

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE **APRIL 5, 2016** MEETING

The Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC) of the City of Farmington met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 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 6:06 p.m.

- ✚ February 2, 2016 Minutes – Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to approve the minutes; Wendy Rogers seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Action Items

CHANGE FORMAT OF THE COMMISSION – Cory Styron asked the commission to clarify when they would like to have their meetings as they will need to go in front of City Council. Mr. Styron went on to mention that every meeting that is not a published meeting would be considered a Special Meeting. Special meetings require advertising, an agenda output, and a 72 hour notice of the meeting. Special meetings would need additional time and cost to run the advertising.

Ms. Wendy Rogers asked if there is going to be more members on the board; Mr. Styron replied that the Mayor has been taking applications. Applications can be found on the city's website and members could refer applicants to the website under "Boards and Commissions."

Ms. Jakino-Whistle went on to mention that the commission would like to go with quarterly meetings. Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked Mr. Styron if everyone is in agreement with quarterly meetings when the earliest the commission would go in front of City Council; Mr. Styron stated they could possibly go on April 19 or April 26. Mr. Styron mentioned there was no rush for them to make this happen immediately and could possibly get pushed back to June. Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked that if it passes on April 26 would they be able to start their quarterly meetings in July; Mr. Styron stated he will have to check with Legal as the ordinance currently states they will meet monthly. He continued to state that it would take up to six weeks to do an ordinance adjustment. Mr. Styron went on to state they have the ability to manage their meetings and it is strictly up to the commission if they choose not to meet after this meeting but that it would need to be published.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle made the motion to run the ASAC meetings quarterly, starting in July, thereafter it would be in October, January, and April on the first Tuesday at 6:00pm; Leslie Jedrey seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Styron reiterated to the commission that if they feel that an issue needs to be discussed they can still hold a special meeting. Should the commission decide to hold a special, they would need to contact Tasha Soce and a notice will be issued along with it being published. Mr. Styron will get with the City Manager and will let the commission know when they may propose their change to City Council.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION – Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated she had got with Lamar Advertisers in regards to billboards in the Farmington area. She found that Lamar Advertisers have a 10x40 billboard for \$1200 which includes the art work and would need to get more clarification in regards to how long it will be displayed.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked if the commission was nonprofit; Mr. Styron stated they were not. In order to get a discounted rate for the public service announcement (PSA) on a billboard they would most likely need to show 501 (c)(3). Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked Mr. Styron if he thought the \$3200 was too high of a price; Mr. Styron stated he would need to see the results and also does not see a call of action from a billboard. Mr. Styron asked Ms. Jakino-Whistle being that she is serving on the Rio Del Sol Kiwanis if she would be able to find out what it cost them for the billboards that they have advertised; she replied that she would find out and Kiwanis would be considered nonprofit organization unlike the commission.

Mr. Styron stated the commission has the opportunity to reach out to local nonprofit organizations. There is San Juan Animal League, Pet Foundation, and Humane Society. He continued to state to the commission that they could possibly reach out to these organizations and ask if they would like to help with their project. The cost could easily be split possibly four ways with the city also contributing. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated she will get more clarification for package deals with PSA and non-PSA.

Ms. Rogers stated the commission first thought of putting social behaviors on the billboards but does not see these messages as having follow up actions. Ms. Jedrey believes that a follow up action is possible with both social behaviors and spay/neuter messages by reaching out to schools and teaching these PSA messages to students.

Mr. Styron stated the commission could vote on the type of message they want to get out to the public. He continued to state he could get the pricing package from Red Apple Transit to display their ad. Mr. Styron explained to the commission to continue to talk about the type of message they would like to get out to the public that way in the next meeting they could take action on it.

