



Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

June 12, 2013

Minutes

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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 Betty Hoover, Vice-Chairperson.

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

Environmental Services Staff present: Kurt Fenstermacher, Larry Brunt, Liz Duarte, and Sandra Pellegrini.

Public Present: Marcia Margherio, Barbara Valencia, Charlie Moreno, Dr. P. Kurapati, Priscilla Pineda, Alfonso Castaneda III, Sherri Andrews, and R. Wayne.

2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC May 8, 2013 minutes.

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions, Linda Krasowski requested correction on item 4e to reflect that dissolution of the

Housing, Sanitation and Handling of Animals sub-committee was requested. No other corrections were requested.

Motion made by Robert Melson and seconded by Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly to accept the May 8, 2013 minutes with corrections.

Ayes: Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge, Regina Wagner.

Nays: None.

3. Discussion and action on proposed dissolution of ASAC Intergovernmental Relations Sub-committee. Bob Melson, chairperson advised he did not see reason to continue with this committee since the entities he contacted did not show any interest in communicating. Mr. Melson inquired on status of County Representation, Kurt Fenstermacher provided a brief on the status of four Interlocal agreements with the cities of Clint, Socorro, Horizon and Anthony and mentioned that those agreements extend or enable ASAC to work with other entities.

Motion made by Robert Melson and seconded by Janice Nutt to request the Intergovernmental subcommittee to be dissolved.

Ayes: Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Julie Rutledge, Regina Wagner.

Nays: None.

4. Discussion and action on Sub-committees' reports:
 - a. Free Roaming Cats Betty Hoover asked if Ms. Wagner would be able to email her report to all committee members as well as summarizing it to be able to abide to the time allotted on the agenda, chairperson Regina Wagner advised is difficult to have a full report available prior to the meeting due to the quantity of items to be included but will try to shorten

wide network of volunteers who continue to work on TNR efforts, and expressed her gratitude to Animal Services for distributing Sun City Cats' contact information. Ms. Wagner advised that the Free-roaming Cat Release form will be reviewed, and requested colony managers to contact Sun City Cats as soon as possible. Sun City Cats continues to provide information to the public on action needed to address the free-roaming cat problem as well as information on resources available to the public. Relocation of free-roaming cats is being done only on extreme and necessary situations. Sun City Cats has created 15 and 30 seconds-long public service announcements to educate the public; Ms. Wagner expressed her gratitude to both volunteers and participating veterinarians who support this program. Foster volunteers have assisted to take care of cats which are too young will not go through the TNR; instead, they will be socialized and put out for adoption. Ms. Wagner advised that the program's procedures continue to be reviewed and improved. Sun City Cats continues to lobby for free roaming cats to the pro-animal legislation and they are focusing now on the creation and establishment of new and improved programs to educate the public. As part of this effort, they would like to set up a meeting with Environmental Services to discuss the production of a public service announcement. Rep. Morgan-Lilly inquired on the status of the 501c3 application. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that it is still pending.

Motion: No action taken.

- b. Public Education, Outreach, and Responsible Pet Ownership – Chairperson Patricia Gonzalez was not present at this meeting, Marcia Margherio advised she had put together two samples for public service announcements to address different topics such as adoption, foster, spay, neuter, homelessness of pets and read the content of both samples to the committee members and public present. Kurt Fenstermacher inquired if these ideas were intended for Animal Services or for other Shelters as well; Ms. Margherio advised that they intended for both.

Motion, no action taken.

- c. Pet Foster Program chairperson Janice Nutt advised she emailed Kurt Fenstermacher to request some ideas since she is unclear on the scope of her duties, Kurt Fenstermacher advised that ASAC is not an Environmental Services Committee and that both are separate entities. Some members of the public advised that help was been requested, and that the city should respond to that request. Betty Hoover advised that internal functions of Animal Services staff do not include regulating other programs or committees such as ASAC. Julie Rutledge advised that a sub-committee has the capability of overviewing or working on programs that do not depend directly from the City. Members of the public inquired about timelines set to take action on certain items discussed at these meetings, Betty Hoover advised that is timelines are set by the chairperson on each sub-committee.

Motion, no action taken.

- d. Intergovernmental Relations – Chairperson Bob Melson

No report provided, this sub-committee has been dissolved

- e. Housing, Sanitation and Handling of Animals

No report provided, this sub-committee has been dissolved

5. Discussion on delivery of Rabies Tags to veterinarians and collection of money. Item was proposed to be added to the agenda by Dr. Roger Freund who was not present at this meeting. Item was postponed to be discussed on the next meeting.

Motion, no action taken.

6. Discussion and action on creation of a Pet Responsibility Program. Charlie Moreno was invited to present his proposal to the ASAC committee members and public present. Committee members discussed the possibility to present this proposal to Council; Regina Wagner advised that an area of concern was the financial inability of some individuals to pay for a course. Mr. Moreno advised he

was aware of those issues and that he would be willing to make amendments to his plan. Mr. Moreno listed other violations to Title VII that would require taking this course. Marcia Margherio advised problem is not only present on this city, but many other cities have the same problem. It was discussed that before implementing a plan of this nature, constraints should be evaluated to prevent a burden on citizens and authorities, such as an increase of animals impounded, increased euthanasia rates, unforeseen financial difficulties for pet owners. Linda Krasowski inquired if it was feasible for Animal Services to enforce proposed additions to the ordinance. Betty Hoover proposed that committee members and members of the public should email Mr. Moreno and submit their questions directly to him; she invited Mr. Moreno to come back next month to the ASAC meeting to provide an answer to those questions. Julie Rutledge asked who would be in charge of providing courses and classes, Mr. Moreno advised he would like to be directly involved and teach the course. Betty Hoover requested this item to be added to the next month's agenda and to provide 15-20 minutes for discussion.

Motion: no action taken.

7. Discussion on the creation of a City Ordinance to prohibit the transportation of pets on open areas of vehicles

Presentation on this item and discussion were covered on item number 6. Mr. Moreno combined items 6 and 7 on his presentation.

Motion: no action taken.

8. Discussion on Animal Services statistics

Linda Krasowski inquired if rescue groups were still taking animals from the Shelter and asked which rescue organization was closing. She was advised that Great Dane Rescue is now a foster only.

Motion: no action taken.

9. Call to Public

Barbara Valencia expressed her gratitude to Mr. Moreno for his presentation and stated that his proposal would give pet owners an alternative to having to surrender their pets.

Motion: no action taken.

10. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini, Animal Services

Approved by:



A.S.A.C. Chairperson