



Forsyth County Animal Services Advisory Board

July 16, 2019

6:00 - 7:30 PM
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Bill Cowan, Chair
Mitch Cromer, Vice Chair
Terry Jessup
Amy Pugh, DVM
Cristina Griffin
P.J. Lofland
Joseph Chrobak
Chad Griffin
Erin Turner
Michelle Connelly
Priscilla Ivester

Members Present

P.J. Lofland	Erin Turner	Michelle Connelly
Chad Griffin	Cristina Griffin	Priscilla Ivester
Bill Cowan	Mitch Cromer	Amy Pugh

Staff Present

Tonya Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Bill Cowan. Meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Bill welcomed back members Cristina Griffin, Amy Pugh, PJ Lofland, and Joseph Chrobak who were all appointed to a second term and returning member Priscilla Ivester.
- Approval of meeting minutes March 19, 2020
MOTION: Michelle Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Cristina Griffin and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment. This meeting was not able to be open to the public due to being held virtually.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Pet Licensing***

Staff member Tonya Ward stated that Pet Licensing will continue for the time being. The revenue from licensing is appreciated by the County at this time due to the loss of sales tax revenue this year.

Deputy County Manager Damon Sanders-Pratt was present and stated that Pet Licensing remains a topic for consideration for the Commissioners. Bill Cowan said that his understanding is that it will likely be revisited around November. Damon Sanders-Pratt said that he is working with County Manager Dudley Watts as well as the County Attorney on both Pet Licensing and Dangerous Dog requirements. He has spoken with Captain Loveland as well. Bill Cowan said he was in favor of a suggestion made previously by Lt. Morris to have a checklist for DD requirements. Chad Griffin said he was concerned about “repeat offenders” as well as public safety and would like to see the Dangerous Dog ordinance modified to address this.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***New Officers***

Staff member Tonya Ward notified the Board that after tallying the votes which were submitted via email the previous week, Mitch Cromer was elected as new Chair and Priscilla Ivester was elected as Vice Chair.

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and members for the Tribunal Hearings scheduled for August 13th and August 20th were discussed. Joseph Chrobak, Erin Turner, and Cristina Griffin said they were available to serve August 13th and PJ Lofland, Michelle Connelly, and Priscilla Ivester said they were available August 20th.

- ***Rabies Clinics***

Two drive up rabies clinics were held, one in June and one in July. Staff stated they were very successful and well received by citizens. A third clinic is planned for Saturday, August 15th.

- ***Future of the Board/Thank You***

Bill Cowan said as this will be his last meeting on the Board, he wished to say a few words. He thanked the Board and everyone he served with for all their hard work and dedication. He said he also wished to thank Captain Loveland for all of the productive discussions regarding rabies reporting, new Board positions, and Dangerous Dog regulations. He went on to say he hoped the Board would continue to work closely with the Commissioners as well as County Management especially regarding these topics.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business Bill Cowan asked for a motion to adjourn. PJ Lofland made the motion, which was seconded by Priscilla Ivester. Bill Cowan adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.