

Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB)
Approved Minutes for February 20, 2008 Meeting

Present ASAB Members: Ross Oglesbee, Daniel Textoris, Pat Sanford, Susan Elmore, Jean Austin, James Kramer, Bonnie Norwood, Dewana Anderson, and Kristine Bergstrand

Absent ASAB Members: Tracy Carroll, Suzanne Roy, Rachel Beckham and Moses Carey

Others in Attendance: Animal Services Director Bob Marotto, Animal Shelter Manager Jessica Allison and Administrative Assistant Paula Ragan.

Public Members Present: None

Welcome and Opening Comments—ASAB Chair, Ross Oglesbee, called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Bonnie Norwood and seconded by Susan Elmore to approve the Agenda dated February 20, 2008 with two changes in the order of items. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

Motion was made by Daniel Textoris and seconded by Bonnie Norwood to approve the minutes dated January 16, 2008. **VOTE:** Unanimous

General Public Comment—None

Announcements—

Spay Day Resolution— Ross Oglesbee announced that the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Spay Day Resolution at their January 15, 2008 meeting. The resolution was received with very positive feedback and a framed copy of the resolution will be displayed at the Animal Services office on Franklin Street.

Ms Oglesbee also announced that she attended the reception for Committee Chairs on Advisory Boards. There was a discussion of Commissioners involvement in various advisory boards. There was also a discussion about the FY08/09 budget and what kinds of requests are being made to staff programs and to have resources available for them. Ms Oglesbee would like to be informed as a board what kinds of request are being made for staff in this year's budget in order to meet the objectives and various programs that the board has set.

It was mentioned that after this year Commissioner Moses Carey will no longer be the ASAB liaison due to his retirement from the BOCC. There was discussion from the board members about the process for his replacement and whether or not recommendations by the ASAB can be made. Mr. Marotto will look in to how the process for new BOCC appointments are handled and report back to the ASAB in March.

Ms Oglesbee suggested that the board think about having an annual Animal Services Day to focus on the programs and invite the BOCC and public to attend. This would be a great way to promote the spay/neuter programs and to conduct educational outreach to the community.

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Unfinished Business—

Tethering Ordinance Update— There was a lengthy and detailed discussion of the tethering amendment drafted by the County Attorney in consultation with Animal Services staff on the basis of prior work by the ASAB and the County's Tethering Committee. Various motions were considered until one received majority support and these are recorded below.

- A motion was made by Daniel Textoris and seconded by Susan Elmore to accept the Tethering Amendment as is. There was no second and more discussion was held on the document. **Motion did not carry.**
- A motion was made again by Daniel Textoris and seconded by Susan Elmore to accept the Tethering Amendment and to exclude the class 1 and class 2 licensed kennels for the meantime, with the understanding they would be addressed in the future. There was more discussion about concerns by members about addressing the issue later. **Motion did not carry as the vote was 2 in favor and 6 against.**
- A motion made by Jean Ausitn to present the Tethering Amendment as we have it and exempt the minimal kennel sizes for Class 1 and Class 2 licensed kennels. There was no second and it was requested to have more discussion. **Motion did not carry.**
- A motion was made again by Jean Austin and seconded by Pat Sanford to accept the Tethering Amendment to Orange County Animal Control Ordinance and exempt Class 1 and Class 2 kennels existing as of January 1, 2008, from only the minimal enclosure size requirement. It was understood that the permit requirements and ordinance would be revisited at a later date. **This motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor 3 opposed**
- Motion was made by Pat Sanford and seconded by Jean Austin to accept the overall amendment with the correction of several typographical errors and several wording changes in different sections of the Amendment. **This motion carried by a vote of 6 in favor 2 opposed.**

Once the County Attorneys have made revisions to the proposed Tethering Amendment staff will request that the County Manager place it before the BOCC for its deliberation.

FAQ Working Document— Board members were pleased with the work that had been done and gave very positive feedback. There were a couple of typographical changes requested and the board would like to mention public health risk and the amount of tax dollars spent to address this issue. Once changes are made an abstract and amendment to move forward will be completed by the March meeting.

New Business—

Chair Ross Oglesbee mentioned that a member of the public has made a request to speak with the board at the March meeting to address the adoption of pit bull and pit bull mixes from the shelter. She asked that ASAB members prepare for a discussion of this topic at its March meeting.

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Motion was made by Susan Elmore and seconded by Jean Austin to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
VOTE: Unanimous.

Next ASAB Meeting: *Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Southern Human Services Conference Room, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill.*