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Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (A S A C)

Minutes

NOVEMBER 18, 2010 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall and was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by vice –chairman Rebecca Rojas.

I. Members are asked to make sure they have signed the sign in sheet and a quorum is met.

Committee Member	Present	absent
Janice Nutt		x
Yoli Barbe	x	
Betty Hoover	x	
Loretta Hyde	x	
Rebecca Rojas	x	
Maria Elena Garcia		x
Charles Hooten	x	
Brandy Gardes		x
Rachel Quintana	x	
Carla Cardoza		x
Dr. Nancy Crider	x	
Ruth Reyes		x
Gracie Sandoval		x
Ira L, Barbe	x	
Guadalupe m. Hammer	x	
Robert G. Melson	x	

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Health Department Staff present: Eduardo de Castro, Larry Brunt

Texas Department of Health Regional Veterinarian: Dr. Ken Waldrup

City of El Paso Legal Department: Josette Flores

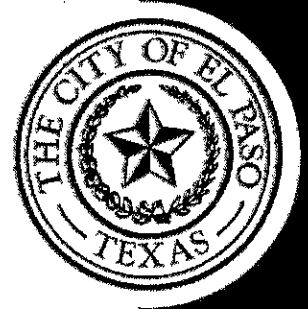
- II. There were corrections of the last minutes asked for and are as follows. Chris Yakubovsky was mis-spelled and Brandi Gardes is mis-spelled. There is discussion of who the secretary is and answered. The question by Mr. Hooten of why the committee does not see the corrected version of the last minutes is answered in that the corrections are given to Perla Ramos in the director's office after each meeting and she does the corrections and posting as soon as she receives the information from the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of JULY 15, 2010 are not approved nor signed this evening. Vice-chairman Rojas asks that corrections be made and the minutes of JULY 15, 2010 will be signed in the next meeting.

- III. Josette Flores of City Legal gives a presentation of the interlocal agreement between the City and county.

There is discussion of what is being asked and exactly what is being discussed due to the existing document of Interlocal Agreement between the city and county. Mr. Hooten is asked by committee to inquire to the county attorney if an interlocal agreement is legal and if necessary get an attorney general opinion. (As a matter of clarification, Mr. Hooten asks if it is legal for a Texas county to fulfill its statutory duty by simply entering into an interlocal agreement with a city within the county).

An electronic copy of the interlocal agreement has been sent to the committee members.



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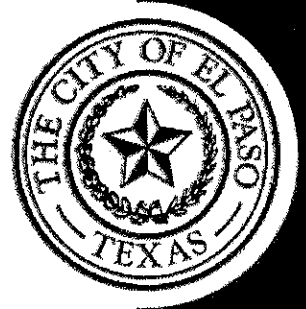
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- IV. There is an explanation by Josette Flores about Open meetings and the importance of them, how they are to flow and the content of items spoken about in meetings that are of Open nature. Postings, item presentation, agenda items, and timing of items presented.

There is discussion initiated by Mr. Hooten about whether or not a committee such as A.S.A.C is or is not under this act. Another question asked, (is it legal for a city to cause all its advisory committees to come under the Open Meetings Act.) Mr. Hooten again was asked to approach the county attorney for an opinion from the Attorney General.

There has been an electronic copy of the Ordinance speaking to this topic sent to the members.

- V. Dr. Ken Waldrup (Zoonosis Veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health Region 10) has an interesting presentation on rabies within the region he is responsible for that includes the city and county of El Paso. There is discussion and questions about the Zoonosis population, "at risk" animals and primarily the bat studies of rabies and "possible" other diseases that the State threw Dr. Waldrup, animal Services and the medical community are involved with. The programs that the state is involved with the El Paso shelter are of utmost importance in the very real and dangerous disease of rabies. Congratulations are noted for the job that has been and continues to be done on this dangerous disease.
- VI. Mr. Ed de Castro with Animal Services gives an update on the construction / renovations/ corrections of the existing facility. This is essentially a project "in the works". There are still items of budget, correction, necessity and "as needed" being discussed with the city and the engineering department on this facility. The best to be offered at this time is the renovations will probably be carried out in phases due to the above.

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There are questions of adoption , space , kenneling , "green construction " , H.V.A.C. needs -vs.-costs presented and simply put , this information is not available at this time to state "in concrete".

- VII. Ms. Rojas asks if there is any public comments, there are none.

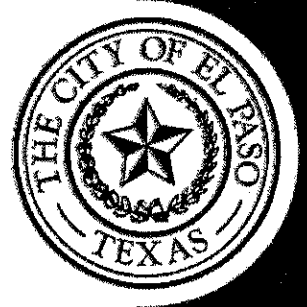
In closing remarks; It is asked to Mr. Hooten to supply the secretary the exact questions posed in items # III and IV. Such clarifications are included in the items above.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Approved by:


ASAC Chair

Prepared by: Larry Brunt, Animal Services



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