

Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2006 7PM

Members Attending: Ed Varga, Bud Alexander, Jeanette Everett, Patrick McNulty, Jerry Rivard, Joe Kozlowski, Dr. Mehanovic

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7pm by committee chairman, Ed Varga.

Public Participation: none

Ed Varga moved to approve the minutes of the September 2006 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

(a) Leasing Kennel Space

Currently 24 dogs have been declared Dangerous after investigation by AC. Owners of animals declared dangerous need to comply with County Ordinance that requires their animal to be neuter/spayed and micro-chipped. Follow-up action is being taken by AC with the States Attorneys' guidance to ensure compliance. Final notification is being sent to noncompliant owners. Failure to comply will result in impoundment of their animals. Owners do have a right to appeal. This could be a lengthy process causing a hardship on AC with regards to available kennel space. AC is in the process of contacting shelters that can possible house these animals for the duration of the appeal.

(b) Donations procedures

Animal control currently has two funds in addition to the county general fund. The veterinary capital fund and the animal shelter (aluminum can donations) fund. Staff are seeking other suggestions to make it easy for the public to make donations. A suggestion that the public be allowed to donate gift cards and/or to set up an account at local stores where supplies could be purchased in order to make it easier for the person that wants to donate. Further investigation is to be done by staff to determine what procedures must be followed to accept these types of donations.

© Committee vacancies

Advertisements will be placed in local newspapers to fill the public committee vacancies. Interviews will be tentatively set up for the next meeting November 1st 2006. Recommendation from this committee will be sent on to the Board of Health. Public Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson, Virginia Peshke will provide a name of a replacement county board member for Rick Klasen for the committee.

Old Business

(a) Bids went out for the new facility there has been approximately 5-6 responses.

(b) TNR

TNR data was presented to the committee members. J. Rivard indicated at this time it is difficult to identify any trends.

Cindy Gafney (Helping Paws) and Jackie Smith (Animal Outreach) explained to the committee that they felt there were less kittens in April and May of this year. Pat McNulty suggested that they try a pilot program for vaccinating TNR cats with 3 year vaccinations and then trying to catch the same cats and revaccinate them again. Cindy said she would be willing to discuss this further and possibly use one of her smaller colonies in the pilot study.

Jackie felt this would be difficult and would look into getting data from the west coast programs as to how they address this issue.

They stated that there were only 2 cases of FIV positives and 1 feline leukemia this year in Helping paws TNR colonies and 1 case of FIV in Animal Outreaches colonies.

Information

(a) Animal Control Monthly Statistics

Jennett Everett asked about the new changes in the dog/cat registration fees. Pat McNulty explained that the proposed animal registration fees were all raised \$5.00 and if the animal was microchip, the fee would be reduced by \$5.00.

Motion to adjourn made by Bud Alexander and second by Jennett Everett. The Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is set for November 1st 2006