

ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Kim Peckler
Liriane Davis
DeAnna Phillips
Dena Hooley
Donna Riggs
Jennifer Stockemer
Lisa Chick
Trina Argo

Board Members Absent

Steven Janssen
Syriana Smith
Dr. Susan Andrews

Staff Present

Paula Skundberg, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** 5:40 p.m.
2. **Approve the minutes from the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting.**
- A. **Consider approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2024 Animal Shelter Advisory Committee meeting. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)**

Lisa Chick, request to amend the minutes item 2A. *Lisa Chick must be added to present*, Lisa was present at the meeting not absent.

A motion was made by Donna Riggs and seconded by Dena Hooley to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion passed unanimously. Absent Steven Janssen, Syriana Smith, Dr. Susan Andrews

3. **Citizen Appearances** – None
4. **Reports and Discussion items:**
- A. **Receive a report and discuss Animal Services' monthly reports for shelter operations from February 2024 to May 2024. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)**

Staff gave an update on the shelter operations for months February to May 2024. A discussion followed.

- Request staff to track owner surrenders, turned away, and outside locations outside of the city. The information will be added to month-end statistics and provided to members.
- Owner surrenders, we offer resources available to assist the owner and encourage them to reach back with us. Resources are limited.
- Assistance is limited to the jurisdiction of city limits.
- Is there a list of fosters? Yes, we have fosters, but they are full.
- We are currently giving out 200-300 pounds of food to people who are unable to feed their animals.

B. Receive a report and discuss the Paw Pals Academy. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an update on the Paw Pals educational program on basic animal care and safety for youth ages 11 to 15. It was a very successful program.

C. Receive a report and discuss the Adoption Trailer sponsors. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an update on the donations received for the future purchase of an adoption trailer allowing staff to hold more off-site adoptions year-round. Sponsorship categories include Diamond Forever Home \$7,500, Platinum Heart \$2,500, Gold Tail \$1,000, Silver Whisker \$500 and Bronze Paw \$250. \$13k donations have been received as of today.

- We have a planned event at Will Rogers this weekend, we're very visible.
- Communications created an Adoption Trailer Sponsorship Packet with information and a description of the program. Copies were distributed to members.
- All donations received are applied to the Adoption Trailer.
- Is there a list of businesses that have already been approached? Yes, the information will be provided to members.

D. Summary of Community Outreach. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an update on the community outreach activities and events for animal services which included 4 offsite adoption events and 4 community outreach events. A discussion followed.

- Clifford is very involved in the outreach programs; he really enjoys them.
- Where did Clifford come from? He was stray.
- We've had very good outreach this year.

E. Summary of fundraisers held for the Animal Shelter. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an update on fundraising activities and events held for animal services which included: Poorly Drawn Pets (\$4,700 donation), Joni Linn Photography (\$1,400 donation), Burlison Senior Center (1600 pounds of food and \$500 donation), Cooter Brown (\$745) and Nestle Foods (362 pounds of food) hosted by Burlison and Crowley Walmart's. A discussion followed.

- Burlison Senior Center fundraiser was a very successful event. We received kitten-puppy food which we really needed, in addition to dog food.
- Is there a certain type of kitten food you prefer? Purina Kitten.
- Do we have an Amazon Wish List? Yes, it's available on the Animal Shelter Facebook site.
- Do we know how much was raised at the Applebee event? Staff will follow-up with members.

F. Summary of Borrowed Buddies Program. (Staff Presenter: Kim Peckler, Animal Services Manager)

Staff gave an overview of the animal services' Borrowed Buddies program and the benefits, which allows citizens to borrow a shelter animal for a set amount of time. A discussion followed.

- It's a slow time right now, it should pick up as the weather cools off.
- Is there a list of restaurants that are pet friendly? Most restaurants with patios are pet friendly.

5. Community Announcements

- Lisa Chick proposed to host a charity fundraiser event, Granny Basketball League "Grannies" vs. Burlison Firefighters at Burlison High School (BHS), on a Saturday at noon and call it the High Noon Challenge. Staff offered a suggestion to reach out to BHS and bring back to the committee.

6. Board Requests for future agenda items or reports

- Add follow-up of Lisa Chick's proposed charity fundraiser event.

7. Adjourn

Motion made by Jennifer Stockemer to adjourn meeting second by Donna Riggs.

Time – 6:06 p.m.

Paula Skundberg, Recording Secretary