

**Minutes of the Animal Welfare Committee
Davis Hall, City of College Park
June 25, 2015**

<u>Term Exp.</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
2/28/2018	Taimi Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4/30/2017	Suzie Bellamy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/26/2015	Nick Brennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2/28/2017	Patti Stange	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N/A	Vivian Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6/30/2017	Betty Gailes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2016	Dave Turley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3/31/2018	Christiane Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Ms. Stange called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the May 27, 2015 Animal Welfare Committee meeting minutes.

Moved: Ms. Gailes

Second: Ms. Bellamy

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

II. ACO Update

The AWC account balance is \$10,850, vet services expenditures are \$3,759, and the animal control cost recovery balance is \$3,090.

III. Shelter/Adoption Report

Adoptions (8 cats): Fancy, Tootsie Roll, Big Girl and Bean, Zinc and Copper, Max and Patches
Shelter: 3 cats
Foster: 8 kittens
Petco: 2 cats

IV. Outreach Brochures

Ms. Gailes reported that she has not yet completed all of the edits for the flyer, but will have them done by the next AWC meeting.

V. Discussion of May 27, 2015 Meeting

Ms. Gailes stated that Co-Chairs McNamee and Nagle both resigned from the AWC following a dispute regarding the relationship between ACO Cooper and the AWC during the last meeting and asked for clarification about the relationship. Ms. Stange stated that ACO Cooper reports to Bob Ryan as a City employee and is not required to report to the AWC regarding her schedule. ACO Cooper was unsure of her relationship with the AWC; however, as a liaison to the AWC, she feels that the AWC should function independently, with the exception of the “ACO support” for shelter care. Ms. Bellamy stated that communication works better and that members may not know who to contact if ACO Cooper is away, and they just want to work with ACO Cooper to give better care to the animals. ACO Cooper also stated that she delegated Ms. Stange to be responsible for Petco.

It was stated that the AWC should be more independent since the AWC does not perform many of the functions listed on the AWC website; i.e., wildlife, pest control, community outreach.

Ms. Gailes stated that communication to all members could be better, especially when it comes to Petco. Ms. Stange seems to be the only AWC member to receive any information about Petco. It was determined that Petco concerns can be addressed to Ms. Stange, and she will now update members via email regarding all adoptions.

VI. New AWC Chairperson

Motion: Nomination of Mr. Breenan as Animal Welfare Committee Chair:

Nominate: Ms. Anderson	Second: Ms. Gailes	
Aye: Unanimous	Nay: 0	Abstain: 0

Mr. Brennan accepted the position of AWC Chair.

VII. Farmer’s Market

AWC members agreed to conduct an AWC committee member drive at the Hollywood Farmer’s Market on Saturday, July 18 and at the College Park Farmer’s Market on Sunday, July 19. Mr. Breenan will email a sign up for interested members contact the manager, Julie Beavers, and. The AWC members agreed to participate monthly.

VIII. College Park Day

College Park Day will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Any members who wish to participate will be included under the City tent.

IX. Inactive Members

The Chairperson must notify the Clerk’s Office that the member has missed three meetings in a row. Inactive member, Cindy Vernasco, has received a letter from the Clerk’s Office.

X. Other Business

- Ms. Gailes reminded shelter volunteers to log in the notebook that is located in the shelter.
- Ms. Anderson suggested visiting the schools to educate elementary children on animals and pet care.

- AWC members decided to put together a list of all members' phone numbers and email addresses; a sheet of paper was passed around to garner this information.
- ACO Cooper suggested that Ms. Anderson contact Finance regarding her check for receipts she previously turned in.
- ACO Cooper will look into getting contact information regarding the pet First Aid class.

X. Adjournment

The AWC meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next AWC meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett