



**Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 9, 2012**

1. A meeting of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was held at the Conference Room at the Animal Services and was called to order at 6:12pm by Betty Hoover, Vice Chairperson.

Board Member A.S.A.C.	Present	Absent
Dr. Roger Freund	X	
Yolanda Giner	X	
Patricia Gonzalez	X	
Charlie Hooten	X	
Betty Hoover	X	
Linda Krasowski	X	
Rene Leon		X
Rep. Ann Morgan-Lilly		X
Robert Melson	X	
Janice Nutt	X	
Eddie Sandoval		X

Environmental Services Staff present: Kurt Fenstermacher, Larry Brunt, Sandra Pellegrini, Karl Rimkus and Tenda Rocha

Public present: Virginia Hooten, Spring Okada, Connie Jimenez, Marcia Margherio, John Conwell, Loretta Hyde, Regina Wagner, Barbra Candelaria

2. Discussion on the approval of ASAC April 11th minutes

Motion made by Bob Melson and seconded by Janice Nutt to accept the April 11th minutes as is.

Ayes: Dr. Roger Freund, Linda Krasowski, Janice Nutt, Robert Melson, Patricia Gonzalez, Yolanda Giner, Charlie Hooten, and Betty Hoover

Nays: None

3. Discussion and action on Sub-committees' reports:

- a. Feral Cat Management – Chairperson Regina Wagner

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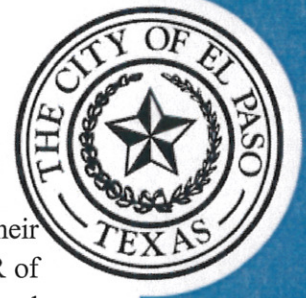
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Regina Wagner, chairperson for the sub-committee provided a report on their first meeting. A request to change the name of the sub-committee to TNR of El Paso was made. The paperwork on this subject is almost completed and will allow the group to start the program. Corrections are being made on protocols and the group is open to take outside information. More information on the group's activities will be provided by the next meeting.

Motion: No action was taken.

b. Public Education and Outreach – Chairperson Bob Melson

Bob Melson, chairperson for the sub-committee provided a report on their first meeting. The group is now working on presentation information. Mr. Melson would like to replace the Job Description provided on the last meeting to the sub-committees with an instruction sheet. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that the information sheet was only meant to be a guide for the sub-committee to have a starting point. Questions on alternatives to fund the program were brought up; more information on the subject will be available on the next meeting.

Motion: No action taken

c. Pet Foster Program – Chairperson Connie Jimenez

Connie Jimenez, chairperson for the sub-committee provided a report on their first meeting. Ms. Jimenez mentioned repeated requests to use the Austin Pets Alive protocol and program as a guide for the El Paso program. Questions on alternatives to fund the program were brought up; it was also suggested for the City to hire a foster manager to manage the program. More information on the subject will be available in the next meeting.

Motion: No action taken

d. Inter-governmental Relations – Yolanda Giner or Bob Melson

Yolanda Giner, chairperson for the sub-committee provided a report on their first meeting. A request to get clarification on support to be provided by the City while carrying their activities was made. Questions on alternatives to fund this sub-committee's activities were brought up. A request to have City Council make a proclamation towards the work done by the sub-committee

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was made. Kurt Fenstermacher advised that the process needs to be started with a proposal to City Council from the ASAC members.

Motion: No action taken

e. Responsible Pet Ownership – Chairperson Charlie Hooten

Charlie Hooten, chairperson for the sub-committee provided a report on their first meeting. There was a request to implement Differential Licensing, check legalities of information in the presented document and a plea to focus on becoming “No Kill”. More information will be available in the next meeting.

Motion: No action taken

4. Discussion and action of top priorities for each sub-committee

a. Feral Cat Management

A list of priorities is not available yet; the sub-committee will work on having a list of priorities ready.

b. Public Education and Outreach

They will work to create and devise the recommended outreach program.

c. Pet Foster Program

They will work to setup a foster program and create a support system for foster families and to provide support to the City in marketing the foster program.

d. Inter-governmental Relations

They will work on the wording for a recommendation to go to City Council.

e. Responsible Pet Ownership

They will work on an proposal for ordinance to have all pets spayed or neutered unless the owner pays a yearly fee to maintain their pets intact; proposed to institute low cost or free rabies, distemper, and parvo shots provided at the Animal Services Shelter as well as to provide free neuter services to all legitimate pet rescue organizations for pets taken from the shelter.

Motion: No action taken

5. Discussion and action on considering the 11 step ‘No Kill’ equation

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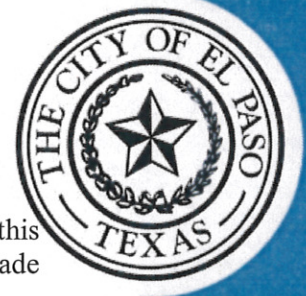
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In the interest of time Chairman Charlie Hooten being the requestor of this item moves that it be deferred until the next meeting. Patricia Gonzalez made a request for the topic be discussed at this meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Charlie Hooten and Yolanda Giner seconded to postpone item 5 and add it to the agenda for next month.

Ayes: Dr. Roger Freund, Linda Krasowski, Janice Nutt, Robert Melson, Yolanda Giner, Charlie Hooten, and Betty Hoover

Nays: Patricia Gonzalez

6. Discussion on Rescue Group Franchise Agreement

Karl Rimkus, Environmental Services staff member presented the proposed Rescue Group Franchise Agreement. Mr. Rimkus gave a brief explanation on the setup, implementation, usefulness and ability of such an agreement to work for the community. Benefits and points were explained and identified. Kurt Fenstermacher suggested this to be a topic for next Month's agenda.

7. Discussion on Animal Services statistics

Larry Brunt, Animal Services staff and Kurt Fenstermacher explained the attached statistics from Chameleon that are now consolidated into a more meaningful report. Mr. Brunt and Mr. Fenstermacher gave an overview of the stats and their meaning as relating to the requested Title Seven chapter. Information on cruelty stats was included, no questions were asked.

8. Call to Public

Call to the public has no items other than a request that we all send our regards out for Dawn.

9. Not having any more items of discussion the meeting is adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Prepared by: Larry Brunt, Animal Services

Approved by: 
A.S.A.C. Chairperson

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