

Animal Control Board Minutes

Wednesday June 24, 2015

Board Members Present: Daniel Ramesy, Klaasje Helgren, Beth Sain, Christine Sumpter-Hegar, Dr. Greaf

Citizens/Organizations Present: Shadow Cats, Romans Rescue, Julie Rydell, Mathew Walter, Melanie Rathke, DeDe Yvelrton, Serena Howell

Not Present: President of Animal Control Board

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Open with citizens communications –

Judy Rydell: plan for Goodlife event 10-10-15, raise money at this event for specific things, new cat room/kennels etc.

Dr. Greaf: Our we happy with the current operations of the shelter?

Melanie Rathke: Need to seriously address the outside drainage for health and safety, mosquitoes and flies are a danger to the animals.

Klaasje Helgren: The shelter needs proper quarantine procedures for the intake and health of the animals and the community.

Christine Sumpter-Hegar: Read agenda from last meeting.

Ramsey: Concrete drains will be put in place and every outside kennel will have a funnel for water to the back. Tress will be cut this Friday (6-26-2015)
Plan in progress for drains/trees.

Klaasje Helgren: Trees are toxic to the animals, city workers must be aware not to let debris fall into kennels.

Christine Sumpter-Hegar – Tired of getting hurt and seeing the animals getting hurt

Dr. Greaf: Are we leaving the shelter at its current location?

Ramsey: We must live with what we have and try to make it better.

Julie Rydell: Working on 501C3 status, friends of the shelter, Could fall into with the Goodlife project.

Minutes: All in Favor

Ramsey Introduce new staff: Klaasje Helgren and Beth Sain

Item #4: Ramsey: New building, heat A/C , bathroom working. Internet in building. Working on cameras and steps/ramp for new building.

Julie Rydell: Will we have a ribbon cutting for the new building?

Ramsey: Yes. Building must be code compliant. Possible 9 more outside runs.

Klaasje Helgren: A kennel tech is top priority.

Dr.Greaf: Agrees that kennel tech position is necessary.

Diane(shadow cats): Will the kennel tech position require someone that is trained?

Klaasje Helgren: Yes, the kennel tech will be sent for formal training.

Beth Sain: The primary job of the kennel tech will be caring for the pets.

Ramsey- Introduce Romans Rescue, Shadow Cats and new volunteer Matt Walters

Julie Rydell: What do we need at the shelter, exam room, bath tub, etc.

All members and citizens agree that the shelter is in desperate need of a new catroom.

Matt Walter: Why can the city not buy a new building? Shelter resembles a prison and is unsafe.

Klaasje Helgren: New software for shelter, we need microchips, should be able to access shelter records safely anyplace.

All members/citizens agree that we need a sign for the shelter in the corner of 4th and hwy. 95.

Item #6 – Ramsey, Pet cemetery? Facilitate and avenue fir the community to use for their pets.

Dr.Greaf- Vet News: Kittens having upper respiratory issues. 2 cases of parvo from the shelter. All animals must be vaccinated right away. Need quarantine for cats and dogs. Need heartworm tests for all dogs.

Klassie Helgren: Currentlv we have no intake hold or proper quarantine.

Julie Rydell: City needs to spray for mosquitoes and other harmful pests.

Shadow Cats: Mentioned the meeting on June 30th for TNR class (trap, neuter and release). Need to teach officers how to identify Ferrell cats so that they do not end up back at the shelter. Put tips/information in the city water bill on TNR.

Item #9: No cap on animals – Klaasje Helgren: must have a multi pet permit for more than five pets, exempt for personnel or volunteers fostering.

Award and incentive to report animal cruelty?

Set Date for next meeting – Later

8:05 pm – meeting adjourned