

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 6, 2015

Regular Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Dominic Farinha, chair

Roll Call:

Dominic Farinha, Patterson
Lyndi Love-Haning, Ceres

Heather Goodnight, Waterford
Kavishti Kokaram, DVM

Absent:

Hans C. Picinich, Hughson

Unfilled Positions:

Representative from Stanislaus County
Representative from City of Modesto

Staff in attendance:

Annette Patton, Executive Director Linda Ford, Confidential Asst.

Meeting Minutes

1. Public Comment – Karen Mosser spoke on three items:
 - a. Atwater’s successful Trap/Neuter/Return program.
 - b. A request for two additions to the SASA website, under helpful links.
Companion Pet Laws in Rental Housing and CatNetwork of Stanislaus.
 - c. A fundraiser called Kitty Tea, slated for October 24, 2015
2. Approved the Minutes of July 2, 2015 - (Farinha/Kokaram - 4/0)
3. Update from Education Committee – Lyndi is waiting for 2015-2016 classes to begin.
4. Discussed Future Adoption Programs to Enhance Animal Services – Dominic shared a packet of seasonal Adoption Promotions.
5. Discussed Methods to Increase Public Awareness to File Lost and Found Reports – Heather suggested virtual lost/found reports with information available on-line. Annette reported our software company is working on this project.
6. Discussed Stanislaus County Fair Project – Lyndi reported the Fair provided great exposure, over 30 adoptions, donations, lots of shared fliers and information on Trap/Neuter/Release, vaccinations, clinics, spay/neuter, shelter

location, etc. Friends of Turlock were recognized for the use of their adoption trailer at the fair.

7. Director's Report – Executive Director Patton reported the following updates and information.
 - a. Currently preparing the Annual Report based on July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 statistics. Once the Annual Report is approved by the JPA Board it will be shared with our partner cities, the Board of Supervisors, this committee and others interested.
 - b. The JPA Board meets on September 17th and we will be requesting approval for Dog License Amnesty and Adoption Promotions for the fall season.
 - c. We are working on the completion of three Grants. One from PetSmart, one from Best Friends Animal League and a third grant from Alley Cat Allies. Two enhance our spay/neuter programs. One will aid in our foster/rescue programs.
 - d. An airport neighborhood sweep was completed a couple weeks ago. Sweeps are done monthly, where needed.
 - e. Automated Administrative Citations are going out regularly and are like fix it tickets, with 30 days to comply. SASA just sent out 1700 Administrative Citations, covering all cities in our jurisdiction and the County.
 - f. SASA recently hired a new Animal Services Officer.
 - g. Dominic previously provided Barking Dog Information. The information was reviewed and recently submitted to our web-master for posting on our web-site.
 - h. A recent incident brought media support, for which we are appreciative. The animal involved has no bad history and is under quarantine. The incident is currently under investigation.
 - i. Effective July 1st feral kittens will weigh four pounds before spay/neuter surgery under our Trap/Neuter Release program. UC Davis and local veterinarians support this effort, as a way to increase animal health. The public is welcome to foster kittens until they make weight.
 - j. Clinics are held Monday through Friday between 9 and 10 a.m. and one Saturday a month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This assists in reducing the wait time for our citizens.
 - k. Affordable Pet Hospital opened July 15, 2015 and is a full service hospital.

- I. There have been no complaints from the Cities or the Board of Supervisors for the last three weeks.
8. Future Agenda Items - None
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Stanislaus Animal Services Agency.

Note: Those unable to attend, call Linda Ford at 209-342-1742