

**THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE JOINT POWERS AGENCY OF THE
STANISLAUS ANIMAL SERVICES AGENCY (SASA)
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting

Thursday

June 19, 2014

Members Present:

Stan Risen, Stanislaus County	Toby Wells, City of Ceres
Ed Krohn, City of Waterford	Rod Butler, City of Patterson
Dominique Spinale, City of Hughson	Andy Schlenker, City of Modesto

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Annette Patton, Executive Director
Francine Gutierrez, Manager II
Deirdre McGrath, Deputy County Counsel
Linda Ford, Confidential Assistant
Doris Foster, Senior Management Consultant

Guests:

Celia Angel – Citizen and Rescue
Laurie Daily-Johnston – Humane Society of Stanislaus County
Mr. & Mrs. Ferroni – Citizens
Kane McLaughlin – Eagle Scout

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Rod Butler, Chair.

Roll call: See above

Public Comment: Celia Angel – provided handouts and discussed a program she created called *New Leash on Life*, which facilitates the rescue of at risk dogs. Celia expressed interest in becoming a better conduit between SASA and the Rescues.

Laurie Dally-Johnston - President of the Humane Society of Stanislaus County brought a handout regarding an event being held at the State Theater on September 20, 2014. The event is a film based on the book written by Nathan Winograd called REDEMPTION – The No Kill Revolution in America. The author and producer will be present to do a presentation and answer questions. Tickets are \$12.50, doors open at 4 p.m.

Approved the Agency Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2014
(Risen/Wells – 6/0)

Correspondence: None

New Business:

- A. Elected JPA Board representatives from the City of Hughson as Chair and the City of Ceres as Vice Chair. (Risen/Schlenker – 6/0)
- B. Recognized Eagle Scout Kane McLaughlin for efforts in providing cement mow strips in the outside kennel area.
- C. Adopted the Recommended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with a request to return at mid-year for a review after contract negotiations. (Wells/Schlenker– 6/0)
- D. Approved Adoption Programs; Paws for Patriots in July (50% off any adoption for military members). Dog Days of Summer in August (50% off any dog adoption. For those that own a dog, if they purchase a license in August they will receive a microchip and rabies vaccination for \$10). 9 Lives for \$9 in September (all cat adoptions will be \$9), and a Fall Season Special in October (any brown or orange colored animal will receive a \$25 adoption discount). (Schlenker/Spinale - 6/0)

Director Report:

- a. Executive Director Patton acknowledges and thanks Mr. Ferroni for his comments from the March 2014 meeting. Mr. Ferroni's comments and the subsequent discussions have created positive change. Revisions have been made to the license renewal form including a place for statements regarding changes in ownership. The reverse side will be in Spanish. An administrative citation cover letter has been developed, giving instruction on how to correct the violation with no fines or fees when handled within 30 days.

- b. Acknowledgement to Modesto Animal Control Supervisor John Bear for the nice e-mail regarding the helpful staff at Animal Services. John and his team brought in 40 dogs, 20 plus cats and 20 or more birds from a hoarding residence in the city of Modesto. A few other alerts, one in Waterford one in Ceres are being monitored and will be re-visited next week.
- c. The adopt a shelter pet program, which is a dog and a cat taken to the Board of Supervisors meeting once a month, has now been expanded to the Ceres City Council meeting, at their request. Toby Wells adds that the program has been very well received.
- d. Attended the Waterford City Council meeting last week and provided information on dog vs dog issues which is different from vicious dog issues. Dog vs dog issues happen frequently and are many times a civil issue. Under the law, a vicious dog is defined as dog vs human. Additional staff training will be provided in communication when it comes to dog vs dog issues.
- e. Attended Raul Mendez's State of the City address, in the city of Hughson, which was a great Council meeting.
- f. Recently met with the Humane Society of Stanislaus County, our largest partner in our Trap Neuter and Release program. To date, with their help, over 2100 cats have been spayed or neutered and released back to their area of origin.
- g. The Neuter Scooter recently sold. The agency will look to purchase an Adoption Trailer.
- h. A Request for Proposal is with Purchasing right now for the empty space next door. That space can be utilized for any animal related business or service. The rental rate is estimated at \$1500 per month plus utilities.
- i. Snuggies, homemade blankets collected by our Stanislaus County Libraries, were donated last week. This year we received 900 Snuggies which will be given with each pet adoption.
- j. WIC Program had a wellness activity which included visiting our facility and having their staff interact with our puppies and kittens.
- k. Met with the Veterinary Community last Thursday. Twelve of our local veterinarians came to discuss spay/neuter reimbursement, the possibility of licenses being sold in their offices and future programs. Overall the meeting was positive. This group will meet again, sometime in August.

- l. Met with Jill Anderson, Riverbank's City Manager to discuss Animal Services. The information shared was good.
- m. We began our Trap/Neuter/Release program on June 1, 2013. To date over 2100 cats have been altered, ear tipped and released. This has been accomplished with the help of the Humane Society of Stanislaus County. A press release will be done in a couple of weeks.
- n. Recently submitted a \$200,000 grant. After a lot of work, PetSmart sent a nice e-mail advising the grant was denied. With so many grant opportunities out there, additional training would be helpful. Grant writing training is being offered through Modesto Police Department next month and Executive Director Patton looks forward to attending.
- o. Dog programs – Executive Director Patton joined the California Directors Group. They meet at U.C. Davis and discuss ideas to decrease shelter intake. One idea is to make appointments two weeks out for owner releases. During that two week period, staff can assist the owner in finding a rescue or seeing if there is a friend or relative to take the dog.
- p. Recently attended the Chameleon Conference and spoke with the Director of the Las Vegas Animal Services. He runs three shelters that operate 24/7. They start their evaluation process upon intake and schedule surgery right away, making the animal available to adopt or rescue sooner.
- q. Next Wednesday is our all staff training day. Executive Director Patton will be training staff on Dealing with Emotions at Work.

Member Referrals: None

Adjourned Regular Meeting at 10:25 a.m. to go into closed session.
Public Employee Evaluation – Executive Director Government Code: 54957 (b)
Re-Opened regular meeting. Nothing to Report.
Adjourned regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.

ATTESTED: Linda Ford, Clerk
of the Governing Board
of the Joint Powers Agency
of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency
State of California

(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Governing Board of the Joint Powers Agency. Complete minutes are available from the Clerk at Stanislaus Animal Services Agency, 3647 Cornucopia Way in Modesto, CA.)