

***Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB)
Approved Minutes for January 18, 2006, Meeting***

Present ASAB Members: Ross Oglesbee, Tracy Carroll, Bonnie Norwood, Daniel Textoris, Lisa Smith, James Kramer, Dr. Kristine Bergstrand, Jean H. Connerat-Levine and Pat Sanford.

Absent ASAB Members: Jean Taylor, Moses Carey, Jr., Dr. Robert Schopler

Others in Attendance: Bob Marotto, Animal Services Director; Joe Pulcinella, Animal Shelter Director; Sarah Fallin, Animal Services Program Coordinator; and Paula Ragan, Animal Services Administrative Assistant.

Welcome and Opening Comments- Tracy Carroll, ASAB Chair.

Motion was made by Ross Oglesbee and seconded by Pat Sanford to approve the Proposed Agenda for January 18, 2006, ASAB meeting. VOTE: Unanimous

Motion was made by Bonnie Norwood and seconded by Lisa Smith to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2005, ASAB meeting with the correction of a misspelled name. VOTE: Unanimous

Unfinished Business-

Adoption Appeals Committee: Ross Oglesbee provided an overview of the change process that resulted in the policy and procedure document electronically circulated to ASAB members. Given that ASAB members requested no further changes it was moved by Ross Oglesbee and seconded by Daniel Textoris that the document be accepted upon review by the County Attorney. VOTE: Unanimous

Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing Update: Bob Marotto and Pat Stanford summarized the outcome and content of a hearing held since the ASAB last met in November.

Animal Shelter Program Review: Joe Pulcinella outlined a review process for a number of programs currently offered through the Animal Sheltering Division. He indicated that four of these had been identified for program review during the coming year on a quarterly basis to the extent that is practical. The programs chosen for review are: Foster, Rescue, Spay/Neuter and Temperament Testing. To obtain input and advice from ASAB members, it was requested that members be selected to participate in different program review committees.

A discussion of program review ensued and it was agreed that it decided to consolidate the review of our foster program and rescue partnerships given their similarities and affinities. On that basis Chair Tracy Carroll recommended that two ASAB members—Lisa Smith and Daniel Textoris—work with Bob Marotto, Joe Pulcinella and other designated staff in the review of those programs to ensure that the working committee was of suitable size. Pat Sanford moved and Ross Oglesbee seconded that Lisa Smith and Daniel Textoris work with staff to review the foster program and rescue partnerships. Vote: Unanimous.

2006 Rabies Vaccinations Clinics in Review- Sarah Fallin provided an overview of Animal Services rabies clinic activities for the coming year. She provided a schedule of low-cost rabies clinics; identified how outreach and advertising would be done in a coordinated manner; and discussed outreach to Spanish-speaking members of our community. In addition, she and Bob Marotto discussed staff efforts to promote spaying and neutering at the County's clinics; and to work with Orange County veterinarians to offer low-cost vaccinations through their clinics in a manner that has been done in Alamance and other counties.

Miscellaneous: Bob Marotto provided a brief update on the shelter construction project. He also discussed the status of the ordinance amendments that he is working on with Sean Borhanian with the Office of the County Attorney, and several other possible ordinance amendments. A brief discussion ensued and Bob agreed to return to the ASAB at its next meeting with an initial report on tethering ordinances.

Review of Select Department Updates: Bob Marotto reviewed the select department updates summarized in the memorandum dated January 18th, 2005, that he distributed at the ASAB meeting.

Motion was made by Daniel Textoris and seconded by Ross Oglesbee to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Next ASAB Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Government Services Center Meeting Room at 200 Cameron St. in Hillsborough.

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