



Regular Meeting
City of Hendersonville
Animal Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes | October 19, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

HPD Police Training Room | 630 Ashe Street | Hendersonville NC 28792

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. Members present were Caroline Gunther, Chair; Angela Prodrick, Vice Chair; Jean Greeson, Katie Weibel, Robin Grainger, Melissa Vazquez, James Lyon, and Marianne Pendleton.

City Staff present: Melissa Justus, Committee Secretary, Civilian Animal Control Officer Alexis Barker and Chief Blair Myhand.

Also in attendance was a member of the public, Nancy Schnider.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Chair Angela Prodrick to approve the agenda; unanimous vote followed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Angela Prodrick to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting; unanimous vote followed.

5. Old Business

Spay & Neuter Program Update – Angela Prodrick gave an update on the 8/17/23 topic of possible special appropriated funds being available from the State of NC to the City of Hendersonville for the General Fund for participation in the S&N program. The information

has been passed on to City Manager John Connet and he will talk with the Finance Department, and we should hear something soon. Angela shared with the committee a spreadsheet from Henderson County Animal Services showing intake numbers, etc., from 2010-2022.

Proposed Fee's/ Licensing of Individual Breeders – Discussed options and procedures on how to proceed with the possibility of implementing fees and the licensing of individual breeders. The process would need to be regulated by the Hendersonville Police Department. Chief Myhand suggested that the behavior vs. the number of animals should be considered. Suggested to get 3 comparisons from the Benchmark cities that would show how they handle 1) Breeders, 2) # of Feral cat colonies, and 3) # of pets allowed per household.

Dangerous Dog Hearings Training Updates – Continued discussion about presenting the former video of Quasi-Judicial training by City Attorney Angie Beeker as a refresher for all current committee members. Discussed possible options for continued training of Quasi-Judicial training procedures/process for Quasi-Judicial meetings, such as new in-person training and possible off-site training with Henderson County Animal Services Advisory Committee.

6. New Business

Caroline Gunther submitted an example of a New Appointee Orientation checklist that she came up with to be given to new members upon joining the committee. Caroline asked Melissa to forward a copy to the existing members. Suggestion was made to possibly update the COH website dedicated to the description of the ASAC Committee duties to reflect that members may see things in relation to the mistreatment of animals while serving on the committee and to link to the Charter/By-Laws.

Alexis Barker is the recipient of the Hunter Auto Group Hometown Heroes Award on Friday, September 15th for her dedication, passionate and caring attitude toward animals. The ASAC appreciates her hard work and commitment.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business Angela Prodrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Caroline Gunther, Chair

