

Animal Advisory Commission

FINAL MINUTES

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Meeting Date: December 11, 2014 **Convened:** 1:30 p.m. **Adjourned:** 4:15 p.m.

CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Members Present:

Mary Spencer, Chair
Maeleska Fletes, Vice Chair
Judi Burnett
Julie Cassidy
Patti Cody
Molly DeVoss
Teresa Grubbins
Amanda Henry
Deborah Hicks
Jody Jones
Bonnie Mathias
Rebecca Poling
Jennifer Roberts
Christopher Watts

Members Absent:

Briefing Presenters:

Catherine McManus, Operations Mgr.

Staff Present

Kris Sweckard, Jody Jones, Sloan Anderson, Catherine McManus, Rita Hammelman, Audrey Parham

Other Staff

Joey Zapata-ACM
Mai Brock-CAO
Jeffrey Cornell-CAO
Tammy Palomino-CAO
Eileen Youens, Eileen-CAO

Guest

Skip Trimble
Kenneth Denson

AGENDA:

1. Chairman Announcements

Presenter(s) Mary Spencer

- Announced dates for AAC 2015 Meetings: March 26th, June 25th, September 24th & November 17th.
- AAC 2015 Retreat, Yolanda Ramirez secured "Center for Community Corp." on February 19th, 2015 9am-4pm.
- Recognitions given out for the care of "Bentley" recipients were: Jody Jones, Dr. Cate McManus, Rebecca Poling and Sana Syed.
- Acknowledged & Welcomed Jody Jones as new Animal Shelter Commission Appointee for District 6 –Councilmember Alonzo.

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):

2. Approval of September 25, 2014 Minutes

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):

A motion was made by the Chair to make the following amendments:

1. The Minutes should reflect Councilman Griggs statement that DAS would definitely get an emergency generator; and that money would not come from DAS budget.
2. He also encouraged the Commission to advocate on behalf of DAS during the budget process.
3. Please include itemization of all items that Mr. Sweckard mentioned re: the additional funding for DAS and the status of those purchases, as was reported to the Commission at the meeting;
4. Include Mr. Sweckard statement, that DAS would not be getting an emergency generator.
5. Also Mr. Sweckard was to report back on making Jody a Director or Assistant Director.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended

Item passed unanimously.

3. AAC Meeting Calendar for 2015

Presenter(s): **Mary Spencer- Chair**

- **Proposed that the AAC have 4 regular meetings in 2015**
 1. March 26, 2015
 2. June 25, 2015
 3. September 24, 2015
 4. November 19, 2015
- **AAC Retreat for February 19, 2015**

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s): (listen to tape)

Motion made & accepted to approve AAC Meeting Calendar 2015

4. DCAP Update

Presenter(s): **Maeleska Fletes**

Information Only:







Ms. Fletes reported the following highlights:


- DCAP has on current record, 5000 spay/neuter's since the program began
- Big fix is looking to continue the 2nd phase for 2015, will provide more information TBA
- Pets for Life Spay /Neuter goals for zip code 75215 for 2014 is: 500 (445 Done Already)
- Annual Fundraiser netted over \$6000.00
- No updates to report for the Pet Smart Charity Grant 75208
- Real Men Care Event can be accessed online: www.dallasanimals.org
- DACAP interactive map has been launched go to: www.dallasanimals.org
 - A. shows adoption clinics in city
 - B. list low cost clinics
 - C. list adoption clinics and much more...
- 12 Bars for Charity event took place 12/12/14 at 8pm, DCAP's first year as a beneficiary.
- Tacos and Tequila Restaurant in collaboration with, in collaboration with Dallas Animal Companions, donates 50 cents to a designated local charity, each time we sell our signature tableside guacamole.
- For \$30 ticket purchase \$10 donated directly to Dallas Companion Animal Project, official 12 Bars of Charity shirt, Drinks specials at participating 12 Bars plus a shuttle pass
- Discussion on no kill held regarding the progress of Dallas plan and other communities' results were made. Rockwall Shelter's Communication was distributed by Ms. DeVoss. Discussion also included opportunities to showcase the progress we have made statistics.

