

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 15, 2007
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debra Garrambone, Chairman
Chris LaSage, Vice Chairman
Barbara Woodall
Barbara Lewis
Lisa Giltner
Dr. DeHaven Batchelor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Shaffer

OTHERS: Mike Wittmer, Animal Services Division Manager
Mary Beth Lake, Animal Services Shelter Manager
Elaine RiCharde, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held March 15, 2007, at 7:00 PM, at the Animal Services Shelter Conference Room, 232 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk to the Board. There being a quorum present, Chairman Garrambone called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Chairman Garrambone welcomed Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide and Don Fisher, Deputy County Manager.

Chairman Garrambone announced that copies of the agenda were available for the audience. She invited the audience to complete speaker forms if they wanted to participate in the public commentary.

III. Public Hearings.

Chairman Garrambone announced there were no public hearings on the agenda.

IV. Old Business.

A. Develop Pet Spay/Neuter Program for Low Income Residents.

1. Presentation by Barbara Wetzler, Executive Director, SPCA of Central Florida, Inc.

Chairman Garrambone reviewed the proposal submitted by the SPCA which includes the following highlights.

- Twelve (12) month pilot program
- Use the SPCA mobile vet van one day every other week
- Specific, low income neighborhoods will be targeted
- SPCA will perform a minimum of 500 spay/neuter surgeries
- SPCA will administer a rabies vaccination with each surgery
- Seminole County Animal Services (SCAS) will provide rabies vaccine
- SPCA will be reimbursed \$65 per surgery
- Maximum reimbursement is \$40,560
- SPCA will schedule van and client appointments
- SPCA will develop program flyers
- SPCA and SCAS will distribute program flyers

Motion by Ms. Lewis to present to the Board of County Commissioners the SPCA partnership proposal to provide pet spay/neuter program for low income residents. Second by Ms. Giltner. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. DeHaven Batchelor joined the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Motion by Ms. Lewis to change the order of business to discuss the Animal Services Fire before the Large Animal Evacuation Plan. The motion failed for lack of a second.

B. Large Animal Evacuation Plan.

Ms. Giltner briefed the Board. Shane Kelly Park is a 150 acre park located at CR426/Lockwood Boulevard in Oviedo. Twenty acres (the former Winter Miles Horse Park) are dedicated for horse activities. Ms. Giltner wants the County to support designating this portion as a large animal triage area in a disaster event. She brought this idea to Commissioner Brenda Carey who suggested the Animal Control Board and Animal Services pursue the idea.

Mike Wittmer, Animal Services Manager, advised he does not have sufficient staff to develop this idea without the support of local horse groups, and such support has not been forthcoming.

Ms. Giltner asked for a County representative to contact the City of Oviedo, who controls the park's use, to request they designate this portion of Shane Kelly Park for this purpose. Don Fisher, Deputy County Manager, advised it would be best if someone other than a County representative approached Oviedo. Ms. Giltner said she could contact Oviedo.

Chairman Garrambone asked Mr. Wittmer to secure information on County owned property that would be available for this purpose.

V. New Business.

A. Animal Services Fire.

Mr. Wittmer briefed the Board on the fire that occurred February 8, 2007. He praised the community for their assistance and donations.

Ms. Lewis asked if the Board of County Commissioners planned to build a new shelter. Commissioner Van Der Weide responded. He spoke about the master plan for the Five Points Complex which may not include the Animal Services facility. The shelter must be restored and plans are being developed to rebuild with some changes to improve working conditions for staff and to the facility. Insurance will cover most of the cost. Commissioner Van Der Weide spoke about the current legislative session and the property tax issue which will have an unknown impact on the County's budget.

Commissioner Van Der Weide talked about the Friends of the Library. He suggested a similar organization to provide volunteers, support and be an advocate for Animal Services. Mr. Fisher will provide staff with information on the Friends of the Library for dissemination to the Board.

The meeting recessed at 8:30 PM and reconvened at 8:47 PM.

