



Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
August 8, 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 6:05 p.m. by Charles Hooten, Chairperson.

Board Member A.S.A.C.	Present	Absent
Dr. Roger Freund	X	
Yolanda Giner		X
Patricia Gonzalez	X	
Charles 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, Hugo Navarro and Karl Rimkus.

Public present: Marcia Margherio, Regina Wagner, Virginia Hooten, and Loretta Hyde.

2. Discussion and action on the approval of ASAC July 11, 2012 minutes.

Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions. Charles Hooten requested a correction to item 3-e, in which a motion made by Betty Hoover to approve a \$1.00 differential fee was not recorded.

Motion made by Betty Hoover and seconded by Bob Melson to accept the July 11, 2012 minutes with corrections.

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

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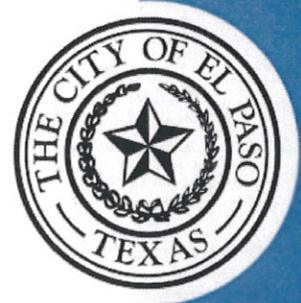
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Nays: None.

3. Discussion and action on Sub-committees reports.

- a. Feral Cat Management chairperson Regina Wagner presented information on the National TNR program as well as a proposed plan to recruit volunteers, educate the public, use media resources and organize fundraisers. Ms. Wagner gave information on the Animal Services TNR pilot program. A written version of this plan will be made available to committee members and the public.

Motion made by Patricia Gonzalez and seconded by Janice Nutt to approve this plan.

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

Nays: None.

- b. Public Education and Outreach chairperson Patricia Gonzalez did not provide a report at this time. Kurt Fenstermacher spoke about suggestions made on last meeting to advertise on the City channel 15 and presented two educational videos produced by Environmental Services; sub-committee members participated in the production of both videos. Patricia Gonzalez requested educational presentations for pet owners to be provided at schools; Karl Rimkus advised that such meetings are scheduled to take place in the months of October, November, and December of the present year.

Motion: No action taken.

- c. Pet Foster Program Chairperson Connie Jimenez was unable to attend this meeting. Janice Nutt recommended Animal Services to sponsor or create their own foster program. Kurt Fenstermacher advised committee members that new staffing was approved by City Council, which will enable Animal Services to expand operating hours and other services provided to the public.

Motion: No action taken.

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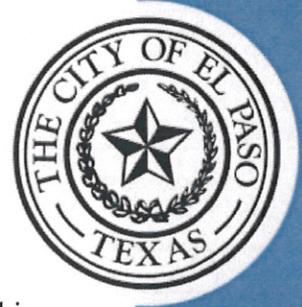
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- d. Inter-governmental Relations Chairperson Eduardo De Castro was unable to attend this meeting. Bob Melson requested discussion on this item to be postponed until item #8 on the agenda is discussed.

Motion: No action taken.

- e. Responsible Pet Ownership Chairperson Charles Hooten suggested free or low cost vaccination clinics to be held every Saturday or Sunday at the Animal Services Shelter for the benefit of pet owners. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that State regulation requires a veterinarian to be present to administer vaccines. Roger Freund commented on liability issues that may arise by providing such service to the public. Discussion on this item will continue on the next meeting.

Motion: No action taken.

- 4. Discussion and action on update to committee on TNR programs in El Paso County.

Larry Brunt followed up on information requested at the past meeting on any TNR programs that may exist in the El Paso County. Roger Freund suggested that the public should be advised to contact clinics that participate on this type of program or that offer low-cost services. Janice Nutt advised Pets Alive is having issues with funding for this program and has decided not to advertise it. Overview on new public trap program protocol was provided to committee members.

Motion: No action taken.

- 5. Discussion and action on implementation of \$1.00 intact pet license.

Karl Rimkus provided information on a new plan to register pet owners instead of the pets, which will assign all animals in one household a universal registration number and will differentiate each pet by the microchip number, eliminating the need of a yearly pet registration. Owners of spayed or neutered animals will receive a discount and Animal Services staff will be able to maintain and access accurate records that will benefit enforcement efforts and foster programs.

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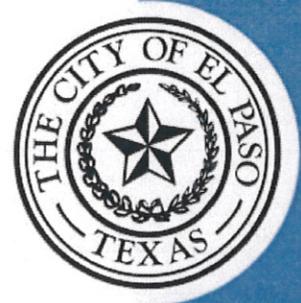
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Motion: No action taken.

6. Discussion and action on Bylaw provision – excessive committee members' absences.

Charles Hooten proposed the committee to make their own bylaws to govern themselves and that committee members who have more than three absences should be considered to have resigned. This issue is currently taken to City Council for action. Betty Hoover advised that the committee does not have any bylaws and questioned if it was being suggested to create a committee to create bylaws. Bob Melson advised that the committee has no power to appoint, Roger Freund agreed with this statement and advised that current procedure should continue to be followed.

Motion: No action taken.

7. Discussion and action on breeder's permits.

Karl Rimkus advised of limited enforcement on this issue at the present time. Discussion on how to regulate breeders will take place at the next Title VII review meeting. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that suggested changes to Title VII, including this one will be presented to City Council for approval. Charles Hooten requested media and newspaper advertisement as well as stringent enforcement to address this issue.

Motion: No action taken.

8. Discussion and action on addition of ad-hoc members or County representatives to attend ASAC meetings.

Bob Melson requested Kurt Fenstermacher to report what resolution was taken on item 3-d addressed on the July 11, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Bob Melson and seconded by Roger Freund to request City Council to add two Count Representatives to attend ASAC meetings.

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

Nays: None.

9. Discussion and action on Animal Services statistics

Larry Brunt presented committee members and public present an overview of the stats and how new programs and additional personnel have helped lower euthanasia rates. Number of registrations has not being updated due to changes being made to current database.

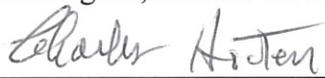
Motion: No action taken.

10. Call to Public.

No announcements were made.

11. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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

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