



TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
ZOOM MEETING

Meeting Called to Order:	1:03 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Amy Shuklian, BJ Motko, Bridgette Davis, Carrie Morales, Damaris Menchaca, Denise Simmons, Donna Grigsby, Donna Sims, Lena Cooper, Mary Dieterle, Michael Cortez, Oma Mansfield, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Michelle Hart, Tricia Stever Blattler

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Jungwirth, Ameet Nagra, Cassie Heffington, Rob Stewart
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Ratify Chair's Action on January 3, 2023, to Allow for Remote Attendance at this Meeting and Readopt the Related Resolution Last Adopted on October 13, 2022
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Discussion: None

Motion:	<i>Ratify Chair's Action on January 3, 2023, to Allow for Remote Attendance at this Meeting and Readopt the Related Resolution Last Adopted on October 13, 2022</i>		
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1st:	BJ Motko	2nd:	Donna Grigsby
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:	
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on December 8, 2022

None

Motion:	<i>Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on December 8, 2022</i>		
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1st:	Donna Grigsby	2nd:	BJ Motko
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:	
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Welcomed new members: Lena, Tracy, Carrie and Denise. Discussion on duties and the election of officers.
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Motion 1:	<i>To elect Patrick Hamlin as Chairperson</i>		
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1st:	Donna Grigsby	2nd:	BJ Motko
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:	
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Motion 2:	<i>To elect Donna Grigsby as Vice-Chairperson</i>		
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1st:	BJ Motko	2nd:	Tracy Everett
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:	
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Motion 3:	<i>To elect Tricia Stever Blattler as Secretary</i>		
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1st:	Damaris Menchaca	2nd:	Donna Grigsby
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Vote	Yes:	Unanimous	No:	
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Discussion on how the meetings are going back to being in-person and a map and instructions will be emailed to the group.

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services
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Cassie talked about the shelter and the field staff. Some staff have been in training, leaving two officers in the field to respond to calls. She shared some numbers. In 2022 they had 6,627 calls for service. Recruiting for an ACO I position. Responded to a cruelty case in Lindsay with 48 horses, 13 cows and 80 dogs. Did 2,283 spay and neuter surgeries in 2022. Around 500 vaccines. In 2023, averaging about 30 appointments a day, 4 days a week. Done 280 surgeries in about 6 weeks so far this year. Have a vaccine clinic on Feb. 15th and plan to do them monthly here at the shelter. Also planning off-site vaccine clinics. Doing public spay and neuter appointments for cats. Filled about 300 appointments in 48 hours. Using the e-appointment feature in Clinic HQ to schedule appointments online. The shelter can also take appointments by phone if needed. Our dispatchers handle about 175 calls in a day.

We also have a fantastic partnership with San Francisco SPCA. They received a grant for us to get an x-ray machine with an ultrasound. We have been using it pretty much daily at this point. San Francisco SPCA also received a grant from Cal for All Animals to increase spay and neuter access for their partner organizations. They will be doing some large spay and neuter clinics this year. Shelter intake in 2022 was a little over 5,800 animals. 24% cats, 74% dogs and 2% goats, chickens, horses, etc. Had a 82% live release rate. Rescue partners have been strapped for adoptions and haven't been able to pull as many animals. On dog adoptions from 2019 to 2022: 3.7% adopted in 2019 to 7.5% adopted in 2022. We did 698 adoptions last year.

Started the Adventure Paws program where people can take a dog out for an adventure. The program has been wildly successful. It gets the dogs out of the shelter and much more exposure. There is some legislation being worked on to address the veterinary shortage.

Had a discussion on veterinary clinics and where they would be held. Also discussed spay and neuter fees for cats. Talked about grants and grant writing. Still planning on doing a ribbon cutting event. Also discussed how to replace the older shelter trucks. Mary will email out a list of the ad-hoc committees and their members.

AGENDA / **DISCUSSION: Education**

Talked about possibly removing this item.

AGENDA / **DISCUSSION: Update from Ag Advisory Committee on Deceased Animals**

Trish is out today and Cassie did not have any updates.

AGENDA / **DISCUSSION: Update from Ad-Hoc Committees**

Membership: Only have the District 3 seat left that is available.

By-Laws: Working on the document and will get it out soon to the committee members.

Volunteer: Will email a list of the current committees and members.

New Committees: None

AGENDA / **DISCUSSION: Suggestions of Committee Alternates**

Patrick explained to the new members the process of having an alternate who could come to the meeting in the event you are unable to attend.

AGENDA / **DISCUSSION: Additional Comments**

None



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Adjourn meeting @ 1:56 pm			
Motion:	<i>Adjourn Meeting @ 1:56 pm by Patrick Hamblin</i>		
1st:	Donna Grigsby	2nd:	Amy Shuklian
Vote	Yes: No vote	No:	