



**Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Room C
Tuesday, April 11th, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:01 pm

ITEM 2 – Roll Call

Members:

Present – Sue Brodasky (Chair), Commissioner Roger Tuinier,
Commissioner Tracy Hall (alt.), Aaron Winters, Jonathan Morgan,
Dr. Christopher Rohwer, Danielle Gray, Samantha Cree
Late Arrival – Debra Wall (7:10 pm)

Absent – Scott Thrasher

KCASE Staff:

Stephen Lawrence, Jenny McGinnis, Michelle Fruehauf, Jodie
McNally, Gino Burnette, Deb Themins

Guests:

Dave Rachowicz, Dr. Diana Newman (Michigan Pet Fund
Alliance), Katie Timber (SPCA), Sara Singleton (SPCA), Laurie
Bastian (SPCA), Alex Haase (SPCA), Fred Statler (SPCA)

ITEM 3 – Approval of Minutes

Motion made by D. Gray to approve minutes from meeting on March 14, 2017. Motion
seconded by J. Morgan and carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 – Citizen’s Time

K. Timber addressed the board; she’s happy to be involved and expressed her thanks.

ITEM 6 – Commissioner’s Time

R. Tuinier apologized for missing the last meeting.

ITEM 5 – For Consideration:

A. Chair’s Report – S. Brodasky

Chair offered a thank you to everyone who attended last meeting’s Animal Shelter Project
Workshop and expressed a special thanks to D. Rachowicz for facilitating.

B. Strategic Planning Session – D. Rachowicz

a) Review

D. Rachowicz distributed copies of a handout entitled ‘Project Input Workshop –
Kalamazoo County Animal Shelter Project, Raw Data’ and briefly provided a recap
of the findings.

b) Discussion

S. Brodasky felt that the data was a fair representation of the board - past and present. C. Rohwer felt that the data was collected through a good, consistent process. R. Tuinier was happy to see 100% support towards constructing a new shelter.

C. Animal Services Shelter Project – D. Rachowicz & S. Lawrence

a) Update

S. Lawrence used a PowerPoint presentation to compare and contrast photographs taken during various new shelter tours. Specific features, such as dog/cat holding areas, laundry facilities and office space, were explored.

D. Rachowicz provided a brief overview of the shelter progress thus far and shared some outcomes of recent meetings with potential partners. A meeting with the Kalamazoo Dog Training Club and a second visit to the Kent County Animal Shelter are scheduled.

KHS - Decision has been made not to co-locate with KHS, however, they have agreed to continue to provide support to KCASE. Ideas to expand the current partnership include: expanded spay/neuter services, veterinary support, expanded volunteer training, shared crematorium and humane education/training.

UKC – Met with CEO. Keeping door open for future collaborations, such as: registration program partnership, training opportunities and dog competition events.

SPCA – D. Rachowicz recently toured facility and met with Director. SPCA submitted a proposal outlining potential partnership; copies of proposal were distributed and examined. D. Rachowicz still needs to meet with the SPCA to ask specific questions and to address potential issues regarding the document.

b) Discussion

Board members would like a cost-benefit analysis of the SPCA proposal, in addition to specific numbers of the different 'populations' of animals (stray, owner relinquished, court case, etc.) and the number of animals transferred to the SPCA last year. Need was expressed to have the deal be non-exclusive for both organizations, which would allow KCASE to use other rescue organizations in addition to the SPCA.

Map of the proposed location of the new facility was distributed. D. Rachowicz detailed several benefits of the property, including: County-owned (no cost to obtain), fiber optics and building control systems are already in place, accessibility to B&G (snow removal/mowing) and KHS, additional parking options at Expo Center, existing access road/barn, and acreage.

MOTION: C. Rohwer made motion to recommend site for new shelter; S. Cree seconded. Carried unanimously.

D. Rachowicz outlined next steps; will send email to address board members' requests regarding the SPCA proposal. Final report needs to be complete at next meeting so that it may be brought to the County's board meeting in June.

ITEM 7 – Other

None.

ITEM 8 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Senior Administrative Assistant, Jennifer McGinnis