release Checklist doc

MOTION to form a Sub-Committee to draft SOPs consisting of Commissioners Chatterton and Nicholas and Assistant Chief Bhagtana and M.A.C.O. Lopez

Made by R. Kaufman Second M. Moscowitz Passed unanimously

MOTION to AMEND by striking the word “Sub-Committee” to replace with the word “Committee”.

Reason: We are a Commission; not a Committee; therefore, there’s no sub-committee.

Made by R. Chatterton Second R. Kaufman passed unanimously

NEW MOTION TO READ: MOTION to form a Committee to draft SOPs consisting of Commissioners Chatterton and Nicholas and Assistant Chief Bhagtana and M.A.C.O. Lopez

- Discussion about future Commissioner Kat Stephens who has a medical eyesight condition that will prevent her from driving and allow her to attend meetings via ZOOM.

MOTION to have an ADA accommodation to allow Kathy Stephens to participate by ZOOM.

Made by R. Kaufman Second S. Nicholas Passed unanimously

- WiFi Password for Substation 10 plus a key for monthly meetings

Public – No comments

MOTION to adjourn at 6:43 pm

Made by R. Chatterton Second M. Moscowitz Passed unanimously

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 15, 2024

Submitted by Secretary Pro Tempore Rose Chatterton _____ Date

Approved by Chair Rachel Kaufman _____ Date