

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
October 10, 2012
Minutes

1. A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the Conference Room at the Animal Services Shelter and was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Charles Hooten, Chairperson.

Board Member A.S.A.C.	Present	Absent
Dr. Roger Freund	X	
Patricia Gonzalez	X	
Charles Hooten	X	
Betty Hoover	X	
Linda Krasowski	X	
Rene Leon		X
Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly	X	
Robert Melson	X	
Janice Nutt	X	
Julie Rutledge	X	
Eddie Sandoval		X

Environmental Services staff present: Kurt Fenstermacher, Nina Cloud, Larry Brunt, Sandra Pellegrini, Bernie Page.

Public Present: Bernie Krasowski, Marcia Margherio, Virginia Hooten, Regina Wagner.

2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC September 12, 2012 minutes.

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions. Charles Hooten requested a correction to item 4 to include information provided by Kurt Fenstermacher regarding a \$40,000.00 grant for the TNR Program, \$500,000.00 fund approved by City council for the Spay and Neuter Programs and a new full-time Animal Services Veterinarian, Dr. Nina Cloud.

Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Ann Morgan-Lilly to accept the September 12, 2012 minutes with corrections.

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Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Ann Morgan-Lilly, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge.

Nays: None.

3. Discussion and Action on Sub-committees reports

- a. Feral Cat Management chairperson Regina Wagner advised that the number of volunteers for this program continues to rise. Educational materials are distributed among the community. Ms. Wagner requested ASAC to endorse TNR programs in El Paso. Betty Hoover offered the opportunity to set up a table on Black Friday fundraising event. The El Paso Vet Association will offer lower rates on October 16 in recognition of the National Feral Cat Day. Ms. Wagner talked about a project to build shelters for feral cats. Marcia Margherio showed the present an insulated shelter made from a plastic container and ice chests donated by El Paso Cancer Treatment Center. The shelters will be distributed among caregivers around the city, who are not associated with the volunteer program. Ms. Wagner advised the present to call the Sun City Cats at 915-472-4926 for more information. Ms. Wagner also advised of efforts made by volunteers to return altered animals back to their areas, in order to be able to track such animals.

Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Ann Morgan-Lilly requesting ASAC to endorse the Sun City Cats application to become group with a permanent presence in the community rather than a one-time occurrence.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Ann Morgan-Lilly, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge.

Nays: None.

- b. Public Education and Outreach chairperson Patricia Gonzalez presented banner and stickers with logo which includes all groups and organizations in the El Paso area. Charles Hooten suggested that the banner should be placed at the Shelter and Kurt Fenstermacher agreed.

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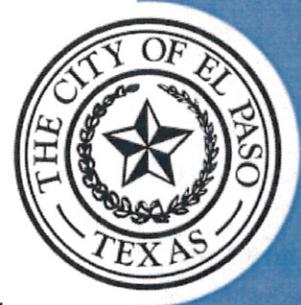
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Dr. Cloud advised that the banner would be posted at the Shelter. Patricia Gonzalez advised subcommittee members will be present at the Animal Lovers fair next weekend. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that educational videos will continue to be produced.

Motion: No action taken.

c. Pet Foster Program

No report was provided at this meeting. Janice Nutt advised to all present that Pets Alive is still seeking help with funding to continue with their efforts to help the community.

Motion: No action taken.

- d. Inter-governmental Relations Bob Melson advised that this subcommittee has not met and that they have not received a status on the program from Mr. De Castro. Betty Hoover requested update to Title VII revisions to be added to the next month's meeting Agenda.

Motion: No action taken.

- e. Responsible Pet Ownership Chairperson Charles Hooten spoke about the importance of spay, neutering and targeting diseases on owned pets. Mr. Hooten requested a vaccination clinic and advised of a clinic to be sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. Betty Hoover showed a poster to the present and advised that she would like to add Animal Services and the Veterinarian's Association as partners. Ms. Hoover requested the poster to be posted around the building. Bob Melson requested the logo presented by Ms. Gonzalez to the poster, Ms. Hoover advised corrections will be made to template once author is located. Dr. Page provided date of next Veterinarian's Medical Association meeting. Marcia Margherio requested community events such as the ones offered in New Mexico, could be organized to offer low-cost services to the public, to include vaccinations, spay/neuter relocation of animals, etc. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that Animal Services is limited due to budget issues, but advised that in the future, Animal Services plans to offer low-cost and/or free services to the community. Ann Morgan-Lilly questioned the 501c3 status for Animal Services.

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Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Linda Krasowski for Kurt Fenstermacher to explore additional legal avenues to obtain a 501c3 status for Animal Services.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Ann Morgan-Lilly, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge.

Nays: None.

4. Discussion and action on adoption reports from rescue groups.

Betty Hoover requested reports from rescue organizations to be provided to this committee to be able to keep track of how many animals are adopted. Ms. Hoover proposed that all rescue groups registered with Animal Services should be required to provide such report.

Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Bob Melson that effective January, 2013 and as part of the Franchise Agreement, all rescue groups must report data on adoptions to Animal Services.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Ann Morgan-Lilly, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge.

Nays: None.

5. Discussion and action on Animal Services statistics

Betty Hoover provided an overview on the adoption and transfer to rescue group numbers for the month of September in comparison to the same period the previous year. Larry Brunt reviewed Animal Services month to date and year to date stats. Charlie Hooten requested different term to illustrate stats, committee members also requested for specific dates to be included on the report. Committee members were satisfied with the stats provided on this month's report.

Motion: No action taken

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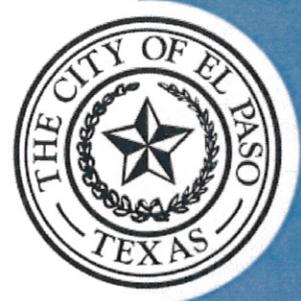
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6. Call to Public

Hoover advised of upcoming "Adopt a Bull" event. Julie Rutledge introduced herself to the committee members and public as new ASAC member and provided a brief of her background and experience. Patricia Gonzalez inquired about the procedure followed by Animal Services personnel regarding the pickup of cats identified as part of the TNR program; R. Wagner advised that Animal Services has a procedure set in place and are fully collaborating with Sun City Cats on their effort.

7. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Approved by:


A.S.A.C. Chairperson

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