

MINUTES

Meeting: Animal Services Classification Committee

Date: December 6, 2018

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 2002A Michigan St
Orlando, FL 32806

Reported By: Vicky Otero

In Attendance Committee Members:

Chair: Vicky Otero, Vice-Chair: Justin Duff, Kathy Burns, Adrienne Sears,
Marc Larusso (Alt.), Christine Cavagnaro (Alt.)

Non-Attendance Committee Members:

Dr. Deidre O'Malley, Deputy Brian Martin, Robert Clark

Guests:

Donald Faller, Damien Berreto

Staff:

Peggy Meeks, Jacqueline Caraballo, Richard Roos

<u>Item</u>	<u>"Track by"</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
I.	<u>For Record (FR)</u>		There being a quorum, Chair, opened the hearing at 18:46 hours.
II.	<u>FR</u>		Chair conducted introduction of board members, explained role of the Animal Services Classification Committee.
III.	<u>Old Business</u>		Chair asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the minutes from October 4, 2018. No questions. Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes. Burns made the motion, second by Duff. Approved unanimously.
IV.	<u>New Business</u>		Chair opened new business, case 19-19750 on appeal for dogs', Lou and Sheila, owned by Donald Faller. Chair stated Faller, submitted a dismissed citation for a prior incident. Caraballo submitted Disposition for Citation on current case 19-19750. Chair allowed Faller to make a statement, followed by Damien Berreto. Faller made a statement. Meeks explained Arthur Doppelt-victim, refused to sign Orange County Animal Services Declination of Intent form. Duff questioned Meeks regarding letter sent from Doppelt's attorney. Meeks responded. Faller made a comment, stating he didn't think Doppelt agreed with Orange County's form and chose to send a letter. Meeks stated it was not up to the victim if Orange County pursues Dangerous Dog, it's based on the incident that happened. Faller stated he doesn't understand how eight month old puppies could be dangerous. Cavagnaro asked Meeks if she had a copy of the Declination of Intent forms and the language of the form. Meeks responded. Cavagnaro asked if Mr. Doppelt signed the Declination of Intent, there is no guarantee Mr. Luther would have dismissed the case. Meeks


responded. Vice Chair questioned Board, Caraballo and Meeks, as to which dog bit Doppelt and did Doppelt identify which dog bit. Faller stated Mr. Doppelt couldn't identify the dog either. Faller commented Berreto saw Doppelt in Faller's front yard with both dogs. Chair commented on Doppelt's sworn statement, Doppelt stated he was attacked by two dogs. Chair explained if someone comes at you with a knife, but doesn't cut you, it's still an attack. Caraballo directed Vice Chair to the activity report regarding the incident that transpired and where it states both dogs attacked Doppelt, but only one drew blood. Faller commented that Doppelt was jogging and was wearing shorts, so the dogs couldn't have pulled on Doppelt's pants. Chair questioned Faller if he is stating Doppelt came onto his property, where Doppelt was bitten. Faller responded. Chair commented the dogs bit Doppelt without being provoked. Sears commented on the photo of the injury where you can see the victim is wearing pants. Faller commented then Doppelt could not have been jogging. Vice Chair explained classification laws to Faller. Meeks made comment Faller was not present at time of attack, but Doppelt was and referred the Board to Doppelt's sworn statement. Faller stated Doppelt does not give a flip that he was bitten and stated the word aggressive and attack are unknown to Doppelt. Chair stated Doppelt does not determine if the dogs are Dangerous. Faller stated that his family is over this and wants his dogs' back home. Faller stated to Chair whatever the decision is today he is not taking it further. Chair stated to Faller that was his prerogative. Caraballo directed Board to the letter from Doppelt's attorney, pointing out the letter states "the two dogs that attacked Doppelt" and Doppelt does know that he was attacked. Faller stated the County is using the word attack inappropriately and he has had it with that. LaRusso stated himself and Cavagnaro could not vote due to being alternates. Chair requested a motion to be made. Sears motioned to uphold classification as Dangerous, second by Burns. Vote on the motion is held and passes (3 to 1). Lou and Sheila remain classified as Dangerous.


V. Non-Agenda Items

None

VI. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:28 hours.


Prepared by: Jacqueline Caraballo


Attest: Committee Member

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NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED