



**Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – Unofficial (No Quorum)  
Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Room C  
Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**Quorum was not reached; therefore, this was not an official meeting and no actions were taken.**

**ITEM 1 – Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by D. Gray at 7:05 pm

**ITEM 2 – Roll Call**

**Members:**

*NO QUORUM PRESENT*

Present – Dr. Christopher Rohwer, Danielle Gray (Vice Chair)

Late Arrival – Aaron Winters (7:10 pm)

Early Dismissal – Samantha Cree (7:50 pm)

Absent – Sue Brodasky (Chair), Commissioner Roger Tuinier,  
Commissioner Tracy Hall (alt.), Scott Thrasher, Jonathan Morgan,  
Debra Wall

**KCASE Staff:**

Stephen Lawrence, Jenny McGinnis, Michelle Fruehauf, Gino Burnette

**Guests:**

Dave Rachowicz, Christina Scheid, Andrew Worden, Patricia Haas, Eponine Garrod, Andrew Garrod, Katie Timber (SPCA), Sara Singleton (SPCA), Denise Corey (SPCA), Jim Vandenberg (SPCA), Fred Statler (SPCA)

**ITEM 3 – Approval of Minutes**

Could not be approved; no quorum present.

**ITEM 4 – Citizen’s Time**

C. Scheid addressed the board and made a presentation regarding puppy mills vs. animal welfare organizations.

**ITEM 6 – Commissioner’s Time**

No Commissioners present.

**ITEM 5 – For Consideration:**

**A. Chair’s Report – S. Brodasky**

Chair was not present.

**B. Kent County Animal Shelter Tour Report – D. Rachowicz/S. Lawrence**

S. Lawrence discussed the findings of the Kent County shelter tour which took place earlier in the day on 5/15/17. S. Lawrence felt that the shelter was the “best [that they had] visited so far” and fell somewhere in the middle of comparable high-end and low-end shelters. Since the shelter has been operational for 9 years, it was very valuable to gain insight about what Kent County employees like and don’t like about the original shelter design.

**C. Animal Services Shelter Project – D. Rachowicz**

**a) Update**

With pending approval at the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the plan is to construct a brand new shelter on Lamont Street in 2018. After closely examining potential partnerships, it was determined that no organization can currently provide full, comprehensive services and that we must move forward in our construction timeline.

D. Rachowicz walked the board through the draft of the Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Project Report.

**b) Discussion**

C. Rohwer found the Shelter Project Report to be “impressive”, stating it was clear that D. Rachowicz had “done [his] homework”. S. Lawrence felt that the planning session helped lay the groundwork of the report and that it was a culmination of all parts of the process. C. Rohwer feels that it is important to stress to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners the section entitled “Future Animal Services and Enforcement Operational Impacts” on page 20 of the Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Project Report.

**D. Project Schedule Update – D. Rachowicz**

“Project Schedule” on page 20 of the Animal Services & Enforcement Shelter Project Report was reviewed.

**ITEM 7 – Other**

None.

**ITEM 8 – Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by D. Gray at 8:00 pm

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