



## Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

**January 19, 2017**

6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Forsyth County Animal Control Department  
5570 Sturmer Park Circle  
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

**Tina Sanderford, Chair**  
**Priscilla Ivester, Vice-Chair**  
**Meredith Boyd**  
**Sandra Clodfelter**  
**Bill Cowan**  
**Thurman Dillon**  
**Molly Douglass, DVM**  
**Janice Freeman**  
**Chad Griffin**  
**Koy Kincaid**  
**Tracey Shifflette**

### Members Present

Tina Sanderford  
Sandra Clodfelter  
Koy Kincaid

Thurman Dillon  
Janice Freeman  
Chad Griffin

Molly Douglass  
Priscilla Ivester

### Staff Present

Tim Jennings  
David Morris  
Scott Bird  
Tonya Ward

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tina Sanderford. Staff advised members Bill Cowan and Tracey Shifflette had notified us they would not be able to attend.
- *Approval of meeting minutes September 15, 2016.*  
**MOTION:** Koy Kincaid made a motion to approve the November 17, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bill Cowan and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Sally Billman, current FCAC volunteer, discussed the need for more education for persons who adopt cats from FCAC, she suggested more information on the website on cat behavior. She asked if the Cat Help Team could be offered daily through a designated phone line which would be staffed by volunteers. Board member Priscilla Ivester offered to take Ms. Billman's phone number and discuss this with her further.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- *Forsyth County tethering ordinance*  
Since the new ordinance was passed, there have been 118 calls regarding tethering. This is as compared to 17 during the same period the previous year. Tina Sanderford asked about sheltering regulations and Tim Jennings stated that those are still with the County Attorney for review.

- **Animal Control Services Study**

The study in its entirety was emailed to Board members and an Executive Summary was provided at the meeting. Advisory Board members asked if they will have an opportunity to provide comment on the study. Tim Jennings requested feedback that staff can place into the draft Annual Report. Staff would like feedback from the Advisory Board on the Policy Options which were presented in the study. The March meeting is a deadline for a draft Annual Report, but no specific timetable for study implementation has been provided. The Study will be kept on the agenda and discussed during the next several meetings if necessary. The Study options were:

1. Transfer of adoptable animals to private non-profit agencies and refocus FCAC on public health and public safety
2. Branding - change the name of FCAC to better reflect statutory obligations without as many misinterpretations
3. Placing Animal Control services within either the Sheriff's Department or the Public Health Department
4. Additional Staff/Lower response times
5. More aggressive pursuit of civil penalties
6. Cease medical fosters
7. Enforce state defined cruelty provisions while limiting additional County-defined abuse provisions
8. No longer accept owner-surrendered animals

- **2016-2017 Work Plan**

Policies for Potentially Dangerous Dog and Dangerous Dog Declarations were discussed. Tim Jennings discussed some of the differences between the two and explained that officers make the determinations on a case by case basis. Adding additional hearing dates specifically for PDD/DD hearings was discussed as was the possibility of having hearings every month to be sure that appeals are heard in a timely manner. A motion was made by Koy Kincaid and seconded by Priscilla Ivester to allow this and was unanimously approved. Allowing former members to serve on Tribunals was discussed,

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and panel participants for the Tribunal Hearings on February 16th was discussed. Adding a second date in February was discussed. It was agreed that hearings would also be held February 23rd.

- ***Monthly Report***

Tim Jennings presented the department monthly statistical report for December 2016. Adoptions have decreased, possibly due to the new Forsyth Humane Society shelter and December, no-fee promotions. Monthly revenue has increased, and euthanasia has decreased as well. There was discussion whether there is a possibility to track owner surrendered animals based on the new Tethering Ordinance.

- ***New Board Member***

There is a vacancy on the Board in the Category: No Domestic Pets. During the February 13th County Commissioner meeting, adding a new board member will be discussed. It has been placed on their agenda for approval.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** With no further business, Tina Sanderford asked for a motion to adjourn. Koy Kincaid made the motion, which was seconded by Janice Freeman . Tina Sanderford adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.