



Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

ITEM 1 – Call to Order: Sue Brodasky called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 2 – Roll Call:

Members Present: Sue Brodasky, Samantha Cree, Danielle Gray, Chris Rohwer, Aaron Winters, Deb Wall

Absent: Scott Thrasher, Roger Tuinier

Staff Present: Steve Lawrence

Guests: Andrew Worden

ITEM 3 – Approval of the March Minutes –a motion to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes was made by D. Wall, seconded by C. Rohwer. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 4 – Citizens Time

ITEM 5 – For Consideration

A. Old Business

1. Advisory Board Website

S. Lawrence reported that there was now a link from the Animal Services web page to the Animal Services Advisory Board's webpage which has advisory board agenda's, minutes and an application for applying for membership on the advisory board.

B. New Business

1. Chair's Report - S. Brodasky

No Chair's report

2. Director Report- S. Lawrence

a. Animal Shelter Statistics – Year-to-date shelter statistics compared to 2015 total were distributed and explained by Lawrence. Lawrence noted that no cat/dog had been put down (euthanized) due to a lack of space this year. He indicated that it was the first time that had ever happened for cats in the shelter's history. It was the second year for this to ever happen for dogs. Lawrence distributed three statistical reports.

b. Sale of dead cats for biological study – Lawrence brought up a request from a company that sells cat cadavers for biology courses. The company would pay a nominal fee to get dead cats from the shelter. D. Wall asked that a policy be developed on the sale of dead shelter animals for sale to biological supply companies. Lawrence indicated that he'd bring a draft policy to the next advisory meeting.

c. Advisory Board Member Search – Lawrence indicated that Dr. Rhonda Prince was being interviewed as a possible replacement for long time veterinary representative Dr. Christopher Rohwer.

d. National Adoption Day/Empty the Shelter Promotion –Lawrence reported that the Bissell Pet Foundation sponsored an adoption day event whereby certain shelters would have the adoption fees paid for potential adopters having as their goal to “*Empty the Shelter*”. Lawrence reported that locally the SPCA was part of the promotion and was reportedly empty. Advisory members asked if the promotion had resulted in an increased number of pets entering the shelter. Lawrence indicated that both the SPCA and his facility received some animals in their facilities after the promotion.

e. KCASE New Shelter Update –Lawrence indicated that the County was evaluating its different building projects. He indicated that the Animal Shelter project was still on the short list of projects given priority by the County. S. Brodasky to make contact with County Commissioner Roger Tuinier asking for an update on the County’s new shelter.

f. Dog Licenses – Lawrence indicated that dog license revenue had increased. License revenue was up even though up to 10% of the dog license reminders were returned due to a bad address. A variety of issues surrounding licenses, vaccines and microchips were explored.

3. KHS Report – A. Winters

KHS New Building Update: A. Winters reported that the Kalamazoo Humane Society was in its silent phase of a capital campaign to build a new facility in Comstock Township on a 14.9 acre parcel on the corner of River Street and the I-94 Business Loop. The new facility will house a high volume spay/neuter clinic, veterinary clinic and office area. Phase two of the project will house a humane education/dog training facility.

4. SOS Report – S. Brodasky

S. Brodasky indicated that they were in the middle of event season. She indicated that their booth at the Pride Event had generated four adoption applications on seven dogs. Having a pool at this event seemed to work well. Brodasky reported that the Kalamazoo Humane Society provided a canopy for S.O.S.’s use at adoption events.

ITEM 9 – Any Other Items (none presented)

ITEM 10 – Commissioners Time (no commissioners present)

ITEM 11 – Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by C. Rohwer, seconded by S. Cree and carried. Chair Brodasky adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aaron Winters, Secretary