



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of May 19, 2012

DATE: April 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Animal Control Officers

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Jose Serrano and Kimberly Corcoran to the position of Deputy Animal Control Officer.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required for Deputy Animal Control Officer appointments. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) has recommended that Mr. Serrano and Ms. Corcoran be appointed as Deputy Animal Control Officers for Arlington County. Both candidates meet the minimum qualifications for the position.

BACKGROUND: Prior to joining the AWLA on July 5, 2011, Mr. Serrano worked for the Wildlife Conservation Society/Bronx Zoo in New York City for 15 years. He brings a wealth of animal control and wildlife preservation experience to the position. Since joining the AWLA, Mr. Serrano has received on-the-job training and has become familiar with Arlington County's parks, neighborhoods and residents. Mr. Serrano recently attended the National Animal Control Association conference and is well-versed in animal control best practices. Mr. Serrano has started training towards euthanasia certification.

Ms. Corcoran graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a minor in Animal Science. Her course work focused on the legal system and interoperating laws, animal health, animal welfare and animal behavior. Prior to joining the AWLA, Ms. Corcoran worked in customer service for six years. She joined the AWLA in September 2011 as a trainee in the animal control department, where she has gained on-the-job training in the proper handling, medicating and treating of both domestic and wild animals. She is euthanasia certified and a volunteer with the Virginia Raptor Conservancy.

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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Staff: Lyn Hainge, DHS, Public Health Division

County Board approval is required for Deputy Animal Control Officer appointments, pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Arlington County's operations contract with the AWLA. Both candidates meet the minimum qualifications for the position, which are:

- High school diploma
- Good physical condition
- Valid driver's license
- No known allergies to pre-exposure rabies vaccinations
- Ability to work well with the public
- Ability to learn State and County codes
- Ability to pass State-mandated training course for animal wardens within one year of appointment
- Ability to pass the chemical immobilization course within one year of appointment

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Mr. Serrano and Ms. Corcoran will be employees of the AWLA. These positions are already included in the budget for AWLA, which is under contract with Arlington County to provide animal control services for the County.