



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

January 21, 2016

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Sandra Averitt, Chair
Tina Sanderford, Vice Chair
Sandra Clodfelter
Thurman Dillon
Molly Douglass, DVM
Janice Freeman
Chad Griffin
Priscilla Ivester
Koy Kincaid
Robert Lakey
Tracey Shifflette

Members Present

Tina Sanderford
Tracey Shifflette
Janice Freeman

Thurman Dillon
Molly Douglas
Chad Griffin

Staff Present

Tim Jennings
Karin Burnette
Scott Bird
Chad Miller
David Morris

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tina Sanderford. Sandra Averitt, Sandra Clodfelter, Priscilla Ivester, and Koy Kincaid provided notice they will be unable to attend.
- *Approval of meeting minutes November 19, 2015.*

MOTION: Janice Freeman made a motion to approve November 19, 2015 minutes. The motion as seconded by Thurman Dillon.

OUTREACH SUMMARY

- Shelter Proposals
 - Chad Miller provided a brief summary of how FCAC sought comment from the Forsyth County Community on the matter of proposed changes to Chapter 6. The proposed amendments to Chapter 6 Animals were made available on the FCAC Website on January 14th and a PSA was sent out to area media contacts on January 15th and another planned for February, requesting public comment to be provided by email, through the designated Advisory Board phone line, as well as an invitation to the public to give comment at tonight's Advisory Board meeting. Comments to be received until February 15th, 30 days from original PSA. Second PSA sent out on February 11th, 2016.
 - FCAC received approximately 20 positive public comments by email and phone messages. All comments were strongly in favor of proposed changes and some sought additional language to be added with examples given. There were no comments in favor of making no additional changes to the current Chapter 6 Code. Although tethering is not mentioned in the proposed amendment

there were some that took an opportunity to mention a desire to see additional changes to that code as well.

- Copies of all comments received to be available to Advisory Board Members.
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- In regards to the proposed Chapter 6 amendments, Tim Jennings advises that since the county is already well aware of tethering issues the public has mentioned recently, the board should concentrate separating tethering as a separate issue and focus on the guidance of the proposed Chapter 6 amendments such as structure and temperature ranges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6 community members signed up for public comment to share their comments and concerns.
 - First member called for comment was there for observation only.
 - A female member of the public brought a handout that was submitted and read some of her additions that she made for the proposed changes to Chapter 6- Animals. She suggest additional language to be added to Section 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and added additional comments for FCAC to consider an outright ban on tethering.
 - One female declined to comment due to question getting answered already.
 - A female member of the public asks if current ACO staff can handle additional calls within appropriate timeframes.
 - A female community member of the public and current board member on local rescue organization mentions tethering concerns, and offers copies of her additional suggested changes to the proposed amendments of Section 6 - Animals.
 - A male member of the public references shared concerns over not having enough officers to investigate the amount of calls FCAC receives and asks how the community can help.
 - After public comments Tim Jennings briefly explains staff positions, response guidelines, and how calls are categorized and followed up on in a timely manner. Tim mentions how at this time the FCAC Advisory Board is looking to finalize the work plan for 2016 and at this time tethering issues are not on the agenda in regards to the proposed changes to Section 6 - Animals. Tim Jennings mentions that the Advisory Board did in the past recommend a ban on tethering but it did not get the County Commissioners approval. He mentions that the community can help by offering pictures of alleged violations and also be willing to be a county witness and provide testimony. Anonymous reporting parties sometimes lack enough evidence to pursue appropriate violations.
 - Chad Lakey mentions that the board has recommended more officers consistently and adds that the community can help now by taking a picture of alleged violations and submit them to the Dept. of Animal Control for investigation.
 - Tim Jennings responds to public inquiry on how the proposed changes become approved. Tim mentions generalized recommendations from the FCAC Advisory Board go to the County Commissioners and then the County Attorney for final approval.

OLD BUSINESS

- Outsourcing
 - Tim Jennings discusses strategy of outsourcing licensing to Datamax. Their future efforts will free up approximately 2.5 staff members which will provide an increase in customer service by current administrative staff by providing more effective phone message response times.
 - Karin Burnette discusses how Datamax is a local data entry company that will provide data entry of rabies vaccinations and licensing. She goes on to explain how data entry occurs presently at

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business, Tina Sanderford asked for a motion to adjourn. Chad Griffin made the motion, which was seconded by Janice Freeman. Tina Sanderford adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.