



Forsyth County

Animal Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2008

Julie Magness, Chair
Lori Sears, Vice-Chair
Joe Redman
Mitch Cromer
Dr. Tim Strickland
Jennifer Tierney
Thurman Dillon
Jerry Canady
Sandy Mayberry
Larry Bunn
D. Ritchie Brooks

Members Present:

Larry Bunn
Mitch Cromer
Jennifer Tierney
Thurman Dillon
Dr. Strickland
Sandy Mayberry
Joe Redman
Lori Sears
Julie Magness
Jerry Canady

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Matt Smith
ACO Ricky Beeson
Kelly Nash
Judy Blevins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Magness at 6:08 P.M.

- *Minutes*

Jennifer Tierney requested that last month's minutes reflect that the sign issue was discussed and reminded the advisory board of the draft letter to the commissioners as the need for signage. A motion was made by Sandy Mayberry and seconded by Jerry Canady to accept the minutes of February 21, 2008 with above addition requested by Jennifer Tierney.

Presentation

The presentation by the Animal Adoption & Rescue Foundation (AARF) - will be rescheduled to a future date

Special Programs

Tim Jennings advised board members of our special programs that involves all employees in addition to their regular duties. These programs allow coordinators and their team members opportunities for professional development as well as meet the other needs of the department.

Enhanced Patrol – Tim Jennings advised members that this program deals with areas of Public Safety presence of Animal Control Officers in many venue from public dog parks to schools. Winston Salem Operation Impact works with other government agencies, these efforts assist in lowering complaint driven calls to our department.

Outreach – Kelly Nash advised members that this program encompasses many avenues this department interacts with the community and other government departments such as E-Team, Pet of the Week, Public Education, Home 4 Holidays, LEAF and Rabies Clinics.

CART – ACO Ricky Beeson advised this is the County Animal Response Team, this group works on disaster response preparation and training and attends Emergency Preparedness Night.

Community Assistance – Kelly Nash advised this program works with some of the special needs of our community such as AniMeals, Houses for Hounds and Safe Haven.

Shelter Volunteers – Matt Smith advised that this program is vital to our shelter, currently we hold orientation the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM and we are looking into having one during the day in the future.

Shelter Operation Team – Judy Blevins advised that this program works on resource guides, desk manuals and training guides for employees. Also under this program is the Green Team, Chameleon Enhancements and Safety Team.

State Associations – Tim Jennings reported that this team attends NC Rabies/Animal Control Association and NC Animal Federation Meetings to keep updated on current issues.

Public Comment

Keith Murphy reported that he had spoken to the advisory board members at the August 2007 meeting about the lack of signage for Animal Control. He advised that seven months later there is still no signage. Keith also relayed that the DOT will not grant permission on University Parkway, he contacted Pete Brunstetter got the city to agree that a sign could be erected on Shattalon Drive the city is waiting for verbiage. He advised that there is \$5,000.00 in the budget for a sign and reminded that Forever Friends designed a 4x8 vinyl sign and has a designated fund. The city has approved the sign and the offer still stands.

Sandy Mayberry advised we need to contact the DOT and move forward with the signage issue. Tim is going to check on the signage for Shattalon Drive and draft a letter.

Dangerous Dog Draft

Public comment meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008. Tim briefly reviewed the Dangerous Dog Draft. General discussion between board members about the proposed Dangerous Dog Definitions. Julie Magness made a motion to do a draft in reference to tethering and sterilization of animals pertaining to Jennifer Tierney's concerns. Larry Bunn made a motion to accept and it was second by Jennifer Tierney and Mitch Cromer.

Annual Report

Refer to pages 3, 4, 6 and 7 and that there were additional changes and updates responding to advisory board members request. Tim advised that he was also going to add signage language.

Old Business

TNR feral cat program in the 2008 Budget animal control proposed budgeting \$4,516.00 for traps and microchips to assist volunteer labor in our community in an organized manner which will assist lowering the number of calls concerning feral cat issues. The proposal is receiving support through the budget process. Matt Smith reported that it could reduce the number of cats brought to the shelter by 20 to 30%.

Jennifer Tierney recommended the continue looking at issued of tethering of animals, general duties of keepers of animal and neglect issues. Tim referred to the current definition of 6-6 intended to separate cruelty from ownership issues and to allow early intervention.

New Business

Tim Jennings advised Dr Strickland, Jerry Canady, Larry Bunn, Ritchie Brooks, Jennifer Tierney and Julie Magness that their terms will expire May 30, 2008 and he urged members to send a letter for reappointment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next meeting will be held April 17, 2008.