

Animal Advisory Commission Special Meeting

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 28, 2018 **Convened:** 1:40 pm **Adjourned:** 3:03 pm

Members Present:

Peter Brodsky, Chair
Kevin Gibbs
Karen Kennedy
Justina Walford
Sandra Luhring
Stephanie Timko
Ruth Steward
Diane Bishop

Members Absent:

Molly DeVoss
Pat Rodriguez
Ryan McComber
Stephen Edison
Charlotte New
Teresa Gubbins

Briefing Presenters:

Ed Jamison, Director
Ryan Rogers, Asst. Director

Staff Present:

Bianca Johnson, Michael Burks, Edward Suarez, Ed Jamison, Ryan Rogers, Ernest Lampkin and Bay Touch

Guests:

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Presenter(s): Peter Brodsky

Information Only:

- Congratulations to all ordinance that was passed. Thanks to the Dangerous Dog Taskforce, staff as well as Kaneshia in the Attorney's Office.
- A council brought up a call regarding an animal being picked up and not contacted.
 - Mr. Jamison: Our records show that the owner was contacted. The phone number that was on the microchipped had not been used in 8 months. The animals were not picked up in the field but brought in through our front door by a citizen.
- Welcome to Justina Walford on being appointed to the Animal Advisory Commission.

2. Approval of May 10, 2018 Minutes

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made by Sandra Luhring and second to approve by Karen Kennedy.

3. DAS Management Reports

Presenter(s): Ed Jamison

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- Defining Success in FY 2017-18
 - 19,500 dogs' intake by Field. June total was 10,997 dog intakes
 - 81.1% Live Release Rate
- Public Safety
 - Dog intake is down from last year
 - Dog Field intake is down by 7% compared to the same quarter last year of 4163.
 - Loose and Loose Owned Bites has increased by 28%.
 - Loose and Loose Owned dog calls to 311 has decreased by 17%.
 - Percentage of intake already S/N and Microchipped at 10% already altered and 21% already microchipped. The microchipping is going straight up as the number of animals are coming in.
- Quality of Animal Treatment
 - Live Release rate has increased to 78% versus 73% last year
 - The average length of stay is going down.
 - Percentage on the Heartworm Treatment is 21.1%. We have requested funding in our future budget to keep this program.
- Stakeholders
 - Citizen Survey are the same as on 2009
 - Adoption Survey, we are calling 30 days after asking a handful of questions on how the adoption went for them, overall is 97%
 - Top Rescue Partners, Rockwall Pets at 323
 - 25% of those that adopt.
- Heat Maps
 - Owner Surrender
 - 75211 8.65%
 - Bite Data
 - Loose 107
 - Loose Owned 286
 - Adoption by Zip
 - 75211 9.5%
- Comments
 - Competition and Breeding animals
 - We did clean up the fees on redemption
 - I have the ability to view all situation, if an animal is loose.
 - All will have an updated ordinance
 - We will have new shelter managers coming in.

The following were questions from the Commissioners with response:

- Mr. Brodsky: I see that the dog intakes are down, does that mean the owner surrender is down as well?
 - Mr. Rogers: That is true for dogs but our owner surrender numbers for cats in the shelter has gone up.

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- Ms. Timko: Trapping at night, do you have capture teams? Have you considered using Rescue teams for that? Hire them?
 - Mr. Jamison: We haven't, but it may be talked and thought about it.
- Mr. Brodsky: Why such as change in the loose and loose owned dog bites?
 - Mr. Jamison: I think it is because of our OPS Team working in the troubled areas and now that we no longer have one our numbers have gone up, but there is no data to present that.
- Ms. Steward: If you have an animal that microchipped, S/N, and vaccinated but bites someone and everything was settled with the citizen. Do you still bring the dog in?
 - Mr. Jamison: If the dog is running loose, yes, we will get involved but if it happens at the home then we can do a home quarantine.
- Ms. Timko: Can you tell me what an in-need animal is? Is that medical?
 - Mr. Jamison: Animals that are identified as rescue.
- Mr. Brodsky: Is that 25% of people that came in and say that they will adopt?
 - Mr. Rogers: yes.
- Mr. Brodsky: Do you have data in to why they are surrendering their animals.
 - Mr. Jamison: that is something we are working on.
 - Mr. Rogers: it could be because people are moving, financial problems and animal problems. We have broken them down to 3 major categories.
- Mr. Brodsky: Do you want to have several meetings or one meeting and discuss the sections we have not touched on?
 - Mr. Jamison: Anything that we need to discuss more we can have open meetings and discuss.
- Ms. Timko: Can we have more time to view the ordinance to come up with changes?
 - Mr. Jamison: We will be able to get it all out in a time for everyone to view?
- Ms. Bishop: How are you getting the word out on the meeting?
 - Mr. Brodsky: Through email, social media, and city website.
- Ms. Kennedy: Are there any progress on the second location?
 - Mr. Jamison: We have a zoning meeting and vandalism, so we will see after that meeting.

Action Taken Committee Recommendation(s):

- Not having a Taskforce for managers and Attorneys Office to handle the process but have open meetings for public input.
- Notifications to be place in brochures at the townhall meetings.

4. Public Comments

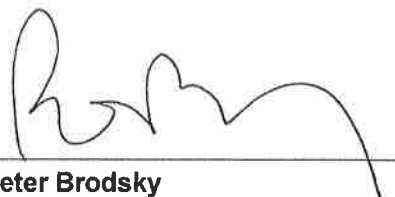
The following citizens stated their full name, address, and raised their concerns:

- Helena Shikoff
 - Dog behavior and how its handled.

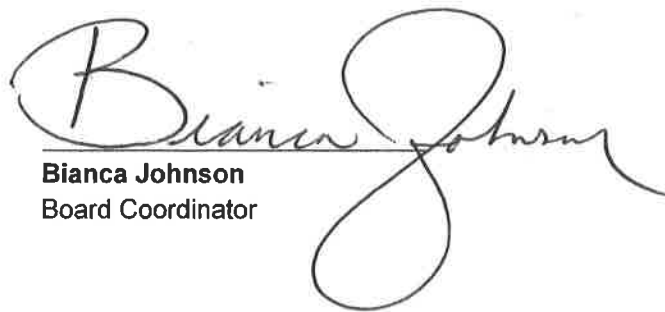
5. Next Meeting

- August 9, 2018

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Peter Brodsky
Animal Advisory Commission Chair



Bianca Johnson
Board Coordinator