

FLOWER MOUND ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2018

THE FLOWER MOUND ANIMAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2018 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
Christine Hastings	Member	Place 2
Caitlin Dobecka	Member	Place 3
Carol Stephens	Member	Place 4
Susan Bodenmiller	Member	Place 6
Kathy Schmitt	Member	Place 7
Kelly Harrington	Alternate	Place 8
Jason Webb	Alternate	Place 9

The following member was not present:

Clare Schroeder-Brown	Member	Place 5
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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Alternate Member Jason Webb nominated Mary O'Meara as Chair. Member Dobecka seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobecka, Hastings, Stephens, Bodenmiller, Schmitt

NAYS: None

Member Hastings nominated Susan Bodenmiller as Vice Chair. Member Schmitt seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobecka, Hastings, Stephens, Bodenmiller, Schmitt

NAYS: None

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No speakers were present

D. REGULAR ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of the Animal Services Board held May 29, 2018.

Member Hastings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Member Dobecka seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobecka, Hastings, Stephens, Bodenmiller, Schmitt

NAYS: None

2. Staff Report

Member Hastings briefly went over the monthly reports, Activity Update list, and the Clear the Shelter numbers to familiarize the new members with the information. There were no questions for Member Hastings.

Chair O'Meara expressed her thanks for the approval of the Outreach Coordinator position and felt it has really made a difference in the amount of events Animal Services can now be a part of.

Chair O'Meara also invited the new members to visit the Adoption Center and encouraged the board to reach out to Member Hastings for volunteer opportunities as well.

Member Hastings encouraged the board and the residents to come to the shelter for a tour. The shelter belongs to the residents and it's theirs to visit and tour. She encouraged them to ask questions, and see our processes and procedures and how it all works.

Alternate Member Jason Webb asked if Animal Services was looking for a kennel technician. Member Hastings replied that they were currently looking to fill the position that was vacant when their kennel technician transferred to be an Animal Services Officer within the same section, leaving the kennel technician position open.

3. Humane Tomorrow Update

Chair O'Meara explained her role on the board and talked about how Humane Tomorrow works closely with Animal Services from helping to pull animals and inviting each other to their respective events.

Chair O'Meara brought up that there is an illness going around called Mycoplasma Cynos that has impacted several shelters including Denton and HSNT (Humane Society of North Texas). It is a respiratory infection that weakens a dog's immune system.

Chair O'Meara talked about some of the events coming up for Humane Tomorrow which include photos with the Grinch around Christmas time. The exact date and time have not yet been set, but will be posted on their website soon.

Tuxes and Tails, one of Humane Tomorrow's largest fundraisers will be reserved for March 2, 2019 and tables will be held for members of Animal Services and the Town Council as its guests.

4. 2019 Goals

Chair O'Meara reached out to the board to see if they had any ideas of things they would like to accomplish. She reminded the board of past accomplishments such as brainstorming fundraising ideas.

Member Hastings talked about the 'Paws'N Claus' fundraiser last December which raised just shy of three thousand dollars and that idea was developed by the board.

Chair O'Meara talked about the number one charge of the Animal Services Board which is to make sure the shelter is following the rules set out regarding rabies of which she felt Animal Services was doing a great job of already. Chair O'Meara encouraged the board to bring ideas forward in the future of any items they were interested in accomplishing.

Chair O'Meara discussed an idea of placing signs that direct people to the shelter. She explained that when using navigation systems, they direct visitor to the wrong location.

Member Hastings stated that she had looked into that in the past and it was an issue with the roads belonging to TXDOT and not the Town and there were difficulties in getting permission to place signs there. This is something that she will re-visit as she knows that there are signs directing drivers to the CAC and the Library and there are signs around other area shelters that help direct people to their locations.

Member Dobecka brought up the idea of working with Google to correct the shelter's location on Google Maps. Member Hastings reviewed the difficulties of the shelter's address as it does not have a postal address to receive mail and any packages being delivered through an alternate company need to say Lewisville to reach the shelter. It was expressed that the address issue may be one of the reasons for the difficulty in navigating to the shelter correctly.

Alternate Member Webb brought up the idea of promoting the registration ordinance to the public as he feels residents still don't know that animals need to be registered. Member Hastings confirmed that she will push the information of registration requirements to the public. She explained for listeners at the meeting how to register and obtain registration tags.

E. COORDINATION OF CALENDARS

The next Animal Services Board Regular meeting will be held on February 26, 2019.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM

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Mary O'Meara, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Christine Hastings, Animal Services Manager