Ms. Rogers believes the commission should work on spay and neuter but stated that the Farmington Regional Animal Shelter (FRAS) has been working on this and social behavior is what they should present. Ms. Jedrey suggested they run the ads in movie theaters, specifically Allen Theaters. She believes this would be a good option to show the message they're trying to present to the public. Ms. Jakino-Whistle asked Mr. Styron if the city would cover the cost entirely with any of the options presented; Mr. Styron replied FRAS is operating on flat budget this year and did not add any additional funds for advertising or media. It would need to be covered as a substitution not an addition to what they decide. The commission would need to decide on either a television campaign, billboards, Allen theater ad, or flyers.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated that spay and neuter is covered and they should focus on social awareness. She stated she will contact Allen Theaters to see what it would cost to advertise there. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated the commission will be setting an action item at the next meeting to set the messages and to approve the venue. Mr. Styron asked that members bring messages to the next meeting for the group to agree upon.

Discussion Items

UPDATE TO THE ANIMAL AGREEMENT WITH SAN JUAN COUNTY, BLOOMIFELD, AND AZTEC – Mr. Styron stated they have presented FRAS agreement to the county commissioners and that the county is interested in animal control more than animal welfare. Last year, the City Council decided to subsidize the county's shared cost of \$168K for FRAS. Mr. Styron does not think that City Council is going to subsidize the county going forward and he's not sure the county wants to pay their full amount per shared cost for FRAS. He continued to state for the month of April, FRAS is invited to give a presentation of past year findings and what the county is getting for their animal cost. Ms. Voss stated they presented their information back in September and are interested again in showing their presentation at the county's next meeting.

Mr. Styron stated that Bloomfield has an agreement with Aztec for their animals and they told FRAS they are not going to sign an agreement with them. Ms. Rogers asked why the city built a shelter that they cannot support without outside help; Ms. Voss replied they do not necessarily need outside support. Mr. Styron stated FRAS can be operated without outside help and was built with the county as a partner and now the county chooses not to be a partner. He continued to state this is going to hurt customers and animals who are outside of Farmington. Ms. Rogers continued to ask that if the FRAS budget has relied on outside source to run the facility, why will it not now be able to operate; Mr. Styron stated that the budget will still be able to run the facility, the funding will just now come from another pool from the city's budget. The \$350K budget will come from the city as a whole. The agreement with the county was a year by year agreement for services.

Ms. Jedrey asked that when turning customers away is FRAS prepared to deal with the bad press; Mr. Styron stated it's not going to be on the city, it's going to be on the county. Ms. Voss stated that 60% of the animals from their spay/neuter program are county animals, if they're not able to do anymore spay/neuter on county animals the county's animal problem is going to get ten times worse.

Ms. Voss stated FRAS has presented their contract to the county and it is being discussed. Mr. Styron stated he will let the commissioners know when the next county meeting is, which will be sometime this month. Ms. Voss stated it is already hard on their staff to tell county customers they cannot take county animals and for services they would need to go to the Aztec Shelter. She continued to state it will hurt their adoptions and their standing in the community.

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items

ADOPT THE OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION - Ms. Jakino-Whistle made a motion to table the open meetings resolution; Ms. Rogers seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

REWORDING OF THE RABIES ORDINANCE – Ms. Voss stated the current process for bite quarantine of dogs or cats is for the animal to be released upon seeing a veterinarian but are now running into problems with this at the shelter. They do not have a veterinarian there seven days a week and she continued to state they need to be able to release dogs or cats at the end of the quarantine even if it is on a weekend. She continued on to say that there are no state statutes and the shelter is actually stricter than the state statute.

