

Collier County
Board of County Commissioners



Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee
January 15, 2019
6:00 pm

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance – Establish a Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2018
- V. Director's Report
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Advisory Board Member Comments
- VIII. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Naples, Florida, November 20, 2018

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Domestic Animal Services Advisory Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:00 PM in REGULAR SESSION at Domestic Animal Services Training Room, Davis Blvd., Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Daniel Rheaume (excused)
VICE CHAIRMAN: Jim Rich
SECRETARY: Sarah Baeckler Davis (late)
Mary Baker
Marjorie Bloom
Dr. Michael Gordon
James Spartz

ALSO PRESENT: Darcy Andrade, Director, DAS
Kyra Lynch, Shelter Operations Manager, DAS
Jaime Whiting, Animal Services Program Coordinator, DAS
Kellie Carroll, Administrative Assistant, DAS

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Jim Rich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Attendance

A quorum was established.

III. Approval of Agenda

Marjorie Bloom made a motion to approve the agenda, there was a second and the motion passed 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

James Spartz made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting, there was a second and the motion passed 5-0.

V. Director's Report

Darcy Andrade informed the Board that there was a delay in the arrival of the new marquee sign that is shipping from Orlando, but it is expected at any time. She showed the Board a mock-up of the graphics for the sign, which include the words 'Adoption Center.'

Ms. Andrade advised the Board that the sales tax increase passed and that means \$6M in future funding for new buildings at DAS. A bid is already out for design of a new prototype building and the plan is to build a new building, then tear down one of the old ones and replace until all of the kennels are replaced. She also advised that she and **Kyra Lynch** sat on the selection committee that chose the design firm. The company that was chosen has experience with animal shelters and understands the unique challenges. **Marjorie Bloom** asked if a date has been set for the groundbreaking and was advised that it is likely to be 2020 before the project gets started.

DAS has applied for two grants recently. One is a Hazard Mitigation Grant to get a generator that can provide power to the entire facility when needed. The second is for a spay/neuter bus. Commissioner Solis will be speaking at the annual Legislative Delegation Meeting on 11/30/18 at 9:00a.m. at the North Collier Regional Park in support of the bus.

Ms. Andrade reported on the Community Cats Town Hall Meeting that was held on October 16, 2018. There was a good turnout and attendees asked great questions about the program. DAS offered spay/neuter vouchers to the attendees and several of the vouchers have already been used.

She also advised the Board that DAS is working very hard to return strays to their owners and have partnered with Lost Animals of Collier County to post on Facebook any animals that arrive at the shelter as strays. If DAS has not been in contact with the owners of a stray animal, it is posted on Facebook; if DAS has been in contact with the owner, that animal is not posted. **Jim Rich** asked what percentage of animals arriving as strays are microchipped and was advised by **Darcy** that those stats are not available but did report that the reclaim rate for dogs is currently at 51%.

Ms. Andrade announced to the Board that the next Adopt-a-thon will be held December 1st and 2nd. The shelter will open on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and remain open until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday for adoptions.