

MINUTES

On August 23, 2017, the Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board met at 5:30 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
Dr. Kellie Dodson DVM	Yes	10	10
William Kearns	Yes	12	12
Dale Potter	No	12	09
Christopher Wrampelmeier	Yes	07	07
Melanie Davidson	Yes	03	03

Also in attendance were:

Kevin Starbuck	Assistant City Manager
Bryan McWilliams	Deputy City Attorney
Richard Havens	Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Christy Fischer	Asst. Director, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Kevin Moon	Field Services Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Raymond Chavez	Shelter Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Stacy Smith, DVM	Shelter Veterinarian, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Jeffna Cox	Administrative Tech, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Elisa Yara	Office Manager, AM&W, City of Amarillo
Larry Milam	Executive Director, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Chase Steinmetz	TNR Coordinator, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Cheyenne Zimmer	Rescue Coordinator, Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society
Brittany Crofton	Employee, Amarillo Panhandle-Humane Society

ITEM 1: William Kearns called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board to order at 5:01 P.M. The motion to approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting, June 21, 2017, was made by Christopher Wrampelmeier and second motion by Dr. Dodson. The motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 2: Richard Havens, Director of AM&W, presented on the operation of Animal Management & Welfare. Richard Havens introduced the City Head Prosecutor, Pamela Denholm.

All stats can be located on the AM&W website.

June 2016 vs. June 2017, total intake was up 7.80%. Stray dogs were up 11.74%; stray cats down 1.31%; owner surrenders were down up 22.05%; bite cases were down 7.14%; reclaims were down 45.25%; adoptions were up 4.74%; transfers to rescue were down 12.17%; animals that left through the efforts of the Humane Society were down 5.66%; euthanasia was up 33.12%. TNR baseline is being established for year 2017 (38 cats). Total euthanasia rate of 24.02% with a live release rate of 75.98%

July 2016 compared to July 2017: total intake was up 15.18%; stray dogs were up 30%; stray cats were up 3.88%; owner surrenders were down 2%; bites were up 15%; reclaims were down 25%; adoptions were down 24%; transferred to rescue were down 8%; TNR was 29 cats. Animals that left through the efforts of the Humane Society were down 15%; euthanasia numbers were up 80%. The euthanasia rate was 31.65% and the live release rate of 68.35%.

Mr. Haven's addressed the addition to the department's website to include a search tool for rescue groups to be able to identify dogs and cats that are available to rescue and that have cleared stray hold period.

Update on ordinance changes will be put on hold until a later time to batch together the community engagement process for all the proposed ordinance changes. The budget for the Department is flat with no supplemental requests approved (no additional staff at this time). Bond projects are ongoing with medical facility engineering design should go out for bid in 2017 CY with construction to occur in 2018 CY. Humane Society expansion is ongoing. Demolition has been completed and concrete pouring scheduled next week if weather permits. Micro chip drive was conducted for July 4th and was very successful. Over 400 microchips sold.

ITEM 3: Larry Milam, Executive Director, of Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society presented the board with population numbers within the shelter to emphasize the ever increasing number of animals in the shelter. The current population number of animals at the shelter for August 22, 2017 was 256 (bite animals were not included in the count). The Amarillo Panhandle Humane Society was able to move 100 animals between the Clear the Shelter event sponsored by KAMR and NBC and rescue transports and various adoptions.

ITEM 4: Discussion on future agenda items: William Kearns added to the next agenda to revisit ordinance licensing for breeders and forming a committee to develop a breeder's licensing ordinance.

ITEM 5: Public Forum

Stephanie Cook, 5807 Contented Lane, on behalf of Susan Smith, read a letter to address the fact that she had lost her dog and that her dog was euthanatized unnecessarily because of the lack of communication from Dispatch and AM&W. She had made repeated attempts to communicate with Dispatch concerning the health condition of her missing dog and to no avail. Her dog had been euthanized within 30 minutes of AM&W picking her up. Ms. Smith is advocate for longer holding times. **Jill Humphrey, 7714 Pine Ridge Drive**, opposed the change of stray hold period from 3 days to 2 days to eliminate barriers. She would like to see the data for the change. She would also like for owner surrender dogs to be extended the 3 day stray hold period. She would like to see the department transition to a no kill shelter.

Andrea Slater Gulley, 3533 Sleepy Hollow Blvd, supports the breeding ordinance and is glad it is back on the next agenda. Back yard breeding needs to stop. She challenges the board to think outside the box on spay and neuter and look at where the best choice for supplementing the cost. She stated that the Advisory Board needs to promote rescue groups and local adoptions. She also advocates for the Advisory Board to promote additional resources and funding for Animal Management & Welfare. She hopes that there is leadership from within City Council and the Advisory Board.

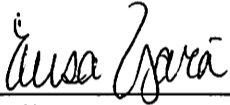
Stu Bryant, 6807 Montague Drive, wanted to promote spay and neuter through public broadcasting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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

William Kearns, Chair Person

ATTEST:



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