

MINUTES

Meeting: Animal Services Classification Committee

Date: January 3, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 2002A Michigan St
Orlando, FL 32806

Reported By: Vicky Otero

In Attendance Committee Members:

Chair: Vicky Otero, Deputy Brian Martin, Kathy Burns, Adrienne Sears,
Marc Larusso (Alt.), Christine Cavagnaro (Alt.)

Non-Attendance Committee Members:

Vice-Chair: Justin Duff, Dr. Deidre O'Malley, Robert Clark

Guests:

Tiffany Thoms, Benjamin Thoms, Alexander Thoms, Karen DiDonna, John DiDonna,
John Hurst III

Staff:

Peggy Meeks, Jacqueline Caraballo, Theon Linero, 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 18:53 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 December 6, 2018. No questions. Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes. Burns made the motion, second by Deputy Martin. Approved unanimously.
IV.	<u>New Business</u>		<p>Chair opened new business, Chair addressed the Board regarding Alternate Board Members now being able to vote if a regular Board Member is absent. Cavagnaro questioned the outcome of the dogs, Lou and Sheila, from the last meeting. Caraballo responded. Chair asked the Board if they had any questions.</p> <p>Chair opened new business, case 19-19865 on appeal for dog, Brady, owned by Tiffany Thoms. Chair allowed Benjamin Thoms to make a statement, followed by Alexander Thoms and Tiffany Thoms, John DiDonna, and Karen DiDonna. The Board questioned the pictures of where the incident took place. Caraballo pointed out where the incident occurred according to DiDonna and Thoms in the Administrative Hearing. Otero asked the Board if they have any questions. No questions. Caraballo pointed out the FL State Statute states on public or private property. Chair addressed the FL State</p>

Statutes. Benjamin Thoms made a statement. Chair explained the appellate hearing to the Thoms. Chair requested a motion to be made. Burns motioned to uphold classification as Dangerous, second by LaRusso. Vote on the motion is held and passes (5 to 1). Cavagnaro opposed. Brady remains classified as Dangerous.

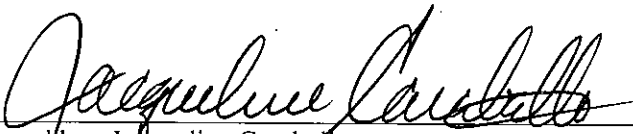
Chair opened case 19-19835/19-17938 on appeal for dog, Bama, owned by John Hurst III. Chair allowed John Hurst III to make a statement. LaRusso questioned if the Amazon delivery was an error. John Hurst III responded no. John Hurst III questioned previous cases involving Bama, specifically forensics. Caraballo responded Animal Services does not do forensic analysis. Animal Services has statements and Hurst III has received citations in the past. Chair explains the Board is there to base the classification on the current case, not previous cases. Chair asked the Board if they have any questions. Cavagnaro questioned Hurst III regarding if Bama lives outside. Hurst III responded yes, Bama lives outside. Chair asked Hurst III if he witnessed the incident. Hurst III responded no. John Hurst III made a statement. Sears asked Hurst III how does the electric fence work? What the perimeter of the electric fence is? Was the Bama wearing the collar at the time? John Hurst III responded. Chair made a statement. LaRusso made a statement. Deputy Martin made a statement. Hurst III stated Bama was trained. Deputy Martin questioned Hurst III where did Bama get trained? Hurst III responded he trained Bama. Deputy Martin asked where Hurst III received his training. Hurst III stated he is not trained to shoot a fire arm, but he's really good at it. John Hurst III made a statement. Chair addressed FL State Statutes. Caraballo addressed Sears regarding electric fence. Meeks explained dogs can go through electric fence and when people come to the home, they have a reasonable expectation of safety. Sears question Hurst III where the victim was parked. Hurst III responded. Deputy Marin questioned where the monitor was located. Hurst III responded. Chair motioned for the Board to vote. Chair requested a motion to be made. Deputy Martin motioned to uphold classification as Dangerous, second by Cavagnaro. Sears opposed. Vote on the motion is held and passes (5 to 1). Bama remains classified as Dangerous.

V. Non-Agenda Items

Chair addressed compliance with the "Sunshine Law"- meetings of County Advisory Boards. Policy provided to all Board Members. All questions or e-mails should be sent t Agenda Development

VI. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:50 hours.


Prepared by: Jacqueline Caraballo

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Attest: Committee Member

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NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED