

## DENTON ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes from October 16, 2019

I. **Present:** Diana Leggett, Anne Sullivan, Randi Weinberg, Sara Hensley

**Guests:** Julien Peralta, Gayla Nelsen, Charlie Rosendahl, Stacy Romo

**Absent:** Charles Hunter, Angela Paben

II. **Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Chair Diana Leggett

III. **Approval of June 19, 2019 minutes**

A motion was made by Anne Sullivan, seconded by Diana Leggett to approve the minutes as reviewed.

IV. **Horse-drawn Carriage**

Charlie Rosendahl with Development Services discussed prospected upcoming council agenda of bringing horse-drawn carriages to Denton's Square. Council has been pushed back with ETA of Nov 5, 2019. Charlie is looking for the input of the Animal Shelter Advisory. Elements reviewed were possible ordinances, animal care and operational tendencies. Advisory members are opposed to horse-drawn carriages, however, if the city decides to move forward, they will provide recommendations and exceptions to be presented to the council.

V. **Shelter Operations Updates**

A. **Staff Updates:** Randi Weinberg introduced Sara Hensley, Assistant City Manager. Sarah has experience working with Animal Services out of Austin, TX as well as alongside multiple animal agencies.

Gayla Nelsen has transferred positions from Supervisor to the Volunteer Coordinator. She will be over seeing the volunteer/foster programs as well as heading multiple administrative task.

One Supervisor and two Animal Control Officer positions opened last week. One front desk CSR position will be opening next week due to retirement. Two temporary Kennel Tech positions were approved for this fiscal year and will post during busy season.

**B. Enhancements:** Installation of large shade sources were finally completed. New agility course and washer/dryer put in.

Floor drains are still in the works. The concrete is still acclimating. Also, in the process are the air conditioner brackets. One truck has been completed and one truck is in the shop getting brackets installed.

The animal shelter is working with DASF to get some vet tech supplies including incubators for kittens. The animal shelter is also working with local fire stations to keep chip scanners in the stations. Residents will be able to bring stray pets to the nearest fire stations to be scanned for chips. This will help return lost pets to their homes quickly.

The animal shelter is collaborating with other departments such as Parks and Police to help get animal exposure. Parks has helped put together events such as the Splish Splash Doggie Bash. Police put together a 2020 calendar with police officers and animals from the shelter. Profits from the calendar go to the Animal Shelter.

Ann Sullivan questioned about use of the front cat room. Randi answered advising that the front cat room is utilized as a meet and greet for cats and future furever families.

## **VI. Shelter Statistics**

Totals FY 18/19

Adoption 3,170, Return to Owner 698, Transfers 197, Euthanized 751, Intakes 5,027, FeLV & FIV 1332, Live Release Rate 89%. (FeLV & FIV testing started in November 2018)

## **VII. Tethering Ordinance**

Feedback from the previous meeting was very good. The tethering ordinance will be moving forward.

## **VIII. Volunteer / Foster Update**

Volunteer counts are continuing to go up. Break down for FY 18-19:

Quarter 1 (Oct, Nov, Dec) = 920 hours

Quarter 2 (Jan, Feb, March) = 676 hours

Quarter 3 (April, May, June) = 981 hours

Quarter 4 (July, Aug, Sept) = 1,503 hours

Total FY 18-19 = 4,081 hours

Julien went over all the events that the Animal Shelter has recently participated in. Clear the Shelter, Splish Splash, Taco Fest, Armadillo Fundraiser, Tattoo Conventions, Providence Village Career Day, National Night Out and multiple local elementary school career days.

Upcoming Events:

Howl-o-ween Trunk or treat, TWU Parade, Northlakes Appreciation, Spiral Diner Adoption event, Subaru Love Pet event, Pictures with Santa and more local elementary school career days.

Randi is redesigning Animal Shelter website and budgeting for a mascot.

**IX. Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM by Anne Sullivan and seconded by Diana Leggett.

*Signer: 03/05/2020 J. Leggett*

