



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
November 14, 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 6:04 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	
Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly		X
Robert Melson	X	
Janice Nutt	X	
Julie Rutledge		X
Eddie Sandoval	X	X
Regina Wagner	X	

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

Public present: Marcia Margherio, Ken Margherio, Connie Jimenez, Barbara Valencia, Barbara Candelaria, Loretta Hyde, Virginia Hooten.

- 2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC October 10, 2012 minutes

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions. Charles Hooten requested correction to September 2012 minutes to be made – amount of grant for TNR programs to be changed from \$48,000.00 to \$47,000.00. No corrections were requested for October 2012 minutes.

Motion made by Bob Melson and seconded by Regina Wagner to accept the September 12, 2012 minutes with corrections; and to accept the October 2012 minutes as is.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Eddie Sandoval, Regina Wagner.

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Nays: None.

3. Discussion and action on Sub-committees' reports:

- a. Feral Cat Management Chairperson Regina Wagner informed that the National Feral Cat Day gave the sub-committee national recognition, and received support from local businesses, media and veterinarians. Ms. Wagner advised that cat shelters have been placed around different areas within the City; the program has received positive feedback and recognition from the public. Ms. Wagner requested a space to advertise this program on City Channel 15; Kurt Fenstermacher advised that public service announcements continue to be produced. Ms. Wagner requested for ASAC to endorse this program to help her obtain additional funds. ASAC members discussed legal aspects and limitations for obtaining funding and suggested for Ms. Wagner to explore other options such as grants, 503c status, etc. A study will be made to take into consideration the possibility of Microchipping all animals under the TNR program. The El Paso Veterinary Association wants to participate on efforts to microchip, prevent diseases and track performance made by Animal Services.

Motion made by Roger Freund and seconded by Eddie Sandoval for ASAC to endorse Sun City Cats efforts to launch public announcements, develop a Website, and seek additional means for funding.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Eddie Sandoval, Regina Wagner.

Nays: None.

- b. Public Education and Outreach Marcia Margherio requested status on avenues offered for announcing education efforts and promoting Partners in Paws and other rescue groups. Ms. Margherio requested status on 40 public education events planned by Environmental Services for the year 2012. Kurt Fenstermacher introduced Larry Brunt as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the shelter and reminded the present that the 40 events included all Environmental Services presentations. Bob Melson advised that Animal Services has little or

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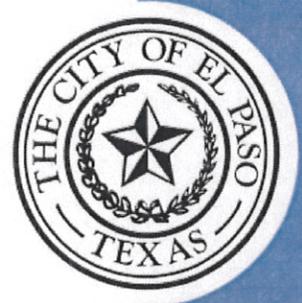
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no presence on City Channel 15, and that Ellen Smyth, Kurt Fenstermacher, Charles Hooten and Betty Hoover should make themselves available for interviews with El Paso Times to enhance good publicity. Kurt Fenstermacher offered to request a space on City Channel 15 for ASAC announcements. Charles Hooten proposed Marcia Margherio to be appointed as lead person to work on Public Service Announcements, Ms. Margherio accepted the appointment.

Motion: No action taken.

- c. Pet Foster Program Chairperson Connie Jimenez advised that the sub-committee is still active but there was no report prepared for this meeting. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that Larry Brunt is now in charge of organizing the Pet Foster program for the City.

Motion: No action taken.

- d. Inter-governmental Relations. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that Eduardo De Castro has resigned from his position as chairperson on this committee. Bob Melson advised he is now in charge of this sub-committee and is waiting on updates and changes to Title VII. Mr. Melson advised that he is also seeking participation from other entities.

Motion made by Roger Freund and seconded by Eddie Sandoval for ASAC to endorse Sun City Cats efforts to launch public announcements, develop a Website, and develop a 503-c or other means for funding.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Charles Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Eddie Sandoval, Regina Wagner.

Nays: None.

- e. Responsible Pet Ownership Chairperson Charles Hooten spoke about list of priorities that include neutering and spaying of pets, increase on rabies/distemper/parvo vaccination outreach efforts. Mr. Hooten requested increased advertisement of the Spay and Neuter Van. Loretta Hyde advised of a free vaccination clinic endorsed by her organization and requested 10 to 15 volunteers to be able to have more of these

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events. Dr. Page advised on the requirement to have a veterinarian present on such events as well as the need to keep accurate records, etc. Ms. Hyde requested Dr. Medina to be available with his van at her next event.

Motion: No action taken.

4. Discussion and action on Mobile Spay and Neuter Van, Dr. Medina advised that he has been in charge of the van for 14 months and has received good response from the public. Charles Hooten requested information on advertisement and services provided at the van; Dr. Medina provided a list of services, as well as his website and phone number information: www.spaypetsforjesus.com. (915) 407-5314. Dr. Medina advised that presentation cards and pamphlets are available at the Shelter as well as several veterinarian clinics across the city. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that the van schedule is available on the City of El Paso, Animal Services webpage and is updated two months in advance. Regina Wagner inquired about the van presence in the Northeast area of El Paso, Dr. Medina advised that he tries not to interfere with veterinary clinics schedules, but is open to work with veterinarians upon request. Dr. Medina provided information on his daily activities at Mr. Hooten's request.

Motion: No action taken.

5. Discussion and action on Title 7 – City Ordinance on Animals

Charles Hooten requested feedback or suggestions from committee members on what changes or additions could be made to Title VII. The public present at the meeting requested an update on enforcement efforts carried by Animal Services. Kurt Fenstermacher provided an update on procedures and personnel issues.

Motion: No action taken.

6. Discussion on Animal Services statistics

Larry Brunt provided the committee with the year to date and monthly reports for Animal Services. Dr. Nina Cloud advised of efforts made by Animal Services to increase the number of live releases. Betty Hoover

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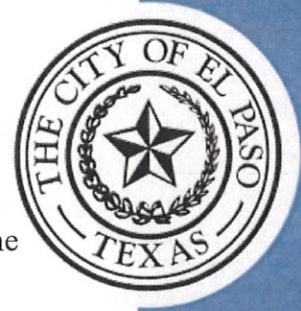
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provided committee members with Humane Society stats and advised the present of upcoming December adoption event to take place between December 10 and December 24, 2012.

Motion: No action taken.

7. Call to Public

Loretta Hyde commented on Microchipping procedures and service at the Shelter. Dr. Roger Freund advised of common issues encountered with the use of microchips.

Barbara Valencia requested a report on how the City of El Paso is handling information to be released to the public regarding parvo and Distemper outbreak; Ms. Valencia requested more information and educational material to be sent out to pet owners.

Dr. Cloud advised that there was a possibility that the disease had been contracted prior to impoundment, and that the vaccination provided to animals would do little to help.

Dr. Freund advised that by law, the state of Texas requires clinics and shelters to wait three days to provide vaccinations to animal. Kurt Fenstermacher advised of procedures followed at the shelter to contain contagious diseases. Linda Krasowski offered to assist Shelter personnel to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate preventive measures followed by personnel.

8. Adjourn

Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini, Animal Services

SIGNED Approved by: Charles Hooten
A.S.A.C. Chairperson

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