

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE **FEBRUARY 2, 2016** MEETING

The Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at the Executive Conference Room, 800 Municipal, Farmington, NM. Roll call was taken with attendance as follows:

Members Present: Summer Jakino-Whistle, ASAC Chair; John Roe; Wendy Rogers; Shiela Noyes, DVM; Leslie Jedrey

Members Absent: Ken LaCasse

PRCA Staff Present: Cory Styron, PRCA Director; Stacie Voss, FRAS Welfare Director; Dr. Rebecca Raichel, FRAS Veterinarian; Tasha Soce, PRCA Administrative Aide

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTE APPROVAL

Summer Jakino-Whistle called the ASAC meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2016.

- ✚ January 5, 2016 Minutes – John Roe requested grammatical modifications. With no further discussion, Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to accept the minutes as modified, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Discussion Item

CHANGE FORMAT OF THE COMMISSION – Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked Leslie Jedrey if she was able to get up to date with changing the format of the commission; Ms. Jedrey stated that she was and that she is on board with changing the format. Ms. Summer-Jakino mentioned now that the commission is proposing a project, meetings would stand monthly. Once the project is more established, the commission could recommend to change the format to quarterly meetings. Ms. Summer-Jakino explained that in order to change that meetings be quarterly the commission would need to go in front of City Council and let them know why they are wanting to change it to quarterly. The process will take up to 6 weeks and will be done as ordinance. Mr. Cory Styron stated to the commission they are under no timeline to change the format.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked the commission when they would like to go to City Council to recommend they go to quarterly meetings; Mr. Styron stated to the commission from a process stand point that the commission make this subject an action item at the March meeting to get a consensus. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated to put this subject on March's agenda item as an action item.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION – Ms. Wendy Rogers addressed social behavior as a problem and would like to address the community about this awareness in pamphlets, posters, billboards, or even commercials. The project would address acceptable behavior versus unacceptable behavior in regards to animals. She presented the commission with possible ideas. An example given was tethered dogs in back of a pickup truck versus an untethered dog. Ms. Jedrey stated she thinks the project is a great idea and are valid concepts.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated she is checking on the expense of billboards in the area. She has contacted Lenmark, a sales associates for billboards in the area and as of right now there is no inventory in the area. She also will be calling Clear Channel to ask if they have any available billboards. She will be getting back with commission to give them an idea of how much it would cost to advertise on a billboard. Ms. Jakino-Whistle suggested to propose to council that this billboard could be a City of Farmington billboard and could switch out advertising with other departments, this would save funding from the FRAS budget. Mr. Styron mention billboard companies sometimes donate public service announcement time if they do not have a contract agreement.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle mentioned to the commission that they would need to come up with a concept if they proceed the billboard idea. Ms. Jedrey mentioned another option could be to approach Allen Theaters to see if they could advertise their project to the community for free if the commission supplies the graphics. Ms. Rogers stated if they can get the billboard under way and it works then they can pursue the Allen Theaters idea.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated that the commission need to come up with four different ideas to present to City Council. She continued to mention she will look into locations for the billboard. Mr. Styron stated to the commission to be careful of the placement of the billboard if there will be ordinance listed on it as they differ from San Juan County, Aztec, Bloomfield, and Kirtland's. Ms. Jakino-Whistle mentioned they should not list any ordinance on the billboard. Mr. Styron stated to the commission that a resource they could approach is the Pet Foundation as they may be able to help with professional design work for their project. Ms. Jedrey responded to say that the commission should go through City

Council first to see if they will give the money as she sees this project benefiting the city. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated to put this subject on March's agenda item as an action item.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

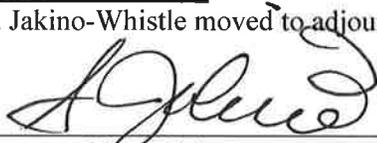
SHELTER REPORT – Ms. Voss stated FRAS is taking in around 350 more cats this year than they did last year and have transferred out 114 cats for the month of January. Ms. Voss stated they are in still need of fosters for nursing dogs and their puppies. She continued to state she has been working with Jody Carman, Parks & Recreation marketing specialist, to rebuild their FRAS website.

WORLD SPAY DAY – Ms. Voss stated that World Spay Day is scheduled for February 23, 2015 at FRAS and was made possible by a \$6K grant given by the State of New Mexico Animal Sheltering Board. The World Spay Day event is for cats only. FRAS is scheduled to have 2 surgical teams that day and their goal is to spay or neuter 50 owned cats for Kirtland as they are an underserved area. Proof of residency is required. Ms. Voss mentioned the surgeries will be offered for free through the grant. Volunteers are needed for that day for check-ins, surgery, recovery, and check-outs.

BARK IN THE PARK – Bark in the Park is scheduled from 11:00am to 3:00pm on April 30, 2016 and volunteers are needed for the event. The event will kick off with Doggy Dash at 10:00am. FRAS will not be charging animal groups for setting up booths and may also be dedicating their new transfer van on that day.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



Summer Jakino-Whistle, Chair



Tasha Soce, PRCA Administrative Aide