

**DOG ORDINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 30, 2010**

The Dog Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barb Koeppen.

Present were Nancy Bertsch, Barbara Koeppen and Susan Larson and Associate Planner Jessica Titel. Alderwoman Liska had an excused absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 8, 2010

There was discussion regarding who motioned the approval of the minutes on the October 8th agenda. The Committee determined Nancy Bertsch as the motioning member and not Nancy Larson.

November 3, 2010

November 15, 2010

Motion by Nancy Bertsch to approve the October 8, 2010 minutes as corrected, and the November 3 and November 15, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Susan Larson and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Committee Recommendations on Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 152.

There was discussion regarding:

- The Safety Commission's involvement with an appeal to the dog declaration.
- The Council being the most appropriate body to decide if this should go back to the Safety Commission or if a separate Ad Hoc Committee should be created.
- The difference between citations and orders. The consensus of the Committee was that an order would be more appropriate seeing as though a citation is a violation of the code and that a violation and fine would follow non-compliance of the code.
- The process and possible changes.
- Adding "intentionally" or "deliberately" to the code and the recommendation to keep the definition as is because of the difficulty in determining the intent of an animal.
- To include School property in the code.
- The City Clerk's recommendation to have "and/or" in red under the definition of dangerous dog.
- Meeting all criteria of: avoiding breed specific language, criteria for a dangerous dog, established fences, well defined procedure for designation of different categories, appeal process, outcome designation, care conditions and procedures for violations.
- Increased fines.
- The designation of an individual having a Dog Fancier License and permit.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Forward Committee recommendation to Common Council.

Motion by Susan Larson to forward the Committee recommendations to Common Council. Seconded by Nancy Bertsch and carried unanimously.

A final draft will be prepared and a Requested Action Statement will be drafted for Council approval.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURN

Motion by Susan Larson to adjourn at 4:05 p.m. Seconded Nancy Bertsch and carried unanimously.