



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 19.2011	Charles Cahill, Chair Priscilla Ivester, Vice-Chair Bruce Bailiff Dr. Brad Craig Toby Cranfill Marsha Crumpler Albert Jacobs Keith Murphy Marcia Potter Joe Redman Lori Sears
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Members Present:

Dr Brad Craig
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Keith Murphy
Marcia Potter

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Matt Smith
Yevonne Sanborn
Judy Blevins
Kelly Nash

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Priscilla Ivester at 6:05 P.M. Charles Cahill, Lori Sears and Albert Jacobs notified Animal Control they would not be able to attend the meeting. Tim Jennings advised the board of the two recent Advisory Board appointments by the County Commissioners. F. Mitchell Cromer and Jennifer Tierney were appointed Advisory Board Members, and Priscilla Ivester, Toby Cranfield and Marsha Crumpler were appointed to a second membership term.

- *Minutes*

Priscilla Ivester requested a correction to the meeting minutes from March 17th. She asked to change the wording from reviewing and providing feedback information to board members before the meeting to within the meeting. Priscilla made the motion to approved the minutes with this change Toby Cranfill seconded the motion. Staff member Kelly Nash read a letter sent by outgoing chair Lori Sears to the board thanking members for their hard work and time. Priscilla Ivester thanked outgoing members Lori Sears and Joe Redman for their service.

Public Comment

No public comment

Old Business

- 2010 Annual Report - Tim Jennings reported that the 2010 Annual Report had been presented to the Commissioners. He advised the board members that the presentation clearly made the point that the tethering recommended was not a unanimous recommendation and there was an opposition opinion.
- 2011 Annual Report - A draft of the report was provided in a handout. This draft was reviewed with the board by Tim Jennings. Recommendations to be considered by the board are:
 - (a) Change language to amend FCC 6-54 to include Inherently Dangerous Exotic Animals (large constricting snakes) to be similar to NCGA 14-416
 - (b) Amend the code and Advisory board by-laws to allow former, experienced members to serve as tribunal members

(c) Amend the code to include prohibition of tethering as a primary method of confinement of dogs

(d) Implementation of a animal transportation fee for pet owners who request that the County come to their residence for the purpose of surrender of their pets.

- 5 Year Plan – Tim Jennings provided a draft of Performance Gaps & Issues and Administrative Division Performance Measure. He also highlighted the results reflected throughout these documents.

Tim Jennings revisited Keith Murphy's suggestions and survey he submitted at the last advisory board meeting. There was general discussion as to the areas of the board would be interested in pursuing.

A copy of survey recommendations by Keith was given to board members for their review and suggestions. The last community survey was done approximately eight (8) years ago. Priscilla Ivester suggested that it would be helpful if the information is provided before the Board Meeting to allow members time to review and provide feedback.

- Rabies Clinic – April 9, 2011 – Final count was 837, the second highest since the clinic was begun. Tim Jennings thanks the board members for their assistance during the event. Priscilla Ivester shared that this was her first event and that she was very favorably impressed, that the event was well organized and ran smoothly. Board members were invited to join Animal Control and the health department in October for the next clinic currently scheduled for October 29.
- Hearing Tribunal - There was general discussion among board member and Tim Jennings regarding the number of appeals and the possibility of having prior board members assist with the hearings to accommodate the public in a swifter resolution to the appeals.
- SNIP Conference - Tim Jennings shared with the board his observations from this national conference attended by 800 plus professionals. Spay/Neuter programs are key aspects to animal welfare.

New Business

Hearing Tribunal – Board members Mitch Cromer, Toby Cranfield and Priscilla Ivester will conduct the June 16, 2011 hearings.

NC Legislation Budget - Tim Jennings reported that public outcry to the NC Dept of Ag. Budget Plan to eliminate animal welfare has been reversed their position to now add two positions to that area. Regarding the County budget, Animal Control was asked to cut \$10,000 from the operating funds, no gains and possibly a 1-day furlow for each county employee.

Adjourn

Keith Murphy made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Marcia Potter. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.