

SEMINOLE COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2015  
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Wilson  
John McGrath  
Stephen Browne  
Michelle Quick  
Dr Stephen Wiseman, DVM

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marianne King  
Heather Smith

OTHERS: Bob Hunter, Animal Services Manager  
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney  
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held March 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: September 10, 2015.

Stephen Browne called for review of the minutes. Bryan Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. Stephen Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

IV. Public Commentary.

Stephen Browne announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Ln, Winter Springs, spoke before the Board about the Greyhound Protection Act and the petition for public signature, she also spoke about becoming a volunteer and attending the volunteer orientation at the shelter, also questioned why no one had taking up the offer by Alley Cat Allies when they offered to come and speak to members, she also made a suggestion and handed out a flyer about removing breed specifications from cage cards for dogs being placed in our adoption area.

Stephen Brown address Carla's concerns, with a concern that the Animal Control Board cannot set County Codes, they are just an advisory board to the County Commissioners.

No other speakers were present, Stephen Browne closed public commentary.

V. Old Business.

A. Follow up of Animal Services initiatives.

- Bob Hunter discussed follow up on Pet Smart Charities, 3/8/16 the Board passed the Pet Smart Charities Contract, and Animal Services was just waiting on Chairman's signature, and the possibly attending 2 large adoption events that Pet Smart holds.
- Bob Hunter also spoke to the Board in reference to the Fee resolution that was passed by the County Commissioners on 3/8/16, which included the addition of offering microchips to owned animals during the hours that the vet was available at the shelter. Also on the addition of Seminole County Active and Retired Military to the Pet Pals program, that was already in place for elder and disabled Seminole County Residents.

(These items were also to be discussed under New Business)

VI. New Business

- Introduction of New Board Member.
  - The Board was introduced to the 2 new members, John McGrath, who replaced Theresa Dickinson, and Michelle Quick, who replaced Gayle Hair.
- Explanation of Sunshine Law.

- Ann Colby explained the new Dangerous Dog legislation that was passed allowing restrictions to be placed on dogs that caused severe injury, instead of requiring euthanasia.
  - Ann Colby explained that new legislation had passed making it a first degree misdemeanor to leave an animal in a locked car causing distress.
  - Ann Colby then began explaining the role of the Animal Control Board, which included the Board's function, hearing procedures, to include the appeals of dogs declared dangerous.
  - Ann Colby explained the Sunshine Law, what qualifies as a meeting among members, where and when these meetings can take place, and that all communication between board members and the public about board items is public record, (including texts, emails, phone calls).
- Board Nominations
  - Animal Services Initiatives (Bob Hunter).
    - Addressed the Board regarding changes being proposed to the County's Fee Resolution, to include the microchipping of animals owned by the general public, waiving of written warnings.
    - Also spoke of changes to the Pet Pals program that added the family or caretaker of disabled persons, and active and retired military personnel. Heather Smith motioned to support Animal Services in these changes and Gayle Hair seconded.
  - Community Events (Diane Gagliano).
    - Spoke regarding the current "Home for the Holidays" effort (\$12.00 adoptions), in cooperation with other regional shelters in Central Florida.
    - Spoke regarding an Amazon Wish list for Animal Services, where customers can go to Amazon and purchase items to be sent directly to the shelter.
    - Spoke referencing the Non-Profit group TEARS that works with Animal Services to provide medical care for animals brought to the shelter with severe injuries that are normally untreatable at the shelter
    - Spoke regarding TEARS partnering with Seminole County Animal Services, during the Subaru "Home Town Charity" Event.
    - Spoke about partnership TEARS has with Amazon, where a customer can donate 5% of their purchase to TEARS.

- Spoke regarding the number of fosters and adoptions done through Hollywood Houndz in cooperation with the shelter.
  - Spoke about an app for smart phones called “Walk for a Dog”, that tracks your steps to donate funds to TEARS.
  - Spoke about the impact social media has had on Community Awareness of the animals and the shelter.
- Future Agenda Items
    - Board Members asked for clarification of statistics for new Cisco phone system at the next meeting.

VII. Reports.

A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes), revised dates on 2<sup>nd</sup> page.

B. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics - County Tag/License Purchases.

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting(s).

Meeting dates were confirmed; no scheduling conflicts at this time.

IX. Adjournment.

Heather Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stephen Browne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board