



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – Informational (No Quorum) Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement, Multipurpose Room Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Quorum was not reached; therefore, no actions were taken.

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Informational meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:05 pm.

ITEM 2 – Roll Call

Members:

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Present – Sue Brodasky (Chair), Aaron Winters

Absent – Commissioner Roger Tuinier, Commissioner Tracy Hall (alt.),
Kelly Doyle, Dr. Turnera Croom DVM

KCASE Staff: Stephen Lawrence, Jennifer McGinnis

County Staff:

ITEM 3 – Approval of Agenda

Could not be approved; no quorum present.

ITEM 4 – Approval of Minutes

Could not be approved; no quorum present.

ITEM 5 – Public Comment Time

Benjamin Stanley addressed the board. He is concerned by the lack of service dog licenses in Kalamazoo County and feels that they may be too difficult to obtain. He would like to see the current requirements change, as well as making sure that licenses can be purchased online. Chair advised that the board does not create policy, but that they will take note of his comments.

ITEM 6 – Commissioner's Time

No Commissioners present.

ITEM 7 – For Consideration:

A. Chair Report – S. Brodasky

Save Our Strays (S.O.S.) has been dissolved due to a lack of need. The names of current members and/or interested parties will be forwarded to Jodie McNally (Shelter Operations Coordinator). S. Brodasky is happy that the shelter has reached a place where their help is no longer necessary. A. Winters and S. Lawrence thanked her for her long-time service.

B. Director Report – S. Lawrence

Shelter stats were sent out with agenda and were briefly discussed. With the pandemic, it has been a struggle to get people into the shelter, but animals have still been moving fairly quickly.

This year, the shelter obtained a grant for brand new dog beds. The beds have proved to be durable and a great addition to the adoption runs.

While the shelter is still housing court-case dogs from May 2020, the numbers have been dwindling after a recent law change. If a dog is being held under suspicion of dog fighting, the shelter is able to collect bond to continue the dog's care. Every 30 days, the owner must pay daily board for each animal for the coming month or rights are relinquished.

The Kalamazoo Humane Society (KHS) has obtained the contract for cremation of shelter animals and has been able to expand other services, as well. They have been altering most adoptable animals prior to leaving the shelter, as well as sending a veterinarian to KCASE every Friday. Furthermore, their brand-new clinic has been able to diagnose/treat injured and sick shelter animals.

ITEM 8 – Other

A. Winters gave an update on the Kalamazoo Humane Society and its current operations. Spay/neuter has resumed and their new vet clinic is operational two days a week – one day for vaccines/wellness appointments and one day for sick animals. New equipment is being added to the clinic to expand its operations. KHS hopes to hire more veterinary staff to expand its current schedule.

The organization is working on obtaining a permit from the State of Michigan to build a memorial garden for cremated remains. They have been focusing on community outreach, including offering vaccines to the unhoused and assisting the elderly with vet bills.

ITEM 9 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair at 7:37 pm.

APPENDIX – “Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Statistics, 21-Dec-21” Handout

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



ANIMAL SERVICES AND ENFORCEMENT SHELTER STATISTICS

MONTH:
21-Dec-21

		2020	%		2021	%
DOGS						
ADOPTED		231	35%		241	32%
REDEEMED		281	42%		329	44%
TRANSFERRED		34	5%		21	3%
EUTHANIZED	110 9 0	119	18%	148 13 0	161	21%
TOTALS		665			752	
CATS						
ADOPTED		256	32%		253	26%
REDEEMED		32	4%		37	4%
TRANSFERRED		168	21%		182	19%
EUTHANIZED	280 61 0	341	43%	432 71 0	503	52%
TOTALS		797			975	
OTHER						
ADOPTED		29	91%		56	60%
REDEEMED		1	3%		7	8%
TRANSFERRED		0	0%		10	11%
EUTHANIZED	2 0 0	2	6%	19 1 0	20	22%
TOTALS		32			93	
TOTAL STRAYS		1494			1820	
% SAVED		69%			62%	
% Adoptable Saved		95%			95%	

UNADOPTABLE

TREATABLE

ADOPTABLE