

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureane Hoffman (Chair), Evelyn Daniel, Susan Elmore, Casey Ferrell, Beth Grooms, Diane Obeid, Lee Pickett, Amanda Schwoerke (Secretary), Bryan Stuart, Lucia Welborne, Lisa Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: Molly Mullin (Vice-Chair), Edmund Tiryakian

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant)

Call to order: 6:34 p.m.

Review and adoption of the Agenda: approved, after adding two additional agenda items (about task-force procedures, and the Pat Sanford Animal Welfare Grant)

Summary of June 2019 meeting: approved, with minor changes

Review of public participation guidelines: Not reviewed

General Public Comments on items not on agenda: None

Animal Services Advisory Board Updates:

Old Business

- **Progress Report of the Wild and Dangerous Animal Task Force**
 - Bryan Stuart (task force chair) deferred the Task Force's report until the next ASAB meeting; the Task Force met on August 7, and was continuing to iron out details.
- **Procedural Note on ASAB Task Forces**
 - Bob Marotto explained that if an ASAB task force has a majority of ASAB members on it, then the same procedural rules apply to the task force as to the ASAB as a whole.
 - This means that such Task Force meeting must be noticed, open to the public, and minutes must be published.

New Business

- **Succession Planning for ASAB representative to the Animal Services Hearing Panel Pool**
 - Bob Marotto explained that three ASAB members serve on the panel pool as chairs, and explained what the members do.

- Beth Grooms was re-elected for one year only, which means that there will be a need for another panel chair soon.
- Mr. Marotto suggested considering a succession plan before next June: If somebody on the ASAB is interested in replacing Ms. Grooms, they might be able to get appointed to the panel pool before her term ends.
- Current chairs talked about what happens on a panel, and the specific roles of the chairs.
- There was a consensus that information on the next hearing should be emailed to all of the ASAB members, so that members can see a panel in action.
- **Pat Sanford Animal Welfare Grant**
 - The ASAB received information about Pat Sanford and the grant.
 - Public notification has already occurred, and the grant application deadline is October 15; the expectation is that decisions will be made by mid-November.
 - On approved motion, three ASAB members were appointed to the selection committee: Evelyn Daniel, Lucia Welborne, and Diane Obeid.

Animal Services Updates

- **Dog Walking Trail**
 - Bob Marotto reported that the dog walking trail is moving forward: The required permit application is shortly to be submitted.
- **Clear the Shelters Event**
 - Received from Animal Services statistics on the number of animals adopted in connection with the event
 - ASAB members commented and asked questions.
- **Sheltering Outcomes**
 - Bob Marotto reported the statistics on live release rate, number of adoptions, number of animals admitted, number of reclaims, number of transfers, euthanasia numbers, and number of intakes.
 - ASAB members asked questions.
- **Community Spay-Neuter Program**
 - Bob Marotto provided updates on this year's numbers.
 - Two grant applications submitted by Animal Services are currently under consideration.
 - Animal Services is working to obtain sufficient surgical capacity for barn-cat sterilization.
- **Update on Eno Emu**
 - Bob updated ASAB members on the well-publicized Eno Emu situation, and members asked questions and commented.
- **Misc.**
 - Continuity of Operations plan completed
 - Trial of dogfighting assailant scheduled

Adjournment and next meeting:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next meeting is September 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Orange County Animal Services Center.