



Forsyth County Animal Control Advisory Board

July 21, 2016

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Forsyth County Animal Control Department
5570 Sturmer Park Circle
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Tina Sanderford, Chair
Priscilla Ivester, Vice-Chair
Meredith Boyd
Sandra Clodfelter
Bill Cowan
Thurman Dillon
Molly Douglass, DVM
Janice Freeman
Chad Griffin
Koy Kincaid
Tracey Shifflette

Members Present

Tina Sanderford	Thurman Dillon	Janice Freeman
Priscilla Ivester	Molly Douglass	Koy Kincaid
Sandra Clodfelter	Bill Cowan	Chad Griffin

Staff Present

Tim Jennings
Scott Bird
Karin Burnette
David Morris

CALL TO ORDER

- The Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Tina Sanderford. Tim Jennings welcomed and introduced new board member Bill Cowan - Purebred Animals.
- *Approval of meeting minutes May 19, 2016.*

MOTION: Koy Kincaid made a motion to approve the May 19, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion as seconded by Janice Freeman and the minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***FY 2017 Budget***
Tim Jennings went over the Forsyth County 2016-17 Budget Ordinance with the Advisory Board -- specifically going over Board-Directed Initiatives. He discussed #3 - Complete a comprehensive study of service delivery options for animal shelters and enforcement operations in urban counties. He also discussed the initiative to develop financial and operational performance measures for each department and compare them with similar counties. Staff will be working on this project, comparing FCAC with Surry,

Stokes, Guilford, Davidson, Davie, Yadkin, Mecklenburg, Wake and Durham Counties. This should be completed and submitted to the Commissioners by November.

- ***Code Amendment Proposals***

Tim Jennings reported that the proposed County Code Amendments sent in to the Commissioners is in the pipeline. He discussed the timeline for the comprehensive code review for statutory compliance with the Board and noted that the final code review and changes are targeted to be presented to the Commissioners by November 2016 and final approvals by March 2017. The Advisory Board recommended changes regarding tethering, shelter definition, Tribunal membership are not within the comprehensive review, but we may assume they are following a similar timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Hearing Tribunals***

The docket and panel participants for the Tribunal Hearing on August 18, 2016 was discussed.

- ***Monthly Report***

Tim Jennings presented the department statistical report for FYE June 30, 2016. Staff noted calls for service had been seeing an overall reduction for 3 consecutive years. These are “calls” or Activities/cases the officers respond to, not telephone calls for service. The department communications room receives over 62,000 telephone calls per year just on the published complaint line. While bites and rabies exposure reports continue to increase, non public safety calls regarding dogs RAL are down. Tim stated the reduction coincides with the program changes introduced to improve response time to these types of calls and hope to avoid the need for repeat complaints. It was also noted the reduction coincides with the Targeted S/N Program that we credit with reducing unwanted animals sheltered by the County by 25% .

Tim Jennings announced that David Morris had been promoted to ACO Supervisor and was now Lieutenant Morris. Lieutenant Morris went over Patrol statistics (number of calls run for strays, investigations, rabies, transports, wildlife and yard checks) with the Board, comparing the last 6 months of 2015 to the first 6 months of 2016. Activity has increased in 2016 to date.

- ***Rabies Update***

The rabies clinic that took place on July 16 was very successful. 266 rabies vaccinations were given and about 100 Spay/Neuter Voucher applications were distributed. Janice Freeman and ARRF were thanked for partnering with the County and providing the vouchers for low cost spay neuter surgeries.

ADJOURN

MOTION: With no further business, Tina Sanderford asked for a motion to adjourn. Chad Griffin made the motion, which was seconded by Molly Douglass. Tina Sanderford adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.