

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
July 19, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth Chair
Jamey Cantrell
Lisa Ann Moore
Karen Dubrow

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Bryan Baldwin
Lynn Wolfe
Tammy Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie New, Senior Administrative Assistant
Michelle Voirin, Assistant City Attorney III

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., July 19, 2016 in the conference room of the Plano Animal Shelter, 4028 West Plano Parkway. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

No one appeared to speak.

Dr. Dubrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting. Ms. Moore seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Ordinance Update

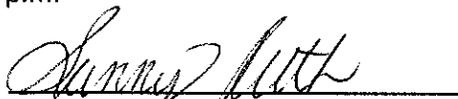
Mr. Cantrell stated that the new ordinances were passed by City Council on June 28 and thanked Ms. Voirin for her help.

SHELTER REPORT

Mr. Cantrell said the intake of animals was up a little mostly due to transfer of animals from other shelters and fosters. Surrenders are about the same. Adoptions are way up this year, and he hopes this will occur this quarter. The shelter has fifteen empty kennels currently which is unheard of in July. Euthanasia is up mainly due to wildlife, and the number of animals sterilized is also up. Volunteer hours are up due to the number of fosters. Field officers have been busy, and those numbers are also up. Mr. Cantrell is projecting 6500 intakes this year and as long as adoptions stay up things will be ok. It will be challenging if adoptions go down. Dr. Dubrow asked why adoptions were up, and Mr. Cantrell said that he really couldn't say but it could be due to the sign out front. Ms. Moore asked if there was a lot of young animals, and he said it was about the same. The number of visitors was also up. Dr. Dubrow asked if the Facebook page received a lot of shares and Mr. Cantrell stated that it really did not, but it had 3600 likes vs. 2800 last year. Dr. Dubrow asked if the Facebook page could be outsourced to a volunteer or advisory committee member, and Mr. Cantrell stated that it could not. The upcoming Clear the Shelter event was discussed, and the City of Allen who is renovating their shelter will be housing their animals here temporarily. Mr. Cantrell is working with Michelle Voirin on an agreement between our shelter and other cities for disaster situations. Dr. Dubrow brought up a possible Big Brother Big Sister type program for the Indian community in Plano in regards to adopting dogs as related to crime prevention. Mr. Cantrell states she could do this as a private citizen, but he did not have the resources or staff. She asked if an email could be sent to the volunteers to help, and he asked her to send him an email as to what she wants, and he could send out to them. Ms. Voirin said that neighborhood police officers services may be able to help. Wildlife was also discussed.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2016.

Dr. Dubrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Moore seconded the motion which passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair