

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, November 21, 2017

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:30 PM in REGULAR SESSION at Domestic Animal Services Training Room, Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: James Spartz
VICE CHAIRMAN: Marjorie Bloom
SECRETARY: Patrice Worcester
James Rich
James Seabasty
Mary Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Darcy Andrade, Director, DAS
Kyra Lynch, Shelter Operations Manager, DAS
Dan Grossi, Field Operations Manager, DAS
Karla Carlisle, Training Coordinator, DAS
Kellie Carroll, Administrative Assistant, DAS

I. Call to Order

Chairman James Spartz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Attendance

A quorum was established.

Kellie Carroll presided over the projector displaying the Agenda packet.

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Meeting

Patrice Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting, there was a second and the motion passed 6-0.

V. Director's Report

Darcy Andrade announced that artificial turf has been installed in the Meet and Greet yard and that a new fence will be installed next week.

Ms. Andrade advised the Board that five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) was approved during the budget process for the design work for new shelter buildings and upgrades. The Request for Proposal will close on December 2, 2017.

Ms. Andrade stated that breed names will be removed from kennel cards to encourage potential adopters to select animals based on personality, not breed. This change will occur late in January, after Chameleon software training for all staff has occurred.

Darcy Andrade provided an update on staffing. The new Volunteer Coordinator, Todd Golnick, has started working and is currently in training. There are two (2) openings for Veterinary Technician positions.

Ms. Andrade discussed the Memorandum of Understanding that DAS entered into with the Humane Society of the United States in the aftermath of hurricane Irma. Volunteers went to mobile home parks, Immokalee, and Everglades City to assist and pulled animals from the shelter to make room for an influx of animals post-storm. Many people evacuated with their pets and fewer animals arrived at the shelter than anticipated.

Ms. Andrade provided a list of the Advisory Board meeting dates for 2018 and asked the board to consider changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

VI. Old Business

A. Inhumane Treatment.

Ms. Andrade presented a slide show of proposed changes to the Collier County Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article II, Sections 14-28 and 14-35, Inhumane Treatment of Animals.

i. Public Comment

Tom Kepp inquired about penalties and was advised by **Ms. Andrade** that she would like to add language in the inhumane treatment section so that it would be a violation.

Patrice Worcester made a motion to approved the proposed changes to the Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article II, Sections 14-28 and 14-35, there was a second and the motion passed 6-0.

B. Breeder

Ms. Andrade presented a slide show of proposed changes to the Collier County Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-28 and Chapter 14, Article IV Section 14-81, Regulations for Breeders and Pet Shops.

Marjorie Bloom inquired if DAS investigates advertisements that don't show a breeder permit number and was advised by **Ms. Andrade** that DAS does not. Per direction from the County Attorney's Office, DAS should not go looking for violations, but should investigate based on complaints.

i. Public Comment

Tom Kepp asked if there is anything that requires hobby breeders to get veterinary care for their animals. **Ms. Andrade** responded that yes, they will be required to get veterinary care as part of the permitting process. **Mr. Kepp** thanked **Darcy** for taking the initiative to amend the ordinance.

Michelle Antonia stated that she thought this was great but wanted to know how DAS will stop people who want their animal to have one litter. **Ms. Andrade** advised that it should be reported to DAS for enforcement. **Ms. Antonia** also wanted to know if the decision by the County Attorney's Office regarding investigations has been revisited and was advised that it has not.

***James Seabasty** made a motion to accept the proposed changes to Collier County Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-28 and Chapter 14, Article IV Section 14-81, Regulations for Breeders and Pet Shops. There was a second and the motion passed 6-0.*

Darcy Andrade described the process. The document goes to the County Attorney's Office, then is presented to the Animal Services Advisory Board and then goes before the Board of County Commissioners. **Ms. Andrade** will also add changes that were proposed during the shelter assessment.

VII. New Business

Darcy Andrade presented the Multi-Year Statistical Review.

Patrice Worcester asked what is included in the field marked "Other Intake," and was advised that it includes Safekeeping, Confiscate, etc.

Jim Rich asked if DAS keeps statistics on how many animals are brought in for surrender but end up being kept in their home. **Ms. Andrade** stated that DAS doesn't currently keep those statistics, but it is worth looking into for the future.

Marjorie Bloom asked if the adoption numbers include rescues and was advised that it does.

Mr. Rich inquired if the salary for a Veterinary Technician position is comparable to private clinics. **Ms. Andrade** advised that it is actually higher than many private clinics and that **Karla Carlisle** has reached out to other organizations to post the job opening. Ms. Andrade also mentioned that the Multi-Year Statistical Review, state mandated statistics and the live release rate will all be posted on Collierpets.com.

VIII. Public Comment

There were no additional public comments.

IX. Advisory Board Member Comments

Marjorie Bloom made a motion to change the time of future Animal Services Advisory Board meeting to 6:00 p.m., there was a second and the motion passed 6-0.

James Seabasty discussed the broken marquee sign and stated that he was willing to approach Growth Management to determine if the sign could be replaced with one that is electronic.

James Seabasty made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that improvements be made to the generator power at DAS so that all buildings will be powered during any future outages and there was a second.

Jim Rich asked if funding was readily available and was advised that it would have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Marjorie Bloom stated that this cannot wait for new buildings; it needs to happen now.

There was a vote and the motion passed 6-0.

James Spartz made a motion to replace Aimee Leteux for lack of attendance, there was a second and the motion passed 6-0.

Jim Rich thanked **Darcy Andrade** for all of the positive changes at DAS. **Patrice Worcester** agreed with **Mr. Rich**.

James Spartz made a motion to adjourn, there was a second and the motion passed 6-0.

The next regularly scheduled Advisory Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 in the Domestic Animal Training Room, Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was concluded at 8:00 p.m.

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Chairman James Spartz

These minutes approved by Board/Committee on 1-16-18 as presented or as amended _____.