

Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
January 29, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair
Jamey Cantrell
Karen Dubrow
Tammy Chow-Hayes
Robert Watson
Cindy Gordon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Meryl Evans

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Dr. Ruth called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., January 29, 2019 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 October 23, 2018 meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

SHELTER REPORT

Mr. Cantrell stated the statistics for the first quarter were statistically flat for the most part. Surrenders, visitors and redemptions were up, transfers were down, slightly less wildlife were transferred and field calls were down. The total number of euthanasia was up but there was about 30 more wildlife euthanized. Dog and cat euthanasia was the biggest increase, but there was a big increase in owner requests. We try to make euthanasia affordable, but we prefer

people take the animal to their veterinarian that has seen the animal its entire life and has a relationship with the veterinarian. At the veterinarian's office, the owner can stay with the animal but here they cannot. Intakes were within five or ten from last quarter. Registration was up, but last year we could not complete registrations in December due to being out of tags. Volunteer hours were down about 20 percent. Members asked questions regarding the volunteers, the process, hours and orientation. The Nickel Neuter event will be on February 26. The shelter will be getting a new crematorium and possibly new cages built for the remainder of renovations at the shelter. A new parking lot will be on the bond election in the spring, and Mark Israelson will be the new city manager.

The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2019.

Dr. Dubrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Gordon seconded the motion which passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Dr. Sunny Lee Ruth, Chair