

FROM: Animal Services Advisory Board

SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting Summary

DATE: Wednesday May 18, 2011

LOCATION: Animal Services Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kris Bergstrand, Sue Millager, Aviva Scully, Susan Elmore, Dan Textoris, Andy Uhl, Lori Lumpkin, Dan Textoris, Susan Elmore, Sarah Fallin, Bob Marotto, Jean Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzanne Roy

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto, Sarah Falin

Beginning time of meeting: 6:30 pm

Old Business

- The agenda for tonight and the summary of the March 16 meeting were unanimously adopted as distributed.
- No member of the public was present to comment.

Topic A-Board vacancies

- Two positions will open end of June. Applicant for At-large position, Mike Stewart, was present and introduced himself, describing experience with dog training and equine rescue.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend Mike Stewart to be a member. It was unanimously supported and will be communicated to the clerk. ASAB will address the other open position at the August meeting.

New Business

Topic A- Presentation by Deborah Cunningham, Director of *Eyes, Ears, Nose and Paws*, non-profit from Carrboro

- Provides service dogs to people with special needs, which involves selection and extensive training of young dogs and their prospective owners. Trained dogs can detect blood sugar abnormalities in diabetics, and assist physically disabled folks with daily tasks in and out of the home, promoting owner independence and improved quality of life.
- Demonstrated service dog (Golden Retriever) in training
- Described potential partnership with the shelter to screen appropriate young dogs coming into the shelter for service training.
- ASAB expressed unanimous support for relationship with the group

Topic B - ASAB unanimously approved inviting the *Coalition to Unchain Dogs* to the June 15th meeting to discuss need for support for Orange County residents needing help with fences for their dogs.

Topic C – Animal Services Program Coordinator, Sarah Falin, presented annual review of outreach and volunteer programs.

- Volunteer hours are up from last year as well as the number of volunteers.
- Rabies clinics provided 883 vaccinations.

- Spay-neuter program performed 256 sterilizations to date, nearly as many as were done all of last year, so on-track to provide many more this year
- Litter Patrol program ongoing and appears to be having positive effect.
- Open House on June 4, many volunteers and ASAB members will be assisting with donations

Topic D- Director of Animal Services Bob Marotto distributed material describing the budget

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 pm
Name of Minute Taker Jean Austin