



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2010

Lori Sears, Chair
Charles Cahill, Vice-Chair
D. Ritchie Brooks
Jerry Canady
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Julie Magness
Joe Redman
Dr. Tim Strickland
Jennifer Tierney
Tim Jennings

Members Present:

Julie Magness
Lori Sears
Joe Redman
Toby Cranfill
Marsha Crumpler
Priscilla Ivester
Dr Tim Strickland
Jennifer Tierney
Jerry Canady
Charles Cahill

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Matt Smith
Yevonne Sanborn
John Day
Judy Blevins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Sears at 6:00 P.M. Staff advised that Ritchie Brooks would be unable to attend.

• *Minutes*

A motion was made by Jerry Canady to approve the February 18, 2010 minutes and seconded by Julie Magness and Toby Cranfill. The Minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Keith Murphy with Furever Friends advised members that the Forsyth Humane Society and Furever Friends have partnered with the Coalition to Unchain Dogs and have established a \$15,000 fund for fencing. Also participating are Dogs Deserve Better and the Forsyth Spay/Neuter Clinic, who are providing 2 free spay/neuter for each project, and Pet's Supply Plus is giving \$30.00 worth of pet food to each household receiving assistance with fencing.

Leila Warren advised members that she was in support that animals should not be chained 24 for hours a day.

Jill Bosch with the Triad Chapter of the Coalition to Unchain Dogs stated that the group is supportive of an ordinance not to chain animals on a permanent basis.

Outreach Summary

Tim Jennings reported on the response from the public outreach regarding a prohibition on permanent tethering. The total response in the form of emails, petitions, telephone messages and testimony were a total of 1,584 responses. 1,504 supported a prohibition, 80 opposed. Of those responding that could be identified as Forsyth County residents 1,059 supported a prohibition and 76 opposed.

2010-2011 Work-Plan

Lori Sears and Tim Jennings presented a revised work plan to add additional dates for Tribunal Hearings to get the back log of appeals caught up. The additional dates are May 13, 2010, July 22, 2010, and September 23, 2010. Those 3 months will have Tribunal Hearings twice each month.

Charles Cahill made a motion to approve the additional hearings and was second by Lori Sears. The motion was approved.

Tim Jennings brought up the bylaw duty of the board to make recommendation on the development of a five-year strategic plan for animal services in the County. When initially formed the advisory board was receiving presentations from local animal interest groups and organization as a beginning to long range planning, but moved away from the process when working on the commissioner's request to examine banning of specific breeds. Lori Sears recommended that members bring ideas to next meeting of things they would like to learn about within the community. Staff was asked if they could supply samples of strategic plans and Tim advised members that they have sample various departments including animal control. Lori Sears made a motion to approve work plan through 2010, second by Jerry Canady. The motion was approved.

Old Business

- Draft Annual Report

Members expressed concern about Animal Shelter Requirements and asked if more discussion could be held. Charles Cahill made a motion to take out Animal Sheltering Requirements and to adopt the work plan, second by Jerry Canady. The motion was approved.

New Business

- *Hearing Tribunal: May 13 and 20, 2010*

Julie Magness, Jerry Canady and Lori Sears volunteered to be at the May 13, 2010 tribunal hearing. Priscilla Ivester, Charles Cahill and Dr Tim Strickland volunteered for the May 20, 2010 tribunal hearing.

- *Statistics Report*

Quarterly statistical reports were provided. Matt Smith advised members that more owner surrender animals are coming into the shelter and it will soon be the season for new kittens and pups.

- *Rabies Clinic*

Rabies clinic will be on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the fairground. All volunteers will be welcomed.

Jerry Canady advised the board that he feels positive toward the move on prohibiting permanent tethering of dogs. Priscilla Ivester thanked Jerry for his years of service as part of the Advisory Board.

Adjourn

Lori Sears motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr Tim Strickland seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.