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SEMINOLE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2010
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Wittmer
Debra Garrambone
Kathleen Prince
Gayle Hair
Dr. Joe Vaughan, Chairman
Keith Weissman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Morgan Woodward, Animal Services Manager
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney
Elaine RiCharde, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held March 25, 2010, at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 150 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Dr. Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk to the Board. A quorum was present.

III. Minutes: December 10, 2009.

Motion by Ms. Wittmer to approve the minutes. Second by Ms. Prince. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Commentary

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Lane, Winter Springs, Florida, spoke in support of fixed point restraining devices which are included in the revised animal ordinance. She requested the Board hold a work session to review the revised animal ordinance in its totality.

Gail Nagan, 227 Everest Point, #103, Casselberry, Florida, stated she wants to be allowed to address the Board after the Board concludes discussing

an issue. Ms. Nagan spoke in support of fixed point restraining devices and has suggestions to make regarding the length of the leash and chaining dogs in inclement weather. She suggested presenting the fixed point restraining device portion of the revised code to the Board of County Commissioners apart from the other revisions.

Debra Garrambone and Keith Weissman joined the meeting at 7:10 PM.

V. Old Business.

A. Order of Business for Conducting a Dangerous Dog Hearing.

Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney, introduced herself to the Board and reviewed this item. After discussion there was a Motion by Ms. Wittmer to approve the Rules of Procedure for conducting a dangerous dog hearing as presented. Second by Ms. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review Proposed Seminole County Animal Ordinance

1. Section 20.01 through 20.11 (originally reviewed by the Board on 12/10/09).

Morgan Woodward, Animal Services Manager, introduced himself to the Board and asked if there were any questions relative to this item.

Ms. Hair asked if the revised code speaks only to dogs, cats and ferrets. Ms. Colby clarified that the revised code primarily speaks to these species unless the code specifically makes an exception e.g. for livestock and wildlife.

VI. New Business.

A. Nomination of Officers

Ms. Wittmer nominated Dr. Vaughan for Chairman. Second by Ms. Prince. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Prince nominated Ms. Wittmer or Vice Chairman. Second by Ms. Hair. Motion passed unanimously

B. Adopt Rules of Procedure.

Motion by Ms. Wittmer to delete the last sentence in the Rules section 5. MEETINGS, paragraph (c) Notice which reads "Special meetings will be provided to the Board of County Commission office for information" and adopt the Rules as otherwise presented. Second by Ms. Prince. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Review Revised Seminole County Code, Chapter 20, Animal Ordinance.

The Board discussed the fixed restraining device a/k/a chaining (Section 20.37) relative to enforcement and the level of restriction. Ms. Colby advised the language draws the narrowest circle for enforcement purposes yet allows limited chaining only when the owner is present for the protection of the animal. Ms. Colby and Mr. Woodward responded to concerns relative to the leash length.

D. Future Agenda Items.

No future agenda items were suggested other than continued review of the proposed revised ordinance.

VII. Reports.

- A. Transport Statistics.
- B. Euthanasia Statistics.
- C. Customer Contact Statistics.
- D. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics.

The Board reviewed and discussed these reports.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting.

- June 10, 2010
- September 9, 2010
- December 9, 2010

Dr. Vaughan reviewed the meeting dates. Ms. Wittmer advised she will not be able to attend the September 9th meeting.

IX. Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Wittmer to adjourn the meeting at 8: 07 PM. Second by Ms. Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board