

Orange County Animal Services
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
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ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureane Hoffman (Chair), Molly Mullin (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Daniel, Susan Elmore, Casey Ferrell, Beth Grooms, Amanda Schwoerke (Secretary), Bryan Stuart, Edmund Tiryakian, Lucia Welborne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Obeid, Lee Pickett, Lisa Wells

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Marotto (Animal Services Director), Andi Morgan (Animal Services Asst. Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant), Anne-Marie Tesco (County Attorney)

Call to order: 6:32 p.m.

Review and adoption of the Agenda: approved, after adding a new agenda item (about the Family Fun Fest!, an Animal Services event), and removing the informational items (about field-services and sheltering statistics) from the agenda

Summary of April 17, 2019, meeting: approved

Review of public participation guidelines: Not reviewed

General Public Comments on items not on agenda: None

Membership Updates:

- The ASAB welcomed new members, Casey Ferrell and Lucia Welborne
- New-member orientation is set for the beginning of May

Animal Services Advisory Board Updates:

Old Business

- **2018-2019 ASAB Annual Report and Work Plan:**
 - Bob Marotto and Maureane Hoffman presented the work plan at the most recent Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting
- **Draft BOCC Memo on Cat Concerns**
 - Per the ASAB's new protocol on items brought forth from residents and others, Bob Marotto presented a draft memo to the BOCC informing it of the ASAB's actions with respect to a resident's concern about free-roaming cats
 - ASAB members asked questions about the draft
 - On motion, the ASAB voted to forward the memo to the BOCC
- **Progress Report of the Wild and Dangerous Animal Task Force**

- Bryan Stuart (task force chair) reported on the amendments to Sec. 4-182, Division 5, proposed by the task force
- Task force member Edmund Tiryakian read a statement voicing disagreement with some aspects of the draft, and proposing a mechanism by which residents could ask for exemptions to any prohibitions
- Anne-Marie Tesco presented draft amendments to the enforcement provision of the ordinance, which she and Bob Marotto have been working on
- The ASAB began a spirited discussion of the proposed amendments. Among other things, the ASAB discussed how to proceed procedurally, such as bringing in experts to present, hosting listening panels for community members, etc.
- Upon motion, the ASAB voted to expand the Task Force to include Beth Grooms and Evelyn Daniel as new members
- Also upon motion, the ASAB approved the following plan:
 - The expanded Task Force will create a second draft of its proposed amendments, based on the issues raised during the meeting
 - The Task Force will clarify its definition of “dangerous” animals—including epidemiological issues, etc.
 - The Task Force will create a proposed procedural plan for moving forward—including more ASAB discussion, expert involvement, possible listening sessions with community members, etc.

New Business

- **Family Fun Fest!**

- Bob Marotto introduced a new Animal Services event, the Family Fun Fest!, which will take place on May 18, 2019, in Fairview Park in Hillsborough.
- Animal Services wants to ask the BOCC for permission to use money from its community-giving fund on a mobile veterinary clinic for this event. Bob Marotto asked for the ASAB’s support when Animal Services approaches the BOCC for approval.
- ASAB members asked questions about the event, the costs of hiring a mobile clinic, and the community-giving fund
- On motion, the ASAB approved lending its support to Animal Services’ request

Adjournment and next meeting:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting is May 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Orange County Animal Services Center.