



TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023
MEETING

Meeting Called to Order:	1:05 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Amy Shuklian, BJ Motko, Carrie Morales, Damaris Menchaca, Denise Simmons, Donna Grigsby, Lena Cooper, Mary Dieterle, Michelle Hart, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett, Tricia Stever Blattler

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Bridgette Davis, Oma Mansfield

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Donna Sims, Michael Cortez

GUESTS PRESENT: Mary Jungwirth, Cassie Heffington, Eric Scott, Jennie Porreco

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on April 13, 2023
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None

Motion:	Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on April 13, 2023
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1st:	Donna Grigsby	2nd:	Damaris Menchaca
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Vote	Yes: Unanimous	No:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Comments from Advisory Committee Members

Donna G asked about the spay/neuter clinic which is now open for public cat appointments. BJ mentioned that we need a new shelter or 50 more kennels. This is something that can be discussed under the Budgetary Challenges Ad-Hoc Committee. Discussion on posts of how the shelter is filled to capacity. Plea to rescue partners. Patrick talked about a conference he attended in Oregon. This is the same everywhere. Regular capacity is 80-85 animals and we regularly have 140-160 animals. Discussion on fostering, the help with the evacuations back in March and Patrick mentioned the award that Cassie received from SF SPCA.

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services

Cassie shared some shelter statistics. 560 animals in May, mostly large breed dogs and puppies. 120-130 average number of dogs daily. Was 80-85 before. From June 1-7, had 157 animals. LRR - 80%. Been doing \$20 adoptions using FOTC funds and this has drained our adoption fund. SF SPCA will fund for 1-2 months. They are also paying for us to have an RVT at the clinic through a grant fund.

Clinic stats. May - 253 animals, 94 dogs and 159 cats (3 weeks). June 1-7, 102 surgeries. Mostly public cats and adoptions. Had 1 vaccination clinic in May with 106 animals in 5 hours. Have 1 on June 27th with 180 spots to fill.

Grants: Received \$5,000 from Petco Love for crates to replace those given away during the evacuation. SF SPCA has a joint grant to increase capacity to provide spay/neuter. Once a month, they have a vet here for 2-3 days. On Friday, Susan will be here. She donated the funds for the clinic. We are also applying for a few more grants. Just received a new SUV for the shelter.

<input type="checkbox"/> AGENDA / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISCUSSION: Update from Ag Advisory Committee on Deceased Animals
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Summer temperatures – extreme heat and mortalities increase. There is also a disposal issue. Finding a landfill to take carcasses. Or purchase a larger crematorium. Discussion on rooster noise and Code



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Enforcement. Talked about staffing and a bigger kennel, educating smaller communities, working with schools and other communities. Possibly putting literature in utility bills or a community care coalition. Resource fairs.

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

Membership: Have not received any new applications.

By-Laws: Was emailed out to everyone. Email feedback to Mary.

Volunteer: No one on this committee yet. Changed name to Community Outreach. A list was passed around for people to sign up for any committees they are interested in.

Budgetary Challenges: Talked about vehicles. The shelter was remodeled in 2016 and they didn't expand on capacity. Animal Services gets a set amount from the general fund. We have a shortfall and there is no money for additional items. Other fees have increased. Has a \$500,000 deficit. Talked about putting leans on properties, ordinances and the air board.

New Committees: None

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

Denise Simmons proposed a name for her alternate, Rosemary Shelton. Add to the next agenda.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Additional Comments**

Talked about the sections on the agenda. Passed around the ad-Hoc Committee list for members to sign up. BJ mentioned at CVRR is starting construction of the Helma Rump Memorial Cattery.

AGENDA / DISCUSSION: **Adjourn meeting @ 2:41 pm**

Motion: *Adjourn Meeting @ 2:41 pm by Patrick Hamblin*

1st:	Michelle Hart	2nd:	Tricia Stever Blattler
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Vote	Yes:	No vote
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