



Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
June 13, 2012 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the Conference Room at the Animal Services and was called to order at 6:10pm by Betty Hoover, Vice Chairperson. Betty Hoover advised that sub-committee reports will be included on July's agenda to be discussed.

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

Environmental Services Staff present: Kurt Fenstermacher, Larry Brunt, Sandra Pellegrini, Karl Rimkus, Hugo Navarro, Gina Gutierrez, Dr. Bernie Page, and Eduardo De Castro.

Public present: Ken Okada, Connie Jimenez, Barbara Valencia, Loretta Hyde, Leticia Medrano, John Conwell, Josie Gonzalez, Marcia Margherio, and Terry Dunavant.

2. Discussion on the approval of ASAC May 9, 2012 minutes

Committee members are asked if there are any questions or revisions. The committee votes to approve.

Motion made by Bob Melson and seconded by Janice Nutt to accept the May 9, 2012 minutes as is.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Betty Hoover, Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt, Eddie Sandoval.

Nays: None.

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3. Discussion and action on Animal Services Reunification Effort – Pet Claim Notice

Kurt Fenstermacher gave a brief overview of the program and introduced Karl Rimkus who gave a presentation to the panel and public present; Mr. Rimkus explained the procedure and the combined effort of Animal Services and Code Compliance personnel on this effort. He also provided information on the ability of different City Departments to share information through Accela. John Conwell inquired about the ability of the public to access and update information in the new database “Accela.”

Motion: No action was taken.

4. Discussion and action on the status of Animal Shelter inspections in El Paso County

Betty Hoover started discussion on this item by providing information she compiled on inspections conducted at shelters. Dr. Freund advised of the procedure followed on state inspections on veterinary clinics. Kurt Fenstermacher explained how the franchise agreement will enable shelters in the area to be a more cohesive group by the use of the Inspection documents. Attendees discussed the difference between Rabies Control Shelters and other Shelter’s inspections.

Motion: No action taken

5. Discussion and action on Shelter Animal Adoptions.

The program implemented last week to lower the Animal Services overpopulation at the shelter was explained. Stats from the Humane Society of El Paso were provided. Attendees were advised of the success of this program: Euthanasia rates dropped to 35% from a normal average of 85%-90%.

Patricia Gonzalez questioned the possibility of euthanizing a cat whose ear is clipped. Betty Hoover advised item to be addressed next month when sub-committees reports are discussed.

Motion: No action taken

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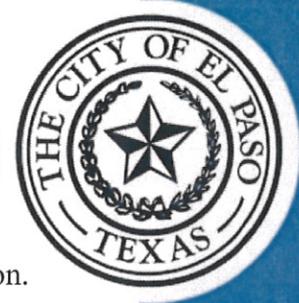
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6. Discussion and action on Considering the 11 Step "No Kill" Equation.

Kurt Fenstermacher requested this item to be postponed and added to next month's agenda due to Chairman Charlie Hooten not being in attendance at the present meeting.

Motion: No action taken

7. Discussion and action on Rescue Group Franchise Agreement.

Karl Rimkus presented information on a first step public meeting on the franchise agreement that will start the process of the revision of Title Seven as a component thereof. Benefits to citizens and possible areas of implementation were explained to the public. John Conwell inquired if there are parts of this process that could be used before it is finished in its entirety; Kurt Fenstermacher advised that is not possible at the time.

Motion: No action taken

8. Discussion and action on Animal Services statistics.

Larry Brunt provided a quick re-cap of the Title Seven mandated statistics. This month, the stats were broken down to show both month to date and year to date 2011 and 2012 numbers. Mr. Brunt reminded attendees that adoption numbers are provided by the Humane Society. Questions of registrations are brought up due to the stark difference between 2011 and 2012 numbers. Mr. Brunt advised of the implementation of new computer system affecting reports.

Motion: No action taken

9. Call to Public

There were no requests made by the public in attendance.

10. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Prepared by: Larry Brunt, Animal Services

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

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