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**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**  
**July 13 2016**

1. A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the City Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Bob Melson-Chairperson.

<b>Board Member A.S.A.C.</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Peggy Edman	x	
Dr. Guy Johnsen	x	
Cecilia Carpio	x	
Betty Hoover	x	
Catherine Fagan		x
Marcia Margherio		x
Robert Melson	x	
Rep. Dr. Michiel Noe		x
Regina Wagner		x
Barbara Candelaria	x	
Janet Nutt	x	

Animal Services staff present: Dr. Marilyn Christensen, Mark Carrasco, Maribel Karisch

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC June 8, 2016 minutes.

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

**Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Janice Nutt to accept the June 8, 2016 minutes.**

**Ayes: Betty Hoover, Dr. Guy Johnsen, Robert Melson, Barbara Candelaria, Cecilia Carpio, Janice Nutt, Peggy Edman**

**Nays: None**

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**3. Call to Public**

- a. Public member Linda Krasowski had several questions concerning the website: The way the animals are listed, there are no microchips, there is no identification whether the animals are stray or surrenders; no zip code, and one dog was listed as a cat.

She also had questions on the locations that were posted on the website: Sally-port, exotics, cat adoption and felines

The other questions Linda Krasowski asked were: whether the Frontline was bought and being used, what was done at the Socorro Clinic on July 7, 2016, is the Socorro Clinic going to have a regular schedule and how is the public going to be informed, does Animal Services have a document showing its goals on the No Kill Plan and who's responsible for the goals, the due date outcomes, when will it be presented to ASAC, and what has been done about the 102 vials that disappeared.

Dr. Christensen explained that the new website format is from Petpoint and there is one person trying to make the necessary adjustment. Sally-port, exotics and felines are rooms located in the shelter. Socorro Clinic has been used for foster cats, feral cats, and on July 7, 2016 it was used for public cats. The clinic is being used 2 days a week. According to the monthly event, 25 appointments per day are being scheduled one month in advance. Dr. Christensen also explained that the bottom line to the No Kill plan is the live release numbers presented every month and Target Zero was informed that the vials were never missing.

**4. Reports of Special Committees (Select and Ad Hoc)**

- a. **Free Roaming Cats**

Regina Wagner was not present

- b. **Public Education, Outreach and Responsible Ownership**

Barbara Candelaria mentioned that she stills has some of the "Keep your dogs out of a Hot Cars" posters and also some of the Registration flyers. They are trying to get the registration flyers posted at the Department of Public Safety Offices. The next informational flyers will be for Halloween. She also mentioned that she wasn't able to schedule Kurt and Betty with Sarge in June. Sarge requested to have specifics on July's Animal Services promotions.

**5. Unfinished Business and General Order**

- a. **Animal Services Monthly Operations Report**



Mark Carrasco gave a presentation on his trip to the Animal Services Center in Austin. He spoke about the different programs that the center offered. He mentioned how one man rides around educating the community through the outreach program. The Animal Officers are also involved with the community outreach. The owner surrender program allows the owner two weeks to try to home the dog before returning to surrender. He also mentioned how the center is volunteer based. This helps with the operation of the center. The center has 4 vets and has a 93% live release rate. Mark also mentioned that the one thing that he would add to Animal Services is an outreach program.

**b. Animal Services Statistics Report**

Dr. Christensen mentioned the new Petpoint statistic report. The report compares different shelters throughout the state and nation. The report also includes the different intake and outcomes. The data that was collected started from June 22, 2016. It also gives information on the different revenues and how long the animals have stayed. The live release rate for June 2016 was 53%.

**6. New Business**

**a. Discussion and action on results of strategic planning meeting held on July 9.**

Dr. Guy Johnsen explained that it took the committee members nearly 4 hours to agree on the 3 goals the committee will be focusing on. The meeting took place on Saturday, July 9, 2016 and he expressed kudos to Nancy Bartley from the City for her professionalism. He read the mission statement that the committee adopted: *Enhance Animal Shelters to ensure El Paso City, County and adjacent communities' pets are provided a safe and healthy environment.* He also explained connectivity as one of the objectives to bring government, public and animal agencies to connect in animal issues. ASAC will assist as a positive influence to mediate in the push-pull process of the issues involved. He also mentioned that TNR- Community Cat Program, over-population program and rabies control (registration, microchips, and vaccinations for disease control) are the three main goals ASAC will focus in their agendas. Betty Hoover mentioned that the 3 goals are connected to a public education campaign that can be funded by the Humane Society, the Vet Association and possibly other shelters. Robert Melson mentioned that as a key point, ASAC is not only involved with Animal Services, but also with the rest of the animal agencies to delivery information. He also reminded the members to have agenda items that are related to the three goals for the next meetings. Betty Hoover expressed that the Humane Society will be launching a massive



program to help with the TNR program. Specifics will be announced at the beginning of next year.

**b. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Cecilia Carpio to adjourn the July 13th meeting at 7:00 pm.

Prepared by: Maribel Karisch

Approved by A.S.A.C. Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script is written over a horizontal line. The signature appears to be "R. J. Klein".