

Orange County Animal Services 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
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**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB) 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 Meeting Summary**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureane Hoffman (Chair), Molly Mullin (Vice-Chair), Diane Obeid, Evelyn Daniel, Susan Elmore, Casey Ferrell, Beth Grooms, , Bryan Stuart, Lee Pickett, Lucia Welborne, Edmund Tiryakian **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Schwoerke (Secretary), Lisa Wells **STAFF PRESENT:** Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director), Andi Morgan (Animal Services Asst. Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant), Tenille Fox (Communications Specialist)

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Review and adoption of the Agenda: approved

Summary of May 15, 2019, meeting: approved

Review of public participation guidelines: Not reviewed

General Public Comments on items not on agenda: None

Membership Updates:

- Reappointments: Ed Tiryakian, Beth Grooms and Lee Pickett reappointed
- Susan Elmore (outgoing remarks)
 - Gifted personal license plate (“Spay”) to the shelter

Animal Services Advisory Board Updates: Old Business

Update from Wild and Dangerous Animal Task Force

- Met again on May 31 at Amanda’s home with intent to move forward on three initiatives

- Clarifying the definition of “wild and dangerous” to include epidemiology
- Clarify the list of species to focus rather than on an exhaustive list, but on realistic, imminent threats
- Develop procedural recommendation for how the list itself can adapt and change in response to rapidly evolving realities
- At a big fork in the road: Big question is whether exemptions/changes should be about the class of animal or to the individual owner
 - Next meeting is to nail down consensus and a recommendation on this question of exemption protocol
 - Additional comments from the board:
 - Also need to consider the adjudication process--who will hear and rule on exemptions?
 - Will intentions of W&D animal owner be taken into consideration (i.e., to breed vs. as pet)?
 - Public perception around social acceptability and possible spread of desire by citizens to also own exempted species

New Business

- **Free Roaming Cats—Bob Marotto and Tenille Fox, Communication Specialist**
 - Co-existing with free roaming cats brochure
 - Catio handout
 - Suggestions to popularize catios:
 - For next year’s Open House, we sponsor a contest for local contractors to compete for best structures, locate them around the OCAS grounds
 - Have a table at Fall Fest with catio demos and information
 - Outside enclosure demo
- **Other Animal Servicers Updates**
 - Open House
 - Turnout was excellent, as robust as in recent years, lasted throughout the event
 - Rabies Clinic June 8

- ~80 vaccinations
- Dog Walking Trail
 - Duke Energy still working, preventing some trail efforts from proceeding until that's done
 - Working with TOCH on permission to use part of the RCD around solid waste facility
- Addition of music/sound system is nearing completion
- Budget was adopted: AS budget was adopted as recommended more or less as is
 - Waiver for license fees for barn cats was eliminated
 - Final budget: ~\$2.3MM (level)
- Lost/Found billboard going up at 86 & 70 in Hillsborough

Adjournment and next meeting:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting is August 21, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Orange County Animal Services Center.