

**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
July 11, 2012
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 6:02 p.m. by Charles Hooten, Chairperson.

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: Ellen Smyth, Kurt Fenstermacher, Larry Brunt, Sandra Pellegrini, Karl Rimkus, Bernie Page, Eduardo De Castro.

Public present: Ken Okada, Connie Jimenez, Marcia Margherio, Regina Wagner, Spring Okada, John Conwell, Virginia Hooten, Mika Perkins.

2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC June 13, 2012 minutes

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions. The committee voted to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Bob Melson and seconded by Betty Hoover to accept the June 13, 2012 minutes as is.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charlie Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt.

Nays: None.

3. Discussion and action on Sub-committee reports.

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- a. Feral Cat Management program chairperson Regina Wagner gave a brief overview of feral cat programs in El Paso. Committee members and public were advised of the direction, goals and expected results of this program.

Motion: No action taken

- b. Public Education and Outreach program chairperson Patricia Gonzalez provided information on status and goals of this program. It was recommended to start public outreach presentations on the City channel 15 and other locations.

Motion: No action taken

- c. Pet foster program chairperson Connie Jimenez provided information on the Austin Pets Alive program and suggested that the El Paso Animal Services should establish its own foster program.

Motion: No action taken

- d. Intergovernmental Relations chairperson Eduardo De Castro provided stats comparing number of animals impounded at the shelter and citizens' service requests. Bob Melson recommended that the committee should get City council's approval to add ad-hoc members or County representatives.

Motion: No action taken

- e. Responsible Pet Ownership chairman Charlie Hooten asked counsel to amend Title Seven to include \$1.00 differential licensing. Dr. Freund advised that the Public Education and Outreach Program should also address this issue.

Motion made by Betty Hoover to approve a \$1.00 differential fee.

Ayes: Roger Freund, Patricia Gonzalez, Charlie Hooten, Betty Hoover, Linda Krasowski, Robert Melson, Janice Nutt.

Nays: None

4. Discussion and action on Relationships with El Paso Times.

Betty Hoover reported that she has been in contact with the editor of El Paso Times who agreed to change the content of the Friday "Doggie"

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page. The editor has asked Ms. Hoover to be the recipient of all information that will be relayed to them.

Motion: No action taken

5. Discussion and action on 2.04.010 - excessive absences at meetings.

Kurt Fenstermacher read the City Rule to committee members and explained the procedure to make a request to City Council. Betty Hoover recommended a statement to be presented to City Council that in accordance with this ordinance, committee members who have excessive absences should be brought before City Council by Environmental Services staff.

Motion: No action taken

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

Chairman Charles Hooten provided information on the subject as well as an overview on the pros and cons of the "No Kill" equation. Environmental Services administration voiced their support to this type program.

Motion: No action taken

7. Discussion and action on existing TNR programs in El Paso County.

Larry Brunt provided information on citizen's demand for information on TNR programs. Mr. Brunt requested committee members to research and if possible, provide Animal Services with any information on current programs to update their database.

Motion: No action taken

8. Larry Brunt provided a quick re-cap of the Title Seven requested statistics. Stats were broken down to show month to date and year to date statistics for 2011 and 2012. Mr. Brunt reminded that adoption numbers are provided by the Humane Society. Questions on registration numbers were brought up due to the stark difference between 2011 and 2012 reports. Mr. Brunt advised of the implementation of new computer system affecting reports.

9. Call to Public.

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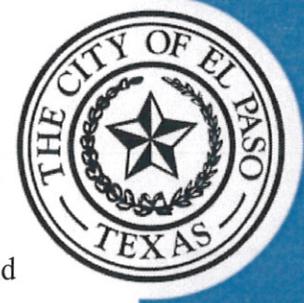
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Mika Perkins of Ft. Bliss Sargent Major Academy introduced herself to Committee members and public present and advised that her office could provide volunteers to assist on different Humane Society and Animal Services programs.

Karl Rimkus invited committee members and the public to the next public meeting on Title seven revisions; location, time and date of the next meeting is forthcoming.

Ellen Smyth advised committee members and the public of the strategic planning meetings held during previous weeks and of goals set for Animal Services.

Motion: No action taken

10. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Prepared by: Larry Brunt, Animal Services

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

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