B. Nomination of Officers.

Chairman Garrambone called for nominations for Chairman. Ms. LaSage nominated Debra Garrambone for Chairman. Second by Ms. Woodall.

Chairman Garrambone called for a vote on the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

Chairman Garrambone called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Chairman Garrambone nominated Chris LaSage. Second by Ms. Lewis.

Chairman Garrambone called for a vote on the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

B. Adopt Rules of Procedure.

Chairman Garrambone reviewed the process for adopting and amending the Rules of Procedure. Chairman Garrambone called for a motion to adopt the

Rules of Procedure. Motion by Ms. LaSage. Second by Ms. Woodall. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports.

A. Transport Statistics.

The Board reviewed this report.

B. Revenue Report.

The Board reviewed this report.

C. Pet Data Report.

The Board reviewed this report.

There was discussion about revenue not meeting expectations, alternatives to outsourcing the pet license program and eliminating the pet license program.

D. Euthanasia Report.

The Board reviewed this report.

VII. Public Commentary.

Francoise Ager, 1702 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, addressed the Board. Ms. Ager spoke about the pet spay/neuter partnership program with the SPCA for low income residents; a spay/neuter clinic at Animal Services; her desire to assist Animal Services; the pet license program.

Sharon Anderson, 200 West 16th Street, Sanford, addressed the Board. Ms Anderson spoke about a spay/neuter clinic at Animal Services; the SPCA mobile spay/neuter clinic that is used periodically in Sanford; the pet spay/neuter partnership program with the SPCA for low income residents.

Patti Parker, 540 Valencia Street, Sanford, addressed the Board. Ms. Parker spoke about grants for spay/neuter services; mandatory spay/neuter for impounded animals; increasing visibility for the shelter; using a web site to transfer rabies vaccination information.

Gail Nagan, 227 Everest Point, Casselberry, addressed the Board. Ms. Nagan spoke about spay/neuter for adopted animals; the ability to capture details with a a new computer system; sponsoring a spay/neuter clinic; her suggested vendors for building an animal shelter facility; trap/neuter/release program for

feral cats; recommending the Board meet at least once a month; the Board making themselves available to meet with her group; putting the Animal Control Board on the County's web site.

Ms. Giltner inquired how the Board could assist a group, similar to Friends of the Library, to launch. Chairman Garrambone said a group or individual with a single issue requiring detailed discussion should contact the clerk. The clerk would advise the Chairman, and if appropriate the Chairman may call a work session wherein the Board would discuss a single issue in a less formal and detailed gathering than a regular meeting.

Elizabeth Reddy, 699 Green Turtle Court, Geneva, addressed the Board. Ms. Reddy spoke about the size of the shelter; vendors who specialize in building animal shelter facilities; the number of cats euthanized due to upper respiratory infection.

Phyllis Ayoob, 572 Seminole Woods Boulevard, Geneva, addressed the Board. Ms. Ayoob spoke about Casselberry Animal Control; requiring a breeder's license.

Emily Bellairs, 430 Shady Woods Road, Geneva, addressed the Board. Ms. Bellairs spoke about the pet spay/neuter partnership program with the SPCA for low income residents; marketing issues; education programming on SGTV; the fire that occurred on February 8, 2007.

Jenny Musser, 2780 Lake Howell Lane, Winter Park, addressed the Board. She spoke about feral cats; the mission of Animal Services; the mission of the Animal Control Board; using new approaches to manage animal care and control issues.

Francoise Ager, 1702 Magnolia Avenue, Sanford, re-addressed the Board. Ms. Ager spoke about her group making a presentation to the Board.

VIII. Minutes: December 14, 2006.

Ms. Lewis and Ms. Giltner requested corrections. Motion by Ms. LaSage to approve the minutes with the corrections. Second by Dr. Batchelor. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date.

The Board confirmed June 14, 2007, as their next quarterly meeting date.

X. Adjournment.

Motion by Dr. Batchelor adjourn the meeting at 10:44 PM. Second by Ms. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board