

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
919-942-PETS (7387)
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edmund Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Casey Ferrell (Secretary), Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Lori Gershon, Susan Spinks, Lori Gershon, Allan Polak, Sue Millager, Meggie Romick

ABSENT: Dawn Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Jones (Interim Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paula Greeno, Nancy Smith

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting voting guidelines: Bryan Stuart, ASAB Vice-Chair

Review and adoption of the agenda:

- Ed Tiryakian: asking to add an agenda item about a note on behalf of ASAB to former Director Bob Marotto with respectful condolences for the loss of his father

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y
Sue Millager	Y (2 nd)
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	
Meggie Romick	Y
Allan Polak	Y
Susan Spinks	Y
Lori Gershon	Y
Casey Ferrell	Y (Motion)

Word of appreciation for retiring members and interim director

- Interim Director Vicki Jones
- Retiring Members: Casey Ferrell, Sue Millager

Review and approval of May 2021 meeting summary

- With amendment to add Lucia to May members present

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y
Sue Millager	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	
Meggie Romick	Y
Allan Polak	Y
Susan Spinks	Y (Motion)
Lori Gershon	Y (2 nd)
Casey Ferrell	Y

Review of public participation guidelines: Bryan Stuart, ASAB Vice-Chair

General public comments on items not on agenda:

- Nancy Smith
 - Raised questions/concerns about Section 4-4.5 Public Nuisance ; lives in a neighborhood in which homes are tightly packed roughly 5 miles from Chapel Hill city limits.
 - Two houses down, a neighbor acquired a rooster that has become what Ms. Smith considers to be a public nuisance. The noise on some days continues unabated and at a volume as to be disruptive to their peace and quiet.
 - Would like ASAB to revisit the local ordinance to consider extending it beyond town limits.

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion): confirmed

New Business

- **Note:** The ASAB will resume meeting in person with the August 2021 meeting

- **Note:** ASAB chair asking for a volunteer to fill outgoing secretary role

Animal Services Advisory Board

- **Fulfillments**
 - Brenda Smith approved by BOCC
 - David Francis not yet approved
- **Immediate vacancies**
 - Town of Carrboro representative
 - Town of Chapel Hill representative
 - Rachel to seek further information on shifting Meggie Romick's representation to Town of Chapel Hill if possible

Old Business:

- **Update on Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance**
 - No updates, seeking to meet with town lawyer before August ASAB meeting
- **Noisy roosters encroaching on neighbor's peace and quiet**
 - Consideration of a committee to investigate the issue
 - Allan, Lee, Ed willing to participate
 - No volunteers to chair
- **Remote venues for ASAB**
 - Three venue categories
 - Rural community centers
 - Town community centers
 - Schools
 - Ed, Allan, Lucia looking into the viability/feasibility of each venue type
- **Committee on racial equity and animal welfare**
 - On hold until OCAS Director Dr. Strong starts
- **Second chance for dogs initiative**
 - Susan, Lee, Ed, Lori, Allan volunteered to participate on committee to create and submit a bill to earn Orange County an exemption from the state statute on dangerous dogs to pilot a "second chance" local ordinance
 - No volunteers for chair

Informational Items

- [MAY 2021 Monthly Statistics for Sheltering Operations](#)
- [MAY 2021 Monthly Statistics for Field Services](#)

Informal Discussion

- Lori Gershon volunteers to be the secretary for the ASAB

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.