



# CITY COUNCIL

## **Nominations & Appointments Committee**

**Thursday, August 20, 2015  
Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** D. Sterner, S. Marmarou

**Others Attending:** S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

### **I. Interview**

#### **Richard Rosato (appointment – Animal Control Board)**

Mr. Sterner questioned if this was the first City board that Mr. Rosato would be serving on. Mr. Rosato stated that he had served on this Board in the past. He stated that the current executive director of the Animal Rescue League asked him to apply.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Rosato knew the purpose of this Board. Mr. Rosato stated that it is to ensure the safety of the City's animals and residents.

Mr. Marmarou questioned when Mr. Rosato last served on this Board. Mr. Rosato stated that it was in 2009.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Rosato would be able to attend meetings. Mr. Rosato stated that he could.

Mr. Marmarou questioned what Mr. Rosato would like the Board to accomplish. Mr. Rosato noted the need to reduce strays and to enforce leash laws.

Mr. Marmarou questioned when Mr. Rosato sees the most strays. Mr. Rosato stated that he notices them during the spring and height of the summer. Mr. Marmarou stated that his neighborhood has problems after Albright students graduate and let animals loose in the neighborhood.

Mr. Sterner questioned why Mr. Rosato was interested in returning to this Board. Mr. Rosato stated that he has always been interested in animal issues. He stated that he has also served Centre Park in the past and that he has more time now. He stated that as a single father he has had to prioritize his time.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the relationship between the Animal Rescue League and the Humane Society. Mr. Rosato expressed the belief that they are competitive. Mr. Sterner stated that they also have different philosophies. Mr. Rosato stated that it is unfortunate that there isn't a better relationship so that the organizations could cooperate on animal issues.

Mr. Marmarou stated that in the past there were problems with animals being dropped off for the Humane Society but on a neighboring property.

Mr. Marmarou asked if Mr. Rosato had any questions. Mr. Rosato stated that he had no questions at this time.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that this Board now has enough members to reactivate. She stated that she has been working as liaison until they get organized.

Mr. Sterner noted the excellent background of Mr. Rosato for this position.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz arrived at this time.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted that there are residents who do not have control of their animals and are endangering others. She stated that many of these residents are breeding animals but are not responsible. Mr. Rosato suggested that consideration be given to hiring additional animal control agents. He stated that these agents handle animal complaints and issues better than police officers. He stated that he does not support breed control but does suggest that all breeders have a breeding license. He also suggested that if an animal is seized that the owner not regain possession until attending obedience school with the animal.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the increase in feral cats in the City. Mr. Rosato agreed. He stated that trap, neuter, release programs always run into funding issues. He stated that humane euthanasia is also an option but one that he doesn't support.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the difficulty determining the difference between the family pet that is outside and the feral cats in neighborhoods. Mr. Rosato agreed and stated that any cat that has been trapped, neutered, and released has a nip in its ear so that they are set apart from others that have not.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz described the animal themed items planned for the downtown holiday display. She stated that the display will emphasize animal education and rescue.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Richard Rosato to the Animal Control Board.**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
*Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC*  
Deputy City Clerk