



ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD

Prince Frederick, Maryland

MEETING NOTICE

The Animal Matters Hearing Board (AMHB) held a special meeting on *Thursday, July 8, 2021*, at 6:30 p.m. using a Zoom virtual platform.

Members:	Charles A. Bucy	Present	Dr. Megan Noyes	Present
	Laurel M. Matthews	Present	Thomas S. Phelps	Present
	Karen D. Maxey	Present	Helen A. Prince	Present
			Jacqueline Wisnauskas	Present

Clerk: Francie Rose, Executive Administrative Aide, Public Safety

Staff: Jacqueline Vaughan, Director, Public Safety – not present
Crystal Dowd, Deputy Director of Animal Services, Public Safety
Pamela Lucas, Associate County Attorney, County Attorney's Office

OPEN MINUTES

General Business & Administrative Matters

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Quorum was determined.
3. A motion was made by Laurel M. Matthews, seconded by Helen A. Prince, to approve the special agenda. The open agenda was approved unanimously by all in attendance.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Ongoing Review of Proposed Revisions to Animal Ordinance – the Board and staff, along with Stacey Coleman of Animal Farm Foundation and National Canine Research Council, discussed various items in the animal ordinance and worked on reviewing the current ordinance for proposed changes. A motion was made by Laurel M. Matthews, seconded by Jacque Wisnauskas to: discuss removing the training mandate under Potentially Dangerous; work on the reckless owner portion at another time; revise/work out verbiage, and otherwise finalize the ordinance at a future meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by all in attendance. Discussion on other items continued.
- The Board continued their review of the remaining parts of the ordinance not discussed with Ms. Coleman, (who left the meeting after assisting the Board with the above-referenced items). Thomas Phelps made a motion to ban tethering, which was seconded by Charles A. Bucy. During discussion, the motion was amended to ban tethering when citizens are not home, and limit it to thirty minutes at a time when citizens are home. The amended motion was approved unanimously by all in attendance. Other parts of the ordinance were reviewed and the Board came to a consensus on further changes. The ordinance will be edited at a future special meeting, for which a date is yet to be determined.

Ongoing Business/Other Items for discussion

None

PSA Announcements

None

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- The AMHB will hold regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month; this regular schedule has also been duly advertised. Information and agendas for all meetings forward may be found on the AMHB webpage: <http://www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?nid=2154>.

Adjournment

At 7:42 p.m., a motion was made by Karen D. Maxey, seconded by Charles A. Bucy, to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously by all in attendance.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2021 – minutes transcribed by Francie Rose.

Signed Karen Maxey Date 08-11-2021

Signed Charles A. Bucy Date 8/11/21