



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012	Dr. Harris Craig, Chair Bruce Bailiff, Vice-Chair Toby Cranfill Mitch Cromer Marsha Crumpler Albert Jacobs Keith Murphy Marcia Potter Jennifer Tierney Charles Cahill Priscilla Ivester
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Members Present

Charles Cahill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Keith Murphy
Marcia Potter

Staff Present:

Lt John Day
Tim Jennings
Judy Blevins
Kim Hawks
Matt Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Charles Cahill at 6:07 P.M. Staff noted that Dr. Craig and Bruce Bailiff had notified staff they would not be able to attend due to schedule conflicts.

- *Minutes*

A motion was made by Keith Murphy to accept minutes of the January 29, 2012 meeting as written and seconded by Priscilla Ivester and approved by the members present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Old Business

- *Jackson's Law*

Advisory Board members were provided with copies of modified suggestions to the proposal. Keith Murphy asked where is the law is now current with Jackson's Law proposals. Tim Jennings advised that the creators of Jackson's Law in their presentation mentioned that once they reviewed the Forsyth County Code many of their initial proposals were already addressed. Tim summarized that the key issue staff identifies between the proposals and the current codes is current codes do not attempt to evaluate the dogs personality, but hold the owner responsible for behavior. Forsyth County's Dangerous Dog Declaration would be more accurately called Dangerous Dog Owner Declaration, as only people break laws. Charles Cahill asked when all proposed code changes could be discussed for the final report. It was determined code issues would be addressed during the strategies section of the strategic plan. Members agreed to wait until new members came on board to discuss this further.

- *5 Year Plan*

Staff advised the board the work-plan calls for a open public meeting in May to request general feedback on animal services and what services the community would like to see. Special outreach is planned to stakeholder interest organizations and neighborhood associations. As with the past outreach of the advisory board this will include a designated voicemail and email for citizens to provide feedback.

- *Survey*

Handouts were given to board members in reference to a Stakeholder Survey and a Community Survey. The survey is planned to solicit information from shareholders, animal welfare organizations and veterinarians/associations to provide input from various disciplines serviced by Forsyth County Animal Control. Tim Jennings advised committee members that he is looking to having an open public meeting on May 17, 2012 to hear citizen's comments and have the survey on the Animal Control Website. Staff hopes to have the survey draft to board members before the next meeting.

New Business

- *Member Appointments*

Staff updated board members on the advisory board membership application process and deadlines. All members eligible for reappointment must reapply.

- *Hearing Tribunal*

The next Tribunal hearings will be held on April 19, 2012. Mitch Cromer, Jennifer Tierney and Charles Cahill are scheduled tribunal members.

- *Member Tribunal Schedule*

Keith Murphy made a motion that the staff schedule as many multiple Tribunal Hearings per month as necessary to get the work load caught up, second by Priscilla Ivester and approved by board members present. Marsha Crumpler asked if any progress has been made by the Board of County Commissioners on asking former members to participate in the Tribunal Hearings. Tim Jennings advised the Board of County Commissioners Meeting have just officially received the Annual Report on the business meeting agenda and at some point in the future a work session will be held on it's recommendations. A draft ordinance has been drawn up the County Attorney for the Commissioners to review on the proposals at the time of the work session.

- *Spay Day*

Spay Day was a success with eight (8) organization participating, 208 vouchers were given out. Committee is looking to do another Spay Day in the spring of 2012.

Mr. Jennings also advised committee members now that the initial community Spay Day has been held there should be opportunity to develop new strategies, bring in new volunteers, and organizations before next year.

- *Rabies Clinic*

The spring Rabies Clinic will be help April 21, 2012. Volunteers are needed.

- *Statistics*

FY statistics report for February 2012 showing an increase from last year in calls received, adoptions, animal impounded, revenue, and number of animals redeemed, euthanasia, animal bites, citations and animal licenses issued. There was general discussion regarding what may be reason for changing numbers. Shelter Manager Matt Smith advised committee members that he believed some of the more positive outcomes may be the result of new partnerships with animal interest groups that are participating at the shelter, i.e. Hiking For Hounds and Project Peal.

Adjourn

Keith Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm and was second by Marcia Potter.