

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
919-942-PETS (7387)
ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Virtual Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edmond Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Lori Gershon (Secretary), Brenda Scott, Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Dawn Roberts, Allan Polak

Members ABSENT (Excused): Lucia Welborne, Meggie Romick

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Strong (Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant), Tenille Fox (Communications), Greg Ceseretti (Animal Services Assistant Director)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Our Wild Neighbors, Paula Greeno

Call to order: 6:34 p.m.

Virtual meeting voting guidelines addressed

Review and adoption of the meeting agenda:

Amendment: Old business brief update on 2nd chance committee

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y (2 nd)
Lee Pickett	Y
Lucia Welborne	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Absent
Allan Polak	Y

Brenda Scott	Y (Motion)
Lori Gershon	Y

Review and approval of November 17, 2021 meeting summary

- Comment: Article in Smithsonian Magazine about helping homeless with pets

	Vote (Motion/2nd)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Bryan Stuart	Y (Motion)
Lee Pickett	Y
Lucia Welborne	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Absent
Allan Polak	Y
Brenda Scott	Y (2 nd)
Lori Gershon	Y

New Business

- Discussion from Director Dr. Strong

- AS participated in County-wide DEI Training
- Staffing updates
 - Veterinary technician (Adriana) promoted to Kennel Director
 - Still short 2 vet tech positions
 - Continue to advertise at NC State and community college and on OC website
 - Rachel Plast last day is tomorrow- moving to Housing Department; Tenille Fox is cross-training to cover until someone new is hired
- Emergency Operations staffed by AS
- Update on Wolf-Dogs (8 total)
 - January 30, 2022 taking 2 wolf-dogs to Colorado (spayed and neutered)
 - Close to having 3 other wolf-dogs placed
 - Leaving 3 wolf-dogs in shelter awaiting placement

- **Pat Sanford Grant Award Winner- Our Wild Neighbors**
 - o Located in Hillsborough
 - o 1,480 animals rescued last year (corrected)
 - o Grant will be used to add enclosures for secure specialized rehabilitation (rabies vector)
 - o Willing to help AS, including providing space for grazing animals awaiting adoption

- **Impact of Donation Money at OCAS**
 - o Impactful on program level
 - Medical care
 - Dog park in the back
 - Community spay and neuter fund (animal tax)
 - o Included in general fund budget
 - FY 22 Projected Revenue to be \$417,900
 - \$25,000 is budgeted for donations
 - \$9,000 spay/neuter fund
 - o Grants, individual donation from OC website (Go Fund Me, donations as part of animal tax collection, and Community Giving Fund)
 - o Friends of the OC Animal Shelter also collects money for the shelter and are in discussion about how to honor Bob Marotta (bench with a plaque and Volunteer of the Year award and display- approx.. \$3,000)

Review of public participation guidelines

General public comments on items not on agenda: None

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion): Confirmed

Animal Services Advisory Board

- Susan Spinks resignation (represented private enterprise constituency)
 - o Open chair of Dangerous Dog Panel
- 3 total vacancies on the ASAB
 - o Chapel Hill
 - o Carrboro
 - o Private entrepreneur
- Rachel Plast leaving OCAS for a promotion in OC- the ASAB will truly miss her and appreciate her service

Old Business:

- **Update from Systemic Racism and Animal Welfare Committee**

- Projects that the committee has completed or turned over to Dr. Strong and staff end of November 2021
 - Dog parks dispersed equitably by demographics (completed)
 - Racial equity concerns in field services/animal control (not currently part of forms but will be addressed)
 - Diversity, equity and inclusion on OCAS staff and the ASAB
 - Animal funds
- Ongoing Projects
 - Pet-friendly rental housing and low-cost pet-friendly rental housing
 - Improving access to low-cost spay/neuter and other veterinary services among county residents, including our homeless community members
 - Expanding pet awareness through new public events (on hold due to COVID)
 - Education about pets in the schools (on hold due to COVID)
- **Update on Wild and Dangerous Animals Ordinance Committee**
 - Proposed amendments to provisions 4 and 5 sent to ASAB for review
 - Proposed amendments will be sent to Legal for review
- **Update on Noisy Rooster Committee**
 - Extra-territorial jurisdictions of cities where city ordinances apply
 - 13 different designations for zoning
 - Designation of high density residential within the county may be the appropriate place to discuss rooster limitation
 - Progress ongoing
- **Update from Second Chance Committee**
 - Local Bill (2022 Short Session) piece of legislation that has effect in only one county
 - Dr. Strong sent information to BOC to ask for a local bill to allow 18 month muzzling reconsideration to be consistent with state law
 - **Motion to recommend BOCC pursue local bill for legislative drafting in Raleigh**

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Bryan Stuart	Y
Lee Pickett	Y
Lucia Welborne	Absent
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y
Meggie Romick	Absent
Allan Polak	Y

Brenda Scott	Y
Lori Gershon	Y (2 nd)

Informal Discussion: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.