

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, February 2, 2011 9:15 AM – 10:10 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Cynthia Wolken, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Dick Haines, Lyn Hellegaard, Ed Childers.

Members Not Present: Renee Mitchell

Others Present: Richard Williams, Quincie Albrecht

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes from [January 26, 2011](#). Minutes held in committee.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Appoint two members to the Animal Control Board for the terms beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2012. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to committee: 01/24/11) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

Motion: The committee recommends that the City Council appoint Richard Williams and Quincie Albrecht to the Animal Control Board for the terms beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2012.

Dave Strohmaier asked "Have you served before on local boards and commissions? If so, which ones? and how was that experience?"

Richard Williams replied that he has not served on any other boards.

Cynthia Wolken asked "What is your personal interest in serving on the Animal Control Board?"

Richard Williams replied that he is a former Animal Control Officer and former Director of the Humane Society. He was also Supervisor of Animal Control in Rapid City South Dakota, and worked as an Abuse Investigator for the Humane Society.

Jon Wilkins asked "What do you see as the most crucial issues concerning animal welfare and care that confront Missoula in the next few years?"

Richard Williams replied that he sees Missoula growing, and the need for Animal Control services will increase.

Lyn Hellegaard asked "What suitable experience, knowledge, or perspective can you bring to the Animal Control Board?"

Richard Williams replied that he has knowledge of local laws and ordinances. He cited his previous experience.

Dick Haines asked "Why do you think it is important that we have an Animal Control Board? What are some of the present or possible benefits?"

Richard Williams replied that he sees the board contending with public relations, animal care and welfare, and working with other agencies with issues relating to animal welfare.

Ed Childers asked "Please describe some of the past and present activities of the Animal Control Board or the Department of Animal Control. Are there any changes you would like to see?"

Richard Williams described the relationship between the Humane Society and Animal Control, but stated that he would need to familiarize himself with the organization before making any recommendations.

Dave Strohmaier asked "What are your thoughts about coordination between government animal control efforts and the Missoula Humane Society?"

Richard Williams replied that both entities need to work closely together. He believes that Animal Control should be run by the City.

Jon Wilkins asked "Do you have any present or potential conflict of interest that could influence you as a member of the Animal Control Board? How would you deal with a conflict of interest?"

Richard Williams replied that he has no conflict of interest. He would deal with a conflict of interest by discussing with the board.

Lyn Hellegaard asked "Will you have time for the demands of the position? Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. There may be subcommittees, packets of information to review, or research required of Board members."

Richard Williams responded that he would be able to meet the demands of the position.

Dick Haines asked "Is there anything you'd like to tell us that hasn't come up so far?"

Richard Williams replied that he would be a good board member, and that he enjoys this line of work.

Quincie Albrecht was introduced.

Ed Childers asked "Have you served before on local boards and commissions? If so, which ones? and how was that experience?"

Quincie Albrecht replied that the Animal Control Board was the only board that she has served on. She indicated that it has been a rewarding and positive experience.

Dave Strohmaier asked "What is your personal interest in serving on the Animal Control Board?"

Quincie Albrecht replied that she is a big supporter of Animal Control. She cited the importance of public service.

Cynthia Wolken asked "What do you see as the most crucial issues concerning animal welfare and care that confront Missoula in the next few years?"

Quincie Albrecht cited the limited resources of Animal Control, and issues resulting from the ailing economy.

Bob Jaffe asked "What suitable experience, knowledge, or perspective can you bring to the Animal Control Board?"

Quincie Albrecht outlined some of her experience and strengths and her knowledge of local issues.

Jon Wilkins asked "Why do you think it is important that we have an Animal Control Board? What are some of the present or possible benefits?"

Quincie Albrecht replied that the board acts as a sounding board for the Animal Control Department.

Lyn Hellegaard asked "Please describe some of the past and present activities of the Animal Control Board or the Department of Animal Control. Are there any changes you would like to see?"

Quincie Albrecht described specifics regarding the activities of the Animal Control Board and Department of Animal Control. She cited the need for more resources for Animal Control.

Dick Haines asked "What are your thoughts about coordination between government animal control efforts and the Missoula Humane Society?"

Quincie Albrecht feels that there is good coordination between government animal control efforts and the Missoula Humane Society. She described some specifics.

Ed Childers asked "Do you have any present or potential conflict of interest that could influence you as a member of the Animal Control Board? How would you deal with a conflict of interest?"

Quincie Albrecht replied that she has no conflict of interest. She would deal with a conflict of interest by discussing with the board.

Dave Strohmaier asked "Will you have time for the demands of the position? Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. There may be subcommittees, packets of information to review, or research required of Board members."

Quincie Albrecht replied that she has time for those demands.

Dave Strohmaier asked "Is there anything you'd like to tell us that hasn't come up so far?"

Quincie Albrecht responded that she did not have any other comments.

Bob Jaffe asked about the issue of resources and enforcement.

Quincie Albrecht replied that the resource issue should be addressed. She discussed some specifics.

Bob Jaffe asked about efforts to involve other community groups.

Quincie Albrecht replied that those efforts have not been discussed by the board, but probably should be.

Bob Jaffe asked about Animal Control resource allocation.

Quincie Albrecht replied that the board is not involved in decisions regarding Animal Control resource allocation.

Dave Strohmaier suggested that the Committee should look into meeting with the Animal Control Board to discuss specific issues.

Jon Wilkins asked about the ordinance that requires animals to be spayed or neutered prior to sale or transfer by private parties

Quincie Albrecht described the ordinance.

Jon Wilkins stated that he was not aware of that requirement.

The committee recessed.

The next applicant did not show up.

Lyn Hellegaard moved to appoint Richard Williams and Quincie Albrecht to the board.

Ed Childers expressed his support for the applicants.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
5. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
6. Consider an [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 9 entitled "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare" by creating Chapter 58 entitled "Social Host and Rental Space Gatherings involving consumption of Alcohol by Minors" and enacting Sections 9.58.010 through 9.58.030. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 12/06/10 Dave Strohmaier clarified the definition of 'knowledge'.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.