

Orange County Animal Services 1601 Eubanks  
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(7387) **ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**(ASAB) 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15,**  
**2019 Meeting Summary**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Molly Mullin (Vice-Chair), Diane Obeid, Evelyn Daniel, Susan Elmore, Casey Ferrell, Beth Grooms, , Bryan Stuart, Lee Pickett, Lucia Welborne

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Maureane Hoffman (Chair), Amanda Schwoerke (Secretary), Edmund Tiryakian, Lisa Wells

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director), Andi Morgan (Animal Services Asst. Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant)

**Call to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Review and adoption of the Agenda:** approved, after moving a later item up in the sequence

**Summary of April 17, 2019, meeting:** approved

**Review of public participation guidelines:** Not reviewed

**General Public Comments on items not on agenda:** None

**Membership Updates:**

- AS staff and board chair and co-chair conducted orientation for new board members Casey and Lucia
- Reappointment: Beth (required a bit of maneuvering given term implications, will recommend a one-year reappointment), Lee and Ed
- Board moved to and passed a recommendation that it pursue the AS Director's suggestion that Lee and Ed are reinstated per se and Beth put forward for a one-year term extension

**Animal Services Advisory Board Updates: Old Business**

**Fairview Family Fun Fest**

## **Spay/Neuter Event**

- Encouraging turnout/conversion of registrants to attendees

## **Working Barn Cat Program Update**

- Recommending a fee schedule change for next year to reduce burden
- On a waiting list given demand; thinking about resourcing for sterilization; considering pursuit of various grants to continue support

## **House Bill H878 Amend Dangerous Dog Laws Update**

- Through the N.C. House (passed 113-1!); now in committee in the N.C. Senate
- Gives more latitude to AS depts and shelters to allow for re-homing dogs not directly involved in fighting activities or dogs with evidence of fighting activities pending an evaluation

## **Sheltering Operations Update**

- 1,110+ activities in Q1 (comparable YOY)
- 635 intakes in Q1 (slightly up YOY)
- 70 euthanizations (comparable YOY)
  - Effective live release rate 90+%
  - None for space reasons (Lee moved to recognize the work of the OCAS for not having to euthanize for space reasons as that is a very common reason in other jurisdictions)

## **OCAS Open House (Saturday, June 1 from noon to 4 pm)**

- Seeking donations from the board to help fund the cost of the event

## **Wild and Dangerous Animal Policy Task Force Update**

- Evelyn and Beth joined the task force
- Formal report is not yet ready
- Next meeting is first week of June
- Last meeting (May 9): drafted compromise next steps
  - Clarifying definition to include epidemiological threats posed by certain species
  - Refocus list of W&D species on species that pose realistic, imminent threats (rather than exhaustive listing any and all dangerous species)
    - Considering an “environmental survey” to assess current realities
  - Since list cannot ever be perfect, focus on the procedural mechanisms of adding/removing species (as opposed to an exemption/exception)

approach) to maintain flexibility in the face of changing norms and realities

## **New Business**

### **Family Fun Fest!**

- Bob Marotto introduced a new Animal Services event, the Family Fun Fest!, which will take place on May 18, 2019, in Fairview Park in Hillsborough.
- Animal Services wants to ask the BOCC for permission to use money from its community-giving fund on a mobile veterinary clinic for this event. Bob Marotto asked for the ASAB's support when Animal Services approaches the BOCC for approval. ASAB members asked questions about the event, the costs of hiring a mobile clinic, and the community-giving fund
- On motion, the ASAB approved lending its support to Animal Services' request

### **Adjournment and next meeting:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is June 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Orange County Animal Services Center.