



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2007

Jack Sprinkle
Mitch Cromer
Dr. Tim Strickland
Whitney Lamb
Jennifer Tierney
Thurman Dillon
Julie Magness
Jerry Canady
Sandy Mayberry
Larry Bunn
D. Ritchie Brooks

Members Present:

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Dr. Strickland
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Jerry Canady

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Kelly Nash

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandy Mayberry at 6:06 P.M.
Members not in attendance were Larry Bunn and Jack Sprinkle
Staff relayed that Larry Bunn had notified them of a schedule conflict.

Minutes

A motion was made by Julie Magness and seconded by Jerry Canady to accept minutes of March 15, 2007. The minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment

There was no public comment. Tim Jennings thanked the board members for not expecting immediate responses from staff to public comments. He provided an example of a citizen concern that the department would not assist them. The department had responded several time, issued citations where warranted, but the reporting party was insisting the animal be taken away from the owner and given to them. This action is not within the departments authority.

Guest Presentation

Kelly Nash provided a presentation to the board on behalf of Friends of the Shelter. Friends of the Shelter, a non profit group has supported the shelter and one of the original CCP Partners from 2004. Tim Jennings explained FOS (Friends of the Shelter) has been a great resource in many ways. The group supports and funds medical needs of transferred pets in their care, provides volunteer manpower for events both on and off site, coordinates a junior program for kids under 18- so kids could participate in some way, sponsors weekly ads in the Winston Salem Journal showcasing pets in adoption, events and generally promoting the Animal Shelter. They have also has assisted with special cases with foster care and medical treatment of pets involved with cruelty situations. This type of partnership is encouraged with all groups in our area.

Kelly Nash now the Community Outreach Coordinator for Animal Control was a past Executive Director for Friends of the Shelter. Tim Jennings talked of Kelly's transition from FOS to Animal Control. Currently, Kelly continues to volunteer her time to coordinate Friends of the Shelter's Foster Program and the medical needs of the pets in their care. Jennifer Tierney thanked Kelly for her efforts and time with both organizations.

Old Business

- *Annual Report*

The annual report has been slightly revised. Meeting schedules have been changed to reflect new meeting dates and times based on recommendation from the last meeting. Tim Jennings asked if there were any last minute recommendations or suggestions to add. Julie Magness feels budget needs more time to be looked at. With time line currently facing us there is not time for this budget year. Tim suggested talking about next year's programs and objectives earlier in the year. By May negotiations are already in progress with the budget dept. April is a good time to recommend new programs, the County manager will then put together a budget to submit to the Board of Commissioners for review. Dr. Strickland made a motion to add to the summary about checking into stocking the surgical suite with instruments and equipment necessary to do surgery on premises, second by Julie Magness. He also added training would be available at Animal Hospital West to train kennel attendants to assist.

- *Budget Development*

The request of 3 new shelter attendants in this year's budget reflects the recommendations made by the HSUS report matched with the time study done in house based on the size of the new facility. The Budget Department has recommended these positions. Tim further explained the request for one more Animal Control Officer is justified with the performance measure of time response to calls in our community. Currently, the ratio is 1 Animal Control Officer per 34,000 in our county. Which pushes back licensing, pets running at large and noise complaints. Outsourcing licensing is another alternative. The Budget Office is not recommending outsourcing this year. Jennifer Tierney expressed concern about licensing transactions being outsourced and asking for fewer shelter attendants. Tim explained the time staff members spend in cross over job responsibilities and how it would benefit the dept. to approach this matter this way. May 17, 2007 is the meeting date with the County Manager Dudley Watts. The public meeting with the Board of Commissioners is scheduled May 29th. Jennifer suggested members should attend to show support for the budget requested by Animal Control and motioned to show this support by having a member be present at the June budget meeting held in May. Julie Magness seconded this motion.

- *Appeal Hearing will be May 17, 2007 at 1 PM in the Community Room.*

New Business

- *June Meeting*

The June meeting will be a regular public meeting and will address the 72 hour versus 120 hours stray hold time as well as the other proposed code amendments. FCAC will send out a PSA, publish an ad, and utilize the webpage, a dedicated email address, and a dedicated voicemail box to solicit public comments as well as requesting comment at the board meeting.

- *Member appointments*

It was discussed which members appointments are expiring. Tim encouraged board members to consider reappointment and relayed the process for reappointment as provided by the Clerk to the County Commissioners.

- *YTD Statistics*

Year to date statistics were provided to members. Staff referenced to the healthy euthanasia being up and speculated with the differences is the new facility. By not moving pets around as much and not as many pets in a kennel staff feels they are viewing less negative behavior issues and are better able to inhibit the spread of disease within the facility.

Jennifer Tierney advised that Furever Friends and FCAC are sponsoring a NC Justice Academy Animal Fighting Workshop for law enforcement officers on May 24, 2007.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be June 21, 2007, 6pm.