

Minutes from ASAC meeting April 20th, 2017

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

Staff Attendees: Bob Salas, Director of Neighborhood and Family Services
James Flores, Assistant Director of Neighborhood & Family Services

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Mrs. Soupiset moved to approve previous March, 2017 minutes. Mrs. Doepp seconded. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

Discussion and possible action related to monthly shelter numbers: Mr. Flores presented the numbers for the month of March 2017. Discussion of intake, adoptions and euthanasia were presented. Mrs. Bennet asked if people are still bringing in animals to which Mr. Flores stated they were. Drop offs has gotten better with counseling provided to help re-home animals.

Discussion and possible action related to ASAC membership terms: Mr. Salas provided a presentation on the membership subject and Mrs. Bennet asked about making member's terms run concurrent with their perspective council member. Mrs. Wilson asked how many terms one can serve to which Mr. Salas answered two (4yrs.). Mrs. Bennet stated that it seems lots of people don't want to serve on the board. Mrs. Doepp wondered when their district/council appointee changed? Mr. Salas informed her that her district is not necessarily what a member represents; rather, the member represents the Council person that appointed them and that could be different than her district's council member. Mrs. Wilson mentioned you don't have to serve in the area that the council represents. All names and appointees were discussed. SMD1 is vacant, SMD2 is Marty Self, SMD3 is Harry Thomas, SMD4 is Lucy Gonzales, SMD5 is Lane Carter and SMD is Charolette Farmer. No further action was taken on this item.

Discussion and possible action related to feral cat colony registration: Mrs. Bennet asked if we found out who the colonies belonged and Mr. Flores advised her that Crittershack was the point of contact for feral cats. Mr. Flores advised we can try to reach out to see if we can work better w/ the rescues and the public to help with the colony cat issues. Mrs. Doepp asked about the lady that used to attend the meetings and worked with cats. Dr. Shulze asked what other cities programs entail. He asked if registration was required with local shelter. He also mentioned that we needed additional identifiers for these cats. Mrs. Wilson asked if we needed to review the ordinance. Mrs. Bennet said the shelter needs to know where the animals are and who manages the colony. Dr. Shulze added that notched ears aren't 100%, but should be in addition to a tattoo for identifying purposes. Mrs. Wilson added that micr chips would also help with providing data for these colonies and their progression. Dr. Shulze had an issue with the chip making it cost prohibitive. Mrs. Doepp asked Mr.

Flores if we could reach out to Kristen Stanley to possibly have a presentation given to the board. Mr. Flores assured he would reach out to her. Mrs. Soupiset stated more needed to be done with the shelter and the cats regarding where they belong. Mr. Flores stated pockets of cats from people doing a good deed for the animal are popping up and we don't know if these are colony cats or not. Dr. Shulze recommended that a general review of the ordinance is needed and some agreed upon changes may be need to occur. No further action was taken on this item.

Discussion and possible action related to shelter staff manning: Mr. Flores advised members of many changes occurring at the shelter including staff realigning. PAWS has taken over adoptions which frees up staff to man Animal Control positions and the current culture of staff is one that will sustain positive changes for the animals of the community as we move forward. Mr. Flores stated the shelter has one opening out of 12 and although many people have come and go, shelters across the state face turnover due to the high stress and emotional rollercoaster of working in a shelter. Mr. Flores also stated the shelter is still looking to hire a veterinarian by next fiscal season. Mrs. Doepp asked who is performing veterinarian services to which Mr. Flores responded that Dr. Shulze, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Uptergrove and Dr. Hodges were all helping with alterations. No further action was taken on this item.

Discussion and possible action related to citations issued in the month of March 2017 for violations of city ordinances related to animals: Mr. Flores presented the board members with statistics for January 2017 which issued 126 citations; February 2017 issued 39, March 2017 64 citations were issued, and 96 for the month to date for April 2017. Mrs. Soupiset asked for the top five violations and Mr. Flores explained that unaltered, proof of rabies, micro chips and animals at large are the top violations. Dr. Shulze reminded members that if micro chips are not registered, they are useless. Mrs. Soupiset asked about back yard breeders and Mr. Flores explained with more ACO's, more attention can be made related to this violation. Mrs. Wilson advised that all animals entering the shelter are at risk for euthanasia and people need to be responsible pet owners. Mr. Flores advised that an amendment to the ordinance should allow all officers to issue citations by this time next month. No further action was taken on this item.

Update on animal adoptions: Mrs. Wilson presented the board with information related to adoptions for the first 30 days since taking over. 161 adoptions took place for the month of March 2017 and adoptions increased 42%. She advised they partnered with the shelter to increase adoptions and provided assistance in finding lost dogs. She also updated the board with how they have utilized a professional photographer to help with picturing of the animals to help booster the animal's image. Mrs. Wilson also noted they have assisted in counseling people who no longer want their pet and try to surrender their animal. She claims we are shooting for a no-kill shelter by 2020. Mrs. Wilson also invited all members to come out and visit the new adoption center at the shelter. Mrs. Doepp asked if there was a phone number to call for helpmegethome.com. Mrs. Wilson verified there is no number as this is a website. Dr. Shulze asked if any local rescues were helping out and Mrs. Wilson advised she has 34 applications working with her but none from the local except New Beginnings. Mrs. Soupiset commented on her appreciation for the direction Mrs. Wilson is taking and wanted Mrs. Wilson to know she was proud of PAWS. No other action was taken on this item.

Consideration of future agenda items: No items were requested.

Adjournment: Ms. Doepp motioned to adjourn. Dr. Schulze seconded. Meeting was adjourned