

Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2006 7PM

Members Attending: Ed Varga, Bud Alexander, Jeanette Everett, Richard Klasen, Patrick McNulty, Jerry Rivard, Joe Kozlowski
Absent: Lynda Sugasa, Edin Mehanovic

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7pm.

Public Participation: No Public Participation. Jim Jackson from Woodstock, Joyce Anderson from Woodstock and Mary Donner were in the audience to observe.

Bud Alexander moved to approve the minutes of the July 5th 2006 meeting.
Second by Jeanette Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

(A) Trap Neuter and Release Data.

Jerry Rivard briefed the committee on the data that was turned in by Animal Outreach and Helping paws.

He stated that the reports were just turned in and there was no time to put together a summary for the committee members.

An overall reduction in total animals can not be seen at this time.

What he observed is that in the last two quarters there were no new animals added to the colonies.

Jerry added that we are still waiting for more information.

Rick Klasen asked if we should just table the discussion and invite Animal Outreach and Helping paws to the next meeting.

Pat McNulty stated that Helping Paws has 815 cats in their colonies and Animal Outreach has 501 cats in theirs.

Ed Varga stated that they would table the discussion on TNR until the next meeting.

Jerry Rivard will contact Helping Paws and Animal Outreach asking them to address the committee at their next meeting.

(B) Animal running at large acting aggressive:

Reviewed proposed policy on dogs running at large and acting aggressive.

Ed Varga asked the committee to make a motion of concurrence. Bud Alexander moved to concur with the policy and Jeanette Everett seconded, motion passed unanimously

(C) Dog Bites statistic: For review

Pat McNulty presented to the committee 2005 and 2006 bite statistic.

Jerry Rivard informed committee members that Animal Control had increased patrols of problem areas for the beginning of the school year. Officers were paid overtime. This is temporary and will be ended after the first week.

Rick Klasen asked why Wonder Lake has such a high bite rate.

Pat McNulty stated that he would try and pull more data to see if trends can be identified.

(D) Customer satisfaction survey;

The results of the survey were positive. Community complimented staff being friendly/helpful, and on facility upkeep.

(5) Old business New Animal Control facility

The purchasing department has sent out RFP'S.

There were at least 5 firms that had expressed interest.

Alternative financing is being investigated including issuing bonds.

A meeting is scheduled for 9/8/06 at the new facility to address question from potential contractors.

(6) Animal Control Monthly statistic:

Jerry Rivard stated that since the volunteers have been taking the dogs for walks, the dogs are happier and their behavior is more appealing to potential adopters.

A private citizen has offered to donate small and large items to Animal Control and we are very happy to have her aboard.

Jerry explained to the committee about Petharbor.com. how people can look for their lost animals and also look for animals for adoption.

Euthanasia:

Increased Euthanasia rates of dogs and cats on the last monthly report were explained to the committee. Increases in number of relinquished aggressive dogs to animal control has increased overall as has the health issues of impounded cats resulting in increased euthanasia rates.

Newsletter:

Ed Varga stated what a nice job the Newsletter was and wanted to know where it has been distributed to. It is distributed to committees, vets and volunteers.

Ed Varga asked if anyone had ideas about what to name the new facility. He asked committee members to think about ideas.

Rick Klasen asked if we could address the animal administrator position and the difficulty in finding a replacement for Dr. Mehanovic.

Pat McNulty said besides direct mail of the vacancy announcement to Veterinarians, that the Human Resources Department has put out a survey to vets asking what would make this position more interesting.

Rick Klasen stated that animal control needs more Animal Control Officers and staff and he feels that having a full time vet on board would be more cost effective in spay/neuters and vet bills keeping the animals in house rather than sending them out for treatment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday October 4th, 2006

