

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
919-942-PETS (7387)
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
In-Person Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edmond Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Lori Gershon (Secretary), Brenda Scott, Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Dawn Roberts, Allan Polak, Lucia Welborne

Members ABSENT: Meggie Romick (resigned- see below for more details)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Strong (Animal Services Director), Tenille Fox (Communications/Interim Administration)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paula Greeno and Jody Council

Call to order: 6:32 p.m.

Review and adoption of the meeting agenda:

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Yes
Bryan Stuart	Yes
Lee Pickett	Yes
Lucia Welborne	Yes
Sunita Driehuys	Yes (2 nd)
Dawn Roberts	Yes
Meggie Romick	Absent (resigned)
Allan Polak	Yes
Brenda Scott	Yes (Motion)
Lori Gershon	Yes

Review and approval of February 2022 ASAB meeting summary

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Yes
Bryan Stuart	Yes
Lee Pickett	Yes
Lucia Welborne	Yes
Sunita Driehuys	Yes (Motion)
Dawn Roberts	Yes
Meggie Romick	Absent (resigned)
Allan Polak	Yes
Brenda Scott	Yes (2 nd)
Lori Gershon	Abstain

New Business

- **OCAS developments from Director Dr. Strong**
 - o Veterinary Health Care Manager (Jasmine Johnson) resigned- Ashley Ray starting on Monday with new position title, Shelter Manager.
 - o OCAS in the process of filling Admin II position
 - o 1 animal care position open (interviewing candidates)
 - o 2 veterinary healthcare assistant positions open
 - o Creating position for full-time veterinarian, awaiting approval from BOCC because new to budget (2 veterinarians on contract)
 - o Successful transition of all wolf-dogs
 - o Gearing up for kitten seasons
 - o 25% intake of dogs were returned to owners
 - o 22% dogs were transferred (building transfer program)
 - o Community donated a lot for food in response to plea for donations (to members of the community who cannot afford to feed their pets)
- **Foster Program at Burlington Animal Services, Elizabeth Overcash (Shelter Manager)**
 - o Foster program modelled on Wake County shelter program
 - o Began in 2015 and saw immediate difference with the number of animals not euthanized; now euthanasia 5%

- Goal is to send animals to foster care as soon as possible
 - BAS provides food
 - BAS provides crates
- Currently 600 foster homes approved
 - Requirements for fostering the same as adoption
 - Require foster animals to be housed indoors
- Easier on the animals and the staff and smoother adoptions because have more knowledge about animal's behavior (e.g., good with cats)
- Marketing includes “rebranding” program with different target audience, as well as emails and social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Cost savings
 - Staff time
 - Medication
 - Supplies

Public participation guidelines

General public comments on items not on agenda: None

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion): Confirm

Animal Services Advisory Board

- Current and prospective vacancies on ASAB
 - Meggie Romick resigned today (animal advocate/animal advocacy vacancy)
 - Ed Tiryakian off board at end of June due to term limit
 - Lori Gershon plans to resign after April meeting because moving out of Orange County
 - Bryan Stuart plans to resign for family reasons after new leadership in place and appeals to current board members to take leadership position.
- Vote on two candidates for vacancies

Vote for Paula Greeno as member of ASAB (Animal Advocacy Member)

Recommend appointment by BOCC

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Bryan Stuart	Yes
Lee Pickett	Yes

Lucia Welborne	Yes
Sunita Driehuys	Yes
Dawn Roberts	Yes
Meggie Romick	Absent (resigned)
Allan Polak	Yes
Brenda Scott	Yes
Lori Gershon	Yes

Denise Doolan as member of ASAB (Chapel Hill resident)- vote pending

- Denise unable to attend today's meeting due to illness
- Will hold off vote until next meeting

Hearing panel pool will have 2 vacancies soon

Old Business:

- **Update on Noisy Rooster Committee**
 - o ACO Gamez confirmed roosters not allowed in CH or Carrboro but allowed in unincorporated areas (even if crowing heard in CH or Carrboro)
 - ACO Gamez has never issued a rooster citation in Carrboro or CH- residents respond positively to warnings
 - Rooster may not be tethered in Orange County
 - o Zoning designations R-8 and R-13 (High Intensity Residential) may be amenable to a rooster ordinance
 - o Questions raised about whether noise ordinance addresses crowing issues
 - o Brenda Scott will join committee
- **Update on Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance Committee**
 - o Asst. County Attorney reviewed draft of amendment approved by ASAB
 - o Legal does not approve of the changes and proposed ordinance rewritten by the county attorneys
 - o ASAB will not forward amendment as it is and task force at stalemate
- **Intrusive cat complaints**
 - o 2 complaints
 - o AS can respond where cat causes damage (nuisance ordinance)
 - o No further pursuit by ASAB at this time
- **Summary of Presentation to BOCC of ASAB annual plan**
 - o BOCC approved proposed amendment to bring in short session and submitted to legislative caucus
 - o BOCC very pleased with plan to have 2 ASAB meetings in the community

- BOCC aware of noisy rooster complaints from citizens in residential areas of the county
- BOCC anxiously awaiting proposed Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance (delayed for reasons stated above)

Informal Discussion:

Sunita brought dessert for staff appreciation day from ASAB

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.