



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2013	Dr. Brad Craig, Chair Bruce Bailiff, Vice-Chair Sandra Averitt Toby Cranfill Mitch Cromer Marsha Crumpler Greg Gartner Priscilla Ivester Marcia Potter Jennifer Tierney Dr. Martha Wilson
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Members Present

Dr Brad Craig
Bruce Bailiff
Sandra Averitt
Toby Cranfill
Mitch Cromer
Marsha Crumpler
Greg Gartner
Priscilla Ivester
Marcia Potter
Jennifer Tierney
Dr. Martha Wilson

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Judy Blevins
Kim Hawks
Yevonne Sanborn

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brad Craig at 6:00 PM

- *Minutes* - A motion was made by Priscilla Ivester to accept minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting as written, seconded by Toby Cranfill and approved by the members present.
- *Board Officer nominations ballots were collected by staff.*

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

- **Strategic Plan**
Tim Jennings gave Advisory Board Members and update on recent updates to the 5 Year Plan. They involved addition of the survey of adopters to the appendix and corrections to punctuation and grammar. There was general discussion of the Strategies section:

Expanded Partnership Programs

Discussed with no changes.

Accessibility to Resources

Bullet #2 suggested language change: *Local governments should be aware of initiatives at the state level that could impact local animal services.*

Code Amendments

Priscilla Ivester requested that # 5 and 6 be eliminated as she felt that the language could penalize catteries and rescuers. Tim Jennings advised the members that the language was included as the community survey highlighted interest in addressing these points. Jennifer Tierney expressed concern that she would like to see the language included to protect responsible owners and rescuers. After additional discussion, including proposed Commercial Breeder bill to be introduced in the legislature, the members of the board decided to eliminate points 5 and 6.

Volunteer Programs

Priscilla Ivester expressed a concern regarding the safety of volunteers should they be called on to interact with Dangerous Dog issues. Tim Jennings explained that FCAC does not & would not, push volunteers out into the field however volunteers could perform duties like a neighborhood watch. The volunteer interest is currently at a very high level with the orientation sessions often at capacity for the Community Room. The idea is to take advantage of this interest to expand the presence of FCAC. For example, as volunteers walk their dogs around Salem Lake or Muddy Creek, they could act as a park monitor for animals off leash, etc. Members expressed a concern that the volunteers be screened to ensure that they were unbiased and not over zealous. Staff agreed.

- Draft 2013 Work plan was given to all members present. There were no suggested revisions.
- 2011 Report Recommendations
Staff related the 2011 report proposal to add constrictor snakes to the County identified Inherently Dangerous Animals has been tabled. Staff recommends the Advisory Board again recommend the code change allowing former experienced Advisory Board members to serve on the Hearing Tribunal.

New Business

- *Hearing Tribunal* – The next Tribunal Hearings will be held April 11 and April 18, 2013. Members for the April 11 Tribunal are Dr. Brad Craig, Mitch Cromer, and Priscilla Ivester. Members for the April 18th Tribunal are Sandra Averett, Toby Cranfill and Jennifer Tierney. Written appeals will continue to be reviewed during a business day afternoon to speed up the process.
- *Hearing Tribunal Schedule - 2013*
- *Statistics YTD FY February 2012-2013* - FY statistics report show a 4% decrease from last year in animals impounded, a 14% decrease animals euthanized, and a 12% decrease in bites/exposures. Animal redeemed increased 14%, adoptions continued strong at 22% over last year's record year, citation are up 20%.
- *Stay Together Program* – Priscilla Ivester is continuing to fine tune the Cat Stay Together materials and plans to have it to Dr. Brad within the week. Tim Jennings advised the members that the printing will be done by the FC print shop. Also, once the Cat Stay Together material is finalized the department will go forward with its contacts from the- Winston Salem Dog Trainers.
- FCAC Rabies Clinic, February 2, 2013 – The conditions were not conducive for people to come out. Temperatures were below freezing for the outside clinic, however results from the initial test rabies clinic at the shelter were good, with 10 Volunteers 89 rabies vaccinations were administered. The next Rabies Clinic will be on April 20th at the Dixie Class Fair Ground from 11AM – 3PM. An additional clinic at the shelter may be held in July.
- Spay Day 2013 – February 23, 2013 – in 2012 a total of 170 vouchers were distributed on Spay Day, in 2013 a total of 375 vouchers were distributed from 6 locations throughout the county. Approximately \$20,000 was raised. The result from spaying/neutering these 375 animals means that the community will have approximately 1800 less unwanted, unplanned pets. Jennifer Tierney advised the members of the board that additional monies remain for the Forsyth Humane Society's Spay/Neuter test program in Kernersville.
- Election of Officers
Advisory Board Members elected Mitch Cromer to the position of Chair and Dr. Brad Craig to the position of Vice Chair for 2013.

Adjourn

- Chair, Mitch Cromer, adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM