

HUMANE COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW HAVEN
ROBIN I. KROOGMAN NEW HAVEN ANIMAL SHELTER
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Meeting Notes For
Monday, October 16, 2023, 6 PM

District 10 Police Substation, 332 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511

MN#10-23 HUMANE COMMISSION MEETING 10/16/23
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Present: Comms. Kaufman, Moscowitz and Schildroth; Off. L. Lopez.
Others attending: Asst. Chief Bhagtana, KWS Hewston and Ortiz, Asst. Corp Counsel Giovanniello; Alder Carmen Rodriguez and 5 Hill South community members.
Comm. Nicholas Absent.
Introductions: New Commissioner Mike Moscowitz
Compassion Satisfactions

REPORTS:

~G. Zinn not in attendance. Renovation update via email: Electrical upgrade equipment to be delivered with work by UI and contractor beginning. Design/details for rear building expansion bid in the works with start date slated for 2024. Masonry contract also in the works. HVAC work to be completed by summer 2024

~O.I.C. L. Lopez: Shelter Stats for September 2023:

As of 9/1/23: 36 animals in the shelter (25 dogs/11 cats).

46 animals admitted (35 dogs/10 cats/1 rooster). 13 animals redeemed. 8 animals adopted. 21 transferred. 0 DOAs. 5 Euthanizations (hospital): cats/neurological issues. 25 field investigations; 2 dog bite followups.

As of 9/30/23: 35 animals in the shelter (26 dogs/9 cats).

~Hill South Residents' Animal Complaint involving quality of life issues and breeding of German Shepherds at 73 S. Water Street discussed. Asst. Chief Bhagtana, District Manager Saunders and Alder Carmen Rodriguez to follow up with Off. Lopez to monitor as needed.

~O.I.C. Lopez/Asst. Chief Bhagtana: State ACO training successfully completed by Off. Lopez and AACO Perry. Staffing: Permanent: Vacant AACO position to be reposted, closing 10/29. Temporary: Yale Off. Kiekel leaving 10/22. NHPD Off. Zerella, Off. Ortiz, K-9 Officer, 2 Public Works staff continue.

Equipment: Dishwasher has been repaired and is working. Budget breakdown not available. Nutmeg Vets will accept the state vouchers with an additional fees: Pitbulls/cats: \$25; Other dogs: \$60. No other veterinarians have been engaged.

*Animals are being released to adopters without having S/N surgeries completed using the state voucher in opposition to shelter policy. Commissioners agreed that this is unacceptable and will attempt to aid Off. Lopez with Veterinarian search as a top priority. Funding sources for Pre-Adoption S/N surgeries to be determined.

Memo of Financial Understanding with FONHAS not made available: ACC

Giovanniello suggests a meeting with CC Patricia King to acquire access. No status for NHPD investigation given. No info re: 7 day hold requirement. Info re: training in animal handling for staff to be sent to Asst. Chief Bhagtana by Comm. Kaufman.

General state of shelter: "Doing wonderful".

~Chair: FOTNHAS event, 10/14 canceled due to weather. New state laws report and Webinar report deferred due to meeting time limits. Staff gathering canceled due to weather.

OLD BUSINESS:

~Shelter Renovation strategies: no info

~Commission 2023 Goals/Strategies: no info

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~Finance: Loeb grant request not funded; other: funding sources Pre-Adoption Surgery Program to be investigated.

~Branding: Postings 9/11—10/9 = 0. Comm. Moscowitz may become a poster.

~Outreach: no report.

~SOPs: No documents submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

~Proposed Wildlife Dispatch Document not available.

~Changing Role of Shelters; meeting with CAO Rush-Kittle TBD

~Legacy Fund: Gathering for Donors; Fundraising letter: no report.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOVEMBER 20, 2023.