

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
919-942-PETS (7387)
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edmund Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Lori Gershon (Secretary), Lucia Welborne, Brenda Scott, Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Dawn Roberts, Susan Spinks

Members ABSENT: Meggie Romick and Allan Pollak

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Strong (Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant), and Greg Ceseretti (Animal Services Assistant Director)

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Call to order: 6:32 p.m.

Virtual meeting voting guidelines: Bryan Stuart, ASAB Vice-Chair

Review and adoption of the Amended meeting agenda:

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y (Motion)
Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y (2 nd)
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Absent
Allan Polak	Absent
Susan Spinks	Y
Brenda Scott	Y

Lori Gershon	Y
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Review and approval of September 2021 meeting summary (with the following corrections):

- Dr. Strong instead of Vicki Jones as staff present
- Susan Spinks was present at the September meeting
- Meggie Romick raised issue of donated tennis balls

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y (motion)
Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Absent
Allan Polak	Absent
Susan Spinks	Y (2 nd)
Brenda Scott	Y
Lori Gershon	Abstain

New Business

- **Discussion from Director Dr. Strong**
 - o Continuing hiring process and almost at full capacity (50% of staff is new)
 - o Supervisors and managers participated on training to support employees on the emergency/trauma nature of the work of Animal Services
 - o Continuing to house/seek placement for wolf-dogs but no leads at this time
 - 1 wolf-dog remains at large in Northern Orange County
 - If the wolf-dog is seen, call/text Kelly Hicks 336-686-1425 but do not post on social media

- There is community concern that the wolf-dog will be destroyed upon capture and that is leading to interference in catching her (but the reality is that there is always a risk of euthanasia if there is no placement).
 - Bryan suggested that if people are worried about euthanizing dog and cost is the barrier to relocation, there may be a way to engage the public for fundraising. Right now, the sanctuaries are full and cost is not the barrier at this time. Dr. Strong shared that there is a zoo transporter willing to move the wolf-dogs at cost if placement found on the East Coast. Dr. Strong will let the ASAB know if a placement is found and funds need to be raised.
 - AS brought 3 dogs to campus to UNC at the request of students to mental health awareness day on October 12, 2021. This was a successful community outreach and resulted in positive interactions between the students and the dogs.
 - AS brought the dog “Luna” to the radio station for the Adopt-A-Pet spot. Dr. Strong will send the link to the ASAB
- **Introduction of the new Assistant Director Greg Ceseretti**
- **Introduction of Elliott Cramer, Founder Friends of Orange County Animal Services**
 - Shared the history of the establishment of the organization (created the Pat Sanford award)
 - Willing to continue to provide financial assistance to AS
 - Would like to honor Bob Marotta and has asked the ASAB members to send ideas directly to him
- **Pat Sanford Grant Committee**
 - 2 applications have been submitted
 - Decision deadline in the next month (Rachel will confirm the deadline and report back to ASAB)
 - Lucia suggested that the recipient of the grant give a year-end report to ASAB
 - New committee members: Lucia Welborne, Brenda Scott along with 1 AS staff person (Tiani Scheifano or Rachel Plast)

Review of public participation guidelines: NA- no member of the public present

General public comments on items not on agenda: None

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion): Confirmed

Old Business:

- **Updates from Second Chance Committee (Ed and Dr. Strong update)**
 - Orange County Legal advises that Wake County’s ordinance that creates the new designation of “potentially dangerous” is inconsistent with state law and Orange County should not model an ordinance on it
 - Looking for an alternative approach that is consistent with state statute

- Dr. Strong will evaluate hearing panel cases at administrative level for a six month review period
 - May still require an ordinance change for warning and a fine– Charlotte Animal Services has a model
 - May want to improve definitions (e.g. injury)
 - Second chance committee will continue to meet
- **Remote Location Committee (Lucia update)**
 - Finalized paperwork to hold ASAB meeting at Rogers Road Community Center October 19, 2022
 - AS will promote meeting closer to the time
 - Board of county commissioners need to know the dates by December 2021
 - June 15, 2022 meeting will be at the Seymour Center
- **Update on Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance Committee (Bryan)**
 - Merging Divisions 4 and 5 and then submitting proposal to County Attorney for review
 - Plan to provide draft in advance of November meeting for a vote. If ASAB approves proposal, draft will be sent to County Attorney.

Informal Discussion:

Rooster complaints by community member that do not live within city limits in agricultural part of the county. No committee formed. No volunteers to form a committee at this time.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.