

Orange County Animal Services
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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: DeWana Anderson, Susan Elmore, Caroline Green, Beth Grooms, Judy Miller, Aviva Scully, Arthur Sprinczeles, Michael Stewart, Michelle Walker (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Virginia Fitt, Warren Porter (Vice-Chair)

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director)

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda passed and agenda unanimously approved

Summary of June 18, 2014 meeting: Reviewed and unanimously approved with addition of Aviva Scully to “Members Present” and striking sentence under “Old Business”

General Public Comments on items not on the agenda: None

Introduction of Bonnie Hamersley, our new County Manager: Ms. Hammersley attended the meeting and introduced herself to each member of the ASAB

ASAB Affairs

(A) Recommendation for vacant animal advocate position

- The ASAB unanimously approved recommendation of Maureane Hoffman, MD, PhD due to her involvement in organizations promoting animal welfare and her contribution to the Free Roaming Cat Task Force as a member of the public

(B) Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing

- The subcommittee conducted one hearing this month and upheld the designation where a dog killed a neighbor’s cat on the neighbor’s property

Old Business

(A) Unified Animal Ordinance Update

- Bob Marotto summarized his communications with staff attorney and County Manager regarding plan to proceed with approval and adoption of the unified ordinance:
 - There was a suggestion that the ordinance proceed through revision and approval without additional review by the ASAB. Members of the ASAB were receptive to this plan and expressed a desire for the ordinance to move as directly as possible toward adoption and implementation.
 - Another suggestion involved a potential compromise on the makeup of the body hearing Animal Services related appeals, specifically a board/committee made up of both selected ASAB members and members of the public who are not ASAB members. The ASAB had concerns about how the appeal body would function in practice, but was

receptive to one suggestion of having the appeal body meet regularly rather than within a certain time period after an appeal is raised.

- Michelle Walker shared a request from member Virginia Fitt for an agenda item addressing the nuisance provision of the proposed unified ordinance. The ASAB expressed the consensus that it would not take up any policy considerations (aside from those raised by the BOCC) in the context of the unified ordinance, preferring to allow the unified ordinance to proceed toward adoption and implementation and address any future policy issues on a stand-alone basis.
- (B) Resolution supporting Kids4Kindness School Program
- Member Michael Stewart shared that Kids4Kindness plans to continue its program at Hillsborough Elementary for the first semester of the school year, and therefore will not be pursuing expansion to all County schools until later in the year.

New Business

- (A) Mid-Year Service Stats for Sheltering and Field Services presented by Drew Brinkley
- Of note for field services: significant numbers of rabies cases and coyote inquires
 - Of note for sheltering: so far this year, no euthanasia of any animals due to space/time limitations
- (B) Animal Services Updates—Bob Marotto

Free-Roaming Cat Task Force Preliminary Report

- (A) Public comment from Deanna Rowan directing attention to written materials from the Humane Society of the U.S. regarding trap, neuter, release programs
- (B) ASAB expressed support for contents of Preliminary Report and offers to provide comments on layout, etc.
- (C) Bob Marotto will share Preliminary Report with staff for comment and will work with staff to develop a formal report for approval by the ASAB and presentation to the BOCC

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

- (A) August is Back to School Adoption Special
- (B) World Rabies Day, September 28, 2014
- Rabies, 3-5 pm, September 25, Farmer's Market House, Hillsborough
 - Rabies & Microchip Clinic, 9 am - noon, September 27, Animal Services Center
- (C) 10th Annual Dog Swim September 13, Hargraves Community Center

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 PM

Name of Minute Taker: Michelle Walker