

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

10th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
November 18, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

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Attendance PRESENT: W. Brown (Chair), M. Blosch, A. Hames, P. Lystar, and M. Toplack; A. Pascual (Committee Clerk). ABSENT: None
Remote Attendance: O. Katolyk, M. McBride, and S. Stafford. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM; it being noted that the following members were in remote attendance: M. Blosch, W. Brown, A. Hames, P. Lystar, and M. Toplack.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 9th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 9th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on October 7, 2021, was received.

3. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

3.1 Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that the verbal presentation from W. Brown, with respect to the Sub-Committee Update, was received.

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Update on Pet Limits for Approved Foster Organizations - M. McBride, Animal Welfare Coordinator

That it BE NOTED that the verbal presentation from M. McBride, Animal Welfare Coordinator, with respect to an update on Pet Limits for Approved Foster Organizations, was received.

4.2 Budget Request - Coyote Signs on City Parks

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) Budget request related to Coyote Signs on City Parks:

a) the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the 2021 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Budget allocation to the Parks Operations Fund BE APPROVED in order to procure new signs related to wild canids to be installed in City parks; and,

b) the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, with respect to this matter, BE RECEIVED.

4.3 Clear Your Gear Initiative

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Clear Your Gear Initiative:

a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to explore the best methods to empty and and maintain the recycling receptacles; and,

b) the communication, as appended to the Added Agenda, with respect to this matter, BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee will continue to engage with the Civic Administration with respect to the implementation of this initiative.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

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The 9th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
October 7, 2021
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Attendance PRESENT: M. Blosch (Acting Chair), A. Hames, and M. Toplack;
A. Pascual (Committee Clerk).

ABSENT: W. Brown and P. Lystar.

ALSO PRESENT: O. Katolyk, M. McBride, and B. Westlake-Power.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM; it being noted that the following members were in remote attendance: M. Blosch, A. Hames, and M. Toplack.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 2, 2021, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that M. Blosch provided a verbal presentation with respect to the Sub-Committee Update.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Removal of Deceased Animals from Streets and City Property - M. McBride

That it BE NOTED that M. McBride, Animal Welfare Coordinator, provided a verbal update with respect to the removal of deceased animals from streets and City property.

5.2 Recycling Depots and Fishing Line

That the following actions be taken with respect to the recycling depots and fishing line:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to obtain recycling receptacles for used fishing lines and hooks and install signage related to the proper disposal of these items and the proper use of the recycling receptacles; and,

b) a member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee BE GRANTED delegation status at the Community and Protective Services Committee, when the above-mentioned matter goes before the Committee, to provide additional information related to the recommendation;

it being noted that the attached information, with respect to this matter, was received.

5.3 Budget Expenditure Requests

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review the coyote signage in City park amenities, in comparison to the related signage posted in Environmentally Significant Areas, with an aim to providing consistent educational signage with respect to coyotes to the public;

it being noted that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee would be interested in funding any changed or additional signage;

it being further noted that the attached information, with respect to this matter, was received.

5.4 Fireworks and Impacts on Wildlife and Pets

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) held a general discussion with respect to fireworks and the impacts on wildlife and pets; it being further noted that the Sub-Committee will report back to AWAC about possible recommendations for awareness and education materials for pet owners.

5.5 Zoos and Mobile Zoos

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to zoos and mobile zoos.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: AWAC - November 18

Budget Request Canid Signage:

- It would be helpful if parks staff could attend the AWAC re discussion.
- Audrey, if you can put up on screen, the AWAC formal written recommendation which contains the rationales regarding the importance of more consistently enhancing community awareness, wildlife safety, prevention strategies, intact canid families keystone ecological functions, with the goal of increasing successful co existence.
- Possible locates for signage re: parks “hotspots” where human activities such as chronic issues of dogs off leash, improper anthropogenic foods disposal, and wildlife feeding occur, that adversely impact human canid interface and increase complaints.
- Increased burden to City of London of not providing this vital element to **Awareness Education**, (one cornerstone), of the other key cornerstones, which include **Prevention**, **Investigation**, and **Enforcement** of Leash and Nuisance Feeding Bylaws.

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Clear Your Gear:

- Who and how the program can be executed/implemented
- How many and determination of most effective locations for the receptacles and the Clear Your Gear Signage
- Determine how often the receptacles would be emptied and shipped for recycling
- Confirmation letter to Clear Your Gear re: the program pilot will be endorsed by the City of London
- Awareness campaign through various platforms regarding this initiative for our city.
- Query re: where and how many of the complimentary impacts to wildlife for anglers signage installed in London currently.