

**FINAL / Minutes of the Animal Welfare Committee
Davis Hall, City of College Park
April 23, 2015**

<u>Term Exp.</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
2/28/18	Taimi Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9/30/2013	Suzie Bellamy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Patti Brothers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N/A	Vivian Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/30/2017	Betty Gailes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Harriet McNamee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2015	Christine Nagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2016	Dave Turley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5/31/2015	Christiane Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Cindy Vernasco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Co-Chair Nagle called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

I. ACO Update

The AWC account balance is \$10,750. A total of \$3,025 has been spent on vet services, and the cost recovery line item is up to \$3,015. In addition, ACO Cooper presented a check from Petco for the Bring-A-Pet fundraiser totaling \$185.19. She also presented a check in the amount of \$48 (15% of total sales) from a prior fundraiser.

II. Shelter/Adoption Report

There have been no intakes or adoptions since the last meeting.

III. Status of Proposed Revisions to the Animal Welfare Code

The revisions were forwarded to the Director of Public Services; no feedback yet.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the March 26, 2015 Animal Welfare Committee meeting minutes.

Moved: Ms. Bellamy **Second:** Mr. Turley
Aye: Unanimous **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

V. Revision of the City Animal Code

The revision of the City Animal Code is still in progress. The final revision for the Code will be dependent on any adoptions the City makes regarding feral cats.

VI. Shelter Cleaning

Many thanks to Ms. Gailes and her husband who voluntarily cleaned the shelter.

VII. Outreach Brochures/Web Page Update

There is no information regarding whether or not the outreach brochures have been finalized.

Following the last meeting, Co-Chairperson Nagle sent all web page revisions to Sharon Fletcher, Public Services.

VIII. Discussion with City Council

Co-Chairs McNamee and Nagle will attend the City Council meeting on May 12 to answer questions about the AWC. There was discussion on the following issues:

- Is the original charge to the Board still relevant and appropriate?
- Does the charge represent the Board's current operations?
- Should the charge be amended; if so, how?
- Should there be any changes to the number of members or districts?
- What can the Mayor and Council do to improve the effectiveness of the Board?

IX. Budget Request

Co-Chair Nagle informed AWC members that the budget request for offsite training had been denied by the City Council; ACO Cooper will train members as needed.

X. New Business

- Educating the citizens on wildlife (e.g., foxes) and promoting animal welfare in the community was suggested.
- The possibility of a dog park and the possible locations were discussed.
- The Annual Report will be submitted to the City Council on May 8 to be placed in their packets.
- Former AWC Chair Linda Lachman informed the AWC that she will no longer be available to assist with shelter duties. Her letter of resignation suggested some changes regarding the shelter. Ms. Anderson currently covers the shelter on Fridays and will request assistance if the number of cats dramatically increases.
- The Hollywood Farmer's Market will open on May 16; a table will be needed. ACO Cooper will provide information regarding free spay/neuter services. Pet owners are eligible for the free service if they meet 1 of 10 criteria.

XI. Reimbursement

Ms. Brothers submitted a receipt in the amount of \$31 for five bags of cat litter for which she is requesting reimbursement.

Motion: To approve the reimbursement of \$31 to Ms. Brothers from the AWC budget.

Moved: Ms. Bellamy
Aye: Unanimous

Second: Mr. Turley
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

X. Adjourment

The AWC meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next AWC meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett