



# TULARE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024  
MEETING

<b>Meeting Called to Order:</b>	1:06 pm by Patrick Hamblin
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ATTENDANCE
<b>PRESENT:</b> Amy Shuklian, BJ Motko, Candace Harrington, Carrie Morales, Donna Sims, Gina Rizza, Mary Dieterle, Matthew Corso, Oma Mansfield, Patrick Hamblin, Tracy Everett
<b>ALTERNATES PRESENT:</b>
<b>EXCUSED ABSENCE:</b> Damaris Menchaca, Tricia Stever Blattler
<b>UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:</b> Michael Cortez
<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b> Mary Jungwirth, Cassie Heffington, David Yanez

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION:</b> Review and Approval of minutes from Meeting on February 8, 2024			
None			
<b>Motion:</b>	<i>Approve the minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting on February 8, 2024</i>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Amy Shuklian	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Oma Mansfield
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Unanimous	<b>No:</b>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION:</b> Election of Vice-Chairperson			
Patrick asked for any volunteers. Candace volunteered to be the Vice-Chairperson.			
<b>Motion:</b>	<i>To elect Candace Harrington as Vice-Chairperson</i>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	BJ Motko	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Tracy Everett
<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Unanimous	<b>No:</b>	

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION:</b> Comments from Advisory Committee Members			
Discussion on the dog park being built at Mooney Grove Park. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be in a few months. For the allocation of the one time \$500,000 funding the paperwork was submitted for the purchase of 3 ACO trucks and a Ford Edge for the shelter. Discussion on attendance. Will verify with County Counsel on missed meetings. Are members removed due to missing meetings?			

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AGENDA</b> / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DISCUSSION:</b> Update from Animal Services on Activities of Tulare County Animal Services			
<p>Cassie shared some numbers and statistics. Since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, intake was 1,470 animals. Of these 1,342 were dogs. 85-90% - large breed dogs and puppies. 30% increase in dog intake for 2022. 65% increase in dog intake from 2021. Have 50 kennels and 10 emergency kennels. Intake 10-40 dogs/puppies per day. Mostly abandoned dogs. She had posted a picture with 11 20-lb puppies online.</p> <p>Adoptions are up 73% since 2023. 479 adoptions. We are doing \$20 adoptions and have had some specials with free adoptions. Rescues are down 7%. We have sent 537 animals out to rescue so far this year. Rescues aren't getting as many adoptions and are getting lots of returns. We take back all of our adoptions. Return to owners are up 16%.</p> <p>ACOs: 1,986 calls this year so far for 4 ACOs. The volume is the same; however, the number of dogs per call increased.</p>			



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A few clinic stats. 973 surgeries since the beginning of the year; 661 cats and 312 dogs. Some through grants for unhoused. The clinic has brought in a little over \$60,000 in revenue since the beginning of the year. The average price is about \$200 for an animal to go to the vet for a spay or neuter surgery. We are losing our vet soon. She is going to part-time. She will still be here 1 day a week. Some of our relief partners will send additional veterinarians.

We received a \$10,000 grant through Petco Love, which we will use to purchase more kennel banks for surgery.

Discussion on the new legislation bills AB2265 and AB2964. BJ mentioned grants and funding for people who can't afford food or veterinary bills. Possibly something for the Community Outreach Committee?

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Update from Ag Advisory Committee

None

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Update from Ad-Hoc Committees

**Membership:** None.

**By-Laws:** Redline version coming soon. Possible BAI for June?

**Community Outreach:** Mentioned looking at the food bank idea. Checking with contacts.

**Budgetary Challenges:** Discussion on the state budget deficit. Animal Services is general funded. Fee changes going to the Board in April.

**Recognition and Retention (R&R) Committee:** Discussion on some of the things they have done such as Valentine's day, pizza party, thank you letters, birthday baskets. They are open to suggestions.

**New Committees:** None

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Suggestions of Committee Alternates

**Motion 1:** *Appoint Rebecca Corso as alternate for Matthew Corso*

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Amy Shuklian	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Gina Rizza
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<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Unanimous	<b>No:</b>	
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**Motion:** *Appoint Lena Cooper as alternate for Candace Harrington*

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Amy Shuklian	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Matthew Corso
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<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b> Unanimous	<b>No:</b>	
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AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Additional Comments

BJ mentioned their Bark-n-bid event on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Matthew talked about how he assists with dogs, grants he has received and his training programs.

AGENDA /  DISCUSSION: Adjourn meeting @ 2:40 pm

**Motion:** *None*

<b>1<sup>st</sup>:</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	
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<b>Vote</b>	<b>Yes:</b>	<b>No:</b>	
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