Ms. Voss addressed the commission for their approval in rewording of Ordinance Section 6-7-4 (c) to clarify that if animals are quarantined at a veterinarian clinic or in-home quarantined: any dog or cat that has bitten a person shall be examined by the park ranger-animal control supervisor or their duly authorized agent. At the end of the mandatory ten-day observation period, the owner shall have the animal examined by a licensed veterinarian, who will issue written documentation that the animal does not have rabies. The owner of the animal shall provide the written documentation to FRAS within two business days of receiving the document. Ms. Voss went on to state she would also like to add (d) to the ordinance which clarifies animals quarantined at FRAS: any dog or cat that has bitten a person shall be examined, at least twice, by the shelter veterinarian or their duly authorized agent during the quarantine period. At the end of the mandatory ten-day observation period the animal will be examined by the shelter veterinarian or their duly authorized agent and it shall be recorded that the animal has no signs of rabies before releasing.

If there is not a veterinarian on staff on the weekend the animal cannot be released until Monday which in turn puts a strain on FRAS. FRAS ability to save animals is based on how quickly they get animals through. This rewording of the rabies ordinance would allow duly authorized agents to sign off on these releases. Ms. Voss' recommendation of the change will be listed on May's meeting as an action item for the commissioners to vote on.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

SHELTER REPORT – Ms. Voss stated FRAS in March had taken less animals in this year than last. FRAS euthanized 55 dogs and 18 of those were owner requested. At least 7 of the other 37 were puppies who had parvo and no choice but to euthanize. The jurisdiction numbers are steady and spay/neuter surgeries last year was 1200 and FRAS has already hit 1000 this year. FRAS had their World Spay Day event in which 59 owned cats were spayed and the event was funded by a grant they received from the State of NM.

Volunteer orientation is on April 16 and foster orientation is on April 24. Bark in the park is April 30 from 11:00am-3:00pm at Animas Park. They will have a doggy dash, an adoptable dog parade, vendors, demonstrations, and other activities.

Ms. Jedrey asked for the percentage of spay/neuter from the county; Ms. Voss replied that it is about 60% county and 40% city. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated the Humane Society may require a co-pay in the future. Ms. Voss stated FRAS is on income based requirement for spay and neuters and when customers are displeased they refer them to the Aztec Shelter. If household income is below \$20K spay/neuter is free and household incomes over \$60K do not qualify.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



Summer Jakino-Whistle, Chair



Tasha Soce, PRCA Administrative Aide

May '16 Board Report

May Intakes	Dog	Cat	Total
Owner Surrender	129	166	295
O/S Return	1	1	2
Seized	11	1	12
Stray	218	194	412
Total	359	362	721

YTD Intake	Dog	Cat	Total
Beginning Count	143	257	400
Owner Surrender	1449	1195	2644
O/S Return	40	20	60
Seized	70	8	78
Stray	2132	1703	3835
Total	3834	3183	7017
Others: rodents, birds, turtles			42

May Outcomes	Dog	Cat	Total
Adoption	100	48	148
RTO	59	5	64
Transfer	124	60	184
Euthanasia	40	127	167
(-) Owner Requested	-11	-10	-21
Died	3	7	10
Total	315	237	552

YTD Outcomes	Dog	Cat	Total
Adoption	1412	828	2240
RTO	673	43	716
Transfer	1095	711	1806
Euthanasia	544	1252	1796
(-) Owner Requested Euth	-150	-61	-211
Died	36	98	134
Missing	14	18	32
Total	3624	2889	6513

Live Release Rate	Dog	Cat	Total
Live Release Rate MTD	88%	63%	75%
Live Release Rate YTD	85%	58%	72%

- * Taking in ~ 23 animals/day
- * Adopting out ~5 animals/day
- * Euth ~5 animals/day

Jurisdiction Breakdown	Dog	Cat	Total	YTD Total	YTD %
City	167	171	338	3573	54%
County	96	146	242	1829	28%
Navajo Nation	83	40	123	1051	16%
Out of County	3	0	3	31	<1%
Out of State	10	5	15	81	1%
Unknown				18	<1%

Spay/Neuter Surgeries	City	County	NN	Total	YTD Total
Dogs	24	57	6	87	675
Cats	11	26	8	45	596
Total	35	83	14	132	1871
Free Surgeries				116	1107