

Orange County Animal Services  
1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
919-942-PETS (7387)  
**ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (ASAB)**  
**6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting Summary**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Edmund Tiryakian (Chair), Bryan Stuart (Vice Chair), Casey Ferrell (Secretary), Lee Pickett, Sunita Driehuys, Lori Gershon, Susan Spinks, Lori Gershon, Allan Polak, Dawn Roberts

**ABSENT:** Sue Millager, Meggie Romick

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra Strong (Animal Services Director), Vicki Jones (Interim Animal Services Director), Rachel Plast (Administrative Assistant)

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**Call to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Virtual meeting voting guidelines:** Bryan Stuart, ASAB Vice-Chair

**Review and adoption of the agenda:**

	<b>Vote (Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
Bryan Stuart	Y
<b>Sue Millager</b>	
Lee Pickett	Y (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Casey Ferrell	Y
<b>Meggie Romick</b>	
Allan Polak	n/a (tech issues)
Susan Spinks	Y (Motion)
Lori Gershon	n/a (absent early)
Dawn Roberts	Y

**New Business**

- **Introduction to incoming ASAB Director Dr. Sandra Strong**

- New Director shared remarks; ASAB and other attendees made introductory remarks
- **Remote locations for ASAB meetings**
  - Chairperson Tiryakian requests the creation of an informal committee to spearhead initiative to host ASAB meetings in other locations
    - Lucia Welborne, Allan Polak volunteered to participate
- **Ms. Judy Markey on roosters in the community**
  - Raised the issue of backyard flocks of chickens outside incorporated town limits. Is neighbor to a property with chickens that are a noise nuisance.
  - Asking for an amendment to the ordinance to change the requirements for number of chickens (hens/roosters) on a property of a certain size in certain neighborhoods; asking for a review of the policies
  - Chairperson Tiryakian proposes a further review of local pertinent ordinances
    - No immediate interest; tabled for further discussion

**Review and approval of March 2021 meeting summary**

- With amendment to remove Amanda as present from attendance record

	<b>Vote (Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
Bryan Stuart	Y
<b>Sue Millager</b>	
Lee Pickett	Y (Motion)
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Casey Ferrell	Y
<b>Meggie Romick</b>	
Allan Polak	Y (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Susan Spinks	Y
Lori Gershon	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y

**Review of public participation guidelines:** Bryan Stuart, ASAB Vice-Chair

**General public comments on items not on agenda:**

- N/A

**Monthly Meeting Attendance Record (confirm completion):** confirmed

**Animal Services Advisory Board**

- **Introduction of ASAB applicants**

- Brenda Baldwin Scott (present)
- Jennifer Stout
- David Francis (present)
  
- Motion to vote on the application of Brenda Scott via Survey Monkey

	<b>Vote (Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
Bryan Stuart	Y
<b>Sue Millager</b>	
Lee Pickett	Y (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Casey Ferrell	Y
<b>Meggie Romick</b>	
Allan Polak	Y
Susan Spinks	Y (Motion)
Lori Gershon	Y
Dawn Roberts	Y

- Motion to vote on the application of David Francis via Survey Monkey

	<b>Vote (Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
Bryan Stuart	Y (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
<b>Sue Millager</b>	
Lee Pickett	Y
Ed Tiryakian	Y
Lucia Welborne	Y
Sunita Driehuys	Y
Casey Ferrell	Y
<b>Meggie Romick</b>	
Allan Polak	Y
Susan Spinks	Y
Lori Gershon	Y (Motion)
Dawn Roberts	Y

- **Animal Hearing Panel**

- Allan Polak and Susan Spinks were approved by BOCC as hearing panel chairs

## Old Business:

- **Shelter Requirements for Livestock Guardian Dogs**
  - Recommended making no change to the ordinance at this time. While the task force did research on best practices in the field, and found benchmarks and other counties that would guide any recommendation regarding shelter, it determined that there was not a community need to address this matter at the time. The citizen who brought the issue to the ASAB's attention does not appear to be interested any longer, and the Agricultural Preservation, although aware of our task force, did not take a position on the recommendation.
  
- **Update from Wild and Dangerous Animal Committee**
  - Bryan, Ed, and Annemarie Tosco met to discuss some conflicting terms between Divisions 4 and 5 in the Ordinance, specially the differences among "Wild Animals," "Exotic Animals," and "Wild Animals Dangerous to Persons and Property."

## Informational Items

- [April 2021 Monthly Statistics for Sheltering Operations](#)
- [April 2021 Monthly Statistics for Field Services](#)

## Informal Discussion

- N/A

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.