5. 2015 Legislative Update


Presenter(s): **Skip Trimble Former AAC Chair**


Information Highlights

-  1/3 OF THE Legislators are new
-  Bill regarding THLN: bill states that it will allow tethering, just make it safer for animals/more humane.
-  Dallas Ordinance regarding tethering will be stronger than State Ordinance; also, Dallas ordinance will be open regarding makes changes in the law.
-  New State Sponsor is Jason Diablo
-  K9 Encounter Ed. Bill-K9 encounter training will be required (6hours)
-  Redo Dangerous Wild Animal Act

 THLN Lobby day sometime in March

 Dangerous Dog Appeal Bill

 Vet Bill (TVA) will be discussed

 RPOA (Gibb Lewis)

6. Tethering Law

Presenter(s): Mia Brock / Jeffrey Cornell

City Attorney's Office

Question & Answer Session

- **Q. Why is Tethering not being enforced**
- ❖ **A. Sec. 7-31 (discussed duration of tethering)**

- **Q. What is the proper procedure, to get a successful outcome in court, if you have record of a 311 call, regarding a dog that has been tied up for 6 hours?**
- ❖ **A. The witness will need to be present to give testimony in court, other actions that are helpful include: having video in some cases photos but the witness must still be present in order for this case to make an impact. Often times the witness does not want to come forward.**

- **Q. What is the time span on animals being tethered?**
- ❖ **A. The city ordinance states whatever is reasonable, but no more than three hours.**

- **Q. How do you prosecute tethering violations**
- ❖ **Jody Jones-Director Dallas Animal Services, elaborated on the tethering Civil vs. Criminal.**
- ❖ **Dr. Catherine McManus –Dallas Animal Services commented on tethering and animal cruelty.**

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):

- Need to have 311 more involved in this process
- Need to distinguish which process should be used in order to prosecute for tethering
- Appoint someone who can put mailer together regarding tethering awareness
- For more info. On outside application form contact CAO (214) 670-4439

7. Budget Items Update/Overview

Sunset Review & Fee Study

Presenter(s): Kris Sweckard-Director CCS

• **Drainage Projects**

Paid from 2013-2014 Budget
\$205,000

• **Play yard Draining**

\$585,000

- **Purchased New Chairs**
- **Push Codes**
2014-2015 Budget
- **Floors(2nd time around)**
\$17, 000
- **Medical Equipment**
2014-2015 Budget (Code)
\$52,000
- **Lights Installed**
- **People Counter**
2014-2015 Budget (code)
\$25,000
- **Generator**
EBS (MMFF Fund)
90 days
- **Mobile Laptops**
2013-2014 Budget installed end of January

Sunset Process

- Survive on Sunset / Redistribute Duties
- Deeper Drive
- Perf / Responsibilities
- Effective/Efficiencies
- EO March teams w/have reviewed
- Due to QL 3/23
- Full Council 4/1

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):

- All Enforcement Divisions/ Move on separating on moving under Public Safety Portfolio
- Budget briefing already done 22 Million short

8. Manager Presentation**Presenter(s):** Dr. Catherine McManus-Dallas Animal Services

- Updated on Community Outreach & Education (September & October 2014)
- Medical Updates
- Facilities Report breakdown (DAS)
- Training & Education Update including Conferences (DAS)
- Placement Results Sept.-October 2014 included: Adoptions Numbers and Live Release Rates percentages -(All Animals)

- **Shelter & EAC Updates**
 - A. Petsmart EAC 1yr. Anniversary Event
 - B. Internal Audit
 - C. Councilwoman Gates Tour
 - D. Banfield Volunteer Day

- **Field Services Update**
 - A. New Animal Service Officers
 - B. Officer Outreach

- **Ebola Response**
 - A. Unprecedented Response
 - B. Media Coverage

- **DAS Happenings**
 - A. Honors & Awards
 - B. Promotions & Events
- Coming Attractions (DAS)
- Historical Comparison Discussed

- Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):**
 - Flap on LRR Stat Sheet vs. Presentation
 - HW treatments-DCAP-Banfield (Rita)
 - Hats off to the Staff / Initiated events and results