

July 9th, 2019 MEETING MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2019, at the Executive Conference Room, 800 Municipal, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Karen Bayless, Corinne Wright, John Roe; Karen Mills; Kathy Hogan, SJ Animal League, Cheryl Ragsdale

Members Absent: Sheila Noyes, DVM;

PRCA Staff Present: Shana, PRCA Director; Natalie Spruell, PRCA Director; Stacie Voss, FRAS Welfare Director; Gwen Johnson, PRCA Administrative Aide; Debbie Homer, PRCA Administrative Aide.

ACU Staff Present: Sergeant Soren Nielson, FPD/ACU Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bayless called the ASAC meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019 or were there any corrections.

After a brief discussion a couple cosmetic errors were brought to the board's attention and acknowledged. These will be corrected before a signature from the Chair; Ms. Bayless. Upon vote, the minutes were approved unanimously.

ANIMAL MICRO-CHIPPING —

Discussion opened with an update on continued progress on the Micro Chipping agenda. Stacie Voss, updated that proposed changes in a red line draft will be discussed at a future meeting with the City Attorney, Shana Reeves, Sergeant Nielson and herself. At the next meeting in October, an update will be given.

Ms. Bayless stated that at all times a member of the Foundation should always be a member of the ASAC.

SHELTER REPORT, QUARTERLY —

Ms. Voss explained and reviewed the monthly Farmington Regional Animal Shelter report with the Commission and guests. 770 animals were received in May and June reflects the shelter is already full. Adoptions were up a bit and the public spay and neuter program up as well.

On a disheartening note, a tough discussion had to be made to euthanize some animals for space. The selection of these animals to be put to rest fell in certain criteria. Length of time they have been housed at the shelter, and dogs that did not present themselves well; sick, no weight gain, and poor social skills.

211 Cats had to be euthanized, Ferrell cats and kittens without moms that again had health issues, did not present themselves well, or with social issues.

Ms. Voss reiterated it is unfortunate but space is needed, there were no other options at this time.

A discussion occurred about the why there was not more transfers, and Ms. Voss explained that volunteer drivers are very difficult to find. Meals and a night's stay is provided if needed, but most of the volunteers just do not have them time, when a transport is needed. A suggestion was made to promote the volunteer transport driving program be presented to the Sr. Center. Ms. Voss assured that she has arranged and will continue to arrange presentations at the Sr. Center.

Ms. Voss closed her report by stating it is going to be "painful summer" with a very filled to capacity shelter.

Ms. Bayless acknowledged Sergeant Soren Nielson, FPD/ACU Supervisor, he was introduced and welcomed.

FARMINGTON ANIMAL LEAGUE —

Ms. Hodges reported that the League lost a vet for the vaccine. She is willing to put the word out about drivers needed for the animal transfers for the Shelter.

FARMINGTON REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER FOUNDATION-

Ms. Bayless, gave an update on the new washer and dryer room and the courtyard retractable shade investment. The shade is really helping keeping the courtyard much cooler for the paws of our animals. Ms. Bayless also shared some

information on an upcoming "\$5 FRIENDS ADOPTION DAY" that the Foundations is sponsoring to try and raise awareness and get some animals adopted out.

The Foundation has brought in a Vet from Texas that had some time to donate to help get some animals healthy with surgeries or other needs. She closed by stressing we need volunteers, and foster family's until we can get some of these animals adopted out.

The annual report for the foundation will be going out to donors soon, to communicate, the recent projects, the Vet from Texas that has given some time and the "\$5 FRIENDS ADOPTION DAY". She explained about the screening process for that, as an interested person comes to adopt at that event, there will be some on the spot screening take place to make sure the animal is going to the right home. This will aid in any potential "wrongful motives" from those that are coming in to potentially adopt one of the animals, since the price is such a value.

Possible alternate programs will be looked at though out the year to relieve the pressure of a full shelter. Ms. Bayless also reminded the committee that the foundation sponsors \$30 Thursday, any dog that has lived at the shelter for 30 days or more can be adopted for only \$30 on Thursday's.

There has been a slight trend on the upward for micro-chipped animals. MS. Bayless opened the floor for questions or comments.

It was asked of Sergeant Nielson if the officers have shared with him that the chip company does not answer calls. Due to the fact there have been some comments made in the public concerning this. He replied he was not been aware of that. The process is that if a dog is picked up, the dog is scanned and the chipped company should be called to get further information.

ADJOURNMENT — With no further discussion, Ms. Bayless called to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m. A motion was made and carried.


Karen Bayless - Chair / Alt


Gwen Johnson, PRCA Administrative Aide