

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On May 4, 2016, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the Council meeting room to discuss the agenda, in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Andrea Slater Guiley	Yes	16	16
Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	03	03
William Kearns	Yes	05	05
Dale Potter	Yes	06	06
Brooke Reeves	Yes	16	12

Also in attendance were:

Richard Havens	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Christy Fischer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Mick McKamie	City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jim Uggitt	Compliance Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jason Cook	CSR Intake Specialist, City of Amarillo
Elsa Yara	Office Manager, Animal Management & Welfare, City of Amarillo
Robin Cupell	Asst. Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society

ITEM 1: Andrea Slater Guiley called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 6:00 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, April 20, 2016, was made by Dale Potter and second by William Kearns. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 2: Richard Havens, Director of AM&W presented the draft ordinance changes made by the City of Amarillo Legal Department to the Trap-Neuter-Return Ordinance. Revision changes were directed to specific definitions of words within the ordinance. Andrea Slater Guiley called for a 10 minute break to review the revision changes to the ordinance. A question and answer session between Richard Havens and the Advisory Board members concluded the presentation of the draft ordinance changes.

ITEM 3: Robin Cupell, Asst Director of APHS presented proposed Trap-Neuter-Return Program. The basics of the program were well stated at the last Board Meeting. In order for the colony cat taker to participate they will have to set up and follow the proper procedure for TNR. The changes to the TNR manual are to be more specific to individuals to let them know what will be expected from them and their roles as Community Cat Caretaker. The TNR program will specify what is mandatory to participate and what is optional. Strict guidelines will be set to ensure the safety and health of the community cat colonies and community cats.

ITEM 4: Public Forum on Proposed TNR program.

Chase Steinmetz, 5713 Spencer, 79109, brought up two additional boards of cats that had been euthanized since the last Advisory Board Meeting.

Sara Cervantes, 5207 Echo Drive, 79108, currently working with Hispanic community. Disneyland and Disney World have controlled TNR. The program has proven to be effective. Supports TNR.

Mary Herring, 5221 Mountain Drive, 79109, has eliminated kittens in her area by spaying and neutering feral cats in her barn. Supports TNR.

Kay Whitmore, 5100 Picasso Drive, 79106, supports TNR and willing to help.

William Smith, 310 N. Louisiana, 79106, he and his wife have been nurturing a cat colony for the last 3 years. He is in full support of TNR.

Robin Galdon, 1100 Folsom Road, 79108, supports TNR.

Nancy Hunter, has been taking care of feral kittens since 2012. She traps kittens and gets them fixed and releases the cats where she trapped them. She supports TNR.

Mary Herring, 5221 Mountain Drive, 79108, wants to make sure that female cats receive the proper care before they are released back to the colony after their spay procedure.

ITEM 5: William Kearns motioned for the facilitation of the Trap-Neuter-Return Ordinance with the recommended provisions as presented by Richard Havens, Director of Animal Management & Welfare. The second motion was Dr. Dodson and the motion passed 4:0.

Item 6: The proposal of future agenda items will discussed at the next AM&W Advisory Board meeting on July 27, 2016.

Item 7: Public Forum:
No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Secretary Office


Andrea Slater Gullay, Chair Person

ATTEST: 
Elisa Yara, Office Manager,
Animal Management & Welfare Dept.