



Regular Meeting
City of Hendersonville
Animal Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes | August 17, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Caroline Gunther, Chair. Members present were Angela Prodrick, Vice Chair; Jean Greeson, Katie Weibel, Robin Grainger, Melissa Vazquez and James Lyon. New member Marianne Pendleton attended the meeting via Zoom.

City Staff present: Melissa Justus, Staff Liaison, Chief of Police Blair Myhand and Civilian Animal Control Officer Alexis Barker.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Vice Chair Angela Prodrick to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 meeting; unanimous vote followed.

5. Old Business

The recommended revisions and changes to the Chapter 10-Animal Ordinance by the ASAC was approved on August 9, 2023 by City Council.

6. New Business

Vice Chair Angela Prodrick made a motion to appoint Carolyn Gunther as Chair, unanimous vote followed. Vice Chair Angela Prodrick made a motion to nominate James Lyon for Vice Chair, no votes were made. Chair Carolyn Gunther made a motion to nominate Angela Prodrick as Vice Chair, unanimous vote followed.

The meeting calendar was approved unanimously for meetings on the 3rd Thursday at 5:00pm in the Training Room at the Hendersonville Police Department. Meeting dates for the 2023-2024 calendar will be:

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Thursday, August 15, 2024

Discussed having a possible off-site meeting to include training on the procedures and process of having future Dangerous Dog hearings. James Lyon has worked with the Henderson County Animal Services regarding these procedures. Chair Caroline Gunther will talk with Daniel Heyman about training possibly with already produced material, starting from scratch or combining training with Henderson County.

Vice Chair Angela Prodrick discussed the Spay & Neuter (S&N) program and that she had approached the COH Finance Department about special appropriation funds being available from the state for the program, they recommended that she bring the topic to the ASAC. The sale of special North Carolina license plates appropriates funds towards this program.

Blue Ridge Humane Society gets \$5,000.00 per year from the City of Hendersonville for the S&N program. The special funds could allow the COH to put the money that is allocated back into the General Fund. Chair Caroline Gunther will talk with City Manager John Connet about whether the ASAC should research these state appropriated funds further and will report back to the committee at the October 19th meeting.

Next Meeting – Spay & Neuter program funding update, Proposed fee's/licensing for individual breeders, Dangerous Dog Hearings Training Update

7. Adjournment

There being no further business Vice Chair Angela Prodrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.

Caroline Gunther, Chair

