Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission

**(MADACC)**

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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## Meeting of August 17, 2021 – 1:00pm

Meeting Via Teleconference

**Members Present:** Mr. Michael Neitzke, City of Greenfield

Mr. Don Schaewe, City of Milwaukee

Mr. Jim Archambo, City of Wauwatosa

Mr. Paul Boening, Village of Whitefish Bay

Ms. Rebecca Grill, City of West Allis

Ms. Stephanie Janz, Village of River Hills

**Excused:** Mr. Thomas Bell, City of Milwaukee

**Staff Present:** Ms. Karen Sparapani, Executive Director, MADACC

1. **Roll Call**

The Microsoft Teams conference id 601 728 734# was convened at 1:03pm; roll call was taken by Ms. Sparapani and members in attendance, absent and excused were noted.

1. **Public Comment**

Elizabeth Thompson, Milwaukee County resident, spoke about the fate of a Mastiff that was not a MADACC adoption candidate that was in custody at MADACC on stray hold. Ms. Thompson had concerns about MADACC’s expertise with large breed dogs and ability to assess the animals in MADACC’s care. Ms. Thompson wanted to know why MADACC would not release or adopt the animal to the public. President Neitzke asked Ms. Sparapani to address these concerns and she reported a local sanctuary was interested in the dog and MADACC was waiting for an answer from them. Ms. Thompson said she was aware of a rescue in Illinois that would accept the animal and President Neitzke asked Ms. Sparapani to work with Ms. Thompson to have that rescue apply to be a one-time transfer partner in the event that the local rescue would not accept the animal. The local rescue did take the animal.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Grill and seconded by Mr. Boening to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Executive Director’s Report**

**a. Statistical Update –July 2021**

Ms. Sparapani reported Admissions were up 5.8% in July compared to last year.

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Ms. Sparapani reported Adoptions and Reclaims up in July, with Transfers down and Euthanasia up for July compared to last year.

Ms. Sparapani reported WHS pulled 29 animals in July.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Neitzke and seconded by Mr. Archambo to approve the statistical report for July 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Operational Update**

Ms. Sparapani reported that the storm that hit the area recently had knocked out MADACC’s power for several days and the generator was in use for four days straight.

Ms. Sparapani reported front facing staff taking online customer service training in order to improve communications and interactions with residents needing MADACC’s services.

Ms. Sparapani reported that there would be a draft budget sent to the Budget Sub-Committee prior to the end of August.

**c. Supervisor's Report**

No reports were given.

**d. Friends of MADACC Update**

Ms. Sparapani reported FOM is working on several upcoming fundraising events.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. **Financial Statements – July 2021**

Mr. Bell reported via a written summary report that everything looks good financially for MADACC with Revenues exceeding Expenditures by $764,464 at the end of June.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Schaewe and seconded Mayor Neitzke to approve the financial report for July 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schaewe and seconded by Ms. Grill to adjourn the meeting of August 17, 2021 at 1:27pm.  The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sparapani

Executive Director