

Orange County Animal Services  
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***ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)***

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

**Meeting Summary**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** DeWana Anderson, Susan Elmore, Caroline Green, Beth Grooms, Judy Miller, Warren Porter (Vice-Chair), Aviva Scully, Arthur Sprinzeles, Michael Stewart, Michelle Walker (Chair)  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Suzanne Roy  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director)

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**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda passed and agenda unanimously approved

**Summary of March 19, 2014 meeting:** Reviewed and unanimously approved

**General Public Comments on items not on the agenda:** None

**Partner Profile—AnimalKind**

(A) Presentation by Hilary Green and Jada Jarillo

- Ms. Green and Ms. Jarillo described the organization's services in implementing low-cost spay/neuter programs, including the following initiatives:
  - SpayNC Helpline, a statewide toll free information service, which helps all North Carolina residents find pet spay/neuter resources in their area (1-888-NC-FIX-EM)
  - The \$20 FIX, a pet spay/neuter subsidy program currently assisting needy residents of the Town of Cary, Orange, Durham, Person, and Caswell counties.

**ASAB Affairs**

(A) Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing

- The subcommittee conducted one hearing this month and upheld the designation where a dog entered the victim's apartment and bit the victim

(B) Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Committee

- The Board unanimously approved appointment of the following:
  - Committee Members: Susan Elmore, Caroline Green, and Michael Stewart
  - Alternates: Beth Grooms, Judy Miller, Michelle Walker

(C) Upcoming ASAB Vacancies

- Susan Elmore and Michael Stewart are available and willing to serve through reappointments upon expiration of their terms on June 30, 2014
- Suzanne Roy's animal advocate position will become vacant when her second and final term ends on June 30, 2014

(D) October meeting date

- October meeting was rescheduled from October 22, 2014 to October 15, 2014 by unanimous vote

### **Old Business**

#### **(A) Free-Roaming Cat Task Force Update**

- Task Force Chair DeWana Anderson provided an update on the listening session held for cat caretakers, at which there was an in-depth discussion of the activities and challenges of caring for cat colonies

#### **(B) Unified Animal Ordinance Update**

- Susan Elmore, Michelle Walker, and Bob Marotto summarized the results of the Board of County Commissioners' ("BOCC") work session on April 8, 2014:
  - The BOCC expressed approval for moving forward with revisions to the proposed Unified Animal Ordinance regarding issues of livestock nuisance regulation, trespass, and watchdog as proposed by the ASAB. Several members of the BOCC expressed support for including a copy of the flowchart produced by Professor Aimee Wall of the School of Government in the ordinance.
  - BOCC members discussed the possibility of various mechanisms for appeal of potentially dangerous dog and vicious animal declarations that balance the need for efficiency and impartiality.

#### **(C) Support for Kids4Kindness School Program**

- There was general consensus that the Board wishes to pursue avenues for expressing political support for expansion of the Kids4Kindness School Program aimed at providing responsible pet owner education to 4th graders into all elementary schools in Orange County
- Board Chair Michelle Walker to contact the BOCC Chair regarding the procedures available for proceeding with obtaining support from County Commissioners

### **New Business**

#### **(A) Animal Services Updates—Bob Marotto**

### **Ongoing and Upcoming Events**

#### **(A) Spring Adoption Special – April 1-30**

#### **(B) National Animal Control Appreciation Week – April 13-19**

#### **(C) Clinics**

- Rabies & Microchip Clinic, 3-5 pm, April 17, Animal Services Center
- Rabies, 5-7 pm, May 8, Farmer's Market House, Hillsborough

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 PM

Name of Minute Taker: Michelle Walker