

FLOWER MOUND ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2017

THE FLOWER MOUND ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2017 IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:30 P.M.

The Animal Services Board met in a work session with the following members present:

Mary O’Meara	Chair	Place 1
Caitlin Dobecka	Member	Place 3
Cynthia Patterson	Vice-Chair	Place 4
Susan Bodenmiller	Member	Place 6
Kathy Schmitt	Member	Place 7

The following members were not present:

Christine Hastings	Member	Place 2
Clare Schroeder-Brown	Member	Place 5
Haiyan Fan	Alternate	Place 8
Jason Webb	Alternate	Place 9

Constituting a quorum with the following member of the Town staff participating:

Dax Gollaher	Animal Services Officer/Board Secretary
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A. CALL ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Mary O’Meara called the Animal Services Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD

Member Patterson nominated Mary O’Meara for the chair position. Member Schmitt seconded the nomination.

AYES: Dobecka, Patterson, Bodenmiller, Schmitt
NAYS: None

Member Dobecka nominated Member Patterson for the vice-chair position. Member Schmitt seconded the nomination

AYES: Dobecka, Patterson, Bodenmiller, Schmitt
NAYS: None

D. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Animal Services Board held May 23, 2017.

AYES: Fan, Freeny, Hastings, Bodenmiller, Webb, Schmitt

NAYS: None

2. Staff Report

a. Monthly Totals

Chair O'Meara went over what the monthly totals consisted of. Board Secretary/Animal Services Supervisor, Dax Gollaher explained to the board the new computer system Animal Services is now using that helps share information directly with the Police Department. Discussion was had about what monthly numbers would and would not continue to be placed on the monthly report.

Vice Chair Patterson noted an increase in euthanasia and asked about what may be the cause.

Chair O'Meara talked about feral cats and an influx of animals taken in from Waco and Dallas from Hurricane Harvey.

Board Secretary/Animal Services Supervisor, Dax Gollaher also confirmed that euthanasia of cats can be higher as we are trapping feral cats.

Member Schmitt asked if any of the animals euthanized was due to space. Board Secretary/Animal Services Supervisor, Dax Gollaher stated that none of the animals were euthanized due to space. The only reason for euthanasia was medical or behavioral reasons.

b. Clear the Shelter Update

Chair O'Meara reviewed the adoption numbers for the Flower Mound Animal Adoption Center from the Clear the Shelter event on August 19, 2017.

c. Play Yard Expansion

Chair O'Meara reviewed the Adoption Center's media release about the new play yard expansion for the animals at the center and encouraged listeners to visit to see the new addition.

d. Part-Time Position – Outreach Coordinator

Board Secretary/Animal Services Supervisor went over the needs of the position. Chair O'Meara talked about the improvement of the current volunteer program at the Adoption Center and how this new position will help increase that effort.

Vice-Chair Patterson acknowledged the Town for making the financial commitment to make and fund this position to help the program to continue to grow.

e. Fundraisers

Chair O'Meara went over the Hand to Paw Fundraiser developed by Girl Scout Cadet Troop 4778 and the Police Department's Open House which will be attended by Animal Services.

Member Dobecka discussed fundraiser ideas such as a Christmas/Angel tree. The Shelter's current holiday tree and involvement with the Police Department's Santa cops program was discussed.

Ideas centering around spring time were discussed where wish list items could be placed in Easter eggs and residents could stop by the shelter to pick up their Easter egg and supply the shelter with needed items.

This same idea could be applied to St. Patrick's day where residents would receive a shamrock they could wear and bring a needed item to the shelter.

3. Humane Tomorrow Update

Chair O'Meara announced the following upcoming events being hosted by Humane Tomorrow:

Fido Fest – March 31, 2018

Tuxes'N Tails – November 4, 2017 – Grapevine Mills Embassy Suites

More information can be found at: www.Humanetomorrow.org

E. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

Animal Services Board Work session – November 15, 2017

Animal Services Board Regular meeting – February 27, 2018

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

Christine Hastings, Town Representative

ATTEST:

Dax Gollaher, Secretary