

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE **JUNE 7, 2016** SPECIAL MEETING

The Animal Services Advisory Commission (ASAC) of the City of Farmington met in a special session on Tuesday, June 7, 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

PRCA Staff Present: Cory Styron, PRCA Director; Stacie Voss, FRAS Welfare Director; Tasha Soce, PRCA Administrative Aide

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTE APPROVAL

Summer Jakino-Whistle called the ASAC meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- ↓ April 5, 2016 Minutes – Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to approve the minutes; Leslie Jedrey seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Action Items

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION – Ms. Summer Jakino-Whistle stated she touched base with Lamar Advertising and asked about the final cost. The final cost is \$2400 and they only do space available, you cannot choose where you want to advertise. They do not recycle the vinyl as it tears when they take it down.

Ms. Jakino-Whistle was also able to talk to the marketing associate with Allen Theaters and was told they do not allocate any funding for public service announcements (PSA). She was able to get in touch with Red Apple Transit's manager, Andrew Montoya. Mr. Montoya stated they are proposing to allocate a specific area on the bus for PSA's. To advertise on the side of the bus is free and advertising on the back of the bus would cost \$300 for 3 months. The proposal has not reached City Council. Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated they could possibly hold off to advertise their message until the Red Apple Transit proposal gets approved and think of more ideas that could possibly go on the ad.

Ms. Wendy Rogers stated she has talked to Betty Berry with the Pet Foundation about the commission's project and Ms. Berry would like for the commission to get with them to hear more about their project and possibly get involved. Ms. Jakino-Whistle will provide her a copy of the information provided by Lamar Advertising. The item has been tabled until Red Apple Transit's proposal is passed by City Council.

REWORDING OF THE RABIES ORDINANCE – Ms. Stacie Voss stated the rewording allows that 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. Ms. Jakino-Whistle motioned to approve the rewording of the rabies ordinance; Mr. Roe seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

UPDATE TO THE ANIMAL AGREEMENT WITH SAN JUAN COUNTY, BLOOMIFELD, AND AZTEC – Mr. Styron stated on Tuesday, June 14, our City Council will authorize the agreement at the prorated price of \$412K a year, which is about \$62K more than last year but \$100K less of what the County owes in a cost sharing component. This is only for San Juan County. Mr. Styron stated once this agreement is endorsed by both agencies they will start the public education process that Farmington Regional Animal Shelter (FRAS) will no longer be accepting any animals from Bloomfield or Aztec. If residents are within these two incorporated city limits they must take their animal to the Aztec Animal Shelter. Any residents with animals not from Bloomfield or Aztec may still be taken in by FRAS for another year.

Mr. Roe asked how many animals have been tracked that came from Bloomfield; Ms. Voss stated it was under 300 animals and 100 came from Aztec. Mr. Styron stated the mayor of Bloomfield, Scott Eckstein, who is also a county commissioner is pretty adamant that Bloomfield will not make a deal with FRAS. Bloomfield made a deal with Aztec, so Bloomfield will be asked to take their animals to Aztec. Ms. Jedrey mentioned a future project they could think about is a community relations program.

Mr. Styron stated the City Council will vote on the agreement on June 14 and it will go to the county on June 21 or June 28. If Kirtland decides to expand their annexation, they may have to make an arrangement with a shelter to be their animal provider. Right now the county is paying their portion to FRAS.

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items

ADOPT THE OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION - Ms. Jakino-Whistle stated it was approved by City Council for ASAC meetings to start meeting quarterly. The resolution wording was found not to be correct. Ms. Jakino-Whistle motioned to approve the resolution with the revised update of ASAC meeting to meet the first Tuesday in the months of July, October, January, and April at 6pm in the Executive Conference Room; Ms. Jedrey seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Jakino-Whistle will sign the amended resolution when it is ready.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

SHELTER REPORT – Ms. Voss stated FRAS in April fiscal year 2016 surpassed the amount of adoptions and spay/neuter numbers from April fiscal year 2015.

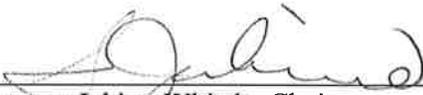
The May board report has taken in 700 animals. On the public spay/neuter surgery number, the number should read 1271 not 1871. FRAS is in desperate need of foster homes. Ms. Voss asked that the commissioners spread the word in regarding the need of foster homes for cats. Ms. Voss continued to state they would like to run a marketing campaign about the true cost of a free kitten. Mr. Styron stated FRAS is targeting residents who bring litters of kittens or puppies and providing them with the different types of programs available to them.

COMMISSIONER’S BUSINESS

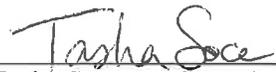
Ms. Rogers stated there is a person who adopted an 8 week puppy from FRAS that was spayed and sent home with no pain medications; Ms. Voss stated the pain medications are in their anesthesia that should last 24-48 hours after their surgery. If the animal has problems, they need to call FRAS. Ms. Voss stated they are not opposed to giving pain medication but that most of the time they are not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Jakino-Whistle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



Summer Jakino-Whistle, Chair



Tasha Soce, PRCA Administrative Aide