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Animal Control Committee Minutes

April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Gowans

Committee members present were: Robert Gowans, Tony Facos, Danis Regal, Marilyn Mode, Donna Bate and Yvonne Byrd. Neil Martel joined the group part way through meeting.

Geoff Beyer agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

Group discussed requiring dogs be on leash on the bike path. The group reviewed a couple of recent incidents.

After discussion a motion was made to require dogs on leash on the bike path, downtown and on sidewalks. During the discussion Geoff stated he thought it would be important that if dogs were required to be leashed in many parts of the city, that there would need to be at least two dog parks established as an outlet for young dogs, rescue dogs and others who did not have enough training to be in control and off leash yet. Geoff thought the dog parks would be an important resource to reduce pressure on Hubbard Park. There was some disagreement on whether there would be additional pressure on Hubbard given the new restrictions recommended to the council.

Geoff made a friendly amendment that dogs be allowed off leash on gravel roads. After some discussion, a vote was held and the friendly amendment did not pass.

Then a vote was held on the original motion and it passed, with Danis Regal voted against the motion. Original motion to require dogs be leashed in the downtown area, on sidewalks and on the bike path.

Then a motion was made to have dogs on leashed throughout the city, including the parks.

Tony and Neil abstained. The vote was tied and Geoff voted against it. The motion did not pass.

The motion did not pass.