

Minutes from ASAC meeting Jan 21, 2016

Committee Attendees: Sara Bennett, Faye Doepp, Dr Petty, Mo Soupiset, Jenie Wilson

Absent: Dr. Stevens

Staff Attendees: Bob Salas, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services

James Flores, Assistant Director of Neighborhood & Family Services

Public Comment: Ms. Bennett called the meeting to order and asked for public comment on items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

Administrative Actions: Ms. Bennett called for nominations for chairperson. There was one nomination, Jenie Wilson. Ms. Bennett called for the vote for Ms. Wilson as chairperson. Vote passed unanimously. Ms. Wilson took oversight of the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Ms. Bennett moved to approve previous Dec 3, 2015 minutes. Dr. Petty seconded. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers: Mr. Salas provided update on the shelter numbers to include new animals arrived at the shelter, adopted, and euthanized. Ms. Wilson requested data on reasons animals are euthanized for better understanding of the euthanasia rate. Mr. Salas agreed to provide those numbers at next ASAC meeting. No further action on this item was taken.

Discussion and possible action related to ordinance update as related to the ASAC: Mr. Salas provided a presentation on proposed changes to the ordinance governing the ASAC to change the membership composition to include a city/county official and a person whose primary duties include the operations of a shelter. Public comment on this item was opened. No public comment was provided. Ms. Bennett asked if there would still be non-voting members on the ASAC. Mr. Salas clarified that the changes would include having all ASAC members be voting members. Ms. Soupiset made a motion to approve. Dr. Petty seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action related to reduced prices for animals: Mr. Flores presented the concept of providing staff with the discretion of reducing the price of animals at the shelter recommending that animals at the shelter longer than 30 days would be eligible for sale at a reduced price. He also mentioned that the current fees across the board are antiquated and need revision. Ms. Wilson opened the floor for public comment. There was none. Ms. Wilson recommended allowing discretion regardless of time at the shelter to cover special circumstances such as age, health, and disposition of the animal. Ms. Soupiset commented that she disagreed with the 30 days issue and recommended eliminating the time requirement. Staff explained that the state recommended not having animals at the shelter longer than 15 days and that would be a good measure to implement. Ms. Soupiset and Ms. Wilson both agreed that 15 days should be the determining factor for placing an animal on sale at

reduced prices. Dr. Petty asked for clarification on the revenue/expenditure budget at the shelter and at what adoption price was the city breaking even. He was concerned that staff wanted to raise fees while at the same time reducing adoption fees. Mr. Flores explained that the fees he was alluding to included prices for services outside of adoption and it was those fees that need updating. Mr. Michael Dane, Assistant City Manager, added that the city does not hold staff to reaching the revenue cited on the budget, but is a best guess as to what the division/department expects to achieve. He went on to state that expenditures are an authorization for each division/department to spend in any given year. Ms. Soupiset made a motion to approve. Ms. Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration of future agenda items: Ms. Wilson requested an update on the implementation of the new spay/neuter ordinance and data on the reasons for euthanasia.

Adjournment: Ms. Bennet motioned to adjourn. Ms. Soupiset seconded. Meeting was adjourned