

SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2016
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: December 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. Ms Wilson 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 addressed Ms. Wilson's concerns, with a reminder 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. On 3/8/16, the Board approved the Pet Smart Charities Contract and Animal Services was just waiting on Chairman's signature. SCAS intends to become involved with 2 large adoption events that Pet Smart coordinated by.
- Bob Hunter also spoke to the Board in reference to the Fee Resolution that was approved by the County Commissioners on 3/8/16. This resolution included the addition of offering microchips to owned animals during the hours that the vet was available at the shelter. Also, the resolution included the addition of Seminole County Active and Veteran Military personnel to the Pet Pals program, that was already in place for elder and disabled Seminole County Residents (now caregivers can adopt on their behalf).

VI. New Business

A. 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.

B. Explanation of Sunshine Law.

- Ann Colby explained the new Dangerous Dog legislation that was presented to the legislature that allowed restrictions to be placed on dogs that caused severe injury, instead of requiring euthanasia.
- Ann Colby explained that proposed new legislation would make 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).

C. Nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman

- Bob Hunter explained that the meeting agenda had failed to include an item for annual Board nominations, and deferred any decision to Board. Chairman Stephen Browne decided to open nominations for Board members.
- Stephen Brown was nominated by Dr Stephen Wiseman as Chairman with Bryan Wilson seconding the nomination, and a unanimous vote for the appointment
- Bryan Wilson was nominated as Vice Chairman by Dr Stephen Wiseman, with a unanimous vote for the appointment.

D. Animal Services Initiatives (Bob Hunter).

- The current Animal Services Initiatives were covered under the old business discussion earlier in the meeting.

E. Notification Process for Board Meetings (Denise Sims).

- The Clerk to the Board addressed the timely response from Board Members when they receive emails regarding upcoming meetings, so that adequate time is provided to inform the public. Board notification will be made ten (10) calendar days prior to meeting, otherwise SCAS staff may be required to cancel same.

F. Community Events (Bob Hunter).

- Stephen Browne asked for an update on the Adopt-a-thon held on 3/5/16. An approximate total of attendees were between 200 and 250 people; 25 adoptions done at the event thru rescues, with 10 adoptions done at the shelter: a total of 35 rabies vaccines done at the onsite clinic.

- Parking lot resurfacing was completed, along with striping for parking spaces. This project included the movement of the disabled spaces to the front of the building, from the original spaces located on the side of the building, to improve customer access.
- There is an upcoming adoption event at Maestro Subaru on April 16, 2016.
- Leadership Seminole toured the Shelter facility on 3/4/16, with a total of 50 participants. The participants gave Seminole County Animal Services 6 out of 7 on a survey they were asked to complete.
- Seminole County Animal Services received a grant of \$1000.00 from Adopt-a-Pet, to be used to assist a minimum of 20 cats in getting out for adoption, this can include spay/neuter surgery, medical or payment of adoption fee.
- WMMO radio station ran public service announcement for the advertisement of our volunteer program for one week.

G. Future Agenda Items

- Bryan Wilson revisited the suggestion received during public commentary, and recommended a discussion on the removal of breeds from the cage cards located on the dog kennels, in hopes of increasing adoptions. Stephen Browne commented that removing breed may cause people looking for specific breed to turn away from shelter.

VII. Reports.

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

- Stephen Browne began discussing statistics of euthanasia over the years, citing previous year's statistics that show a decrease in euthanasia percentages, for the prior fiscal year.

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

C. Cisco Phone Statistics

- Bryan Wilson complimented Animal Services on the phone response time.

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting(s).

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

IX. Adjournment.

Dr Stephen Wiseman motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bryan Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

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